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2020 Christmas Edition

Q and A with the previous and current mayor of Watrous

■ Daniel Bushman

As 2020 comes to a close, this past year also saw a chapter end and a new one begin in Watrous. As municipal elections took place, now former mayor of Watrous, Ed Collins elected to step away from his position after serving for a number of years. That role was filled by former councillor and longtime resident of the community, John Gunderson.

The Watrous Manitou reached out to both who graciously shared a bit about themselves, some highlights of being a part of council, what is ahead for 2021 and a few other things. The following are the responses from both Collins and Gunderson.

Former Mayor of Watrous Ed Collins
For those who may not know you, tell me a bit about yourself and how you arrived in Watrous.

I was born in Melfort in northeast Saskatchewan and lived in a number of smaller communities before graduating from high school in Bjorkdale. I started my work life in Melfort, first working for the Sask. Department of Highways for eight years and then working for the Sask. Liquor & Gaming Authority for the past 42 years where I am still employed as a District Manager. This past July marked 50 years of employment with the Government of Saskatchewan.

I moved to Watrous in 1986 with my family to become the Liquor Store Manager. My wife Linda and I have three sons, three wonderful daughters-in-law and six grandchildren. We all reside in the great community of Watrous.

Since moving to Watrous I have been involved with a number of organizations over the years including the Chamber of Commerce, Kinsmen Club, K-40 Club, coaching minor sports teams, being an avid supporter of the Watrous Winterhawks and of course a part of Watrous Town Council.

When were you first elected to council?

I was elected to Watrous Town Council as a councillor in October of 1988 and served nine years in that capacity under the leadership of Murray Westby, whom I had a great deal of respect for and learned a great deal about civic politics.

After Murray stepped down as mayor in 1997, I was elected mayor, a position I held until the fall of 2020.

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► Staff and residents of Manitou Lodge in Watrous graciously lent a few moments to share some Christmas joy as they posed for photos as part of 'All I Want For Christmas.' Thanks to Manitou Lodge and Monique Sundquist for helping us out. You can find more photos throughout this year's Christmas Edition. © photos submitted



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(from front page:
Q AND A)

After 32 years on council it was time to begin another chapter in my life and enjoy that extra round of golf in the summer and spend more time with my family.

What were a few highlights during your time as part of council?

There were so many

highlights during my time on council including: capital projects like replacing water and sewer lines; refurbishing the civic centre; the new RO water system and lagoon; working closely with the government and surrounding municipalities to replace our ageing Manitou Lodge; and the homecomings to celebrating Saskatchewan's and Watrous' 100th birthdays. The list goes on and on. All projects and celebrations that make a community continue to grow and prosper.

Was being the mayor of Watrous a rewarding experience for you?

Being mayor certainly was a very rewarding experience for me. It gave me the opportunity to work with many groups of individuals and organizations over the years, who like me wanted to see Watrous grow and

prosper and become a great place to live, work and raise a family. It gave me the opportunity to see how the many volunteers of this community are not afraid to step up and offer their time and expertise for the betterment of the community. The support and encouragement from the community over the years was certainly a humbling experience.

What perhaps was one of the bigger challenges as mayor during your time in office?

One of the bigger ongoing challenges during my time in office was working to provide the services that meet the needs and expectations of the community within the financial resources that we had to work with.

How did you feel 2020 went for the community?

This past year has been difficult for all of us

and there was not much in the way of highlights. The restrictions have kept us from our families and friends, have reduced or closed some of our leisure services and of course affected our business community severely. During all of this time we are constantly worried about our health and the health of others. I want to say thanks to all of our healthcare providers and EMS personnel for being there for us in a time of need. I also urge the community to support our local businesses at this time.

What is next for you now that you are no longer mayor?

As I mentioned earlier, it is time to step back a bit and enjoy some extra time with family and friends once this pandemic is over.

Is there anything else you would like to add or say

to the community?

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the entire community for all the support that I received during my time as mayor and councillor. To all the past council members and administration staff that I worked with over the years, I thank you for your input and guidance as we worked through the many challenges together as a team. To the present mayor and council, I know that our community is in good hands and wish you every success in the future.

I also want to wish everyone a safe and healthy Christmas season and a brighter New Year ahead!!!

Current Mayor of Watrous John Gunderson

For those who may not know you, tell me a bit about yourself and how you arrived in Watrous.

