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Coming together for Telemiracle

■ *Daniel Bushman*

Not only did people come together online to raise money for Telemiracle but despite navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic, the generosity from the local area has shone bright.

Since the Jansen and District Kin were unable to hold their many annual fundraisers for Telemiracle this year, the group thought they would give an online auction a try.

Co-organizer of the local Telemiracle online auction and Jansen and District Kinette Terri Hamilton was glad the Kin decided to go ahead with the auction because the results were astounding. "We have such an amazing community with incredible community spirit! We were thinking that this was going to be an off-year because of COVID-19 and the lack of fundraising opportunities but with this auction, the poker derby and my Bald Head we are going to surpass previous years and possibly hit it out of the park!"

With overwhelming support from the Jansen community and surrounding areas through donations and bids, a total of 173 items were put up for the Telemiracle auction. Hamilton said while the overall total will be revealed at Telemiracle as a surprise, she hinted that it is impressive.

In order to reach that 'impressive' status, people came together and began some friendly bidding wars during the online auction. The bidding wars were especially evident for a few auction items including one dozen freshly baked cinnamon buns made by local resident Anne Monchuk.

"Anne Monchuk, as everyone who has ever tried one of her cinnamon buns knows, has the best cinnamon buns. And the spirited gif bidding that went on during the bidding war between a few farmers in the area was the best entertainment you could ask for. Those dozen buns went for \$2,200!!"

Hamilton said the cinnamon buns were not the only things that peaked the interest of local bidders. "Nearly everything that went up for auction went for more or much more than it was worth. But the other notable mention besides the cinnamon buns was the five hours of organization with your choice of a cheesecake or pie which went for a whopping \$2,500!! But not only that, what about a dozen cabbage rolls that went for \$50 or a dozen eggs for \$35. Just about everything that was donated did that well."

Hamilton said after the online auction came to an end, her and other Kin members were blown away by the support, not only from the local area but even from a neighbouring province as well.


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Delicious cinnamon buns, cheesecake, organization services and a whole lot more were part of the Jansen and District Kinette online auction this year. Not only did the auction prove to be an overwhelming success but all of the money raised will be going to Telemiracle. In addition, local Kinette Terri Hamilton held a fundraiser where she would shave her head if \$5,000 was raised. Since that was attained if \$10,000 is raised her brother (pictured left) will shave his beard and head with the money also going to Telemiracle.

- photos courtesy
Terri Hamilton

"We know we have a great community and the people not only from Jansen but Lanigan, Wynyard, Drake, LeRoy, Humboldt and Watrous got into the fun as well. Even some neighbouring Kin from Manitoba got in on the bidding and won a guitar and amp! But the support that we have always had for Telemiracle is astounding considering we regularly bring in well over \$20,000 to Telemiracle every year and this year it is looking like we are going to be much more than that!"

Along with the online auction, Hamilton said they have also been able to do a few other fundraising initiatives that will add to the overall Telemiracle total.

"The Jansen and District Kinsmen did a Virtual Poker Derby since with COVID-19 rules they could not do a regular one and still were able to come up with a donation of \$3,585. As for me shaving my head, I was only going to go for \$5,000 and that has been reached so my brother (who looks like Santa's little brother) said if we reach \$10,000 he would shave his beard and head for Telemiracle. We still have a couple more days but it is looking very likely that he will be getting a new look as well!!"

(see back page: **TELEMIRACLE**)

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Sask. releases COVID-19 vaccination delivery plan

■ media release

The Government of Saskatchewan released its COVID-19 Immunization Delivery Plan Feb. 9. Phase 2 of vaccination sequencing will focus on the general population in 10-year increments, starting with ages 60 to 69.

This phase will also include targeted vaccinations for adults and staff in group homes for persons with intellectual disabilities and shelters. Clinically extremely vulnerable adults will also be included as a priority in Phase 2. A complete list of the clinically vulnerable health conditions is available at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-vaccine.

"Saskatchewan is working to vaccinate as many people as quickly as possible," Health Minister Paul Merriman said. "The commencement of mass vaccinations will depend on the number and consistency of vaccine deliveries

from the federal government. We are hopeful that mass vaccinations can start as soon as April, based on the current vaccine delivery schedule from the federal government."

