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## Power outage forces families to hunker-down

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

"I'm such a city boy. I thought a lot about the pioneers during the black-out and how they had to rough it in their homesteads in the winter without any power," Brian Baggett declared after spending 17 hours at home in Fort Qu'Appelle without electricity last Thursday, Jan. 14. The Baggett family was one of about 100,000 people left without power after driving winter winds knocked out power transmission lines in various parts of the province. The valley was spared the howling blizzard and 130 km winds dubbed the "Alberta Clipper" which played havoc in parts of the province.

"There were significant outages, but it wasn't a blanket power failure. Pockets across the province from the Alberta to the Manitoba borders were affected, some of them more seriously than others," SaskPower media representative Scott McGregor told the Times. Crews were still working on the weekend in a few areas to restore power. The lights in Fort Qu'Appelle, Lebret and Balcarres went out at 2 a.m. Thursday morning and didn't come back on until 7 p.m. that evening. Everything was closed. There was no place to buy a coffee or a quart of milk. The first meeting of Fort Qu'Appelle's town council in the new year was postponed, schools were closed, Mission Ridge wasn't operating and unless you were lucky enough to have your own generator, there was no internet service.

People bundled up and rummaged around for candles as they devised new ways to escape boredom. "We read a lot. The whole family played board games and tried not to complain," said Baggett, "The kids, Dominique, Ivan and Emora, got along great. There were no phones to distract them."

**"It was stressful – you didn't know how long the outage would last. It was pitch black dark."**

- Stephane Lajoie-Plante

The village of Lebret was prepared for the power failure. The mayor and councillors canvassed every one of the town's residents to make certain residents were warm and well fed. "Six years ago we had a power outage that lasted 18 hours, something like that, so we set up a contingency plan to be ready to deal with the situation should it ever happen again," explained Gale Sloan, the town's chief administration officer. "Mayor Virag quarterbacked the operation and we tried to reach everyone to make certain no one was left cold or hungry. We have a generator in the community centre where people could have come if they needed to."

Fort Qu'Appelle is working with emergency measures' officers to develop a plan of its own. There is no generator in the Rexentre and the administration has applied for a grant to upgrade the facility which would potentially allow it to be used as an emergency shelter, especially for the elderly and those on respirators. "It is something we have to think about seriously," said councillor Connie Wowchuk. "If the situation had gotten any worse, vulnerable residents had two choices – die of COVID or freeze to death."

SaskPower said it prioritized returning electricity to essential services, such as medical facilities, care homes, police and fire stations, then turned its focus to restoring power to as many customers as possible. SaskPower's operations manager Ryan Blair said the high winds kept repair crews on the ground. "Even when we found the problem, we couldn't fix it because linesmen can't go up in a bucket truck with the wind whipping around them." The only wind damage in and around Fort Qu'Appelle, however, was to a few trees whose broken branches littered some streets.

"It was stressful. Especially with COVID; you didn't know how long the outage would last. The street lights were out. It was pitch black dark," said Stephane Lajoie-Plante, who lived through the 1998 ice storm in Montreal that left the city in darkness for almost a month. "We were lucky it wasn't too cold outside. Imagine what it would have been like if the temperature had fallen to -30C. At least in Montreal we had a fire place to keep warm."



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### Eating by candle light

Ivan and Emora Baggett prepared for an unexpected candle-light dinner on Thursday, Jan. 14 when the power in Fort Qu'Appelle was off for more than 17 hours.

'Kon' Rippet Jr.

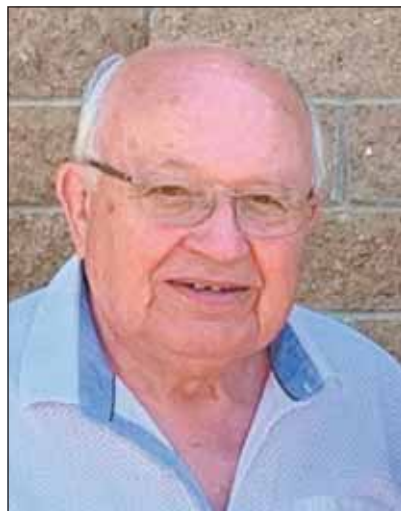
## Community mourns over passing of long-time Fort Qu'Appelle advocate

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

Konrad "Kon" Rippet Jr. was a hard-nosed outdoorsman who started Marine Services and Boat Launch Rail Systems in Fort Qu'Appelle and grew it into a thriving business. A former town councillor and one of the founding partners who initiated and funded the Mission Ridge Ski Park in 1972, he died on Tuesday, Jan. 12, a month shy of his 83rd birthday.

