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Local area once again comes together for TeleMiracle 46

■ Daniel Bushman

Not only was it a record-breaking year for TeleMiracle 46 but locally, people showed their incredible support in a big way. After being forced to do things a little bit differently last year due to the pandemic, people rallied behind this year's edition of TeleMiracle and when the final total was announced, \$8,002,722 had been raised.

As was the case last year, people from across the province found unique ways to garner funds for TeleMiracle 46 and that was no different for Jansen and the surrounding areas. Able to present a total live on stage in Regina this year, members of the Jansen and District Kin, on behalf of the community and area unveiled a cheque for \$42,906.60 (the official total after the presentation came in at \$43,052.60).

An excited Terri Hamilton, who is the TeleMiracle Rep for the Jansen and District Kinettes as well as on the Kinsmen Foundation Board said, "Support was absolutely amazing this year. I couldn't convince anyone else from the Kinettes to shave their heads but even without that we still made over \$43,000 for TeleMiracle."

As part of that substantial local total, just over \$20,000 of it came from an online auction. Once again, items were donated by local businesses, organizations and residents as people stepped up in a big way. "We again had 175 people and businesses who donated items or their time and we made over \$20,000," said an excited Hamilton adding it was absolutely fantastic to be able to be on stage presenting

the cheque this year. "As this is my second year on the Kinsmen Foundation Board I actually get to see where the money goes to so I understand how much this means to the people of Saskatchewan who send in their applications."

As for other donations that the Jansen and District Kin passed along at TeleMiracle, Hamilton shared a bit of a breakdown:

The Lanigan Elementary School raised \$3,819.15 by doing a coin drive as well as hat days where students could wear a hat if they paid \$2; Lanigan Central High School brought in \$1,470 through various fundraisers including raising money to throw pies at their teachers; a raffle was held after Norma Prange made a beautiful quilt and that raised \$1,350; the Jansen Kin sled rally brought in \$5,500; a head pin fundraiser from Prairie Rose Bowl raised \$127.30; the Accent Credit Union Jansen Esk Branch sold Helping Hands and had casual days which raised \$1,446; Lanigan Agencies, Conexus Credit Union in Lanigan, individual, Kin and online donations raised \$6,767; Dog House Spin Studio in Lanigan did a spin-a-thon which brought in \$1,600; and the Jansen and District Kinettes online auction accumulated \$20,580.75.

Once again blown away by the support this year, Hamilton said, "I have never been to a TeleMiracle since I started with the Installation in 2015 where Jansen and the area raised less than \$20,000. And with Jansen, a community of only 98 people, it is astounding. We have the best people!"

Along with the Jansen and District Kin (see back page: **TM46**)



Raising over \$42,000 (the official total after the live presentation came to be \$43,052.60) on behalf of Jansen and the surrounding area, members of the Jansen and District Kin presented a cheque at this year's TeleMiracle 46 in Regina (pictured). Along with the cheque presentation, members also answered phones during the Mar. 5 and 6 weekend.
- screen grabs: www.telemiracle.com



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Conditions vary as Sask. spring runoff report released

■ media release

The Water Security Agency (WSA) shared its spring runoff

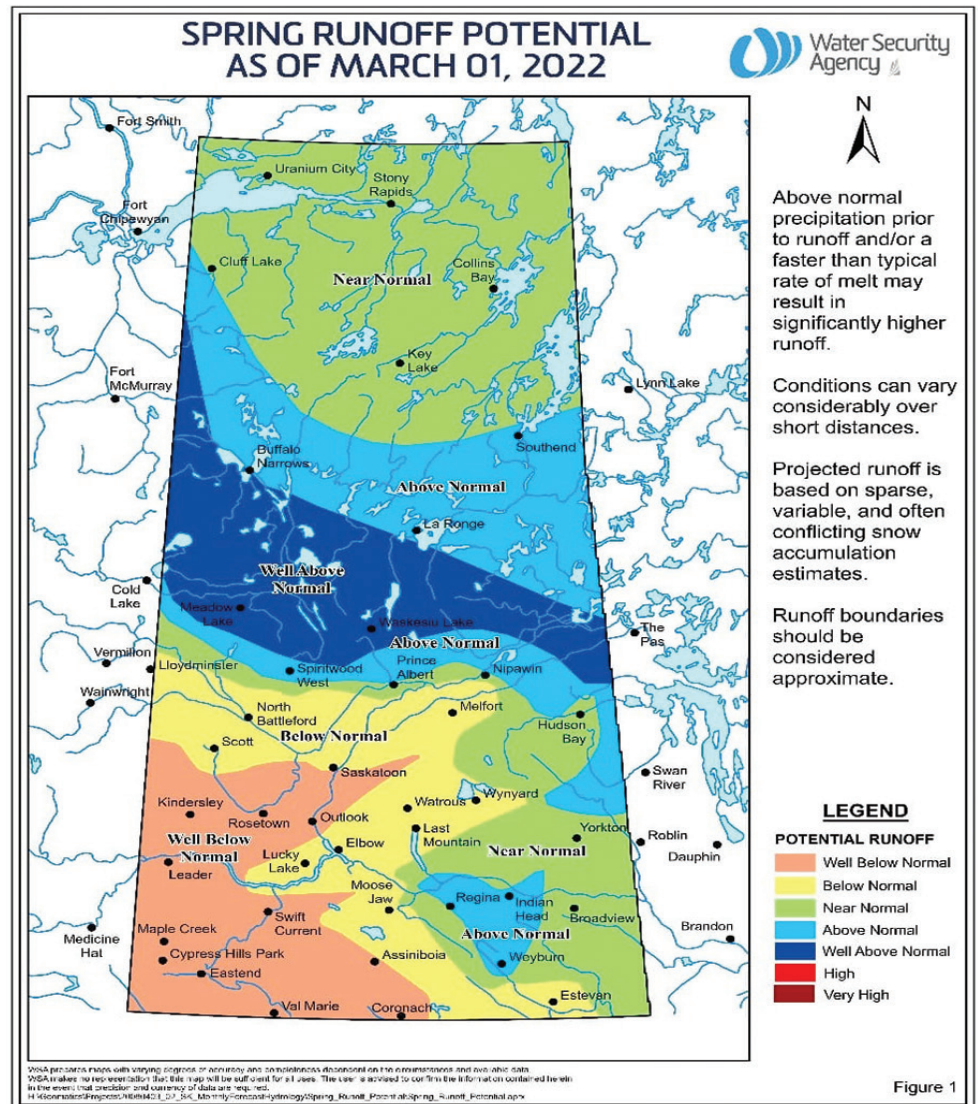
forecast for 2022 on Mar. 10. This forecast is based on conditions as of Mar. 1. WSA actively monitors snowpack and

precipitation during the winter months to forecast the province's available water supply through the summer and fall and to prepare for any potential issues.