Phase 2 of Saskatchewan's Immunization Delivery Plan is built on the foundation of age as the main risk factor. Age is the number one risk factor for severe outcomes, hospitalizations and deaths related to COVID-19. People of advanced age are also more likely to be clinically extremely vulnerable or living with other chronic conditions.

The goal of the immunization program is to: Protect the most high risk and vulnerable; Minimize serious illness and death; Protect the capacity of the health care system; and Minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Phase 1 is currently underway for high-risk populations, such as people of advanced age, residents and staff in long-term and personal care homes, health care workers in emergency departments, COVID-19 units, testing and assessment centres, intensive care units and other

high-risk settings. This phase also includes residents over 50 living in northern remote communities and those over 70 living in the community as vaccine is available.

Phase 2 could get underway as early as April, but will depend on vaccine supplies. Vaccinations will be available through a variety of options including, mass immunization clinics, walk-in and drive-thru clinics, public health clinics and community-based options such as pharmacies.

Information will be publicly shared to let you know when it is your turn to be vaccinated, how to register for an appointment, the different types of clinics available and how to find the closest clinics to you. Appointments will be able to be booked online at www.saskatchewan.ca or through HealthLine 811 when Phase 2 begins.

Every vaccination given will contribute to keeping us all safer.

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

RCMP Report

of travel on College Drive in Saskatoon.

Patrol officers located that vehicle travelling past the Saskatoon Police Service in the 100 block 25th St. E. Officers attempted a traffic stop at which point the driver failed to stop for police and officers disengaged. The driver then drove in the downtown area for several minutes. Officers were able to successfully deploy a tire deflation device causing three of the four tires on the vehicle to go flat. The driver managed to then drive eastbound on 8th St. and continued to drive in a reckless manner.

Several Tactical Support Unit members were able to

assist patrol with making vehicle contact at 8th St. and Moss Ave. The vehicle came to a stop and the driver was taken into custody after a brief foot pursuit.

The driver is facing

charges of evade police, dangerous driving, impaired driving by drug, refusal, and breach of statutory release.

Stabbing in Saskatoon

The Saskatoon Police Service is investigating a stabbing that occurred at approximately 8 a.m., Feb. 7 in the area of the 2300 block of 33 St. W.

A 21-year-old male was stabbed and transported to hospital. His injuries are believed to be non-life-

threatening. Police are looking for two female suspects.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Saskatoon Police Service at 306-975-8300 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Semi motor vehicle accident

The Saskatoon Police Service attended the scene of a semi tractor unit that had its trailers come unattached at Hwy. 14 and Range Road 3063 on Feb. 9. As a result, the load that the semi was transporting spilled onto the roadway.

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Solutions and Substitutions



— tips from Reena Nerbas

Dear Reena,
Despite regularly washing my sheets, they have an odour that will not wash out. I have tried bleach and Borax (not at the same time), but nothing removes the smell. I cannot afford new sheets, so I am wondering if you have a solution for me. Thanks! Duncan

Dear Duncan,

This is a common occurrence and often cleaning results depend upon the chemicals used to manufacture the textile. Soak the sheets in one tablespoon dish soap and enough hot water to cover the sheets. Add at least four cups

white vinegar to the water. Leave for one hour and launder as normal.

Dear Reena,

I have four sons and an endless amount of laundry. The biggest challenge that I have right now is foot odour in my house. Since six people live in our home and three of them play sports, I am drowning in the smell of foot odour. Do you have any advice for reducing the smell of feet in my home? Thank you, Kelly

Dear Kelly,

The easiest remedy for foot odour is to stuff all footwear with crumpled newspaper whenever they are not in use or store some shoes outside. Another option is to purchase a few pairs of knee high nylons from a dollar store. Stuff the nylons with either fresh coffee grounds or baking soda sprinkled with essential oils. Close each nylon sock with an elastic band and place one inside of unoccupied footwear. Lastly, place a fabric softener sheet inside each shoe.