I have lived in Saskatchewan all of my life and grew up in the Preeceville area. After graduating from high school, I attended the Saskatchewan Technical Institute in Moose Jaw and graduated from there with a diploma in Business Administration. For the next 15 years I was employed with CIBC in a number of locations and this is how I met my wife Melanie while working in Regina.

We have been married for 39 years and blessed with two children; Jonelle who lives in Toronto and Matthew who is married to Lindsay and have given us two grandsons Wyatt (5) and Cade (2). They reside in Warman.

Following my employment with CIBC I wanted a change and this brought us to Watrous over 29 years ago. The last 23 years I have been a consultant with IG Wealth Management and plan to retire on Mar. 1, 2021.

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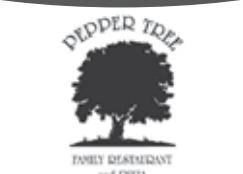
I have been a member of Watrous Town Council for the past 11 years.

Have there been a few highlights during your time as part of council?

There have been many highlights over the past 11 years on council. Approximately 10 years ago we hired our first Community Development Officer to manage the activities of the Watrous Manitou Marketing Group which I feel confident in saying has built up the tourism sector locally and helped with the economic growth in the area.

We worked closely with the former Saskatoon Health Region to develop

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Christmas Day: closed
New Year's Eve: open 11 am - 3 pm
New Year's Day: closed
Returning to regular hours Jan. 2, 2021

Merry Christmas and happy 2021 from the Watrous Library board and staff!

The Simpson Rink Board would like to thank all sponsors who donated to our first farming project. Although 2020 was a challenging year due to dry and windy conditions, it was still a tremendous success and we would like to send a special thank you out to everyone who sponsored the project. The overall profit from the project was \$25,000 which will be going directly to the repair of the Simpson rink as well as upgrades and maintenance to the Simpson Community Hall.

*Special thanks to
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for taking the canola off the combine.

RM of Prairie Rose

NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the RM of Prairie Rose intends to consider the adoption of a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to adopt a new Official Community Plan.

INTENT

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Identify and protect natural features, ground water, historical and heritage resources, and ensure development happens in an environmentally sustainable manner.

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Commercial and Economic Development: Support for compatible commercial development, and provide provision for minimizing land use conflicts.

Municipal Infrastructures and Services: The integration of planning, finance and engineering to manage infrastructure effectively, providing connectivity and traffic safety for all users, while ensuring that future development contributes appropriately to the cost of infrastructure services.

Intermunicipal and Interjurisdictional Cooperation:

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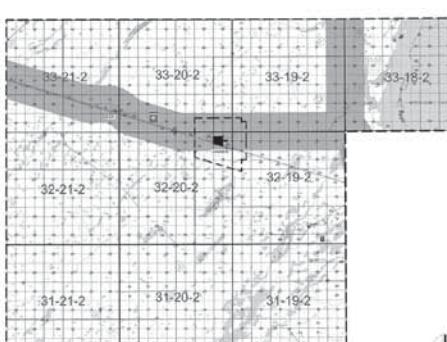
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Melissa Dieno, Chief Administrative Officer



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the Primary Health Care Centre in Watrous and were successful in hiring three doctors and now two nurse practitioners.

Of course, one of the biggest projects in Watrous has been the installation of the Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant facility and expanding our lagoon shortly thereafter. Good quality water is a key factor when potential residents are considering Watrous as a place to live.

What does being acclaimed as mayor of Watrous mean to you?

Becoming acclaimed as mayor means a lot to me. I hope to continue the great leadership that Watrous has had from previous mayors and always to be aware of the needs of our citizens.

Are you looking forward to 2021?

I think we all have a lot to look forward to in 2021

New measures to further reduce transmission risk of COVID-19

■ media release

While Saskatchewan's COVID-19 case trends are relatively stable, case rates continue to create significant, on-going community transmission and increasing pressure on health care services. Additional public health measures are being introduced based on the transmission patterns observed in Saskatchewan.

Public Health Orders

These public health measures are in addition to those in effect as of Nov. 27, 2020. All public health measures will remain in effect until Jan. 15, 2021. At that time they will be reviewed by the provincial Chief Medical Health Officer.

- The public health orders for licensed establishments; sports, fitness and dance; places of worship; and mandatory masking remain in place.

- Public health continues to emphasize working from home, whenever possible.

- Public health continues to strongly recommend that only one member of a household do required shopping, and limit shopping to essential items as much as possible.

- All non-essential interprovincial travel is discouraged.

