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## Federated Co-operatives Limited and Blair's Family of Companies form joint venture

### ■ media release

Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL) and Blair's Family of Companies (Blair's) are proud to announce they have agreed to enter into a joint venture that will continue to serve the ag retail needs of local farmers. The joint venture will own and operate Blair's seven ag retail locations in Lanigan, Nokomis, Watrous, Liberty, McLean, Lipton and Rosthern.

"Blair's is a trusted and well-respected local family business with history of serving farm customers and communities for generations, and whose values match our own. The joint venture is an opportunity for FCL to expand our presence in central and southeastern Saskatchewan, which will ultimately benefit our local Co-op member-owners and the entire Co-operative Retailing System," said Ron Healey, FCL Vice-President of Ag and Consumer Business.

For 73 years, Blair's Family of Companies has provided innovative crop input and animal nutrition products and services to local area farmers. The new joint venture will offer a broad range of crop input and animal nutrition products and services to continue to meet the business needs of local area farmers and ranchers. Blair's Texcana Logistics fertilizer terminal located near Hanley, Sask., and farming operations, including Blair's Ag Cattle Company, are not part of the joint venture.

"As a fourth-generation family business, Blair's has always strived to be innovative, adaptable and resilient in meeting the opportunities and challenges presented by the ag retail industry. A key part of our strategy to continue demonstrating value to our customers, employees and communities, has been preparing our business for the future. We believe the joint venture with FCL, which shares the same core values and long-term commitment to agriculture as us, will ensure that we continue demonstrating value to our customers, employees and communities in the future. We are stronger together and better pos-

itioned to provide our customers with the solutions they require," said Darren Blair, Blair's Chief Operating Officer.

Blair's Family of Companies management and team will continue to lead the day-to-day operations of the ag retail business.

The joint venture is subject to standard closing conditions, including Competition Bureau and other regulatory clearances.

Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL), based in Saskatoon, is the largest non-financial co-operative in Canada. FCL is a unique multibillion-dollar wholesaling, manufacturing, marketing and administrative co-operative owned by more than 160 autonomous local cooperatives across Western Canada. Together FCL and those local retail cooperatives form the Co-operative Retailing System (CRS). The CRS serves its members and communities with products and services that help build, feed and fuel individuals and communities from Vancouver Island to northwestern Ontario. The total workforce of 25,000 employees serve 1.9 million active individual members and many more non-member customers at 1,500 locations in more than 580 communities. FCL is a different kind of business – it is locally invested, community-minded and offers lifetime membership benefits including patronage refunds, quality products, quality service and fair prices. More information is available at [www.fcl.crs](http://www.fcl.crs).

Blair's Family of Companies began near Drake in 1948, when founders, Sandy and Lindsay Blair, brought the first rail car of fertilizer into Saskatchewan. For over 72 years, Blair's has remained committed to providing leading edge agriculture solutions to its customers and to investing in local communities. Blair's dedicated and knowledgeable team of professionals are passionate about the business of agriculture and ensuring its customers' success. Blair's seven ag retail locations are located in the communities of Lanigan, Nokomis, Watrous, Liberty, McLean, Lipton and Rosthern. For more information, visit [www.blairs.ag](http://www.blairs.ag).



►With a number of ag retail locations including Watrous (above and left) and Lanigan (below), Blair's Family of Companies has agreed to enter into a joint venture with Federated Co-operatives Ltd. Blair's Family of Companies management and its team will continue to lead the day-to-day operations for the retail business. The venture is subject to standard closing conditions, including Competition Bureau and other regulatory clearances. above photos by Daniel Bushman below photo courtesy Blair's Family of Companies



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# Q and A with local MLA

## Donna Harpauer

■ Daniel Bushman

With substantial roles in government including being appointed as the province's finance minister and deputy premier, MLA for the Humboldt Watrous constituency Donna Harpauer has gained a considerable amount of experience since she first got into politics just over two decades ago.

Reaching out to see if Harpauer would be willing to share about her time in politics, navigating through a pandemic and what people in the province can expect for 2021, the local MLA graciously took some time away from her busy schedule to answer a few questions.

**How has being the province's deputy premier gone for you since you received the appointment in 2020?**

I have to say I still find it quite surprising that the

and government relations, more recently she prepares and delivers provincial budgets as the finance minister while fulfilling her duties as the province's deputy premier.

premier asked me to take on that role. It has entailed a few more meetings - of course our government is not doing face to face meetings but we are doing a lot of virtual meetings - so I am partaking in more of the broader discussion meetings. Specifically the premier has asked me to sit in a lot on the economic recovery meetings from different industry people. So (previously) I would have sat in some of those but now I am sitting through the majority of those discussions which I find quite exciting and very, very interesting.

There has also been the odd time where there has been a ceremonial type of obligation. If the premier is busy then I step in as the deputy premier. That is not frequent right now of course because of the COVID restrictions but one example was when we had the swearing in of our MLAs. Our premier was

self-isolating because he had been in contact with someone with COVID so I had to take that role on that day in the assembly. I imagine that it will be more of a role when we don't have as many restrictions and we get back a little bit closer to normal.

I have always been on a panel that the premier has used as a sounding board and I still remain in that role. I think that it is important for all leaders not to work as an island but to have a panel of people that agree with you but more importantly some that won't agree with you on everything. That way you can hear all angles and look at something from a broader perspective.

**When you were first elected did you ever think you would be the province's finance minister and deputy premier?**

Not a chance. When I was first elected it was such a huge learning curve for me. I was in opposition at that time and every single area of responsibility, at that time the leader of



► Humboldt Watrous MLA Donna Harpauer (above).

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the opposition and later our previous premier, and the premier now has asked me to take has always come

as a surprise. Jokingly, I keep on thinking someday they will find out that I don't know as much as they think I do. I just throw everything into every role. I have enjoyed them all and they are all a learning curve. It does require a

lot of reading and a lot of research but that is what I truly enjoy.

Meeting with different stakeholders in all of the different areas and roles that I have served in, it has been such a growing experience for me to be able to learn different perspectives and different challenges but also very rewarding initiatives. Extremely proactive and successful people within our province have done amazing things both with serving people that are vulnerable (like) when I was social services minister to economic development and business when I was crown investments corporation minister. It has been pretty broad and (great to get to know) the people I have been able to meet and I have to say, it has deepened my love for the province of Saskatchewan.

Financially with the COVID pandemic, how are things going for the province now that we have gone through 2020?

We are definitely looking at 2021 being better than 2020; however, my concern working through the budget is when you are forming your budget projections you are constantly looking at the forecast for what revenues will be in the future. The budget of last year which we introduced in July, we were making assumptions that we wouldn't have to return to more restrictions. That has not been the case. We have had to put more restrictions in place for a short time period. That is going to change the recovery a little bit and probably push it out. I know all provinces and our country as a whole is experiencing this but I am still very, very optimistic that there is going to be a strong recovery; albeit maybe delayed by about six months from what we were projecting.

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# Faces of the COVID-19 fight: Jodie Johnson

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My name is Jodie Johnson and I am a Registered Nurse and a supervisor for population and public health in central Saskatchewan.

Recently, I had the privilege of being a part of the team charged with defeating COVID-19 in our communities by providing the first dose of Pfizer vaccine in part of the province. I've been called a hero, but the following stories are the true heroes in Saskatchewan.

I met health care workers and volunteers who have been selflessly working in outbreak facilities share stories of hope and resiliency while taking selfies and crying as they receive their first immunization.

I saw a 90-year-old gentleman do a little jig as he danced up to see the nurse for his first immunization.

I had long-term care staff and residents cheering and clapping as we arrive with the vaccine, knowing that this is the beginning of the end of the outbreak in their homes.