WSA completed snow surveys in mid-February to assess the water available for runoff. For the most part, water supplies from the province's major reservoirs are expected to continue to meet the province's needs in 2022.

As previously reported, the hot and dry conditions throughout 2021 caused most areas of the province to go into winter with drier than normal moisture conditions. Therefore, despite significant amounts of snow, some areas with dry conditions at freeze-up are still predicted to have normal to below normal runoff.

WSA is currently expecting a below to well below normal snowmelt runoff response over much of southern Saskatchewan. Only areas east of Moose Jaw are forecast to receive near or above normal runoff. Below normal runoff in the southwest may result in some water supply issues, including shortages and potentially water quality related issues later in the year. With a significant snowpack, above to well above normal snowmelt runoff yields are expected across central areas of the province. However, flooding is not expected at this time.



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With significant snowpack within the North Saskatchewan River Basin, there is an elevated risk of a dynamic ice breakup event occurring on the North Saskatchewan River. This may result in ice jamming and flooding similar to what was observed on the river in 2020. The public should remain vigilant when near melting waterways as ice jamming and

breakup can be unpredictable.

With an alpine snowpack that is generally well above normal, the agency is optimistic that flows on the Saskatchewan River System and levels at Lake Diefenbaker will be better than what was observed in 2021. The Water Security Agency will continue to protect and manage our water supply to support industry and habitat.

When developing this snowmelt runoff outlook, WSA assumes normal weather conditions going forward to the conclusion of the melt. Any increased runoff potential would be reflected in the April forecast provided runoff is not already underway. The current report can be found on the wsask.ca website under Provincial Forecast.

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RCMP Report

RCMP calls for service due to poor road conditions

High winds and blowing snow resulted in poor road conditions across most of the province early last week. From 9 a.m. Mar. 7 to 9 a.m. Mar. 8, Saskatchewan RCMP's Divisional Operational Communication Centre received 57 weather-related calls for service from across Saskatchewan. Note that this number does not reflect calls for service made directly to detachments.

Also, on Mar. 8 there were numerous calls for police assistance due to collisions and jack-knifed semis along Hwy. 16 including near Colonsay. Strong winds, icy roads and snow drifts resulted in vehicles being blown off the road or they slid into the ditch. Hwy. 16 was closed in both directions twice on this date until the stuck or damaged vehicles could safely be removed and the Ministry of Highways was able to clear the snow. An incident near Elstow caused Hwy. 16 to be closed for approximately two hours.

No injuries were reported as a result of any of the collisions.

Break and enter at Bruno

Humboldt/Lanigan RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in identifying individual(s) responsible for a break and enter that occurred at a residence in Bruno.

On Feb. 28 at 7:15 p.m. police were made aware that a residence on the 600 Block on Gardner Street in Bruno was broken into. Police believe the crime occurred between 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 and 5 p.m. Feb. 27. Multiple items including jewelry and cash were taken.

Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or has information about this crime are asked to contact Humboldt RCMP Detachment at 306-682-2535. Information can also be submitted anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-8477 or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Theft of fuel

On Feb. 24, 2022, Humboldt/Lanigan RCMP investigated a theft of fuel from a semi truck parked at a business in St. Gregor. On Sunday, Feb. 20, two subjects of interest were observed on the property and attempted to steal gas from one of the semi trucks parked in the lot. The vehicle of interest had a covered licence plate and an orange/red fuel tank in the back. RCMP are seeking the public's help in identifying persons responsible for this crime.

If you have information about this or any other crime, please contact Humboldt RCMP at 306-682-2535 or you may contact Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.



Fatal collision east of Waldron

On Mar. 6 at approximately 4:45 p.m., Melville RCMP were dispatched to a collision between a vehicle and train on Hwy. 9, east of Waldron.

The driver of the vehicle, a 65-year-old male from Ochapowace Nation passed away at the scene. Three youths were transported to hospital with injuries. There were no reported injuries from personnel on the train.

Hwy. 9 was closed during initial investigation, but has since reopened. Melville RCMP and a Saskatchewan RCMP Collision Reconstructionist continue to investigate.

Sask. RCMP report 1,519 vehicle thefts in 2021

In 2021 there were a total of 1,519 vehicle theft files created by Saskatchewan RCMP (in Saskatchewan RCMP jurisdiction). This is consistently more than 100 vehicle theft reports a month ("vehicle" includes: cars, trucks, SUVs, ATVs, snowmobiles, motorcycles and other vehicles with a motor such as tractors, skid steers, etc. A few of these files had more than one vehicle reported stolen).

From those, at least 451 or about 29 percent of the vehicle owners reported to police they had left keys inside the vehicle.

A total of 1,095 of all reports of vehicle theft resulted in the vehicle being recovered or about 72 percent of the total. These vehicles were recovered minutes, hours, days or even months later.

It is important to note that smaller vehicles, which could be loaded onto a trailer or into a truck (such as ATVs or motorcycles), had a lower recovery rate than cars, trucks, and SUVs.

In total, 368 of the recovered vehicles were damaged in some way including being burned, stripped of parts or involved in a collision.

Some vehicles may be left running with keys inside as people warm them up and leave them to enter their home or a store for a brief moment, and return to find their vehicle gone. RCMP stated it is important to always take the keys with you when you leave the vehicle.

Hiding your keys inside or with the vehicle is as risky as leaving them in the ignition. With today's push button start key fobs, the thief doesn't even have to locate keys to steal your vehicle. Even if

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a key is needed, there are only so many hiding places in or on a vehicle and the thief is likely to find it.

RCMP stated the same risks apply to commercial vehicles such as semi trailers, farm tractors and heavy equipment as they do a personal vehicle – keys left inside can lead to theft.