Friends and colleagues describe him as blunt and hardworking, someone who could be abrasive in his dealings with the public, but a person who always had the best interests of the community at heart. "He was an asset to the town, a real promoter," said Mayor Gus Lagace. "I think Kon enjoyed putting on an act. A lot of that gruff exterior of his was a façade. He really was, as people said of him, 'a teddy bear' at heart."

A long time Rotarian, Mr. Rippet supported the volunteer ambulance service and was one of the promoters of the original Fort Winter Festival. "His bark was worse



KONRAD "KON" RIPPET JR.

than his bite. If you called his bluff, he'd count you in; if you didn't, you probably walked away with a bad impression of him. He was a visionary" said Mission Ridge owner Mike Smith.

"He was a formidable presence. He was passionate about his commitments to family and to the community," agreed former mayor Frances Hahn. "If Kon was your

friend you had a friend forever."

Konrad Rippet was born in the village of Muscfa, Hungary, on Jan. 13, 1938. He spent nine months in an Austrian refugee camp after the Second World War before the family emigrated to Canada when he was 10 years old.

He grew up in Regina where he went to Balfour Technical Collegiate, became a mechanic and developed a youthful enthusiasm for speed boat racing. As his expertise of boats and boating grew, he opened Marine Services in Fort Qu'Appelle in 1966 on Boundary Avenue near the river and later rebuilt the business on Highway 10 at the top of the valley. He was elected to council twice, first in 1976, and again in 1988.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Joyce Eastman, a registered nurse; his three daughters, Jennifer, Kerri and Kristal; six grandchildren and a brother, Henry and a sister, Maria.

A celebration of his life will take place at a later date.

Donations in his memory can be made to the STARS Helipad charity fund at the All Nations' Healing Hospital.

# Contractor works to keep history preserved

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

Don Houston is a general building contractor with “a real passion for restoration work,” and for salvaging heritage properties. Since moving to Melville from Montreal 15 years ago, he has helped renovate and save the Hebrew Synagogue on Saskatchewan Street in Melville, St. Luke’s Anglican Church in Broadview and is the project manager in charge of the restoring the CN train station. The century old Grand Trunk Railway Station in Melville was about to be torn down when a committee discovered it would cost as much to demolish it as it would to save it.

“When I was invited to work on the station, it was condemned and the original architectural plans were lost,” he said. Work started haphazardly from scratch, not knowing exactly which sections of the building were original. Houston located the architectural plans in Montreal and now supervises the volunteer work. “I’m not a structural engineer, but I was meant to be one. I have understanding and experience” he chuckles. “I love doing what I am doing. There was some money available for the CN project, but most of it has dried up. Government grants have been hard to get; there are too many strings attached. COVID has put a crimp in fundraising, and work has slowed down, but it hasn’t stopped. I’m hooked on that project. I am happy the station has been designated a historic property by Parks Canada. It is still moving forward.”

Lac des Deux Montages, Quebec, a small community in a province steeped in 400 centuries of history. He worked in Montreal renovating important greystone properties and developed an eye for the potential in otherwise conventional run-down buildings. He was on his way to British Columbia in 1999 when his motor home broke down near Yorkton and he discovered Melville. The small town atmosphere reminded him of Lac des Deux Montagnes.

