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A look back at 2021 and a look ahead for Lanigan

■ **Daniel Bushman**

Navigating through the pandemic and the changes that have come with it, completing projects while beginning some new ones in 2021 to remaining optimistic about the resumption of services at the hospital and a more positive 2022, there has been lots taking place in the community of Lanigan.

The Lanigan Advisor reached out to Lanigan Mayor Tony Mycock and CAO Kelli Timmerman to get their thoughts on 2021 and what 2022 could hold. Mycock and Timmerman graciously took some time out of their busy schedules to share about a few projects, how the pandemic has affected Lanigan, an update on the hospital and what might be in store for the rest of 2022.

As a whole, how did 2021 go for Lanigan despite navigating through the pandemic?

Kelli: It certainly wasn't the simplest year to navigate and there were a few hurdles to overcome, but looking back over the year, we are more than satisfied with how things turned out. It kept us on our toes, especially when the regulations changed seemingly daily, but we managed to get through by not wasting efforts by planning too far in advance and by making our best interpretation of the Public Health Orders at that point in time.

Tony: It was through a lot of hard work from our team at the Town as well as the co-operation of the user groups that we were able to get through this past year the way that we did.

Were there a few highlights that occurred within the community during 2021?

Kelli: Receiving the signed ICIP funding agreement for the Lanigan and District Waterpark was a big moment for us. It gave us the concrete evidence that we can definitely see this dream come to life and allowed us to proceed to tendering for the project. Other highlights included the beautiful new Christmas lighting, the upgrade to LED lighting in the Lanigan Arena and new playground structures and fencing at our parks.

Tony: The highlights that Kelli mentioned are all things that are important to our community and have been seen by the public which is not always the case when we upgrade sewer and water. We had a lot of positive feedback in the community on these upgrades.

What type of work was done in Lanigan during 2021 when it came to road work, infrastructure and that type of thing?

Kelli: We completed upgrades to piping, valves and ventilation at the school lift station as well as put in a new pump there and at

the Vetshome lift station. We put a camera down through all of the sewer lines to inspect them, replaced nine fire hydrants, purchased a new wing for the grader and a 4x4 pickup truck. We did a large amount of paving in 2021 compared to other years, and we also did some chip sealing and doubled our pothole patching.

There are also a number of other ongoing projects that are less visual in nature, such as renewing our Official Community Plan, updating our Asset Management Plan, and long-term planning and development in general.

Tony: In addition to all of those projects, the contracted street sweeping we did in 2021 was a huge upgrade to the sweeping we have done in the past because we don't have the best equipment to do it ourselves. It was also the best way to approach that particular project on the financial side as well.

Were you both happy that the Town was able to offer services last year in some capacity, like having the arena open, despite the pandemic?

Kelli: It was a necessity. We were all tired of closures, restrictions and staying home and needed to start getting out again. For the Town that meant providing services, even if they were limited, and at least having the option available for some activity. Town employees, association representatives and community volunteers worked together diligently behind the scenes to ensure restrictions were being adhered to in order to continue to be able to provide services and recreation for our community.

Tony: I totally agree with Kelli that it was important to do the best that we could during these uncertain times while keeping everyone as safe as possible.

With emergency services temporarily shut down at the hospital in Lanigan and people unsure when they will resume, where are things at with that to the best of your knowledge?

Tony: It has been disappointing to say the least that our hospital has remained closed for this length of time. We do understand that the pandemic has had a huge impact on our health care system in the whole province. We were supposed to have a scheduled reopen date of Oct. 1 and then the fourth wave hit and that closed the door on the reopening date.

The last I have heard is that SHA is trying to reopen the hospital in February 2022. I am now concerned again as it looks like we are going into a fifth wave. However the government is telling us we need to start to find a way to move forward and that we have to find a way to live with COVID. If that is the case then let's get the resources we need to reopen our hospital. It has been closed for way too long.



With a new school soon to be constructed to optimism about 2022 and hopes of seeing emergency services resume at the hospital in the community, Lanigan Mayor Tony Mycock and CAO Kelli Timmerman shared a bit about how 2021 went for the town and what 2022 could hold.

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you currently have vacancies?

Kelli: We have two vacancies on Lanigan Town Council and are currently calling for nominations.

Tony: We are hoping to find two candidates that are looking to continue to help build Lanigan into a strong and vibrant community that people are proud to call home. I would also like to say thank you to our two outgoing councillors, Paul Mamer and Wendy Meher. Thank you to both of you for your years of service to the Town of Lanigan.