I met a woman who came from across town, braving the wind and snowy streets with her walker to come to our clinic.

I overheard a resident say, "I've been waiting and waiting for this day and I am so happy it's finally here."

I watched as a resident FaceTimed his son while receiving his first immunization and heard his son celebrate on the other end.

As I reflect on the hundreds of "thank you for coming" messages I heard doing this work, I can't help but say thank you back.

Too often, the negative voices are loud and meant to discourage. But when I was doing this work, I couldn't hear those negative voices, because the quiet, kind and grateful majority were louder. My faith in humanity has been restored.

For those that weren't able to get an appointment yet; your time will come. Continue to watch for public service announcements, continue to wear a mask, follow public health guidelines and protect yourself and others. Know that when your time comes to roll up your sleeve, the vaccine you receive is being constantly monitored from delivery to injection.

No step or detail is missed and we are working around the clock to get a vaccine safely into arms as quickly as possible.

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*Editor's note: Jodie grew up on a farm near Guernsey, graduated from Lanigan Central High School and currently resides in Watrous.*



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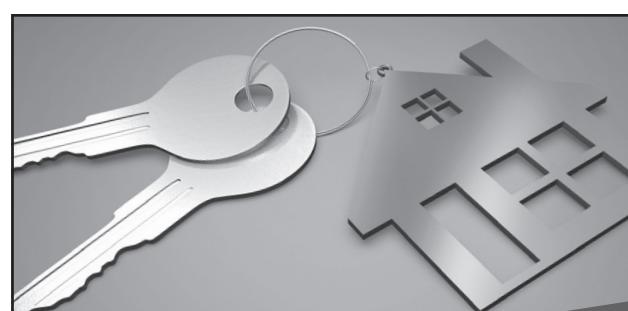
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# “RCMP Report”

## Four people from Alberta charged after string of local area offences

At 2:30 a.m. Jan. 31 Saskatoon RCMP were called to a break and enter at the Blue Horizon at the junction of Hwy. 16 and Hwy. 2. The front window had been smashed in and surveillance footage showed three individuals entering and stealing cigarettes, pop and confectionery items.

In addition to the break and enter at Blue Horizon, there was a report of people who stole a small amount of gas from a farm in the RM of Viscount. Another report indicated people had attempted to steal more gas from a farm in the RM of Usborne, south of Guernsey.

Then at around 7:30 a.m. Watrous RCMP were called to the Nokomis Pharmacy regarding an attempted break and enter. Surveillance footage showed a pickup truck pulling up and one male attempting to pry open the door around 4:40 a.m. The male stood under the surveillance camera but unfortunately the camera was partially obscured by snow on the lens.

At around the same time Watrous RCMP received a call to Nokomis, Punnichy RCMP were called to a break and enter at a hair salon in Raymore. Later that evening Southey RCMP received a call from a stranded motorist that was stuck in a ditch off a rural grid road in the RM of Cupar. Southey officers utilized snowmobiles to get to the vehicle's location where three people were rescued. Further investigation showed the truck they were in was stolen out of Alberta. The individuals were also in possession of numerous stolen credit cards from individuals from Alberta.

Three adults and one youth from Red Deer, Alta. face numerous charges of possession of stolen property. They are also believed to be responsible for the string of local area offences. The investigation is ongoing.

### RCMP execute cannabis search warrant in Watson

On Jan. 18 Humboldt RCMP responded to an alarm at a non-residential building on Railway Avenue in Watson.

In the process of investigating the cause of the alarm, officers located a marijuana grow operation. With the assistance of the RCMP Prairie Region Cannabis Coordinator, Humboldt RCMP officers began investigating the grow operation and determined the marijuana was grown without a Health Canada medical licence and in contravention of the Cannabis Act.

On Jan. 30 Humboldt and Lanigan RCMP officers obtained and executed a search warrant on the property. The search was completed with assistance from the RCMP trained Clandestine Laboratory Team and the Seized Property Management Directorate.

As a result of this investigation, 424 plants at various levels of maturity along with hydroponic equipment were located and removed from the



□ photo courtesy RCMP

building.

The investigation is ongoing.

### Police Service Dog stabbed during altercation

A Police Service Dog required emergency treatment after being injured while attempting to take a suspect into custody during an evade police incident during the morning Feb. 3. PSD Oliver suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries and is recovering after treatment.

The incident began at approximately 10 a.m., Feb. 3. A canine team spotted a suspicious vehicle at Avenue W North and 33rd Street West in Saskatoon. They attempted a traffic stop, however the driver of the GMC Sierra truck fled at a high rate of speed. Patrol members terminated a pursuit.

The vehicle was spotted again a few minutes later travelling northwest of the city near Hwy. 16 and then on the Dalmeny grid. The occupants were spotted throwing items out of the windows and tried to ram patrol vehicles.

Officers attempted to use tire deflation devices however the driver avoided them. The vehicle ended up stuck in snow and the occupants attempted to flee on foot.

The Canine team located the male suspect in deep snow and were attempting to bring him into custody when PSD Oliver was stabbed repeatedly with a knife. The male suspect suffered minor injuries for which he is receiving treatment. The vehicle was found to be stolen.

The 32-year-old male driver and 31-year-old female passenger were taken into custody. The man is facing a number of charges including Possession of a Dangerous Weapon, Dangerous Driving and a charge under Section 445 of the Criminal Code of Canada (Quanto's Law). This law prohibits the killing or wounding of animals that have been trained and are being used to help law enforcement officers. The mandatory minimum penalty upon indictment is six months in prison.

PSD Oliver underwent surgery during the afternoon Feb. 3. The SPS would like to thank the staff at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine for their expertise in treating PSD Oliver.

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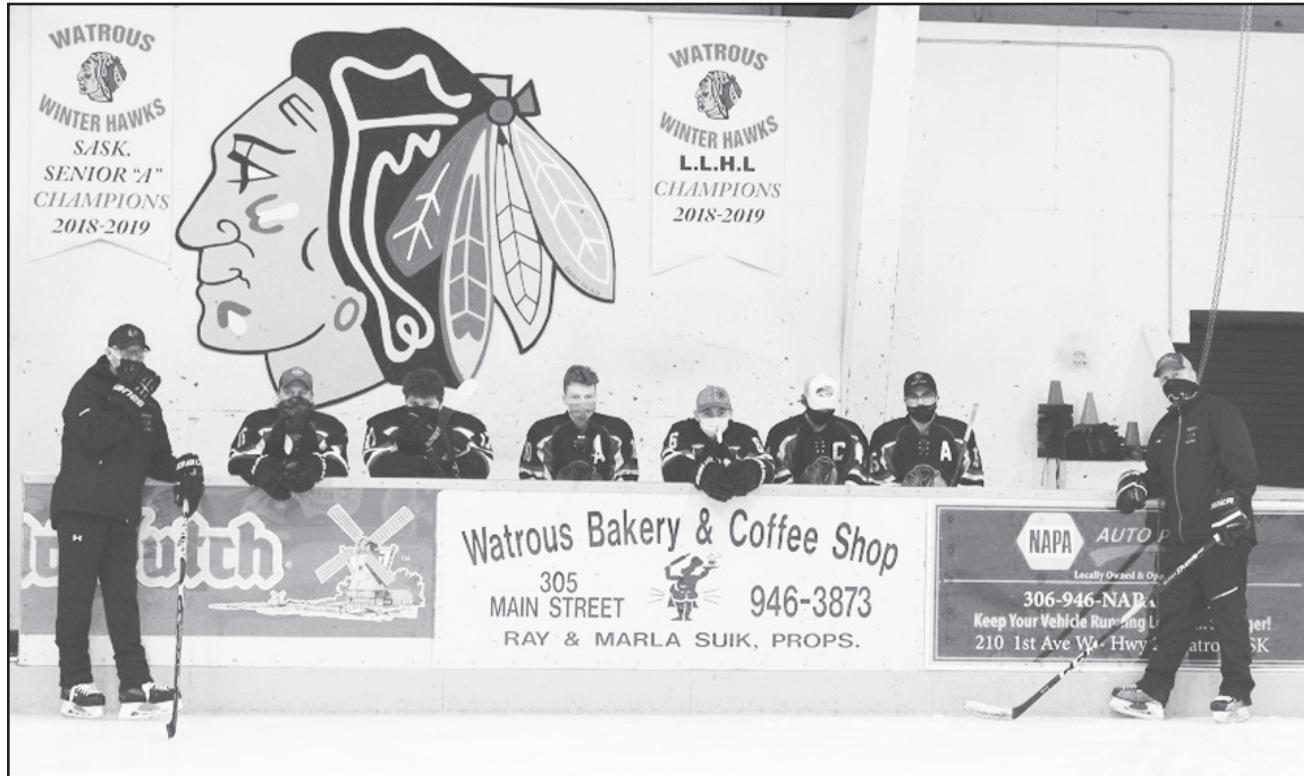
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# “Sports”