Given the political tension in Quebec at the time, he considered moving to Prince Edward Island before he decided to come west. “Property here was going cheap, and people were friendly.” He bought and renovated a house kitty corner to the Melville Hebrew Synagogue. The Schul was built on Saskatchewan Street in 1919 to serve about 50 Jewish families who lived in a row of houses across the street on a block of Fifth Avenue West. A school was added in 1932. The Synagogue closed in 1963 and was in a state of near collapse when Houston first noticed the building. “It drew me in like a magnet,” he says. “When I saw the inside for the first time, looking at all the structural issues and the crumbling foundations and so on, I would have walked away if I hadn’t known it was a synagogue. That was what motivated me to buy it and save it. I was doing that kind of work in Quebec. I love history. I made it my mission.”

He unearthed the cornerstone and rebuilt the Magen David window and converted the adjacent school into a rental

property. “It is always a juggling act,” he says. “You have to find some way to make these buildings pay for themselves. Some buildings you have to sell to keep moving. Others, you take part of the building and turn it into something that produces revenue.” At the same time that he was working to save the synagogue, he bought and restored St. Luke’s Anglican Church in Broadview which opened in 1890 and was deconsecrated in 2005. “I was moved when I saw the memorial plaque in the bell tower which listed all the men who died in World War I, and made up my mind to save the building out of gratitude and respect. People began their lives in houses of worship and end their lives there. It is important these historic buildings are preserved.”



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**Building on history**  
Ron Houston from Melville has a passion for heritage properties. He has worked on many properties including Melville and Broadview.

## Art program for Lipton

Lakota artist teaches kids

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

Lakota artist Holly Yuzicapi will be teaching elementary school students in Lipton how to make art out of natural materials. Yuzicapi, whose name in Lakota is Isin Wanica Win (Generous Woman), is a well known instructor from Standing Buffalo First Nation who gives workshops that specialize in traditional art, food and games. The school has received a \$2,210 Saskatchewan Arts project grant that will cover the cost of her course that will be offered to students from Grades 7 to 9.

It is one of 90 such grants awarded by Sask. Arts to foster the creative work of professional artists and community arts projects in the province.

The program began in 1948 when the CCF gov-



HOLLY YUZICAPI

ernment at the time made it a priority to give residents in a small province the opportunity to “participate in music, drama, visual arts, handicrafts and the other arts,” and founded the Saskatchewan Arts Board, even before Canada began subsidizing the arts through the Canada Council.

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# City of Melville fills some boards and commissions

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

The City of Melville has appointed a number of people to various boards and commissions but several groups still have vacancies due to a lack of applications received.

The appointments that were received were approved by city council at their Tuesday, Jan. 19 meeting and city manager Ron McCullough said they will continue to advertise and look for volunteers to fill the various positions still vacant. He is hoping people will step forward to fill the available spots, saying it is important for citizens to participate in committees and boards.

"My travels over the past several decades tell me that volunteerism generally is declining and it's getting more challenging to fill vacant seats on local committees," McCullough said when asked about the reason behind the unfilled vacancies.

City council approved the appointment of 12 people to five different boards and commissions, only five of which were new people. There are still another 12 vacancies remaining that need to be filled.

The Police Commission Board, which consists of the mayor and two members of council, was the only board that was completely filled with newcomers Valdeen Mathies and Doug Achty-michuk appointed for the term expiring Dec. 31, 2021. The purpose of the Board is to deal with policing matters in the City and to deal with items referred to the Board by Council. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month.

Only three of the five spots were filled on the

Melville Public Library Board with Sandra Mills, Laura O'Brien and Carly Tank appointed for a one-year term. The Library Board acts as a liaison between the City and the Regional Library Board and sets standards for the local library service in accordance with the Public



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- City Manager Ron McCullough

Libraries Act. Meetings for the committee are not regularly scheduled but are held at the call of the chairperson.

The Van Advisory Board Committee, which ensures and promotes the establishment and maintenance of the Special Needs Van, did not receive any applications for the two one-year terms available. Meeting at least twice a year or as needed, the committee acts as a consulting board to City Council and makes recommendations in keeping with the philosophy and mission of the City of Melville.

Only two of six available spots were filled on the Regional Park Authority, which consists of a 10 member board appointed on staggered two-year terms. Meeting on the first Wednesday of every month, the Regional Park Authority administers, operates and controls the use of the Regional Park according to the Regional Park Act. Appointed for two-years were Scott Albers and Garnet Keller. Still vacant are three two-year terms and one one-

year term.