"Our Crime Analysts are able to sort through the data we receive when people report crimes such as these vehicle thefts and are able to track criminal activities and trends this way," said Sgt. Scott Hunter of the Saskatchewan RCMP Crime Prevention and Crime Reduction Unit. "This intelligence-based information tells us that some stolen vehicles are additionally used in the commission of other crimes including break and enters, dangerous driving and flight from police. So vehicle thefts sometimes end up being more than just vehicle thefts."

RCMP provided a few additional tips for vehicle owners to help prevent theft:

- Remember to remove all valuable items out of your vehicle whenever possible, including tools, bank cards, and personal identification – all of which can lead to additional criminal activity.
- Remove garage door openers from vehicles which may allow someone access to your home.
- Do not leave keys in the vehicle when you run out of fuel on the road. Someone else might come by with a jerry can of fuel and help themselves to your vehicle.

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Only those considered for employment will be contacted.

**For more information, contact
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Solutions and Substitutions



— tips from Reena Nerbas

S.O.S pad. Some people use oven cleaner for this purpose and leave it overnight but I prefer baking soda.

Dear Reena,

Can you please tell me how to melt the ice on the steps in front of my home? My mother is 85 years old and I fear that she will slip and break her hip if I do not do something to make the walk and steps less icy. Max

Dear Max,

Use the following recipe several times throughout the season to prevent your steps from becoming dangerous and icy. Into a gallon jug add one tablespoon rubbing alcohol, one teaspoon Dawn dish soap and half a gallon hot water. Pour the concoction onto cement. Within a few hours, ice turns to slush making the area safer for walking. Also, consider securing outdoor carpet wherever possible.

Fabulous chocolaty tip of the week!

For your teacher, friend, spouse, brother, sister, mom or dad, design a special chocolate floral bouquet. Glue two chocolate Kisses together (bottom to bottom). Insert a piece of six inch (15 cm) wire into one pointed end of a double Kiss. The wire tip may need to be heated using the flame of a candle. Wrap a four inch (10 cm) square of cellophane around the chocolate Kisses “roses”. Cover the stems with floral tape and attach artificial leaves to stems. Tie all the “roses” together with a bow. Tip: coloured cellophane will look even better.

Fabulous tip of the week

Put a rubber backed bath mat over the edge of the bathtub to help prevent children from slipping when getting in and out of the bathtub. This also works for seniors.

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.

Reena Nerbas is a popular motivational presenter for large and small groups; check out her website: reena.ca. Ask a question or share a tip at reena.ca

Dear Reena,

I have burnt a pot very badly. It had red cabbage in it and I cannot remove the black from the bottom. Can you give me a solution for this? Thank you. Hulda

Dear Hulda,

Soak the pan with dishwasher detergent and hot water for a couple of hours and scrub with a steel wool pad, or (and this is what I like to do) into the pot pour baking soda, dish soap and enough water to cover the bottom. Boil the contents for five minutes. Let sit just until cool enough to handle and scrub with an

uncomplIcATed - Just Listen



by Arlene Martin

assurance that one is going to be all right. Although she’s been gone since 1992 it doesn’t diminish the ache in my heart to hear her say my name, to talk to me, oh but for just one more time. I wish I could tell her my joy yesterday of something miraculous that happened. I stepped on our back deck early in the morning wearing a hearing device. Years ago unrepairable deafness suddenly, unexplainably occurred in my right ear. Also, but at a slower pace, deafness has been tiptoeing into my left. The specialist suggested a hearing device would and could work in that

I have been thinking a lot about mother. One of my fondest memories is of her standing at a door or a window with her little yellow binoculars held tightly to her eyes. She was a passionate bird-watcher.

With the alarming events on the world stage my heart has become increasingly lonesome. There is much I wish I could discuss with mother. Nobody like a mom can replicate that tender believable

ear and improve what he called, ‘my quality of life.’ I took him to task. The sun was warm as I stepped outside and I was greeted by a pleasant happy sound. A small Pine Warbler was singing his carefree morning song and I could hear it! I could hear it! Then a robin started twittering and the duet was so incredible. I could even hear the whispering of the slight breeze as it rustled the leaves that only yesterday, burst out of their protective buds. I felt the sudden rush and warmth of tears. Blessed happy tears! I could HEAR!

Oh the delight of sound – the majesty of Nature’s orchestra. Sound and sight are unparalleled gifts that can so easily be tossed aside with routine. While all these new noises so literally exploded around me I felt ten years old again. Every day Nature rolls out an amazing playground. When I had stopped playing?

My heart wanted to tell Mother.

The sky was a perfect azure blue. As I stood marvelling at the sheer glory encompassing me, I somehow felt that she was there but on the other side of that flawless celestial blue - golden binoculars, tightly in hand, watching, smiling.

I did a handshake with Heaven.

Though often the wolf is at the door and my knees and heart tremble, one thing I know and hang on to: I am never going to stop listening to how beautiful LIFE truly is.

(Updated and repeat from May 11, 2017)

Ministerial Message

Luke 19:10 - Mabel, her baby and the blizzard

by Dennis Kresier, Layperson Last Mountain Anglican Parish

On Jan. 31 of this year, we experienced a huge storm with blizzard-like conditions-high winds and blowing snow. We could barely see our neighbours place across the street. It reminded me of the many severe blizzards we experienced on the farm in my childhood, some lasting three to five days. One such blizzard occurred about 65 years ago when I was just a teenager. It was late October, we thought it would be an open fall. The day was warm and our cattle were out in our neighbour’s pasture about a mile from home. We had purchased a registered Hereford cow from our neighbour that we called Mabel. She was expecting a late calf. We were not concerned even though

she was overdue, as it was a warm day. About 4 o’clock in the afternoon, the weather changed, storm clouds appeared and it suddenly started to snow with huge fluffy flakes. Dad sent us boys to bring the cattle home. It was really snowing and blowing when we arrived at the willows and shrubs in the pasture. When we rounded up the herd, it was obvious that Mabel already had her calf, but it was nowhere in sight. We searched the 10 acres of tall grass, weeds and willows to no avail. My brother Leonard rode through the rushes on horseback with no luck. We started the herd for home and Mabel came along with no problem. When the cattle were all safe in the corral, we

went back again for another look, again with no luck. That night the blizzard really hit. We gave up the calf for dead to either the cold or the coyotes. The blizzard raged all night and all the next day. On the third day it abated and the sun came out. When we opened the corral gate to let the cattle go to water, Mabel took off over the fields to the pasture. We followed on foot through knee -deep snow right back to the willows. About 20 feet from the first bluff she stopped and called three times. To our amazement, the grass and the willows started shaking and out came her now three day old calf, as healthy as could be. Apparently it had received its first meal three days earlier and had survived the blizzard. We called it, “Stormy” and took turns carrying it home with Mabel about three feet behind us. To say the least

we were very grateful. This story of Mabel and her baby has a message for us. Mabel knew where her baby was, returned to find it and to bring it home. This is also the case with God’s Good Shepherd who came to rescue us from the blizzards of life and bring us home. God made us, loves us and cares for us. We are important to Him-so much so, that He even knows the number of the hairs on our heads.