Each sector has guidance under the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/re-open>.

In the event that there is any disparity between the Re-Open Saskatchewan guidance and the public health orders, the public health orders must be

followed. Enforcement of public health orders is permitted under The Public Health Act, 1994.

Effective Dec. 17

The following measures are in effect as of 12:01 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17.
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Gatherings

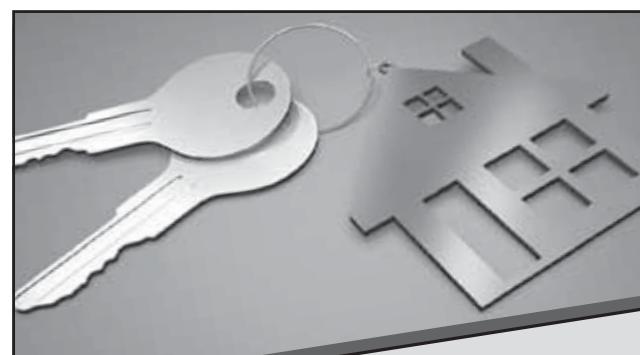
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Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

REACT services will be CLOSED on
December 24th-26th, 2020 & January 1st, 2021

Humboldt, Watrous & Wakaw transfer stations will remain open until 4 p.m. December 24th, 2020

December 21st - Regular collection in communities as usual

December 22nd - Regular collection plus Pleasantdale, Lac Vert, Spalding, Quill Lake, Watson

December 23rd - Regular collection plus Englefeld, St. Gregor, Lake Lenore, Humboldt Tag-A-Bag, Simpson, Young, Colonsay, Viscount, Meacham, Peterson & **Automated Curbside for all of Humboldt & Annaheim**

December 28th - 30th - Regular collection as usual

December 31st - Regular collection plus Englefeld, St. Gregor, Lake Lenore, Humboldt Tag-A-Bag, Simpson, Young, Colonsay, Viscount, Meacham, Peterson & **Automated Curbside for all of Humboldt & Annaheim**

Please have your bags/cart out by 7a.m. or the night before with lids competely closed to ensure pickup.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you and your families!

RM of Prairie Rose

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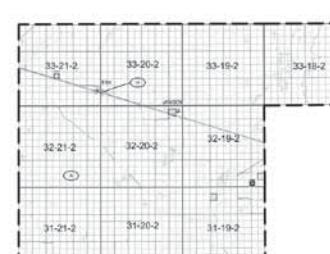
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“RCMP Report”

Watrous man charged with impaired driving A 48-year-old man from Watrous has been charged

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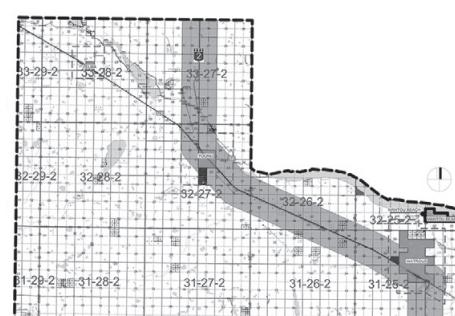
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Belinda Rowan, Administrator



eral community members in the community during this time.

Anyone that had contact with the driver of this truck or has any video of this incident is urged to contact the Humboldt/Lanigan RCMP Detachment at 306-682-2535 or you can also submit information anonymously to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or by submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com

Drug trafficking investigation leads to significant drug seizure

On Wednesday, Dec. 9 officers from the Saskatchewan RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime Unit North (FSOC-N) were conducting an ongoing drug trafficking investigation in Osler.

Information obtained by the Saskatchewan RCMP FSOC-N led to the execution of a search warrant at a residence located on the 200th block of Parkview Cove in Osler.

A search of the residence resulted in the seizure of the following drugs and items:

- 1,448 grams of suspected methamphetamine;
- 476 grams of suspected cocaine;
- 278 grams of suspected fentanyl;
- \$4,445 in Canadian

currency;

- .32 caliber handgun and ammunition; and
- paraphernalia consistent with drug trafficking.

The quantity of fentanyl seized could be broken down into approximately over 1,000 individual doses. Fentanyl is odourless and tasteless, and therefore hard to detect.

A lethal dose of pure fentanyl is potentially less than two milligrams – that is equivalent to about two grains of salt.