The Recreation, Culture, & Leisure Services Advisory Board is an 11 member board that helps facilitate and enable the development of leisure activities and opportunities for the residents of Melville. The board represents the interests of culture, heritage, parks, seniors, sports, youth, the rural area, the school boards and two members at large. Only five of the eight available positions were filled with Theresa Wilson, Valdeen Mathies, Larry Peterson, Robyn Lang and Gord Erhardt appointed for two-year terms. There are still three two-year terms available as well as one one-year term for a youth.

Along with the appointments to the boards and commissions, city council also approved contracting Gord Krismer & Associates Ltd. as the Board of Revision to preside over the assessment appeals for the City of Melville and as the Development Appeals Board, which presides over the development appeals for the City of Melville. Appointed to both boards were Clint Krismer as Chair, Gord Krismer as Vice Chair, Aileen Swenson as Secretary, and any two additional members selected from the following list of Board Members: Christina Krismer, Jeff Hutton, David Lang, Kirby Bodnard, Brenda Lauf or Pam Malach.

Anyone interested in volunteering for one of the vacancies for the various boards or commissions can contact the City of Melville or download the application off the city website at [www.melville.ca/p/boards-commission](http://www.melville.ca/p/boards-commission)

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Further information may be obtained from:

Kim Weber, Controller,  
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Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

If you have any questions or would like to know more information, please contact the Recreation Department at 306-728-6860 or [recreation@melville.ca](mailto:recreation@melville.ca)



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# Grenfell, SK incorporated to town status in 1911

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

The year 1911 became a notable one for Grenfell, after a meeting in January when village leaders recommended that the community apply for incorporation as a town.

English settlers initially came to the area with the arrival of the Canadian Pacific Railway line in 1882. The station was first called "Weldon," but the name was later changed to "Grenfell" in recognition of a railway shareholder named Pasco du Pre Grenfell. The hamlet grew and on April 12, 1894 it was officially designated a village.

By 1909, the population had grown to 752 citizens and the government had expanded from a single overseer to include two councilors and a secretary-treasurer. Although the possibility of town status was discussed in the spring of

1909, the motion was defeated.

The community continued to grow over the following two years and many people felt the village was ready for the next step. On January 9, 1911, ratepayers assembled for a meeting with village leaders. An article was published in the Grenfell Sun a few days later describing what transpired.

Since the village was growing, infrastructure needed to be developed. Councilor J. Nicholls said money could be borrowed for this as a village or a town, but he noted that as a town the repayment period would be twice as long with a lower interest rate. Councilor Edward Fitz-Gerald advocated for town incorporation, provided there was clear evidence that it would benefit ratepayers. He suggested several specific improvement projects: forming a High School District, establishing an electric lighting system, erecting a Town Hall, construct-

ing cement sidewalks, and introducing a fire protection system. John McLeod and J. A. Duprau gave similar speeches in support of town incorporation.