There is absolutely no place on this planet where we can stray, hide, or be lost where He cannot find us. The Good Shepherd is always seeking and calling for us. In the storms of life with blizzard-like conditions, He hears our cries like Mabel’s calf heard her call. Listen for His voice and respond to His call, anytime, anyplace or situation. Safety lies in His loving arms!

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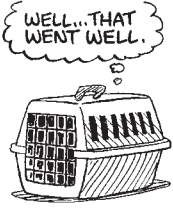
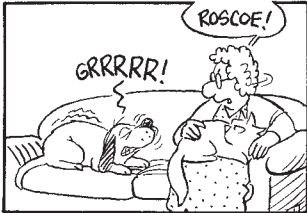
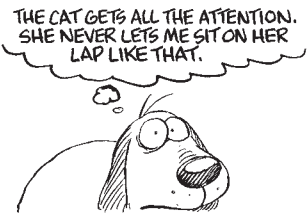
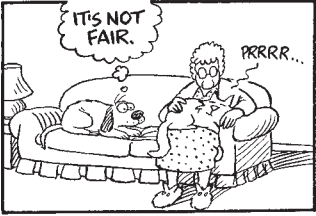
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Look What’s Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Baked Cheese Pasta

Ingredients:

- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1-2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 4 cups cooked rotini pasta or macaroni pasta

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400°F. Boil 2 1/2 cups pasta in about six cups water until it is cooked. Make sure the pasta isn’t overcooked. Drain the pasta well. Mix the remaining ingredients in a bowl, then add the cooked pasta. Pan spray a casserole dish, pour the pasta mixture into it. Bake uncovered for about 25 minutes.

Pair of local rinks look for provincial berth

■ Daniel Bushman

After advancing through district play to qualify for regional action, two local high school curling teams from Lanigan and Watrous took aim at provincials as they competed in Prince Albert and Shellbrook.

In the Girls draw, Lanigan was part of a group that included Aberdeen, Langham 1, Langham 2, Meath Park, Naicam, Prince Albert St. Mary, and Wadena while in the Open Mixed draw, Watrous joined rinks from Bjorkdale, Hanley, Prince Albert St. Mary, Rosthern JC, Shellbrook, Tisdale and Watson.

On the Girls side in Prince Albert, Lanigan met Aberdeen in its first game Mar. 4. Taking on a tough club in a 12 p.m. draw

Friday, Lanigan lost 12-4. Looking to bounce back, Lanigan faced Prince Albert St. Mary in the 3 p.m. draw and took a big 11-1 victory to go to 1-1. Facing Wadena in the Friday evening matchup and with a chance to get one step closer to the 'B' Qualifier final, Lanigan took aim at a victory. However, it would be Wadena who would move on, winning 11-2. That ended Lanigan's run toward a provincial berth while Aberdeen would go on to take the 'A' Qualifier spot and Langham 1 would take the 'B' Qualifier spot.

On the Mixed side in Shellbrook, Watrous met Hanley in its opening draw Mar. 4. In the 12 p.m. game, the blue and gold won by a 7-3 score. Up 1-0, Watrous was back on the ice for a 3 p.m. draw taking on the host team, Shellbrook. In that one, the

Wildcats swept towards a second victory, this time by a score of 10-3.

Wrapping up day one with a 2-0 record, Watrous faced a tough Tisdale rink Saturday morning in the 'A' Qualifier. In that draw, it was Tisdale who came away with a win by a score of 8-0.

Placed into the 'B' Qualifier and aiming to get back in the win column with a berth to provincials, the Watrous rink met Watson in a 1 p.m. draw. In that matchup, Watrous earned a big 11-6 victory to improve to 3-1 and moved on to provincials in Swift Current Mar. 11 and 12. Watrous was slotted into a pool with Avonlea, Leoville and Canora while in the other pool, Lampman 1, Tisdale, Swift Current and Dinsmore competed against each other.

Viscount

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Oh my goodness, there is a lot of snow, which is very nice to see, yet when driving to the city some of the fields had bare spots. Hopefully we have a slow melt. Come on spring, this winter seems to be dragging out!

Not long ago we went down Hwy. 16. We were amazed at all the deer that were in the fields between Plunkett and Guernsey. It was a beautiful sight to see.

Wednesday, Mar. 2, 2022, six lovely ladies came together at the Viscount library. We worked on three separate blankets. It is always so much fun getting together! We enjoy this never-ending project. It fulfills a sense of accomplishment done with camaraderie, fun

and love. Drop in some Wednesday afternoon and see for yourself. Call Evelina at 306-944-4820 for more info.

Viscount community garage sales is going to try the weekend before the long weekend this year. Last year the Thursday evening before the sales we received snow, causing the Friday sales to be cancelled. But we did have a great Saturday. Love the garage sale weekends, love the sales, the visiting, and the outdoors!

Best wishes to anyone that might be 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, stay warm and enjoy all that you can.

Jansen

Louise Shannon

I know that Saskatchewan is the best place to live. At the beginning of the last century many Ukrainians and our German ancestors left Ukraine for a better life in Saskatchewan.

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Congratulations to Elmer and Linda Kinzel for being elected volunteers of the year.

The quilters have been very busy. Quilts were given to soup kitchens in Humboldt and Saskatoon and Independent Living. Lap quilts were given to people who have been ill. Thank you for mine.

Happy birthday to Ken Briske, Lexi Arnst, Rodney Liebrecht and Beth Giesbrecht.

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Brandt Tractor in Watrous excited about future under new name

■ Daniel Bushman

After finalizing an offer to purchase Cervus Equipment on Oct. 22, 2021, Brandt Tractor, a Regina-based company welcomed 64 new locations across Canada, Australia and New Zealand including one in Watrous. Creating Canada's largest-ever equipment dealer network by adding agriculture, transportation, and material handling equipment locations to Brandt's existing John Deere Construction and Forestry dealerships, in Watrous, the local dealership remains a fixture within the area.