## Graduating Hawks

► Each year near the end of the hockey season, Watrous Minor Hockey along with the Watrous U-18 Hawks recognize their players who will be graduating. This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, games have been cancelled so the graduating players along with their coaches (who are also wrapping up their U-18 coaching) were on hand at the Watrous Centennial Arena as they were recognized for their years within minor hockey. Socially distancing, on behalf of Watrous Minor Hockey, Jean Mulhall (not pictured) presented each player with a commemorative plaque and also extended her appreciation to the coaches for their years of volunteering within the local minor hockey system. Pictured (left to right): coach Pat Borsa, Travis McGrath, Sage Mierau, Evan Borsa, Kayden Freeman, Andrew Lewis, Liam Jennett, and coach Jody Lewis.

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## Local Hilltops hoping to hit turf in 2021

■ Daniel Bushman

As the 2020 campaign approached for a pair of local players and the Saskatoon Hilltops, all signs pointed to another opportunity to compete for a national title. Despite the team's aspirations at winning a seventh Canadian Bowl in a row, the COVID-19 pandemic not only shelved the Hilltops year but the Prairie Football Conference (PFC) as a whole.

Fast forward to 2021 and the Hilltops along with the PFC are hoping that players will be able to compete

once again. Releasing the 2021 schedule in late January, the year is slated to start Aug. 8, 2021. While all games and dates are subject to change with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the PFC stated by announcing the schedule it gives some hope of getting back to a more normal football season.

For Watrous players Brady Fossen and Cole Dunham who are now veterans with the club, that means the potential to suit up and compete for another national championship.

“It was a strange sea-

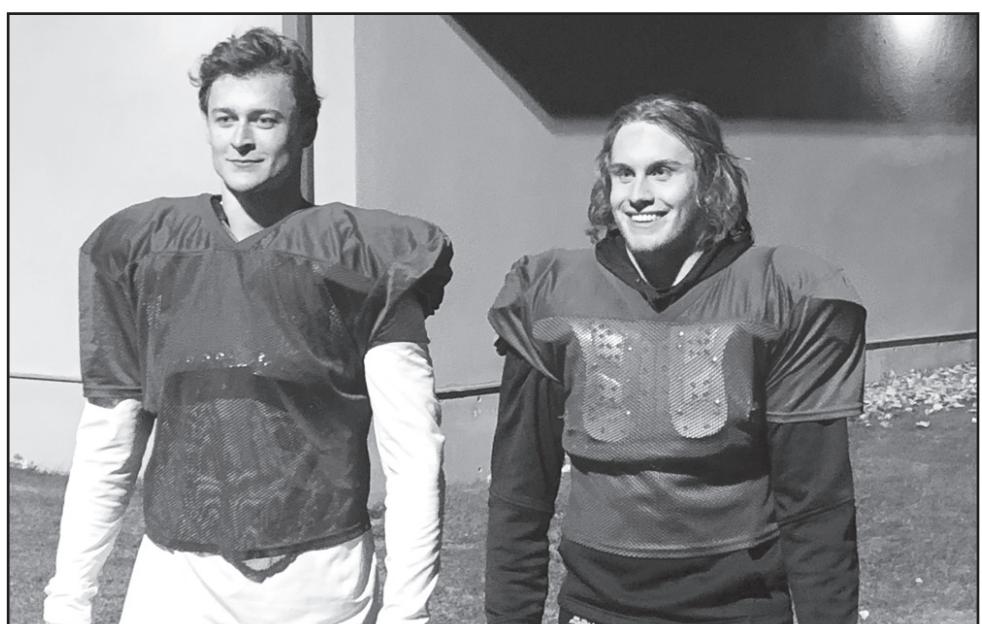
son,” said Fossen when talking about 2020. Making the trek from Watrous to practice with the blue and gold, Brady said players had to sign in online before every practice and fill out a COVID questionnaire. “We had to show up to the field dressed in our football gear since we couldn’t access the clubhouse, and get our temperature checked before we stepped on the field.”

Despite being limited in what the team could do, Fossen noted he really enjoyed getting back on the field to train and see everyone again. “We were pretty fortunate that the active case count was relatively low and we were able to even have team activities at all this past year.”

Like Fossen, Dunham was fairly disappointed that there was no season to carry over momentum from the previous years. “Since there was no season both Brady and myself have been putting in the extra work. Both Brady and I are making sure that whenever we get the chance to play again we will be able to help the team as much as we can! I am praying that we get a season this year.”

While Fossen said his expectations of having a season were quite low in 2020 as other sports were postponed, he is hopeful the team will be able to compete within the PFC and have a shot at the championship if games get underway in 2021.

“I am pretty confident that the team will play this coming year, although that isn’t a guarantee as it is dependent of the rollout of the vaccine as well as government and league approval,” described Fossen



► After being a part of the national championship winning Saskatoon Hilltops with fellow Watrous native and now Manitoba Bisons player Ryder Klirowsky, current members of the Hilltops, Brady

Fossen (above left) and Cole Dunham (above right) are hoping that the 2021 season will take place allowing them to get another opportunity at a title.

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who received an extra year of league eligibility due to last year’s cancellation. Jokingly he said, “As a 21-year-old I may as well enjoy this physical game now since there is a finite amount of time before my body starts to deteriorate and it won’t be possible.”

Enjoying the game he grew up playing, Dunham who was part of the Winston Wildcat football team in Watrous during his high school days said he is addicted to the sport. “I myself can’t wait to get back on the turf and prove myself more to both my coaches and teammates! Brady and I are the only Watrous kids on the team and I hope that will change and we will have more familiar faces trying to join the Hilltops!”

Should the PFC season kick off in August, the defending Canadian Bowl champion Saskatoon Hill-



tops will be at home Sunday, Aug. 8 against the Edmonton Wildcats. Teams are then slated to play an eight week regular season concluding Oct. 3. Following a bye week the Conference playoffs will be played the weekend of Oct. 16 to 17, before the Conference final Oct. 24.

The winner of the final will then travel to B.C. for the national semifinal game Oct. 30. The winner of that then heads east to Ontario for the Canadian Bowl Nov. 13.





## MP Report

**Tom Lukiwski, MP**  
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It goes without saying that the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a steep toll on all Canadians. We have lost jobs, lost income and seen numerous small businesses shuttered. Our collective mental health and well-being has suffered as Canadians increasingly suffer "cabin fever" from pandemic restrictions.