As a result of this investigation, completed by FSOC-N with assistance from the Prince Albert Integrated Crime Reduction Team and Warman RCMP, 28-year-old Dustin McDougall from Osler has been charged with the following offences:

- Three counts of Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking contrary to Section 5(2) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act;
- Possession of Proceeds of Crime Under \$5000 contrary to Section 354(1) of the Criminal Code;
- Failure to Comply with Court Order contrary to Section 145 of the Criminal Code; and
- Three firearms related offences contrary to Sections 86(2) and 91(1) of the Criminal Code.

Dustin McDougall was scheduled to appear in court on Dec. 11, 2020 in Saskatoon.

“When we look at the impact of drug trafficking in our communities, we see the regular use of violence and property crime. These are just some of the many illegal activities that ruin lives every day. Preventing illicit drugs from spreading even further in our communities, plays a huge role in maintaining public safety,” said Staff Sergeant Jason Kerr, of the Saskatchewan FSOC-N. “The presence of illicit drugs and fatal overdoses are occurring in small towns and rural areas – this is not strictly a big city issue. Anyone can feel the dangerous impact of drugs when it reaches their community.”

The Saskatchewan RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime Unit works in conjunction with domestic and international partners to disrupt, dismantle and support the prosecution of serious and organized crime groups and their members.

If you have information about people trafficking drugs, you can report it to your local RCMP detachment or police service. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can report it to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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INTENT / ZONING DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

A - Agriculture Development District: to provide the primary use of land in the form of agricultural development, associated farm dwellings, limited single-parcel country residential development, locations -dependent natural resource development and other uses compatible with agriculture development.

CR1 - Low Density Country Residential District: To provide for low density, multiple lot country residential development and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development which does not directly support agriculture.

CR2 - Medium Density Country Residential District: To provide for medium density, multiple lot country residential development and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development which does not directly support agriculture.

H - Hamlet District: to provide for limited residential and commercial growth in the form of infilling of vacant land in existing hamlets.

C1 - Commercial and Light Industrial District: to provide for general commercial/light industrial and other compatible development in specific areas, with standards for such development.

M1 - Industrial District: to provide for light industrial, heavy industrial and other compatible in specific area, with standards for such development.

The proposed Zoning Bylaw also contains updated and new general provisions that apply to development throughout the RM. Updated and new provisions include:

- development permit requirements, application fees and application process;
- discretionary use permit requirements, application fees, application process and evaluation criteria;
- regulations for fences; accessory buildings and structures; signs; manufactured homes; recreational vehicles; shipping containers; membrane covered structures; home based business; and farm settlements.
- regulations for development on or near hazard lands; and
- regulations for outside storage and waste material storage.

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CHECK THE FULL VERSION OF THE BYLAW, AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW OR PURCHASE AT THE RM OFFICE OR FOR REVIEW AND DOWNLOAD AT CROSBYHANNA.CA/DOWNLOADS.

AFFECTED LAND

All land within the RM of Morris as shown on the Map contained in this notice is affected by the new Zoning Bylaw.

REASON

The new Zoning Bylaw will help direct and manage growth and development in the RM of Morris for the next fifteen to twenty years.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

A copy of the proposed bylaw is available online at www.crosbyhanna.ca/downloads

PUBLIC HEARING

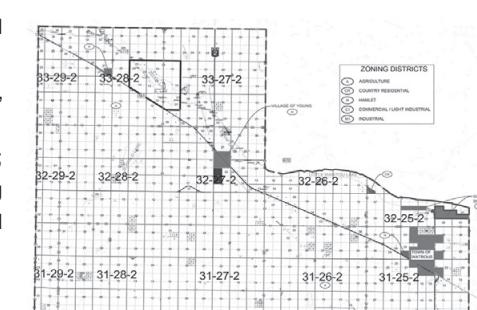
Council will hold a public hearing on January 13th, 2021 at 10:00 AM. at the RM Office. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, written submissions to Council pertaining to this bylaw are strongly encouraged. Written submissions must be received by January 11th 2021 by 4:00 PM. either by

email or mailed to the RM Office. Anyone wishing to make a verbal submission to Council must do so by phone. Please contact the RM Office before January 11th 2021, 4:00 PM to schedule a time slot in which Council will phone you directly to hear your concerns or suggestions.

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Issued at the Rural Municipality of Morris this 14th day of December, 2020.