"The addition of Cervus' branch network is a big win

for customers in all of the affected markets," said Brandt owner and CEO, Shaun Semple. "We've got a lot to offer and we're ready to roll up our sleeves and earn the loyalty of our new customers through a combination of premium products and services and a consistent, high-quality customer support experience."

Since Brandt Tractor took over operations in Watrous Nov. 1, 2021, Branch/Sales Manager Trevor Hardy said at the store level, it has remained business as usual. "Not much has changed with the day to day business. We are gradually starting to see the Brandt logo become a part of our stationary, store

signage and workwear." Expecting to see illuminated Brandt signs installed on the store in the near future, Hardy said the 23 employees at the dealership located along Hwy. 2 in Watrous are looking forward to continuing to provide quality service.

According to Brandt Tractor, the global deal made in the latter part of 2021 gives Brandt "unparalleled market penetration, expanding their geographical footprint and enabling the company to add, in select markets, John Deere agricultural equipment; Peterbilt transportation equipment; and Clark, Sellick, JLG, Baumann and other material handling

equipment in addition to their already-impressive list of products and services."

With the acquisition of the Cervus locations including the one in Watrous, Brandt now owns and operates 120 full-service equipment dealerships with an additional 50 plus service points while employing over 5,100 people.

That also means on a local level, in addition to offering equipment, parts and repairs, Hardy explained they have an On The Road Sales Specialist or OTRS for parts cabinets. "The OTRS travels around our AOR (Area of Responsibility) to install and maintain parts (see page eight: **BRANDT**)



With the acquisition of Cervus Equipment near the end of 2021, Brandt Tractor, a Regina-based company, welcomed 64 new locations from across Canada (including the one in Watrous pictured above), Australia and New Zealand. - photo courtesy Trevor Hardy

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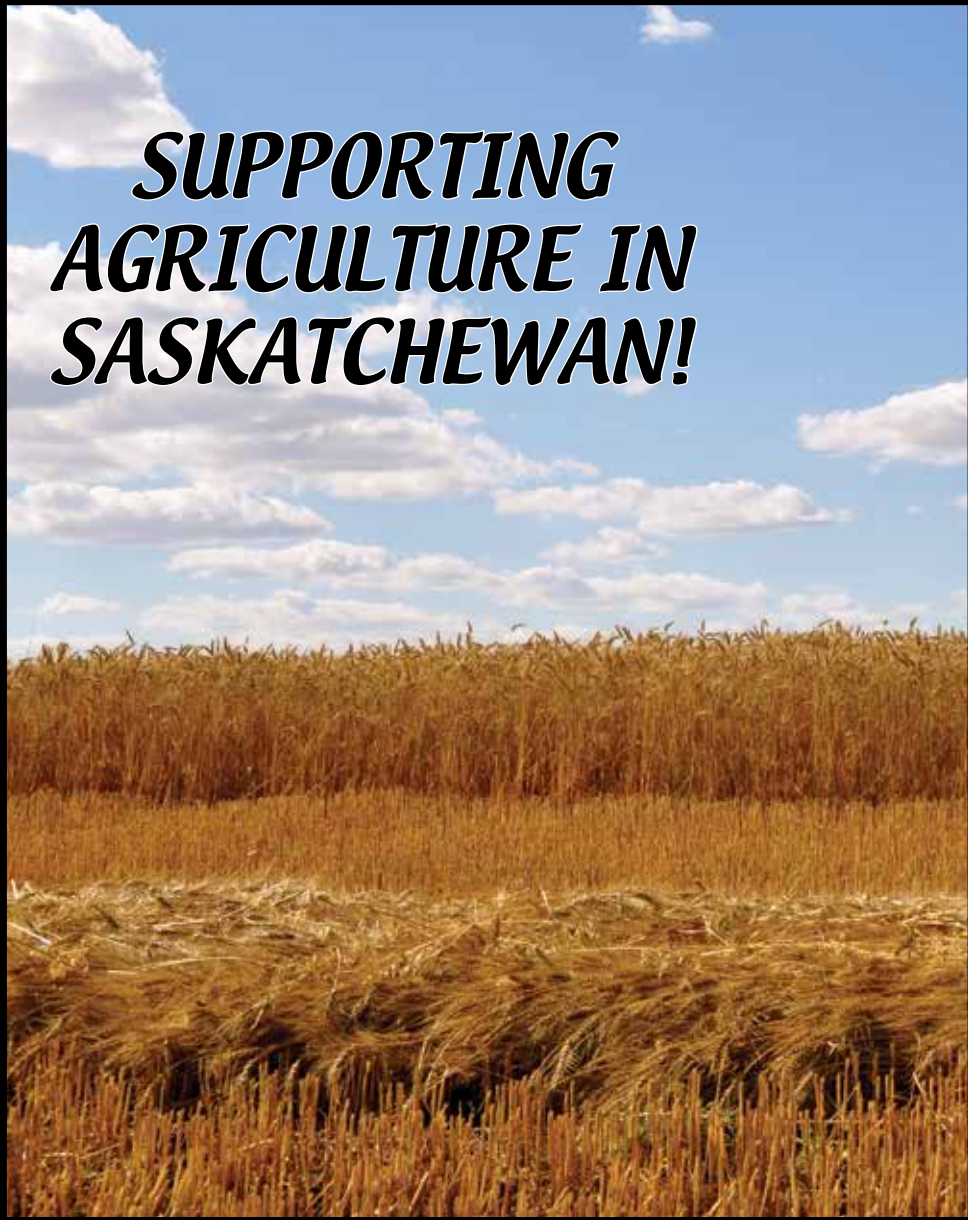
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cabinets on our customer’s farms. We track the machinery owned and operated by our customers to ensure the cabinets are always stocked with the correct maintenance parts. We also deliver such items as net wrap, grain bags and totes of oil or DEF. These parts cabinets can be stocked with any type of maintenance items, and not necessarily for only John Deere equipment. Initial stocking of the parts cabinets provides significant discounts for the customers.”

In a release, Brandt noted the large company will be rolling out plans to introduce expanded parts inventories, service department capacities,

and extended hours of operation at the former Cervus dealerships. As operations are integrated, staffing in those locations is expected to increase by up to 40 percent with significant new facility construction across the entire network.