Yet, to our credit, we have as a nation persevered. Most of us (except for a few "bad actors", as Doug Ford calls them) have rallied around the slogan "We are all in this together."

In the face of our ongoing sacrifice, it is enraging to witness the persistent incompetence of Justin Trudeau's Liberal government in managing Canada's response to the pandemic, as we have most recently seen with regards to vaccines.

Since the fall, we have all kept going, continuing to sacrifice because we believed there was a light at the end of the tunnel once vaccines were developed. Justin Trudeau vowed to us that vaccines would be widely available by the spring and that the majority of the population would be vaccinated by the fall. Once again, his promises are proving to be hollow.

Even before Pfizer announced it was cutting back shipments, Canada was falling far behind other developed countries in carrying out vaccination. While the Liberals were betting all their chips on the Chinese vaccine last spring, other countries were signing deals with AstraZeneca, Moderna, and Pfizer. Our government did not sign deals with those companies for months and Canadians are now paying the price for this failure in leadership. Many countries have vaccinated significant percentages of their population, but Canadians live under restrictions with fears of new COVID-19 variants. The way the Trudeau government has handled Canada's vaccine strategy is absolutely shameful.

As it stands now, Canada will receive precisely zero new doses of the Pfizer vaccine this week and will likely do no better next week. Other developed countries, such as Israel, have taken their case directly to the Pfizer CEO to lobby for additional doses. Prime Minister Trudeau appears too timid to do so.

We have many other questions. What happened to our supposed special relationship with the producers of the Moderna vaccine? What is the hold-up in approving Oxford-AstraZeneca, which is already in use in other countries? Why did the contract for the CanSino vaccine fall through?

Instead of doing his job or at least being honest with Canadians, Justin Trudeau is more concerned with posturing for the media and blaming the provinces for his government's failures.

The voters are seeing through this smokescreen and are getting angrier about the vaccine roll-out every day. Trudeau, with his usual arrogance, has hinted that he might call a federal election in the spring. Calling a federal election in the middle of a pandemic would be one of the most irresponsible acts of any government in history. If Justin Trudeau puts the health and safety of Canadians at risk for his own political gain, there will be a price to be paid when we go to the polls.

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**Tips from  
Reena Nerbas**

low heat for 15 minutes. Add sugar to the apple slices; doing this will extract some of the juices and make the crust less soggy. Choose Granny Smith apples, they are perfect for apple pie. Another trick is to peel and cut the apples and then place them in a bowl. Sprinkle with lemon juice, brown sugar, white sugar, salt, nutmeg (optional) and cinnamon (according to the recipe). Leave at room temperature for one to two hours. This allows the apples time to release their juices. Strain the liquid before adding the apple mixture to the crust, let apples drain for 15 additional minutes. Continue to follow the recipe as directed.

**Dear Reena,**

What is the best way to store apples? I store mine in a fruit basket on the counter and if one gets a bruise the rest are rotten within a few days. Linda

**Dear Linda,**

You are right; contact with one rotten apple will spoil the entire bunch. If you are planning to store apples for an extended period of time wrap each unwashed apple individually with a piece of newspaper and store inside a box in a cool dark place such as the basement, refrigerator or your pantry. The newspaper is intended to prevent apples from contacting one another thereby protecting each apple. Bruised apples should not be stored for longer than a few days, either use them right away or make them into apple cider, apple pie filling or applesauce. If the apples are to be eaten within a few days, store them in the fridge away from carrots and potatoes.

## Solutions and Substitutions

**Dear Reena,**

Whenever I bake apple pie the crust ends up with a soggy texture. What can I do to prevent a soggy crust? Mavis

**Dear Mavis,**

Before you bake your next hot apple pie, cook the apples slowly first over

**Dear Reena,**

My absolute favourite drink is tea. I have several apples in my cold storage room and I am wondering whether you have a great tip for making tea from apples? Thanks, Bernie

**Dear Bernie,**

Absolutely, here is a simple recipe for making homemade apple tea: into a pot combine three cups of water along with one apple, cut into cubes. Some people like to add a tea bag to the mixture, but this is optional. Boil for 10 minutes. Strain the liquid into a mug and add one or two cinnamon sticks and one tablespoon honey. Another option is to use orange peels instead of apple cubes or combine both apple and orange peels with water; boil and strain.

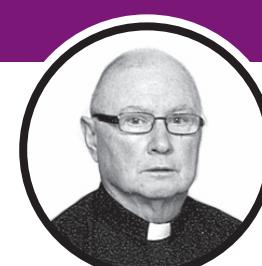
### Appleicious tips of the week

Revive old apples by peeling and cutting them into chunks. Soak them in cold apple cider or juice for 30 minutes in the refrigerator. Submitted by: Alex

I used to pack my child's lunch with one apple each day, but day after day I noticed that he ate everything except the apple. I asked him why he never ate the apple and he replied that it took too long and it was difficult to eat with braces. Here is a trick that I used to make apple eating simple and faster. Use an apple corer to pull out the core, the apple will now have a hole in the centre. Slice the apple horizontally several times, into quarter inch pieces. Place the core back into the hole. This prevents the apple from browning and holds the apple pieces together. At lunch time my son would remove the core and eat each circular piece of apple with ease. Submitted by: Anna

*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](http://reena.ca). Ask a question or share a tip at [reena.ca](http://reena.ca)*



**Neighbourly advice  
according to Ed**

*A spiritual column  
by contributor  
Raymond Maher  
[www.accordingtoed.com](http://www.accordingtoed.com)*

Being stuck at home because of the pandemic has made me face the truth that I need to do some painting. I have a new gallon of paint ready for needed touch-ups and closet doors. Feeling I should start with the closet doors in my bedroom, I realized that the closet inside also needs painting. I told Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, that cleaning out my closet would cause me too much stress. The painting will have to wait.

Ed said that it should

not take me long to empty the closet with an eye to recycling, fixing, cleaning, or mending articles. I should be able to trash or donate some of my junk and have a smaller accumulation of stuff to put back in a newly painted closet. Decluttering and downsizing have been simple for Ed. He and Ruby have not moved in 40 years. His downsizing has been painless in that he has not had to face parting with the stockpile of items that might have value someday. When in doubt about keeping or trashing something, Ed takes the things to his farm. His empty barn is a refuge for the stockpile of just-in-case stuff that he might use or need someday.

Many of us are not good at downsizing when it comes to closets, basements, garages, and sheds. We hang on to what we might use or need someday. Hoarding is defined as a persistent difficulty parting with pos-

sessions even when their actual value is questionable. A hoarding disorder is when one has an excessive accumulation of little real value, but the collection is perceived as too important to part with.

Possessions like money are hard to keep in the right balance. How many possessions do we need? What should we keep or save? What should we discard or give to another who could use our stuff or needs it more than we do? Part of our sinful nature is the desire to have more than enough. It is often seen as wise to store up, stash away, collect, stockpile, and accumulate possessions and money. Possessions and money promise security and contentment, but in our craving for them we may wander away from our faith in God.

1 Timothy 6:7-9 reminds us, "For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of the

world. But if we have food and clothing with these, we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction."

In Matthew 6:19,24, Jesus warns, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

Our contentment is found in fighting the good fight of faith. Our heavenly Father knows our needs for food, clothing, and shelter. He gives us our daily bread and calls us to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness. These are to be the treasures of our hearts.