On a different note, with the recent snowfall we have experienced, I also wanted to extend a thank you to our Public Works team who have been working so hard at clearing snow as quickly as possible and taking time away from their families during the holidays for the benefit of the residents of the Town. We really appreciate your efforts and hard work.

While many would have hoped the pandemic would be in the rear view mirror by now, it appears that is not going to be the case. What would you like to say to residents for their diligence and remaining safe during this tough time?

Tony: I want to thank the residents of Lanigan for their co-operation with following the health guidelines and restrictions that were put in place by the province. For the most part Lanigan has remained relatively safe so far during the pandemic. I also want to remind everyone that we are not through this yet. We need to be respectful to each other and think of the well-being of everyone, not just ourselves.

With regards to Lanigan Town Council, do

Generosity abounds as local food bank reflects on 2021

■ **Daniel Bushman**

While the Lanigan and District Food Bank experienced some changes in 2021, one thing that remained consistent for the non-profit organization was the continued support it received from Lanigan and the surrounding area.

After relocating its operations Oct. 1 from 42 Main Street in Lanigan to the former dentist office at the Carlton Trail Mall beside the post office, the local food bank continued to pack and hand out hampers including its Christmas bundles. Along with the move, new volunteers also came on board as the food bank navigated through the pandemic in 2021.

Through the tremendous support it received last year, on behalf of the Lanigan and District Food Bank, Kathy Williams said the group extends its sincerest gratitude. "It never fails to amaze us at the generosity of people in our community and surrounding area."

Crunching the numbers, in 2021, Williams said the food bank supplied 382 hampers for a total of 15,959 pounds or close to eight tons of food to clients in

need. "We really appreciate everyone who donated food items in your church, to the Co-op or wherever there was a donation box available. We are also so grateful to those who provided monetary support allowing us to buy items needed for the hampers. In addition, the generosity of our local farmers and gardeners for donating meat, eggs, and vegetables was truly amazing!"

Along with receiving local support, Williams noted that surrounding food banks like Watrous and Wynyard also extended a hand. "Watrous generously shared an abundance of frozen food which allowed us to offer some really awesome different foods. Wynyard called to ask if we needed anything from them which was truly a wonderful gesture as well. We are grateful to have such a wonderful food bank community to belong to."

Williams also highlighted a few other initiatives that aided in support during the latter part of 2021:

- For Halloween, the Jansen students canvassed their town for food donations totalling 270 pounds as well as monetary donations;



- submitted file photos



- In December, LeRoy Credit Union staff had an Advent challenge which resulted in 280 pounds of food being collected;

- Miss Stenson, Mrs. Stroeder and the Lanigan Elementary Gr. 8 students canvassed churches, family and friends and raised 695 pounds of food and some monetary donations; and

- Jansen Kinettes supplied all the toys for the children whose families were receiving

Christmas hampers. Their tremendous generosity also included a \$50 gift card for each hamper.

"We truly are grateful to everyone who either donated to or volunteered at the food bank in 2021. Without the support of the community and surrounding area this service would not be what it is today. We look forward to serving our clients in 2022 and wish everyone the very best in the new year."



Pirates take on Canucks to wrap up 2021

■ **Daniel Bushman**

Looking to nab a win before the end of 2021, the Lanigan Pirates hosted the Drake Canucks Dec. 18.

In that contest, the Pirates got on the board quickly after the opening face-off; however, the Canucks replied a short time later to even the score. Drake then added another marker with 13:55 to play before Lanigan rallied back with a goal of its own. With 6:35 left in period one, Colby Harmsworth assisted on an Elliott Peterson tally as the home crew made it 2-2.

Looking for a third goal and the lead, the Pirates pressed but it would be Drake getting the advantage late as the Canucks scored with 25 seconds remaining in the stanza to take a 3-2 lead into the second.

In the middle period, Drake scored four times while Lanigan countered with a single marker coming off the stick of Dallas Dufault. Down 7-3 through 40 minutes, Lanigan looked to right the ship but in the final frame were unable to beat Drake netminder Spencer Ewen. With a four goal lead, the visitors added to its total with five more goals in the final 20 minutes and skated away with a 12-3 win.

The Pirates were assessed four penalties during the contest while Drake had five. Following the defeat, as 2022 arrived Lanigan was on home ice Jan. 8 as the team was scheduled to host Davidson. The next home game is slated for Jan. 22 when Wynyard comes to town.

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RCMP Report

Fatal collision south of Lake Lenore

On Dec. 26, 2021, around 4:15 p.m. Humboldt RCMP responded to a report of a two-vehicle collision approximately three kilometres south of Lake Lenore on Hwy. #368. A car and an SUV collided on the roadway.