Dear Reena,

I spent a lot of money on steak to serve at my dinner party last week. I was horrified because after I plated the meat, each guest had a puddle of blood on their plate. I checked the temperature and it was medium according to the thermometer. Is this normal? Emily

Dear Emily,

I experienced this dilemma several times until I realized a trick that made a big difference. It is always a great idea to let the meat rest for several minutes before plating the food. As the proteins harden they draw to the centre of the meat. When meat has a chance to rest, the juices will redistribute and reabsorb into the meat.

Note: Every user assumes all risks of injury or damage resulting from the implementation of any suggestions in this column. Test all products on an inconspicuous area first.

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uncompliCATED - My Best Regards (excerpts from my articles, re: 2010)



■ by Arlene Martin

About Courage:

*The best courage is the kind that rouses you quietly every morning cheering within your spirit telling you to try again, today.

About Loss:

*As the calendar must fling away January and February to move on to seasons alive with life and growth; grief, I have discovered, strips away the fluff and is a raw reminder that I have loved deeply and I have loved well.

*I believe that when one can't say good-bye, love says it for you.

*Barbara and I spent the afternoon at a funeral - what better time to appreciate that life exists only in the present ticking of each minute. Later we shared dinner and that meal tasted especially wonderful and I thought my sister never looked more beautiful.

*Cats chase the falling leaves and gentle snowflakes because it's their way of appreciating brevity.

About Life:

*Life is not about me. I am just the audience. But I watch and learn.

*I don't have to be perfect, I don't have to be the size I was twenty years ago and I certainly don't have to emulate stars and compare myself to others. I just have to be the best me that I can be, complete with flaws and faults.

*I measure my character by the size of the things that upset me.

*Thinking 'right' isn't complicated.

*The honesty behind me saying "I'm sorry" is eye contact.

*I prefer to simply be guided by something mama taught me a long time ago: Common sense.

*We all have something to offer a fellow traveller because we are all on pretty much the same journey... there are times when we momentarily intersect and touch one other. Often there are no second chances, no return trips and I can only aspire to toss out the things that don't matter and get the greeting and meeting right the first time.

About Humor and the Lack Of:

*hUmor should always include "U."

*Prickly people are always, well - just prickly.

*To disagree, one doesn't have to be disagreeable.

*He who angers me, owns me.

*Beware of anger - it's just one letter from danger.

About Things That Go Bump in the Night:

*The human race is divided on the paranormal: believers

who can live with shades of grey - and the skeptics, who prefer their world to be black and white, rock-solid.

*I can live with anonymity. I don't have to know all the answers.

About Things That Go Bump In the Day

*My apologetic words seemed to fall on deaf ears, "HOW COULD YOU DO THIS?" she accused. I looked around the sparse parking lot. I didn't know myself how I could have been so careless and backed directly into her half ton. I pointed at a rusty early '80's pick-up and told her: "I didn't single you out. If I was going to deliberately hit another truck, I would have chosen that Dodge. I sure wouldn't have rammed another Chevy."

About People and Pets:

*We have to pick our battles and find our comfortable place in the world of people and animals. I find it so very discouraging, even overwhelming when I see the mistreatment of the helpless, animal and human.

*If our calico, Brandy could add her two cents, I know exactly what that kitty would say, 'Life is hard. And then you nap!'

*I would rather be scratched by oblivious claws than wounded by careless, callous comments.

*Alone, hungry and cold isn't a nice place to be whether one has four legs or two. And a neat, tidy sparkly clean house can also be a lonely place.

About Home Renovations:

*We had saws and their big tables, plastic pails (for tile work,) boxes and large trash bins and rubble and muddle directly in front of our main entrance.

Although it didn't bother the guys, I often thought the toilet, perched mere feet from the front door, was total Feng Sui blasphemy.

About Writing:

*Not everyone understands the allure and adventure of writing and words. If my doctor told me I had only fifteen minutes of living left, I wouldn't give it a second thought. I'd just type a lot faster!

*It's really true and Ernest Hemmingway said it best: "There is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and bleed."

About Valentine's Day:

*Many of my friends have lost their Valentine and are left with only memories. Grasping this makes me draw an invisible blazing red heart around the kind, gentle and hard-working man who doesn't bring me flowers.