## Difficulty parting with stuff could be a hoarding disorder

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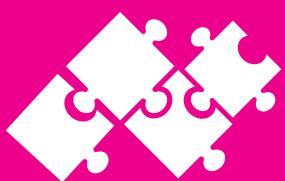
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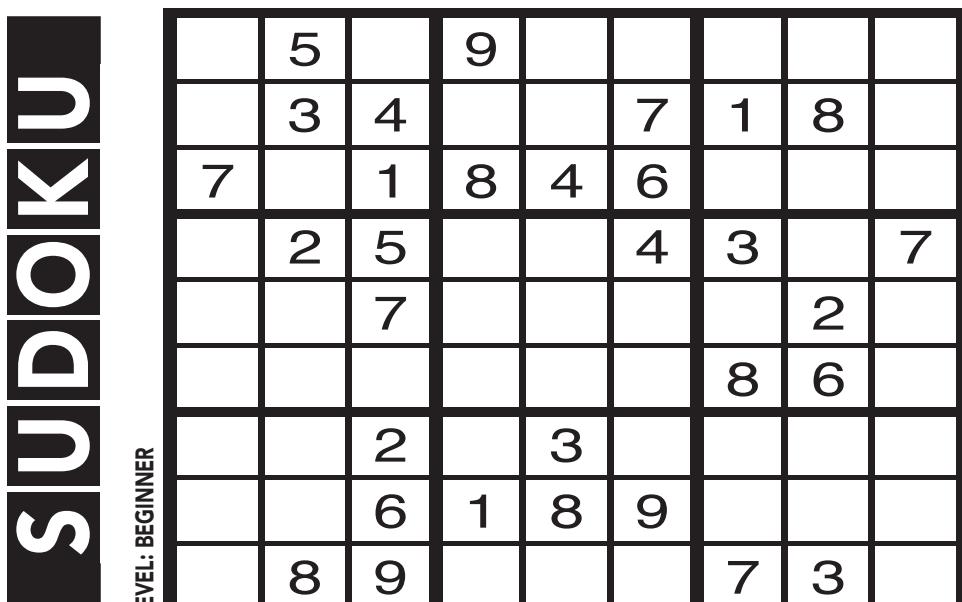
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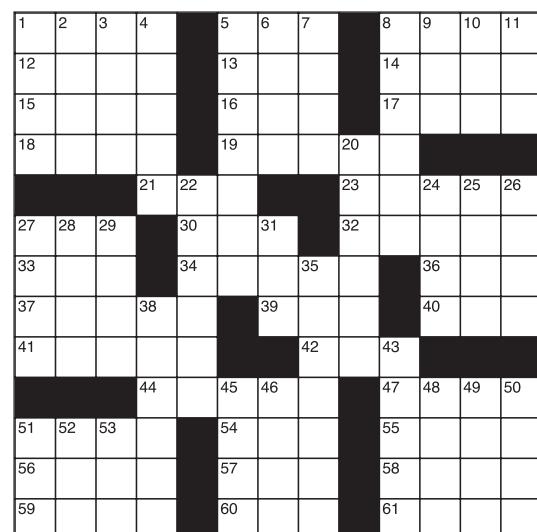
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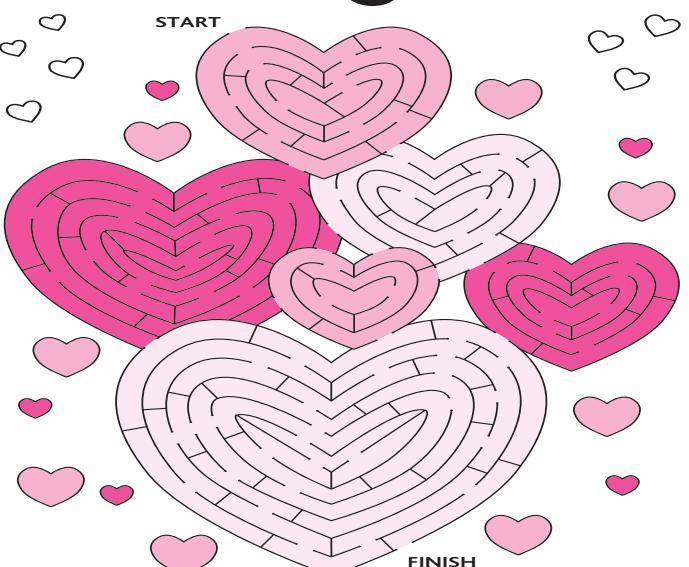
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## Amazing maze



## “Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky”

### Cheddar Cheese Oven Toast

#### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 tbsp. mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. very finely chopped onion
- 1 tsp. whipping cream (or milk)
- 1/4 tsp. mustard
- dash garlic powder, paprika
- 2 slices of toasted bread
- 2 slices of bacon, cooked and crumbled

#### Directions:

Combine cheese, mayo, onion, cream and seasonings, mix well. Spread over toast. Place on greased or parchment lined baking sheets and sprinkle with bacon bits. Bake at 350°F for about six minutes or until the cheese is melted. Sometimes I layer thinly sliced tomato on the bread before adding the other ingredients. YUM!

(from page two: HARPAUER)

There is also going to be a lot of growth going forward. Growth is so important, not for growth itself, but that is going to help us to sustain our services in health care, education and social safety nets.

**What were some challenges and also some highlights for you this past year as finance minister and as MLA for the Humboldt Watrous constituency?**

Being re-elected during the provincial election was a highlight. It is always an honour that I still have the support and confidence of the people within the Humboldt Watrous constituency.

The challenges of course are going to be the recovery and what is the best initiatives that we can put forward as a government that is fiscally responsible but will help stimulate growth and create an environment that will bring investment to our province. Those discussions are ongoing right now as the vaccine is unrolled; albeit disappointingly slower than what we were hoping for in Canada in getting our vaccines. We know that reopening and trying to move back to normal is going to come relatively soon now and (so it becomes) what can we do to stimulate our economy in a fiscal manner.

Saskatchewan quite frankly kept businesses open on a percentage basis and we kept our businesses open through this more than the Canadian average. I think that is going to bode us very well. I believe we are now positioned to have the second lowest debt to GDP in the country and we may even move into the first position. That is going to be very important in that it means we can borrow dollars for infrastructure at a much lower interest rate.

The interest rates are low right now and so we have announced a \$2 billion infrastructure stimulus. We've also made

a number of announcements for schools and other infrastructure and you are going to hear further announcements in the upcoming budget. We are doing that not only to renew our infrastructure but it will be a job creation tool that we can use to help create good paying construction jobs. As well we have seen a strengthening in our housing market as we have seen the PST tax rebate on new housing construction that has already shown our housing numbers are up. It is a good economic stimulus and we are going to be looking at other ways that we can stimulate good paying jobs.

The new school coming to Lanigan is exciting. That was where I went to school for my high school years and I was in Guernsey for my elementary years. I think that will be exciting to unfold on a personal level as well as my professional level.

I am hoping that as we unfold infrastructure dollars in partnership with our municipalities that we can have more announcements in our local area.

**What does it mean to receive the support you have from the local area over the years?**

It is really humbling and they are great people. I am not obviously making decisions that make everybody happy but I hope they feel that I return their calls, I respond to any correspondence and that I am available. Maybe we don't always agree but I hope they feel comfortable that I am doing the best. I am very passionate about our area in the province as well as the province as a whole.

**What would you like to convey to residents of the area and province as we head into 2021?**

For 2021, it is a year of recovery and I totally understand frustration. I hear it



► Growing up within the local area including graduating from Lanigan Central High School, local MLA and current deputy premier and finance

minister for Saskatchewan, Donna Harpauer recently announced that a new school will be built in Lanigan (above).

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from calls into my office in both Humboldt and the one in Regina. People are frustrated and we call it COVID fatigue and I totally understand it. I just want to encourage people that we are moving that dial.