Belinda Rowan, Administrator





Opinion



A COVID Christmas

■ submitted by Rev. Marie-Louise Ternier

Ever had the feeling that the rug was pulled out from under you? Many of us will likely feel like this, in this holy season of love and belonging and God-with-us. We are hunkered down at home instead of gathered with family, at the most visiting with familiar faces in little boxes on a Zoom screen. We watch Christmas movies and listen to Christmas carols instead of singing our hearts out in church. We are lighting lonely candles instead of basking together in God's light of love and joy and peace in Christ Jesus while singing Silent Night. Let us face it: Christmas sucks this year.

Everything that has given us purpose and meaning — the rituals of life and death, the ways we go about relationships and maintain community, the security of jobs and the satisfaction of pursuing dreams and ambitions — has been snatched away by something we cannot even see. Ten months in and we face yet another special holiday that will not be as it once was. It is unnerving and unsettling, upending and upheaving — suspending us in that in-between space caused by pandemic and protest, by disbelief and resentful compliance, by resistance and revolution. How we long for that "once was" time — nostalgia is persistent, particularly when uncertainty reigns and we feel out of control.

Where is the blessing, where is the joy, where is the hope? We might even find ourselves asking, "Is what I believe about God still true anymore? Is my faith strong enough to weather this existential storm?"

But could it be . . . Could it be that maybe this is why Christmas comes every year, to remind us, once again, that the normal we create is not the normal God wishes for us? As Christians, we ought to know this time well — the time between the already and the not yet of God's reign. The time between God so loved the world and waiting for it to come true. The kind of time that Mary understood so well. The kind of time trembling with the tension between "How can this be?" and "Nothing will be impossible with God" (Luke 1:34, 37).

How can all this possibly be happening? It is an age-old question, and it is a question that could in fact bring us closer to the true meaning of Christmas. Mary herself felt that question deep in her own heart and bones, "How can I possibly be pregnant? How can this be?"

There is no going back to normal; Mary knew that. She realized this truth as she found herself with child from the Holy Spirit. For Mary, there was no going back to normal once she gave her "yes." There was no going back to normal once the Word became flesh in Christ Jesus. There was no going back to normal when Jesus called the disciples and they left everything. There was no going back to normal for the lepers, the infirm, the outcasts, once Jesus touched their hearts. There was no going back to normal when the women found the tomb empty. There was no going back to normal when Jesus sent his disciples into all nations to be Good News for all. What we settle for as normal is vastly different than what God envisions as normal.

Before Christmas became presents and pageants, dinners and decorations, Jesus' birth was a threat to those in power. It was a threat to those who hoarded their own comfort and privilege at the expense of the disposable masses, and it is still that way. The message of God becoming one of us in Jesus is still dangerous. Indeed, just like COVID-19, Christmas was unprecedented, upending what the world had settled for as normal. God's love borne in the flesh through Jesus unleashed a bug too, an invisible bug of healing and mercy, joy and reconciliation, invading the world, landing in open and hurting and yearning hearts — invisible, yet more powerful than anything the world had ever seen. And despite COVID-19, that love-bug is still with us, pulsating in eager hearts to reach out in compassion and joy and love, inching towards God's reign of peace and justice.

This Christmas will not be "normal" for any of us. But it just might be like that first Christmas, and we might find

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Tips from
Reena Nerbas

here is the reason why many people add rice grains to shakers. A few grains of rice added to salt shakers is a great way to prevent salt from clumping because rice is said to absorb moisture. Did you know? Many people believe that the cure for handheld devices that accidentally become wet is to leave them in a bowl of rice for several hours to absorb moisture.

Dear Reena,

I would like to bake a Christmas fruit cake for the first time. The recipes I have looked up online are big recipes and expensive. Is it possible to make half a recipe? One asks for five eggs (how do I divide)? Shirley

Dear Shirley,

The easiest option is to use three small eggs (instead of medium or large). The more technically accurate solution includes measuring. A large egg equals about three tablespoons of contents. If the recipe calls for both egg yolk and egg white, beat the egg and use one and a half tablespoons for the Christmas fruit cake recipe.

Dear Reena,

Please advise me on how to clean the black ceramic shower tiles in my shower; we have very hard water. I have used many products to try to eliminate the mineral deposits and soap scum but the tiles remain blotchy and stained looking after they have dried. Thank you. Barbara

Dear Barbara,

Whenever I want to freshen up old grout, I get a handy little piece of pumice stone. Pour some dish soap onto the pumice stone and wet it, then scrub the grout; looks wonderful. Next spray isopropyl alcohol onto the grout to prevent

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mildew from growing and discolouring the grout (keep away from small children). Another option is to make a paste of Borax and water, scrub grout with an old toothbrush.