The lone adult female driver of the car and the adult male driver of the SUV passed away at the scene. Three passengers in the SUV were transported to hospital with injuries. All individuals involved were from the Humboldt area.

An RCMP Collision Reconstructionist and Humboldt RCMP continue to investigate. Hwy. #368 was blocked and a detour in place for the duration of the on-scene investigation and has since been re-opened. RCMP thank Humboldt Fire Department for their assistance.

Flax bales destroyed by fire

On Dec. 16, 2021, Coronach/Bengough RCMP received a report that approximately 100 flax bales had been destroyed

by fire.

Investigation has determined the bales were stacked in a field just north of Kayville on the east side of Hwy. #334. Sometime between Dec. 10 and 16, these bales were destroyed by fire. Coronach/Bengough RCMP are investigating this fire which is considered suspicious at this time.

If you have information about this incident, please contact the Coronach RCMP Detachment at 306-267-1830. Information can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Over 1,800 calls for service in three days for Sask. RCMP

Saskatchewan RCMP's Division Operational Communication Centre (DOCC) received a total of 1,841 calls for service Dec. 31 to Jan. 2.

The breakdown is as follows:

- Dec. 31, 2021 – Saskatchewan RCMP DOCC received 534 calls for service;
- Jan. 1, 2022 – Saskatchewan RCMP DOCC received 843 calls for service; and

• Jan. 2, 2022 - Saskatchewan RCMP DOCC received 464 calls for service.

From Dec. 1 to 31, 2021, Saskatchewan RCMP DOCC received 27,116 calls for service.

Please note these numbers do not include calls for service by members of the public who may have made them directly to detachments across Saskatchewan. There may also be duplication of calls for a single incident (for example, multiple people calling DOCC about one incident).

"New Year's eve and morning have been associated with increased calls for service in past years and this weekend was no exception," shared S/Sgt. Devin Pugh, officer in charge of Saskatchewan RCMP DOCC. "The busiest time period was between 11 p.m. Dec. 31 and 11 a.m. Jan. 1 when the majority of calls were received. DOCC call takers speak with people sometimes experiencing their worst days. It's important we anticipate increased calls around major dates and events and adjust DOCC resources accordingly so we continue to provide an exceptional level of service to the public."

Nutrien announces CEO transition

■ media release

The Board of Directors of Nutrien Ltd., the world's largest provider of crop inputs and services, announced Jan. 4 that Mayo Schmidt has left his position as President and CEO of Nutrien and has resigned from the board. Ken Seitz, Executive Vice President and CEO of Potash, has been named the company's interim CEO.

According to a release, Nutrien stated Seitz brings extensive global leadership

experience in the agriculture and mining sectors and is well-positioned to progress the company's stated strategy and lead the integrated business during the transition.

"Nutrien has delivered exceptional results in 2021 and is well positioned to continue this strong momentum into 2022," said Russ Girling, Chair of the Nutrien Board of Directors. "Nutrien has a talented and deep executive team, and we are confident that Ken Seitz and this team will continue to build on the

organization's record financial and operating performance."

"The Nutrien Board of Directors will work with an executive search firm to begin a global search to select a long-term leader that will take the company into its next phase, which will consider internal and external candidates," added Girling.

Seitz said, "I look forward to working with the executive leadership team, our tremendous employees and the Board of Directors to execute

on our plan, continue this exciting progression across our business to serve our stakeholders, and deliver on our commitment to advance sustainable solutions to feed a growing world."

Seitz joined Nutrien as Executive Vice President and CEO of Potash in 2019. He brings over 25 years of global management experience working across more than 60 countries, with a deep background in the agriculture and mining sectors. As former President and

CEO of Canpotex, one of the world's largest suppliers of potash, Mr. Seitz has extensive experience in global fertilizer marketing and logistics and strong connections within the industry. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, a Bachelor of Engineering, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Saskatchewan. He is a Professional Engineer with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan and is a Professional Agrologist with the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists. Mr. Seitz also holds a Certificate in Management from the Stern School of Business at New York University.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Nutrien team, I would like to thank Mayo Schmidt for his years of service to the organization. We wish him the best in his next endeavours," said Girling.