What we need to be concerned of is the number of people in hospitals to ensure that we don't overwhelm our health care system. But as we get the vaccines out there and our numbers are coming slowly down, pretty soon we can get life back to normal and work together again. I understand the frustration but I want to thank

everybody for their efforts that they have put in because it is due to people that have made this work for Saskatchewan so that we haven't had to have a total lockdown. We have done our best and it is with the effort of everybody to keep our businesses open as much as we possibly can and still keep our numbers manageable in the hospitals.

The pandemic has created a lot of frustration and I totally understand. We are going to get through this and we are going to get through this stronger than ever.

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# The Duncan family: Watrous pioneers

■ submitted by Glenda and Grant Cole

When local historian and member of the Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre Sue Alcock asked my brother Grant and I to provide a write up about our Grandma Elsie (Clark) Duncan and the impact she and our Grandpa had within the area, we were honoured to be asked to share their story.

Grandma and Grandpa Duncan were Watrous pioneers. Our Grandpa, Robert Bruce Duncan, worked for the Canadian National Railway (CNR) as a switchman and farmed. From 1935 to 1942, Grandma operated "Duncan's Pie Shop", a restaurant and pie shop located at Manitou Beach, across the street from the Chalet Pool. Some of the memories below are taken from a 1980s biography of Grandma and Grandpa that our Mom, Dorothy (Duncan) Cole, wrote.

Grandma was born in Dundurn in 1904 to Elizabeth and George Clark. She had three brothers (Bill, George, and Johnny) and six sisters (Olive, Ida, Ethel, Gertie, Hilda, and Annie).

Grandma's parents were both born in England. Great Grandpa Clark worked for the CNR. After Grandma's birth, the Clark family moved to Bradwell, where they owned the hotel. Great Grandma Clark suffered from poor health though and the family moved to Vancouver after living in Bradwell. Upon returning to Saskatchewan, the Clark family settled in Biggar. Great Grandpa Clark loved gardening and the Clark family had a beautiful yard and greenhouse. Great Grandma Clark was an immaculate housekeeper and Grandma used to tell Mom stories about how Great Grandma Clark would check the floor corners with a toothpick after Grandma scrubbed the floors! Great Grandma Clark suffered from cancer and Grandma returned to Biggar from Watrous to take care of her for a few months before she passed away.

Grandma wasn't able to attend school beyond Gr. 2 as she suffered from seizures. However, by the age of 12, she was working, providing housekeeping services to various

families in Biggar. The families she worked with loved Grandma very much. At one home, she helped deliver a baby. At another, she rescued the family's children from a house fire.

Grandma came to Watrous in 1921 to work for the Fulwilers, who owned a bakery and ice cream parlour. Grandma used to reminisce about how much she loved working there and how thankful she was for the beautiful boxes of chocolates that grateful customers gave her at Christmas time. Mom thinks that this is where Grandma and Grandpa met. Grandpa was born in Chicago in 1895 and the Duncan family came to Watrous as homesteaders. The Duncan farm was about 1.5 miles from Watrous. Grandpa was the oldest of five children, having three brothers and a sister. Grandma and Grandpa loved to dance and Grandma would tell Mom stories about how they would dance all night in the little schoolhouse. Grandpa was a proud Scot and wore his kilt to Robbie Burns' Night every year where he and Grandma would lead the Grand March.

Grandma and Grandpa were married in Saskatoon on Nov. 17, 1924 and celebrated their 50th anniversary before Grandpa's passing in 1975. They had planned a double wedding in Biggar with one of Grandma's sisters but the roads from Watrous to Biggar were poor in those days and Grandma and Grandpa got lost on their way there. Grandma's sister did get married that day but Grandma and Grandpa decided to postpone their wedding for a short while, later taking the train to Saskatoon to get married at the 3rd Avenue United Church. While Grandma and Grandpa thought that no one knew why they were travelling to Saskatoon that day, when the train returned to Watrous that evening, everyone was at the CNR station to meet them. Their friends held a wonderful dance and party at the Atlas Hall to celebrate their marriage.

Grandma and Grandpa lived in several houses in Watrous including the Bracewell house on 5th Avenue West, a brick house on 3rd Avenue East, at the Brown Block on Main Street, in a house on 6th Avenue West, and in the Collins house on 3rd Avenue West.



►Celebrating Glen and Dorothy Cole's wedding day at the Watrous United Church, Sept. 4, 1950. Pictured (left to right): Frank and Rose Cole, Glen and Dorothy Cole, and Elsie and Bob Duncan.

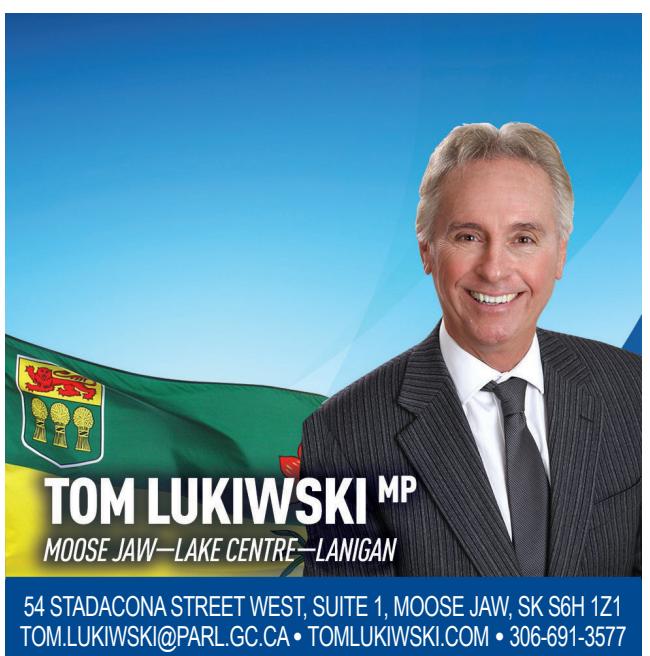
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Grandma and Grandpa had two children. Our Mom was born in 1929 and married our Dad, Glen Maurice Cole Sept. 4, 1950. Mom and Dad celebrated 62 years of marriage prior to Dad's passing in 2012. Dad's parents were Frank and Rose Cole, long time Watrous residents and good friends of Grandma and Grandpa Duncan. Dad had three brothers (George, Alan and Donnie) and five sisters (June, Pearl, Freda, Rene, and Pat). Dad's brothers and Aunty Pat have passed away but June, who lives in Watrous, Freda, who lives in Young, Rene, who lives in Prince George, and Pearl, who lives in Edmonton, are all doing well.

Mom's brother, our Uncle Floyd, was born in 1925. Uncle Floyd had three children (Heather, Bob and John) with his first wife, Lillian. Uncle Floyd's second wife, Margit, lives in Surrey, B.C. Uncle Floyd enjoyed many wonderful years with both families prior to passing away in 2007.

When Mom and Uncle Floyd were teenagers, Grandma and Grandpa owned a cottage at Manitou Beach. Uncle Floyd joined the Air Force as soon as he turned 18 and he was stationed at Gimli, Man. He used to bring his Air Force friends from England home to Manitou Beach and

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Groundhog Day has come and the groundhog did not see his shadow so that means an early spring is on the horizon.

Recently visiting in Watrous for a couple days with Gizella Toth was her daughter Margie from Regina.

We had a couple cold days so we had to really bundle up. The wind makes it feel really cold.

Did anyone go out for supper to celebrate Robbie Burns Day Jan. 25?

Feb. 1, my daughter Linda and her husband Trevor came out for a quick visit and brought us supper and a Black Forest cake. What a love-

ly surprise.