Dear Reena,

Thanks to a lazy dog owner, I stepped in a pile of you-know-what and I did not notice until the following day. After cleaning the mess up, the smell is lingering. The sole is a rubberized material used on walking shoes. I have scrubbed with a variety of products, but I cannot get rid of the smell. Do you have any suggestions? Thank you. Leslie

Dear Leslie,

If possible, toss the shoes in the washing machine and wash with heavy-duty detergent and hot water. If the shoes are not washable, scrub the bottom sole with an old toothbrush, water and quite a bit of whitening toothpaste. Soak the bottom sole in 50/50 vinegar and water.

Readers Share Success Stories

• Yesterday I got a brilliant idea . . . well, I thought it was brilliant. Both my husband and I are in our 70s and it is a bit difficult for us to get down on the floor. Yesterday we had to kneel down to read the serial number on our stove (to have it repaired). To get that number one has to pull out the drawer at the bottom of the stove. The sticker is right there on the right. But to be able to read it, especially with bifocals, required some major efforts on our part. We did it and after we were done, my brain clicked in - I have a cell phone with a camera and it just requires one of us to bend over and click a photo. If it does not work, erase and do another one or use a digital camera. Plus, if numbers had been difficult to read, we could have transferred the photo to our computer. I am going to use this trick next time something rolls under the bed! Thanks again for what you do. Submitted by: Lilianna

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.



Neighbourly advice
according to Ed

A spiritual column
by contributor
Raymond Maher
www.accordingtoed.com

As the days to Christmas wind down, an unwanted gift came our way. I told Ed yesterday that one of the secretaries at our church phoned to say she has tested positive for COVID-19. She and her husband are quarantined for 10 days. I was in the church office twice last week wearing my mask. I talked to her from a distance while she was wearing her mask. I am hoping I will miss catching the virus, but nothing is certain.

In all this time of

COVID-19, no one has tested positive for COVID near us until now. Ed said to me, "It's not what you want for Christmas." I agreed with him, wholeheartedly. I recognize millions have tested positive throughout the world. COVID-19 has been greedily killing countless numbers and will continue to do so until the vaccines are administered. Perhaps we dismiss the massive number of deaths unless it is a friend or family member. When the virus hits close to home or infects oneself, there is no denying that the pandemic is real and possibly deadly.

Gifts come our way often without warning - some gifts we welcome and some we are forced to deal with whether we are ready or not. In the Bible, "Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Jo-

seph, her husband, was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly." (Matthew 1:18,19)

Joseph must have questioned God's intentions in a gift of pregnancy that brought scandal to their marriage relationship.

Most often, God's intentions and actions are hidden from us. We are told in the case of Joseph, "An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. Because he will save his people from their sins.'" (Matthew 1:20,21)

When we are ready to understand God's intentions and actions, He shares them with us. God had promised by his prophet

that, "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel - which means, God with us." Joseph understood that behind the scandal and a broken relationship, God could be delivering his greatest gift.

God asks us to see beyond what comes our way, whether it seems a good or deadly gift. It is always time for us to wake up to the truth that God is at work accomplishing good out of our sin, sickness, and death. In everything, we must allow God's will to be done. That is what Joseph did. "When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. (Matthew 1:24,25) Jesus is the vaccine against our infection of sin and death.

Just what I don't want for Christmas this year

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As I took a walk around Viscount the other night to look at the beautiful Christmas lights and displays, I noticed a Christmas card greeting outside of the Viscount Wheatland Library. It brings many greetings from the community and it looks awesome in the day or evening.

Next picture is a picture of our back fence. We usually put the lights towards the back alley, but this year there was so much snow back there that I could not do it. I think I might put them the same way next year. They are noticeable to us as well as people going by.

Best wishes to anyone



who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. Merry Christmas and very best wishes for the new year!

□ photos submitted by Sandra Reid



Important information from the Government of Saskatchewan:

There are new public health measures in place across the province to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Effective Thursday, December 17:

- **Private, indoor gatherings** are limited to immediate household members only.
- An individual who lives alone may meet with one, consistent household of fewer than five individuals.
- Custodial/access arrangements between co-parents are permitted to continue.
- Caregivers and support services in the home are permitted to continue.
- **Outdoor gatherings** of up to 10 people are permitted, provided physical distancing between households can be maintained.