*For many decades I have wished for roses and even Rose-scented cologne on this day. But often it arrives on the Canadian prairie during a bitter, bone-chilling snow storm or cold snap. So as I sit with a cup of hot coco I listen contentedly to the sweet warm peaceful hum of heat blowing through the pipes up into the registers and I thank God for a Valentine who gives me the best ever well-maintained and serviced furnace.

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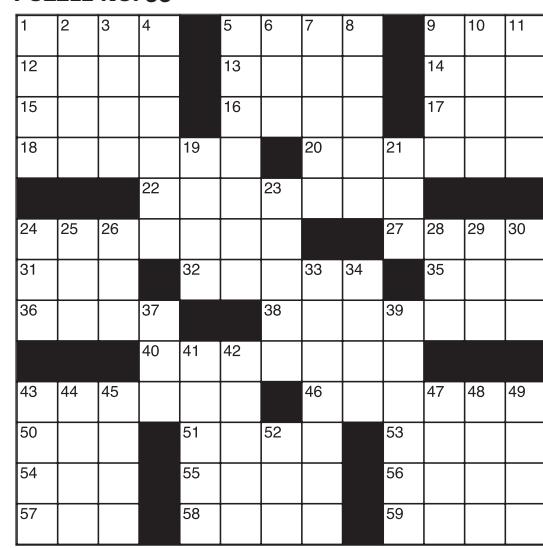
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Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Cranberry Almond Bark

Ingredients:

8 squares white baking chocolate
3 squares semi-sweet baking chocolate
3/4 cup whole blanched almonds
3/4 cup dried cranberries

Directions:

Melt white chocolate over very low heat on the stove or in the microwave. If using microwave, melt at 50 percent power for one minute, stir, then microwave for 20 seconds, and stir. In a separate container do the same with the semi-sweet chocolate, starting with 30 seconds, then stir, and then 20 seconds. You may need to do several 20 second intervals. Do not microwave higher than 50 percent power or you will easily burn the chocolate. Stir the almonds and cranberries into the white chocolate. Spread thinly on parchment lined (or wax paper lined) cookie sheets. Drizzle the semi-sweet chocolate over the white chocolate. Swirl into the white chocolate with a knife. Chill until firm and then break into chunks. Store in the fridge.

Municipalities of Sask. elects new president

■ media release

Municipalities of Saskatchewan delegates elected Naicam Mayor Rodger Hayward as their newest president.

"It is an honour to be elected Municipalities of Saskatchewan President," said Hayward. "I look forward to continuing to work with Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Board of Directors as President, and our member municipalities, to ensure our

hometowns have the resources we need. We are stronger when we work together."

Hayward has served as Municipalities of Saskatchewan's Vice-President of Towns since 2012. He was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2010 as Northeast Regional Director. Hayward has represented the community of Naicam since 1996, and has served six terms as mayor.

Municipalities of Saskatchewan's towns and villages, resort

villages, and northern municipal sectors also elected their sector representatives. Nipawin Mayor Rennie Harper will serve as the new Vice-President of Towns, and incumbent Mike Strachan, Mayor of Torquay, will continue to serve as Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages, and Northern Municipalities.

Hayward, Harper, and Strachan will begin their four-year terms following the conclusion of Municipalities of Saskatchewan 2021 Virtual Convention and Tradeshow on Feb. 10.

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■ media release

Premier Scott Moe announced Saskatchewan municipalities will benefit from more than \$275 million in 2021-'22 under the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program – the second-highest overall

amount ever.

"This unconditional provincial funding for municipalities provides local leaders the flexibility and adaptability to invest in their community's current key priorities," Moe said. "This stable and predictable source of revenue is



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more important than ever for communities as they meet the challenges of COVID-19."

The annual provincial funding amount for this Government of Saskatchewan program is based on three quarters of one point of the provincial sales tax (PST) revenue collected from two years prior. Overall funding under the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program for 2021-'22 represents an approximately 117 percent increase from the 2007-'08 provincial fiscal year.

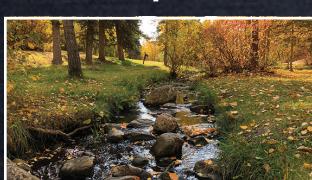
From the total Municipal Revenue Sharing Program, \$1.5 million will be invested

in the Targeted Sector Support Initiative. The initiative supports municipal projects that advance priority areas, such as good governance, regional planning, and inter-community collaboration. The initiative is co-managed by the provincial government and municipal partners.