“Cervus staff, customers, and their communities will all benefit from this acquisition through a stronger, more diversified network of support dealerships,” said Semple. “Brandt is fully committed to ongoing investment in business infrastructure and community enhancement; there is tremendous opportunity for everyone in this deal.”

Hoping for a promising spring seeding season and successful harvest in 2022, Hardy said the local Brandt dealership is looking forward to helping its current customers and welcomes any new ones who would like to stop by. “Brandt is proud to be a member of the Watrous and surrounding area business community. We provide support and advertising throughout the communities in our AOR. We are proud to be an employer of choice in our community, and are always looking to hire locally. We encourage applicants from Watrous and surrounding areas to submit their resumes for any possible opportunities.”

5 resolutions for better mental health on the farm

■ written by Lesley Kelly, Farmer and Co-Founder of the Do More Agriculture Foundation

Do you have a resolution or goals for the farm this year? Some resolutions or goals farmers consider include managing costs better, focusing on a succession plan, and improving production practices. Another goal to consider is focusing on your mental health, because taking care of you and your mental health is also taking care of the farm.

After another unprecedented year, many are looking to protect and make their mental health a priority. The past two years have been full of adjustments. And while we’re looking forward to a brighter 2022, continuing COVID-19-related worries can make traditional resolutions stressful to stick to. Instead,

make 2022 the year of mental health for you and your farm. This gentler approach can give you the space and time to think about what you want to change to feel better and what you realistically can do to achieve that change. By taking smaller, more achievable steps towards your goals, there is a greater chance that you will keep them.

This applies to all kinds of resolutions, including mental health. You can help manage your mental health symptoms by taking small steps every day. Of course, there’s no one-size-fits-all approach to mental health. But these simple, low-stress resolutions that our farm is prioritizing can help boost your mental wellness for a happier and healthier year.

1. Make time for self-care: Self-care is something that can be done in as little

as 10 minutes a day with no cost at all. And it can help reduce stress and positively impact your mental health and well-being. Brainstorm a list of self-care activities that make you happy and schedule them as part of your daily routine. This could be structured therapy sessions or daily exercise, a stretch in the tractor or simply an outdoor walk or time with friends and loved ones.

2. Identifying and fostering healthy relationships: Unhealthy relationships can quickly become a stressor or mental illness trigger. For this reason, it’s important to pursue relationships with those who encourage healthy habits and provide emotional support. Depending on your circumstances, consider:

- Reaching out to old friends you have lost contact with
- Making regular plans with family members
- Joining a social organization that reflects your interests or values
- Volunteering with a non-profit organization you support
- Creating or joining a peer group - You might find meaningful relationships and emotional support from other farmers, neighbours and those in and around your community or area.

(see page nine: **FARM**)



- file photo by Daniel Bushman

Spring is around the corner!

Be safe out there!



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3. Improve your sleep: With the changes of seasons in farming comes changes to our sleeping patterns as well. But there is so much value in having a bedtime routine and getting good sleep. According to Mental Health Canada, a chronic lack of sleep can lead to mental health issues like depression. If you're experiencing bouts of depression or mood swings, maintaining a regular sleeping schedule that gives you seven to eight hours of sleep each night could dramatically improve your wellbeing.

4. Reduce time spent on social media: Studies have shown that an excessive use of social media can lead to less moment-to-moment happiness and less life satisfaction. While these platforms help keep us connected to family and friends, like all things, social media is only good in moderation. This year,

try limiting your daily use or taking regular breaks from your apps so you can focus more on your wellbeing.

5. Learn more about mental health: One of the most important resolutions for your mental health is to understand it and to know when to seek help. There are online resources and workshops available that provide information about mental health, as well as speaking to a medical and/or mental health professional.

Also, please be kind to yourself. Change can be hard and often takes time. Allow yourself to have feelings and forgive yourself for mistakes. You are here and doing your best, and that's what counts. So make 2022 the year that will have a long-lasting impact on your mental health and happiness.

If you or someone in your family or farm team are going through a hard and stressful time, visit the Do More Agriculture Foundation at domore.ag for a list of mental health support and resources.



Pictured above: Lesley Kelly with her husband Matt.
- photo courtesy Lesley Kelly

Relationship Repair Checklist for the farm

■ *written by Lesley Kelly, Farmer and Co-Founder of the Do More Agriculture Foundation*

Typically, when it comes to farming, we think of repair in terms of what we do to a piece of equipment. As we use our equipment, they break down and we repair to get them back up and running. But in relationship terms, repair is less about fixing what is broken and more about getting back on track.

Getting back on track and building strong relationships with all stakeholders – from immediate family members to employees, suppliers, community and industry – good things are bound to happen and can fuel farm success. But just like our equipment breaking down, our relationships can as well, which can increase our stress levels and take a toll on our emotional and mental health.

All relationships will have moments or times of turbulence. In farming relationships, which may include with a spouse, family member and/or friend, we are faced with unique stressors that can result in external tensions spilling over into our relationships. Using strategies like repair attempts, employing them early and often can help to resolve disputes before they escalate and build and maintain

healthy relationships on the farm.

What is a repair attempt?

Masters of relationships repair early and often. And they have lots of strategies for how to repair. Dr. John Gottman, founder of The Gottman Institute and author of 'The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work', has been a leading pioneer in evidence-based research into the science of effective repair attempts. He describes a repair attempt as "any statement or action — silly or otherwise — that prevents negativity from escalating out of control." Not surprisingly,

while some strategies may work well for some, they do not for others because every relationship is different. And because every relationship is different, finding the repair strategies that work for you and others can actually be a

unique and creative process. After studying thousands of couples, Gottman has come up with a powerful argument-resolution tool - **the Gottman Repair Checklist.** (see page 10: **REPAIR**)

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1. Validate their emotions: Ask questions to understand what they are thinking and feeling and validate what they are going through by using statements like:
 - a. Tell me more about . . .
 - b. Help me understand what you're going through.
 - c. What happened?
 - d. It makes sense that you feel/think . . .
 - e. I hear you saying . . .
2. Apologize as soon as possible
3. Express appreciation for their strengths, contribution, initiating the conversation, etc.
4. Empathize with them. "I see you and understand why you feel that way."
5. Take responsibility for your behaviour/action
6. Ask them what they need from you or how you can help/

support them

7. Share your ideas around what you can do next time to avoid/work through the situation
8. Use humour
9. Continue to cultivate the relationship by making positive deposits, versus withdrawals through positive and supportive actions, such as:
 - a. Keeping commitments
 - b. Being kind
 - c. Being a good listener
 - d. Finding ways to help the other person
 - e. Praise

Repair attempts are not a one-size-fits-all. The ideal repair attempt is done **in the** moment but this is often not possible for a number of reasons. If you miss a window of opportunity and things start to get tense, remember that you can still try. Also keep in mind that some of the above listed repair attempts won't be suitable for situations with higher level of

upset and emotion. For example, you would not use humour for a heavier situation as the other person will likely not find the attempt funny and it may backfire. Repairing relationships takes effort and time but is part of the ebb and flow of healthy relationships. Everyone makes mistakes, it's what you do next that really matters.