Effective Saturday, December 19:

- **Casinos and bingo halls** must close.
- **Personal services** (e.g. hairdressers, esthetics) may operate at 50 per cent capacity, including staff and clients. For a complete list of personal services, see saskatchewan.ca/re-open
- Event/conference/banquet facilities, arenas, arts venues, museums and movie/live theatres are still limited to up to 30 individuals, who must be seated. Food and drink are not permitted unless explicitly stated in the order.

Note: wedding ceremonies, funerals and places of worship are limited to only 30 individuals.

Effective Friday, December 25:

- Retail services must reduce capacity to 50 per cent.
- Large retail locations (over 20,000 sq ft) must reduce to 25 per cent capacity. For details see Public Health Orders at saskatchewan.ca/COVID19

Masks continue to be mandatory in all indoor public spaces.

See saskatchewan.ca/self-isolation for more information.

These public health measures are in addition to those in effect as of November 27, 2020, and all are in effect until January 15, 2021.

Thank you Saskatchewan for doing your part to keep your family, friends and community safe!

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gatherings will be limited to immediate household members only.

• Single individuals are permitted to meet with one, consistent household of less than five individuals for the duration of the order.

• Co-parenting arrangements are permitted to continue.

• Caregivers and support services in the home are permitted to continue.

Outdoor Gatherings

• People may meet and greet outdoors with up to 10 people only, provided physical distancing between households can be maintained.

Effective Dec. 19

The following measures are in effect as of 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19.

Personal Services and Event Venues

• Casinos and bingo halls must close.

• Personal services may operate at 50 percent capacity, including staff and clients. Personal services include hairdresser/barber, esthetics, massage therapy, acupuncture, tattooing, etc. For a complete list of personal services, see <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/re-open>.

• Event venues,

■ submitted

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conference facilities, arenas, arts venues, museums, movie and live theatres and banquet facilities may still have events up to 30 individuals. During events in these venues, all guests must be seated for the duration. Food and drink are not permitted unless explicitly stated in the order.

Note that the guidance for weddings and funeral ceremonies and places of worship is 30 individuals only. Concurrent services may not occur within multiple locations within one facility.

Effective Dec. 25

The following measures will be in effect as of 12:01 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 25.

Retail

• Retail services must reduce their capacity to 50 percent.

• Large retail locations are required to limit their capacity to 25 percent capacity. Large retail locations are defined as retailers with a square footage larger than 20,000 square feet. For details see Public Health Orders at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-health-orders>

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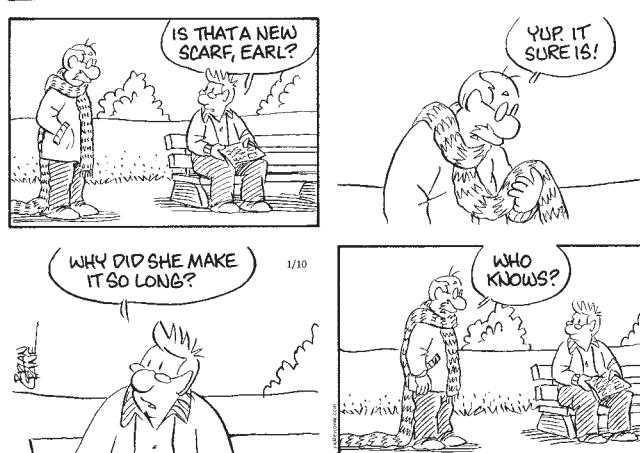