With this announcement, more than \$3.4 billion in provincial funding has been allocated to support municipalities across Saskatchewan through this program from 2007-'08 to 2021-'22. More details will be available when the provincial budget is released.

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There will not be a paper Feb. 22. The next paper will be Mar. 1.**

Drake's Miss Bentley Grace earns Miss Saskatchewan title

■ submitted by Erin Richard

Bentley Richard, also known as Miss Bentley Grace in the Miss All-Canadian Pageant System, recently received the title of Miss Saskatchewan at the Western Championship held in Red Deer, Alta. Nov. 14.

Miss Bentley Grace has been participating in the Canadian Pageant System since December 2019 and has won countless awards, crowns and tiaras. She has participated in three in-person pageants, finishing first runner-up twice and once Royal Highness. She has entered six virtual pageants due to COVID-19 and has placed first runner-up five times and Royal Highness once. At Nationals 2020, she was first runner-up in a very closely contested category. She has won the talent portion in her category all seven times and runner-up once.

For her talent, Miss Bentley Grace has demonstrated words in sign-language as well signed "O Canada" in American Sign Language. Every month, Miss Bentley Grace participates in a national photo contest and often wins quite a few categories resulting in more tiaras for her collection.

This year she has been part of the All-Canadian Dream Team and the National Star Team. In having these titles means she has volunteered time and resources to help those in her community. Before the pandemic and COVID-19 guidelines were implemented, Miss Bentley Grace has volunteered time at the Watrous and District Health Complex, visiting with long-term residents,



Participating in the Canadian Pageant System since December 2019, Bentley Richard of Drake has found herself with a myriad of awards. Recently Miss Bentley Grace received the title of Miss Saskatchewan at the Western Championship held in Red Deer, Alta. Nov. 14.

- photos submitted and by Erin Richard and bottom left by Stephanie Styles Photography



donating toys to children in need, had a clothing drive, and raised \$900 for the Children's Help Phone. The pageant system allows Miss Bentley Grace to be a role model in her community and hopefully inspire others to give back.

Miss Bentley Grace is in Kindergarten and resides with her parents, Ryan and Erin Richard in Drake. When asked what she likes most about pageants she said, "I

love to wear pretty dresses, make new friends, and I like the trophies."

The following are quotes from a few judges about Miss Bentley Grace:

- Miss Bentley's main entry video was well done. She seems to like to model and has confidence doing it. She is such a sweet girl and close scoring to the winner. We hope you know how well Bentley did in this competition;
- We loved her smile. She looked a little shy but adorable;
- Fun Photo: that's what we were looking for - having fun and being creative and make the judges smile;
- All our western entries had live horses which were great. There were lots of props and great outfits, a tight race for this one - good picture!;
- Overall Bentley did amazing. Any of the categories she was first runner-up in, she was very close. She also stood apart from the other runner-ups;
- Miss Bentley is so sweet and adorable and does a great job;
- This was one of our favourite pictures of all the winter photos in all age

divisions. It is just so sweet and she looks great in this photo too. It looks like it belongs on a magazine cover; and

• Overall, we found Miss Bentley to be a happy child who enjoys doing pageants and has a great smile and makes us as judges feel good. She is talented and adorable. Keep up the good work!

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overall export sales over the previous year. Saskatchewan produced

\$16.9 billion in agricultural exports last year, a 31 percent increase from 2019 and a new

high for the province. This represents more than 55 percent of total provincial exports

in 2020, which were valued at \$30.4 billion. This helps bring the province closer to meeting its Growth Plan goals, which include growing agri-food exports to \$20 billion and increasing agriculture value-added revenue to \$10 billion by 2030. These strong export numbers also reinforce Saskatchewan's global reputation as a dependable source of safe, high-quality resources, goods and products.

Overall merchandise export sales in 2020 were more than \$30 billion, up 2.5 percent over 2019, the highest percentage increase among the provinces. On a national basis, exports were down 12.2 percent over the same period.