We try to use these attempts as much as we can on the farm to help us work through a stressful moment or conflict. We know that on the farm, conflict will arise, as we have different experiences, skills, and opinions. We strive on the farm for progress, not perfection as we know we will have turbulence. The most important tool that we have is open communication and dialogue. Continuing the conversation and having dialogue helps us work through the turbulence together.

If you or someone in your family or farm team are going through a hard and stressful time, visit the Do More Agriculture Foundation at domore.ag for a list of mental health support and resources.

APAS delegates attend meeting in Ottawa

■ media release

Fifteen delegates from

the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan attended the 87th Annual

General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Ottawa.

many important decisions are made."

Four of the APAS delegates are participants in the APAS Youth Mentorship and Leadership program, and they met with Federal Agriculture Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau, Opposition Agriculture Critic John Barlow, MP, and senior executives of Farm Credit Canada. FCC is the program sponsor for the mentorship program.

APAS has been a member of CFA since our inception in 2000. As part of the CFA Annual General Meeting, APAS is sponsoring five resolutions for consideration.

During the meeting, APAS past President Todd Lewis was elected second Vice-President of CFA for another term. Todd has been on the CFA Board for the last five years and served as an acting second Vice-President last year.

"We are very pleased to see Todd serve as Vice-President for our national farm organization," said APAS President Ian Boxall. "We know he will continue to serve as a strong voice for Western Canadian producers on the national level, where

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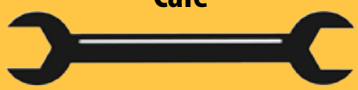
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Sask. Ag Hall of Fame announces inductees

■ media release

Four individuals were announced earlier this year as the newest inductees to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame in recognition of their outstanding contributions to Saskatchewan agriculture.

“The 2021 inductees have all had a significant impact on Saskatchewan agriculture, helping to advance and shape this vital industry,” said Reed Andrew, president of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame. “We are so pleased to honour these individuals for their work across the sector, for contributions in crop science, public policy, livestock development and value-added agriculture.”

These individuals will be formally inducted to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Saskatoon on Apr. 9, 2022. A brief overview of their accomplishments is below.

Grant Devine, premier of Saskatchewan from 1982 to 1991 and former agriculture minister, farmer, agricultural economist and university professor, positioned agriculture throughout his career as the foundation for economic growth in the province. He brought forward policies that supported the industry through challenging production years, such as guaranteed loans to young farmers and province-wide natural gas. He championed innovation

and science, establishing Ag-West Bio to lead work on biotechnology, while the province’s Agriculture Development Fund began during his tenure to advance agricultural research. He was inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2015.

Rick Holm, a professor emeritus of plant sciences and former director of the Crop Development Centre (CDC) at the University of Saskatchewan, made many contributions to the industry through his research on weed control and crop development. His weed control research was applied and designed to serve the needs of farmers. As director of the CDC, he advanced expansion of the pulse lab and played a key role in supporting the development and commercialization of Clearfield wheat and lentil varieties in Canada. He made significant efforts to transfer his research results and knowledge to producers at events and conferences, with a practical, down-to-earth approach to weed science and extension that was appreciated by producers.

William (Bill) Jameson, founding partner of JGL Livestock, one of the premier cattle trading firms in North America providing a host of services for livestock producers, has supported the growth of the Saskatchewan cattle market and provincial economy. He has held various leadership positions at the provincial and national

levels and has championed the next generation of leaders through programs such as the JGL Legacy Scholarship and his personal mentorship and development of others. He has a deep involvement with industry groups, having served as president of the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association and chair of the Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association and is always working to ensure the cattle industry has a strong, collective voice.

Robert (Bob) Tyler has been referred to as the father of value-added pulse processing in Saskatchewan. He has been involved in teaching, research and extension in the areas of crop quality and utilization, protein and starch functionality, and food processing and product development, spanning 40 years. He is a professor and department head of animal and poultry science at the University of Saskatchewan College of Agriculture and Bioresources and his many leadership roles have included chair of both Ag-West Bio and the Saskatchewan Agri-Food Council. He was instrumental in forming and developing Protein Industries Canada, and is frequently called on as a passionate educator, agri-

business supporter and agri-food advocate.

The announcement of the 2021 Hall of Fame Inductees was delayed due to the pandemic. Portraits of all the inductees are displayed in the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame Gallery, located on the upper level of the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon.

The 2022 Inductees will be announced later this year.

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Collaboration enables funding for canola agronomic research

■ media release

The three Prairie, provincial canola grower associations have evaluated and selected 14 new canola research projects to receive funding under the Canola Agronomic Research Program (CARP) in 2022.

This investment includes over \$1.6 million from Alberta Canola, SaskCanola and Manitoba Canola Growers, as well as matching funds of over \$1 million from the Western Grains Research Foundation (WGRF) and \$450,000 contributed from Results Driven Agricultural Research (RDAR). The total investment into 2022 CARP projects is over \$3.2 million.

CARP supports canola agronomic research focused on increasing yield and profitability, reducing production risk

and enhancing sustainability. The grower associations are pleased to partner with WGRF and RDAR, enabling even greater innovation and discovery.

Dr. Keith Degenhardt, WGRF board chair said, “WGRF is committed to supporting research that will deliver a positive on-farm impact and we are excited about the potential impact these projects can have for Western Canadian farmers.”