Feb. 2, there were six deer in our back yard eating tree branches.

It was nice hearing from Anna May Ryanne of Vancouver, B.C. She says hi to everyone.

Birthday greetings go out to anyone having a birthday this month.

I hope that the virus disappears soon. It sure is a terrible thing to get. Everyone is staying home.

Get well wishes go out to anyone ill or in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Anyone having any news, please phone me at 306-944-4852.

# COLONSAY

Florence Halvorson • 306-255-2358

A speedy get well to Merna Gordon who is a hospital patient.

Sympathy from the community to Ron and Heather Walker and family on the passing of her mother and grandmother at Lloydminster Jan. 30.

I hope everyone is keeping well and busy. January is behind us now, I find it a long month.

Congratulations to Andy McVicar who won the rink lottery cash.

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# MANITOUE BEACH

Sue Alcock

Another week has flown by. News is scant so do feel free to call me if you have any tidbits to share. Mild weather has allowed many of us to enjoy the great outdoors in a variety of well-known winter activities and it is always a pleasure to encounter a neighbour on these outside jaunts.

Condolences from our community are extended to the friends and family of Frank Franks who recently passed away. Frankie was a hard-working member of the rec board for a number of years, enjoyed travelling and caught the attention of the community when he sold his house here by auction.

Returning to my hobby of scraping the barrel for column material, here we go:

As we are all so concerned about health these days I took a trip back to 1947, the July 3rd edition of The Watrous Manitou to read about the fire in the Manitou Health Clinic which was located in the former Arcade building. Dr. Stipe had bought the building two years earlier which he then renovated and installed costly equipment. He had only used the new

clinic for a month. The loss was estimated at between \$15,000 and \$20,000 and there was some insurance coverage. Lost in the fire were two short wave ultraviolet ray machines, X-ray units and other modern medical equipment. The offices and records also were lost in the blaze. This was the third time Dr. Stipe experienced the loss of a medical clinic.

I suspect the clinic was in the rectangular building attached to the west side of the dance hall. The very top portion of the dance area is in a farmer's field as it was hauled away to be used for grain storage – it definitely was not destroyed in the fire. But if anyone knows when the dance hall was taken down I would love to know so I can include the information in the Manitou Beach Timeline.

The doctor's first clinic located at the "Y" corner went up in flames in 1943 and he quickly installed another clinic in Whitmore's Meuratania Hotel which he subsequently bought and continued to use along with his new one in the old Arcade.

In July the following year the health clinic, in the former hotel, operated by Dr. Stipe suffered fire damage; fortunately, the blaze was discovered before it gained much headway and Watrous fire brigade was credited with putting out the fire. The cause of the fire was an overheated brick chimney, damage was done to a wall and rear rooms suffered water damage.

If anyone is interested about the spelling of the Meuratania Hotel it can be viewed on photographs of the building located at MacLachlan Beach, the Lakeview Hotel was next door to the west.

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# Sask. most popular baby names in 2020

## ■ media release

A list of the top 20 baby names for 2020 was released by eHealth Saskatchewan. Liam was once again the most popular name for baby boys for the 11th year in a row and Olivia was the most popular name for baby girls for the sixth year in a row. The second most popular boy name was Jack and the second most popular girl name was Emma.

There were 63 baby boys named Liam in 2020, followed by Jack, Hudson, Noah and Oliver. There were 69 baby girls named Olivia, followed by Emma, Amelia, Sophia and Emily.

Some new names debuted on the top 20 lists. Bennett tied at number 17 on the list of boy names and Aurora debuted at number 12 on the list of girl names. Maverick debuted in 2019 tied at number 19 on the boy's list, and saw a significant rise in popularity in 2020; it now sits in the eighth spot.

Several of the most popular baby boy names from 2019 did not reappear on the 2020 top 20 list, including Emmett, Logan, Ethan, Asher, Thomas and Jackson. This was also the first time in more than 10 years that the name Alexander did not make the list of top boy names. The baby girl names that did not carry over from 2019 were Chloe, Ella, Everly, Hannah, Brielle, Vio-

let and Aria.

As of Dec. 9, 2020, 12,044 live births were registered in Saskatchewan. The final count will be completed in March. The number of live births registered in 2019 was 14,668. This does not include Saskatchewan mothers who gave birth outside of the province.

*\*Please note that these are preliminary lists created with live birth data up to Dec. 9, 2020. eHealth is still completing the birth registrations from the remainder of December 2020. The final lists will be completed in March and will be available at eHealthSask.ca under Health Data and Analytics, along with the final lists of popular baby names from previous years.*

# USask's VIDO begins COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials at CCfV

## ■ media release

The first volunteers have been selected for a vaccine trial of COVAC-2, a COVID-19 vaccine developed by the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) at the University of Saskatchewan (USask).

"We are excited to start clinical trials," said VIDO Director Dr. Volker Gerdts. "Our team has worked hard to advance the development of this vaccine to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic."

The trial was designed as a combined Phase 1/Phase 2 study. Phase 1 will vaccinate 108 healthy volunteers in a placebo-controlled study at the Canadian Center for Virology (CCfV) in Hali-

fax. Two doses will be administered to each volunteer 28 days apart.

"The goal of this trial is to help demonstrate vaccine safety in people," said CCfV principal investigator Dr. Joanne Langley. "As part of this, we will monitor the health of the volunteers for a year after their vaccination."

VIDO has worked on infectious disease vaccine projects with CCfV, the most recognized site in the country for vaccine clinical trials, for more than a decade.

COVAC-2 is the first of VIDO's two subunit vaccines to enter clinical testing. Subunit vaccines contain purified viral proteins that are not infectious, and the technology is used in several commer-

cially available vaccines—including for hepatitis, diphtheria, and whooping cough. This vaccine will not require ultra-cold storage temperatures as do vaccines based on synthetic messenger RNA or mRNA.

"I think where our protein vaccines will have an advantage is they will better protect against these new variants," Gerdts said.

VIDO's vaccine development efforts are financially supported by the Government of Canada through Western Economic Diversification Canada and by the Government of Saskatchewan through Innovation Saskatchewan.

"As we continue the fight against COVID-19, domestic vaccine develop-

ment and production have never been more important," Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe said. "VIDO is a world-class organization and our government is proud to continue to support their work as they mark this significant milestone."

Successful data from clinical trial Phases 1 to 3 are required prior to authorization for public use. Acceptable Phase 1 data will allow VIDO's vaccine to enter Phase 2 testing involving hundreds of volunteers across Canada. The goal of the Phase 2 trial would be to examine vaccine safety and the immune response the vaccine generates in people, an indicator of how effective the vaccine could be.

VIDO's vaccine de-

velopment leveraged the expertise of several international and national partners including Seppic in France and the Vaccine Formulation Institute (VFI) in Switzerland which developed Sepivac SWE™, the adjuvant in COVAC-2. An adjuvant is an ingredient that improves the immune response of a vaccine.

The vaccine antigen, developed by VIDO, was produced under good manufacturing practices (GMP) at Quebec-based Biocodex using a cell line from the National Research Council of Canada. An antigen is a molecule that triggers an immune response.

"This milestone of reaching a Phase 1 human trial is a testament

to VIDO's world-renowned expertise in infectious disease research both for human and animal health," said USask Vice-President Research Dr. Baljit Singh. "USask is on the forefront of vaccine development and this is another achievement in advancing VIDO as Canada's centre for pandemic research."

With both provincial government and federal funding, VIDO is also building a manufacturing facility that could produce up to 40 million vaccine doses per year depending upon the production efficiencies of specific vaccines. Construction is expected to be completed in late 2021, with vaccine production for facility certification planned for 2022.