Leading agriculture exports in 2020 continue to be canola seed, non-durum wheat, lentils, canola oil and durum wheat.

"The global COVID-19 pandemic has hit all economies hard worldwide, but these export numbers are strong signs our province is in a positive position for economic recovery in 2021," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "With our world-class and growing export base, we have what the world wants and needs, and it will continue to drive investment and jobs for communities right across Saskatchewan."

In 2020, major increases in exports were seen in farm and intermediate food products; forestry products and building and packaging materials; and industrial machinery, equipment, and parts. Saskatchewan's top international markets for 2020 include the United States, China, Japan and India.

Saskatchewan agri-food export destinations are diverse in nature. Top markets for Saskatchewan agri-food exports in 2020 were United States, China, Japan, India and Mexico.

"Saskatchewan producers grow safe, high-quality food that the world needs and our agriculture exporters remain committed to providing the world with these products," Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "I want to commend our producers on their hard work and resilience, which led to a new record in agri-food exports for 2020."

Increases in primary production as well as a growing value-added sector have contributed to the record agri-food export growth in Saskatchewan. In 2020, value-added exports were \$3.2 billion. Canola oil, canola meal and processed oats were our top value-added products.

Currently, the Government of Saskatchewan is working to open three new trade offices in Singapore, Japan and India in 2021 to support increased export diversification. The new offices will complement the existing trade office in China, and continued access to Asian markets will benefit our key economic sectors.

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As we look ahead, please be assured that SaskTel remains firmly committed to serving our customers across the province and will continue working towards improved connectivity in our communities, to keep you connected to what matters most.

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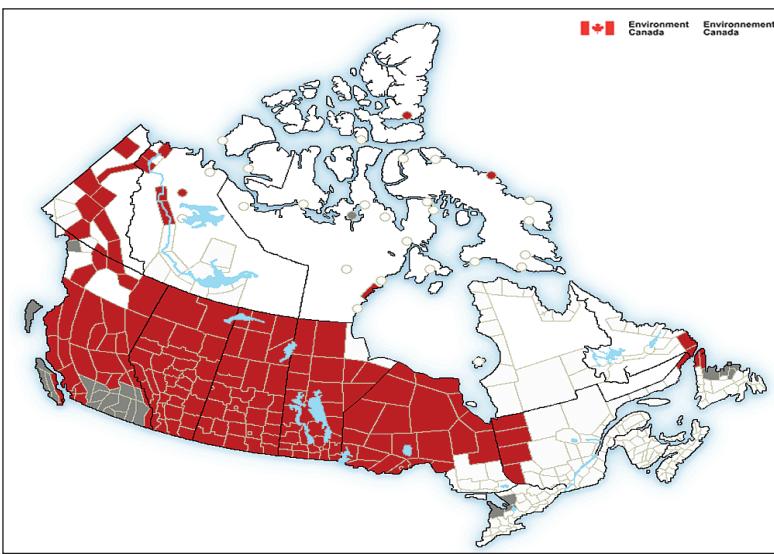
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- Image from weather.gc.ca



(from front page: **TELEMIRACLE**)

While this year's Telemiracle will not be quite the same as in previous years due to the pandemic, the 20-hour annual telethon is slated to take place Feb. 27 to 28. With the slogan, 'Telemiracle, together we are family,' residents of Saskatchewan are invited to get comfortable on the couch with family, in the safety of their own home, and either tune in to CTV or stream live from Telemiracle's website.

Hamilton hopes people will enjoy the annual telethon and extend a huge appreciation of gratitude to everyone who not only donated items but made the bidding wars entertaining to watch and follow. "Everyone has been so amazing! This year is a special one for us. Local Kinette Lyndsay L'Heureux is currently Vice-Chair of the Telemiracle board, and all this money raised is money that will be spent on the people of Saskatchewan in her year as Chairperson of Kinsmen Foundation. For that, we are so proud of our community for supporting Telemiracle, and especially for hitting it out of the park this year."

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Happy birthday to Kazra Klinger and Kelsey Jones. Also happy birthday to my sister-in-law's father at Nokomis. Art Ramshaw will be 103 years old. He still lives on his own farm and is doing pretty well.

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