The 2022 projects awarded funding are focused on:

- Surveillance of pathogen and insect populations,
- Abiotic stress tolerance,
- Weed management, including herbicide resistant weeds,
- Crop physiology,
- Pollinator impact on yield stability,
- Integrated disease management, and
- Improving nitrogen management and reducing nitrous oxide emissions.

Sask. commemorates Agriculture Literacy Month

■ media release

The Government of Saskatchewan proclaimed March as Agriculture Literacy Month. Agriculture Literacy Month connects students across the province to agriculture through engaging presentations by industry volunteers.

“Educating youth about agriculture is an important part of strengthening the industry through understanding and connection,” Agriculture Minister David Marit said. “Presentations and sharing personal experiences help children understand the work that goes into producing the food we eat and creates an appreciation for the dedicated people that are part of the robust supply chain.”

For many years, Agriculture in the Classroom Canada has worked to bring agriculture education into classrooms across the nation.

“Agriculture Literacy Month provides Saskatchewan students with an important opportunity to learn about agriculture’s significant contribution to our province,” Education Minister Dustin Duncan said. “Agriculture plays a critical role in keeping our communities fed, maintaining a strong economy and providing future employment opportunities for students in a wide-range of areas.”

This year, the theme Connections in Agriculture will help students see how we are all connected to agriculture. Students will be encouraged to discover the countless people, from farm to table, that work in the world of agriculture to produce our food. Industry volunteers, including farmers, ranchers and professionals, will join classrooms to share presentations and personal experiences to help students realize how they are also connected to agriculture.

“We know that kids have questions about agriculture,” Agriculture in the Classroom Saskatchewan Executive Director Sara Shymko said. “Students are curious about where their food comes from, and we are so pleased to have volunteers from across the province getting involved and sharing their agriculture stories and experiences in classrooms. Together we are building personal connections and providing hands-on learning to help create an exciting and memorable learning experience for students.”

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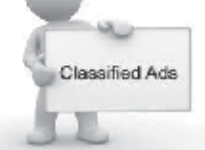
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Taking aim at a title

It continues to be a tremendous run for the Drake Canucks during this year's hockey season as the team punched its ticket to the Senior A Provincial final after beating Southey. With a sweep of Balcarres in round one, Drake edged Milestone to face Southey. After a massive 8-2 win in Southey, the Canucks lost a 4-2 contest to Southey in game two which forced extra time. With a berth to the provincial final on the line, the Canucks skated away with a 3-2 victory and will now meet Meadow Lake who beat Biggar in its bracket. Game one was scheduled for Mar. 13 in Meadow Lake with game two in Drake Mar. 19. If necessary, a third game would take place in Drake Mar. 20. Meanwhile in Long Lake Hockey League action, after finishing in top spot during the regular season, Drake faced the Wynyard Monarchs in the league semi-final with the winner meeting either Foam Lake or Davidson. With a 7-3 victory Drake led the series heading into this past week's games where the team defeated Wynyard in overtime 5-4 Mar. 8 before wrapping up the series with a 3-1 victory Mar. 9.

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presenting a cheque Saturday evening and also answering phones during the Mar. 5 and 6 weekend, during TeleMiracle 46 there were also numerous bequests including one on behalf of local area couple, the late Roy and Joyce Powell. The Powell's resided on their farm north of Guernsey for the majority of their lives until their final retirement years. According to their bequest, it stated: They were passionate about their province, agriculture, their church, their community and their family. Along with operating a grain farm and managing a herd of purebred polled Hereford cattle, Roy and Joyce were very active in their community.

Roy served on municipal government as a councillor and then a reeve for 52 years. Both Roy and Joyce served on numerous community and church committees throughout their lives.

They were also passionate about TeleMiracle and made a donation each and every year. Although they had no children of their own, they loved children and appreciated how TeleMiracle helps so many children and families in Saskatchewan. Roy and Joyce were loved and are missed by their brothers and sisters, their nieces and nephews, their great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces and nephews.

"Kinsmen TeleMiracle would like to thank Roy and Joyce for their generous gift of \$455,000."

Another part of TeleMiracle that included a familiar face was this year's Board Chair. Lyndsay L'Heureux was named as the Chair of the Kinsmen Foundation Board after being a member of the Jansen and District Kinette Club since it re-chartered in 2014. Sharing about her time with Kin as part of an article on TeleMiracle's website, L'Heureux said the biggest highlight of her career has been her

experience being on the Kinsmen Foundation Board.

When asked about why she decided to sign up to be Chair, L'Heureux said, "Some people join the Board "with their eye on the prize." That definitely wasn't me. Nobody from my club had served on the board let alone been to a meeting, so I was pretty nervous for my first meeting and didn't entirely know what to expect. But I was hooked, it is so humbling to have the opportunity to advocate for individuals who are facing some of the most challenging times of their lives. As I neared the end of my two year term as Zone Rep, it felt natural to step into a leadership position and continue volunteering with the Kinsmen Foundation."

Joining Hamilton and other members of the Jansen and District Kin on stage during the group's presentation, L'Heureux was excited to help share how her community and surrounding area came together to support the province once again. "I just want to again say a great big thank you to everyone that supported our fundraising initiatives. Thank you to all the donors, purchasers, and sharers of social media posts, no matter how big or how small you can know that your donations to TeleMiracle are making a huge difference on the lives of people in Saskatchewan."

That support was evident not just from Jansen and the area but from across Saskatchewan as the record of just over \$8 million was raised. With this year's incredible generosity added, the total raised by TeleMiracle since 1977 is now over \$153 million.

All TeleMiracle proceeds stay in Saskatchewan and are granted through the Kinsmen Foundation for specialized medical and mobility equipment, and assistance with medical travel. The Foundation receives over 1,000 applications for assistance from Saskatchewan residents each year.



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Thanks to high vaccination and booster rates, the availability of free rapid tests and the availability of COVID-19 treatments, Saskatchewan is transitioning toward self-management of COVID-19: self-monitoring, self-testing and self-care.

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What you can do to stay safe and healthy:

- Stay home with even mild cold or flu-like symptoms and self-test
- Consider wearing a mask if you or a loved one have health conditions or are vulnerable
- Practice frequent handwashing
- Get vaccinated – the best protection against COVID-19 is to be fully vaccinated, including a booster. Everyone 12 years of age and older is now eligible for a booster

Thank you Saskatchewan for following public health measures when they've been in place and for getting vaccinated. The health and safety of Saskatchewan residents remains the government's top priority.

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