## Support extended for small businesses in Sask.

## ■ media release

The Government of Saskatchewan announced a further extension to the Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment (SSBEP) program. The program was originally launched in April 2020, then renewed in December 2020. With this extension, businesses will be eligible for an additional payment for January 2021.

"Small and medium-sized businesses in the province continue to face challenges due to the global COVID-19 pandemic," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Our government believes support for businesses is vital, and the extension of this program for the month of January 2021, as well as the other programs available, will help as we continue to move through this challenging period and toward economic recovery."

Business restrictions in public health orders have been expanded since the SSBEP program was renewed in December and businesses are encouraged to re-evaluate their eligibility for both the December and January payments.

The SSBEP program has provided \$5.9 million in assistance to 1,521 applicants for the December period. With the public health order extended, more businesses

in the province have been impacted. This phase of the program will accept applications for the December and/or January payment until Mar. 2, 2021.

Applicants will be eligible for up to \$5,000 per month in funding, and those who qualified for the December intake of the SSBEP will not have to re-apply for January. However, businesses will be contacted to attest that they remain eligible for the January payment.

For more information on the SSBEP program, businesses can visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/small-business-emergency-payment](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/small-business-emergency-payment), call 1-800-667-6102 or email [ssbep@gov.sk.ca](mailto:ssbep@gov.sk.ca).

Saskatchewan businesses are also reminded about other support programs available.

The Strong Recovery Adaptation Rebate (SRAR) reimburses eligible small businesses for investments made to adapt their business to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic. Financial assistance includes a payment of up to \$5,000 for 50 percent of total eligible business-adaptation investments made by the applicant prior to Feb. 28, 2021. Eligible expenditures include establishing physical barriers or reconfiguring space to operate safely, providing services through digital tools, providing different services or products, and shifting to delivery or curb-side services. The application deadline is Mar. 31, 2021. For more

information on the SRAR, businesses can visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/strong-recovery-adaptation-rebate](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/strong-recovery-adaptation-rebate), email [srar@gov.sk.ca](mailto:srar@gov.sk.ca) or call 1-844-800-8688.

The Re-Open Saskatchewan Training Subsidy (RSTS) is currently accepting applications. This temporary training subsidy provides businesses with financial support to train employees as they adjust to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The RSTS reimburses eligible private-sector employers 100 percent of employee training costs up to a maximum of \$10,000 per business, which will help employers adapt to the impacts of the pandemic and safely align business activities with the reopening of Saskatchewan's economy. The application deadline has been extended to Mar. 31, 2021. For more information on the RSTS, businesses can visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/training-subsidy](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/training-subsidy), call 306-964-1005 for Saskatoon and area or 306-787-4677 for Regina and area or email [cansaskjob-grant@gov.sk.ca](mailto:cansaskjob-grant@gov.sk.ca).

For more information on all of the provincial government support for business, as well as information on federal government programs, businesses can visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-businesses](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-businesses).

Businesses that have been fined for non-compliance with public health orders will not be eligible to receive support under these programs.

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It is with sadness we announce the passing of Della on January 31, 2021 after a brief battle with cancer. Della worked for many years at 15 Wing Moose Jaw Air Force Base. She is survived by one daughter Stacy (Chris) Drager of Saskatoon; one brother Gerald (Jean); three sisters Judy, Joyce and Kathleen (Kirby); one sister-in-law MaryAnn. For those wishing memorial donations may be made to Moose Jaw Transition House or St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Parish. In living memory of Della, a memorial planting will be made by Jones - Parkview Funeral Services. Please sign the memorial register at website: [www.wjjonesandson.com](http://www.wjjonesandson.com) or [www.parkviewfuneralchapel.ca](http://www.parkviewfuneralchapel.ca) (Obituaries).

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Grandma was also a wonderful seamstress and enjoyed knitting and crocheting. She used to sew lots of our clothes and would crochet beautiful afghans for our family. She also sewed all of my baton costumes. They were beautiful.

Grant and I think we are the luckiest kids in the world because we were adopted by Mom and Dad. Our whole family loved spending time with Grandma and Grandpa and we were so lucky to be able to spend so much time with them over the years. Grant and I have wonderful memories of all of the wonderful baking and cooking that Grandma did and of all the card games we played and fun times we shared with Grandma and Grandpa. We particularly remember Grandma's wonderful pies, cookies and butter tarts and her delicious meat pies, fried chicken, steak and mushroom casserole, and mashed potatoes.

After Grandpa's passing, Grandma moved into Luther Tower in Saskatoon. Luther Tower was brand new then and it is still a beautiful high-rise tower today. Grandma loved her suite and enjoyed lots of fun times with the other residents. They would have dinner together every evening on the 22nd floor of the tower, enjoying the great food and company and the beautiful view of Saskatoon. Grandma continued her baking throughout her time at Luther Tower, baking as many as two pies plus cookies each week to share with us and others. Mom and Dad owned the Ambleside cottage at Manitou Beach for over 40 years and family and friends who visited us in Saskatoon or at

Ambleside were always thrilled to see Grandma there with us and to enjoy all her wonderful baking and cooking.

Sadly, in the mid 1980s, Grandma had a fall and broke her hip. Shortly after that, Grandma began to show signs of dementia and Mom and Dad knew that she needed 24 hour a day care. We were very fortunate to be able to move Grandma into Lutheran Sunset Home, the care facility attached to Luther Tower. Mom, Dad, Grant, and I continued to spend lots of time with Grandma before her passing in 1988. The staff at the Home loved Grandma and she loved them. We miss Grandma and Grandpa very much and treasure our memories of wonderful times spent with them.

Grant and I lost our wonderful Dad in 2012 and our wonderful Mom in 2014. We miss them every day.

Grant and his wife Kelly live in Saskatoon. Grant is the franchise manager for Vern's Pizza and Kelly works at Expert Hearing. Their son, Bryan, and his fiancée, Shayla, are living in Moose Jaw while Bryan finishes a computer engineering program at Sask. Polytechnic. I live in Calgary and recently started a consulting business, having retired after 33 years as a lawyer and in various positions at The City of Calgary.

Thank you for this opportunity to share with you more about the life of our wonderful Grandma and, through her story, the story of our Cole family. Grant and I were indeed blessed to be the children of Glen and Dorothy Cole and the grandchildren of Elsie and Bob Duncan and Frank and Rose Cole.

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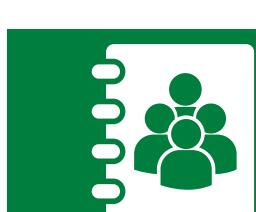
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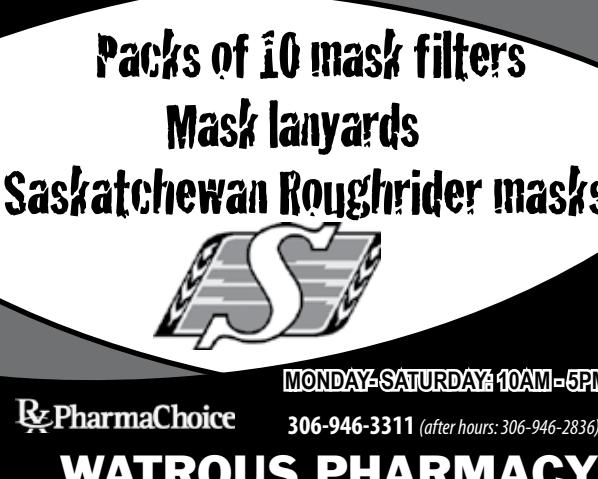
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