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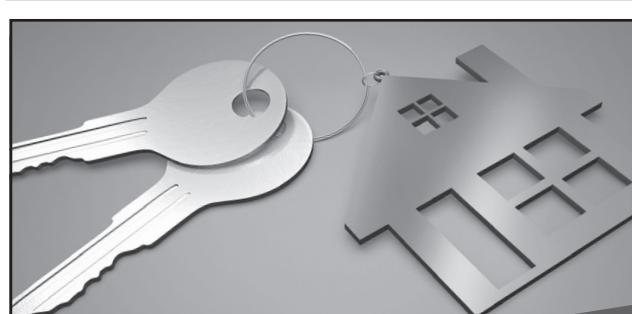
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Jansen

Louise Shannon

Happy New Year everyone. I hope 2022 is better than 2021. 2021 was a bad year. We had a bad drought while eastern and western Canada had flooding.

Many people were sick with different illnesses including me. We lost some very nice people this year.

We all got through the year with everyone helping one another.

Condolences to the family of Mary Kiehn. Mary and Irvin lived on a farm at Jansen for many years and finally moved to Wynyard. They were very musical and loved to square dance. Mary was 90 years old.

Happy birthday to Gina Krause, Lauren Kinzel, Bruce Elke, Roxanne Elke, Donelda Klinger and Louise Shannon.

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I hope everyone had a good Christmas with family. Happy New Year to everyone!

Plunkett folks send deepest sympathy to the family of Tony Gurski, formerly of Viscount, of Toronto on his passing.

Plunkett folks also send sympathy to the family of Julius Nagy of Regina on his passing. He went to school at Manitou Hill.

Dennis and Leona Credeur were away to Meadow Lake for a few days visiting Rodney and Tanis Crawford and family.

We saw five moose running in the field south of Brithdur Church.

The weather is cool and the wind makes it cold.

About two years ago, a group of Plunkett residents organized the Plunkett Infrastructure Committee, a non-profit organization that has brainstormed fundraising ideas with their main objective to raise funds in support of a reverse osmosis system that our village desperately needs. In the past and before COVID-19 restrictions, the committee held a craft show and sale, a 50/50 raffle and an Irish stew supper. The committee had a fundraiser through Drake Meats and also held a raffle on donated items. Unfortunately, we lost some members through the summer, but the committee has reformed and is once again trying to keep the fundraising going. Last month, this committee held a charity auction raising funds in support of the RO system. Dec. 13, several residents in Plunkett as well as in neighbouring towns received their orders from Mom's Pantry, another fundraiser put on by this committee and again, the funds raised will support the RO system for our village. This committee meets once a month. It is good to see some of our residents volunteering their time and energy to figure out ways to hold fundraisers for a good cause.

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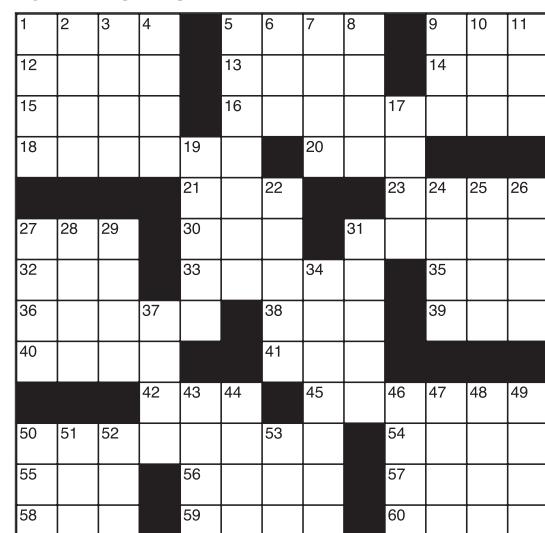
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Layer 1

1 cup flour
1/2 cup butter
1/4 cup finely chopped pecans
1/4 cup icing sugar

Mix together and press into a 9 x 13 cake pan. Bake at 350°F for 15 minutes. Cool.

Layer 2

1 box cream cheese (light is fine in this recipe)

1 cup icing sugar

4 cups frozen whipped topping

Cream together softened cream cheese with the icing sugar. Mix the whipped topping in with a mixer. Spread over the cooled crust.

Layer 3

4 cups saskatoons (fresh or frozen)

3/4 cup water

2/3 cup sugar

3 tbsp. cornstarch

1/2 cup water

Cook saskatoons with 3/4 cup water and 2/3 cup sugar. Bring to boil and simmer about five minutes. Mix cornstarch with 1/2 cup water, stir into the simmering filling and let simmer about two more minutes until it is thickened. If using frozen berries, I use four tbsp. cornstarch. Let cool for an hour, pour over the cream cheese mixture and place in fridge. It needs about two hours to set firm enough to cut. Easily made a day in advance. I have also made this using tart cherries. If using cherries, pit them and add about 1/4 tsp. almond flavouring to the third layer. Makes either a 9 x 13 or two 8 x 8 recipes.