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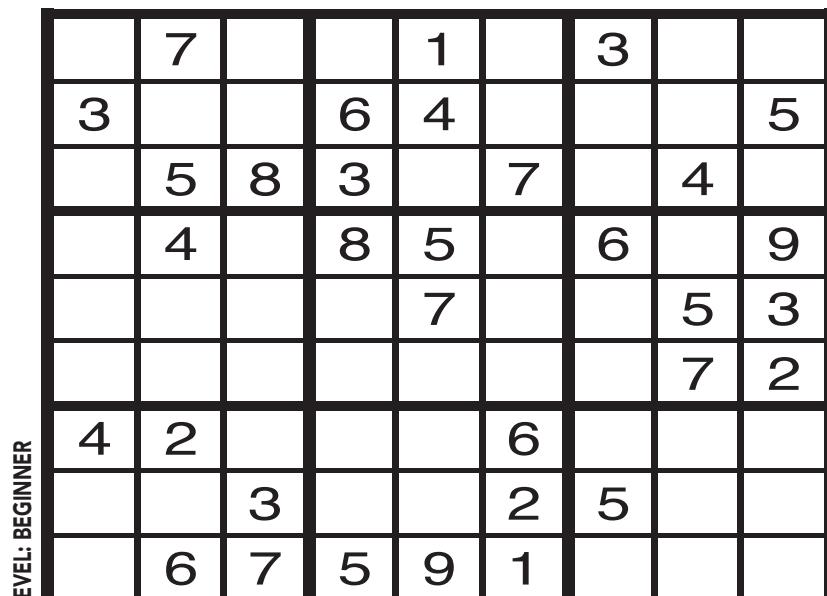
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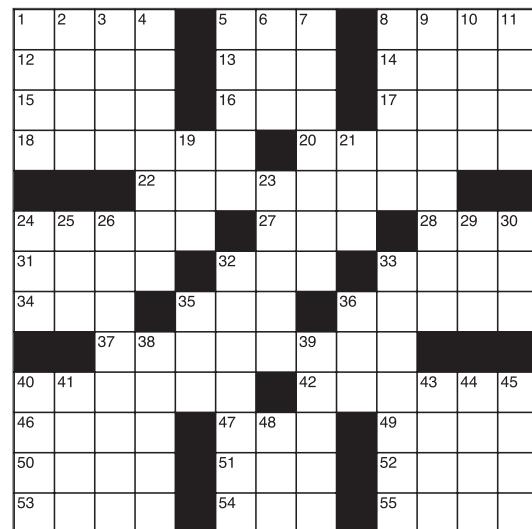


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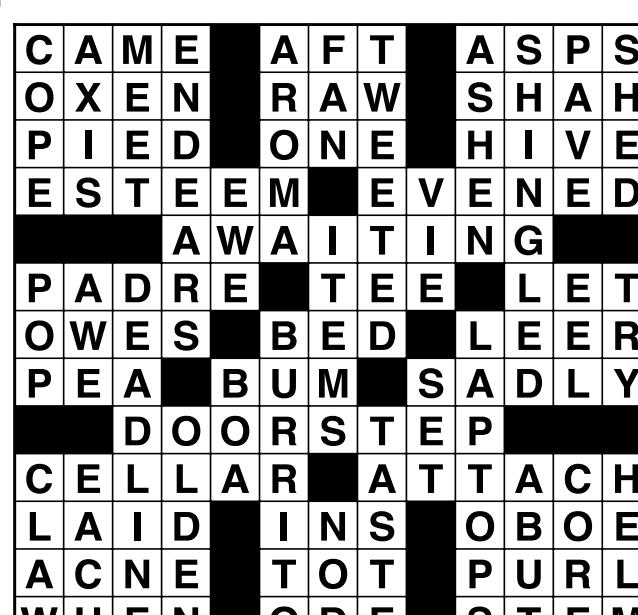
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The ideal candidate will possess:

- A Certificate in Local Government Authority or equivalent;
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- Experience with budgeting, financial operations, assessment, taxation and general office management;
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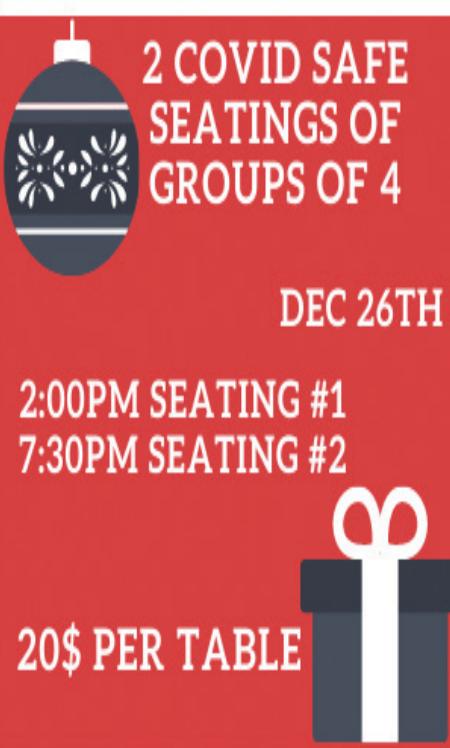
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The Rev. Marie-Louise Ternier serves All Saints Anglican Parish and Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Watrous, SK. She blogs at <https://graceatsixty.wordpress.com>


Pet of the Week




Nova
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