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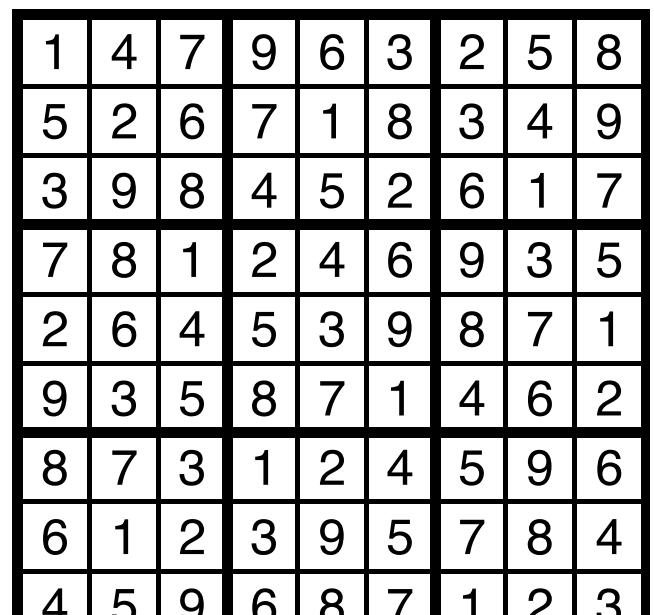
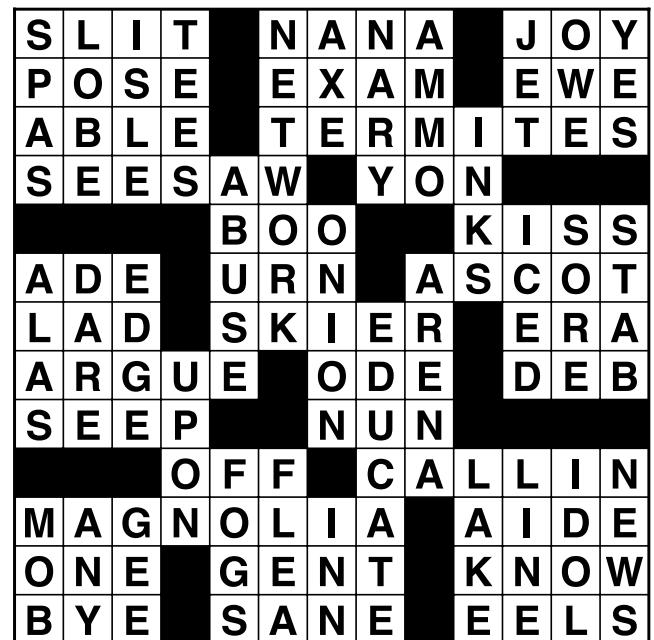
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Canucks remain on a roll as 2022 arrives

■ **Daniel Bushman**

Despite a loss in December, the Drake Canucks remain red hot as the team continues to add wins to its Long Lake Hockey League regular season total.

After dropping a 4-1 decision at home to Foam Lake Dec. 17, the Canucks headed to Lanigan Dec. 18 to face the Pirates. In that contest, Lanigan connected

first before the Canucks scored twice, once from Cameron Blair and another from Terrell Draude. Lanigan tied the game with 6:35 to go but the visitors pulled ahead with 25 seconds left to take a 3-2 advantage through one.

In the second, Lanigan would score late in the period while the Canucks tallied four times in the middle frame to lead 7-3. In period three, Drake continued to

build off its momentum adding five more markers to capture a 12-3 victory. Spencer Ewen got the nod in net for the Canucks while Draude recorded three goals and Cameron Blair and John Lawrence each had two in helping to get the win.

Looking to start off 2022 with a victory, Drake headed to Watrous Jan. 4 to take on the Winterhawks. After going down 1-0 early on, the

Canucks replied with two goals 35 seconds apart to go up 2-1. Adding three more with 4:24, 3:11 and 2:14 left in the first, Drake took a 5-2 lead into the second. In the middle period, Watrous tallied twice with one of those coming on the power play, but it would be the visitors who pulled away as Drake notched five goals to lead 10-4 through 40 minutes. The Canucks continued to add to its total, scoring six more times in the third and skating away with a 16-5 victory. Calvin Bartel got the nod in net for Drake while Terrell Draude scored four times and Kendall McFaull and Andrew Johnson each recorded three markers.

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