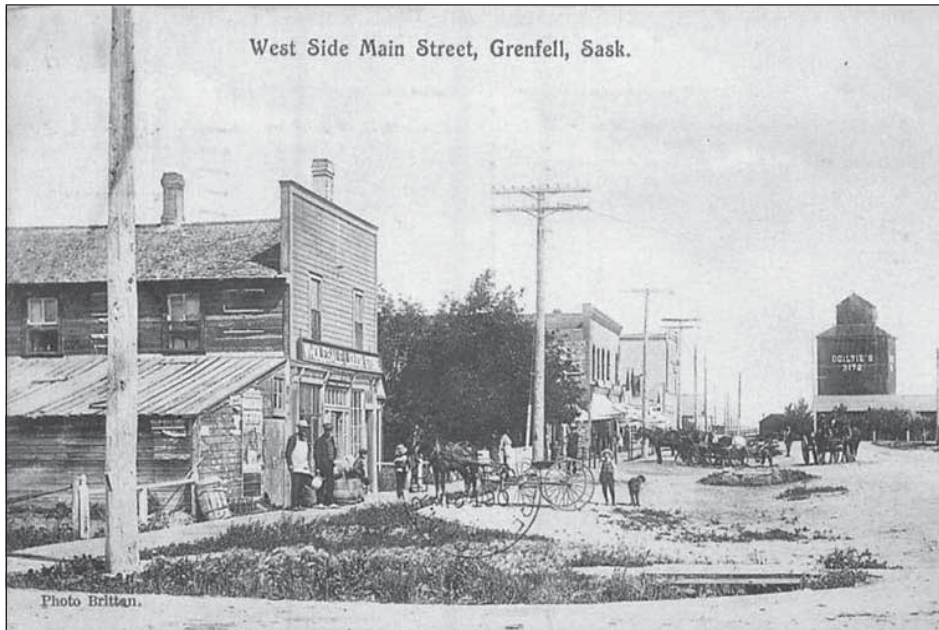
Over the following weeks, village leaders continued to pursue town status. An updated census showed the village had grown since 1909, with twenty new residents added to the register. Council made a formal motion in March that the Village of Grenfell should apply for town status. A poll was taken on April 12 and the results reported to council showed that 80 people approved this decision and only 21 people were against it. The village overseer sent the necessary application to the provincial authorities.

On Aug. 10, the Grenfell Sun published a copy of the official letter to Lieutenant Governor George W. Brown from Executive Councilor John A. Reid, relaying the recommendation from the Minister of Municipal Affairs that the

"Village of Grenfell be erected into a town municipality to be known as the Town of Grenfell."

The application was approved and Grenfell formally became a town on Nov. 1, 1911. A civic election was held shortly afterwards and a notice in the Nov. 30 Grenfell Sun shows three candidates for mayor and eight for councilor. The results were published two weeks later: Harvey Coy (mayor), Dr. Argue, A.T. Claxton, J. A. Duprau, John McLeod, G. Parley, and J. A. Walker.

Grenfell's town incorporation held many benefits for the community, as predicted by Fitz-Gerald and others. Roadways and sidewalks were improved; cleanliness and order were prioritized. The town continued to thrive over the next 110 years to become what it is today – a well-established community with a population over 1,000 and a variety of practical amenities.



West Side Main Street, Grenfell, Sask.

Photo Brittan.



East Side Main Street, Grenfell, Sask.

Photo Brittan.

## The early years

Postcard pictures of Grenfell, Sask. taken in 1907 shows the west (left) and east (right) sides of Main Street. Village council started on Jan. 9, 1911 to make the change to town status and was incorporated on Nov. 1, 1911.

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# Fort Qu'Appelle council repeals pet control bylaw

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

Fort Qu'Appelle has repealed its pet control bylaw because it can't be enforced as it is written.

The bylaw, passed by council in 2004 when Julian Wira was mayor, has a number of transcription errors. It also uses the copyright symbol, © instead of the letter C.

"It is funny if you think about it, but one section, 11C refers to another section 13b, which means that

anyone who receives a complaint about a pet making a disturbance has to destroy it or give it up to the animal shelter if the owner doesn't remove its poop on a daily basis. That doesn't make sense. It should refer to section 15 (which lists the fines for the various offences)," Chief Administration Officer Victor Goodman told council.

Councillor Ron Shordee described any bylaw designed to prohibit the running at large of animals as "one of the most important in the community," but added that the problem of stray animals in town is so widespread most residents don't even know that such

a bylaw exists.

He suggested that when a replacement bylaw is written "something has to be done about the strays coming into town from the lake area. People are feeding them. Something has to be done about it."

Councillor Sandra Schlamp agreed, pointing out that people who use the campground in the summer sometimes desert their pets and leave them behind.

Administration will research what other jurisdictions are doing about the problem before a new bylaw is drafted for council's approval. "Dogs aren't so bad, but cats are hard to track," said CAO Goodman.

## TeleMiracle launches 50/50 online raffle

Provincial  
Grasslands News

The Kinsmen Foundation announced the details of its first-ever online 50/50 raffle in support of TeleMiracle 45, presented by Jay's Transportation Group. Saskatchewan residents will have the ability to support "Saskatchewan's

Charity" while also having the chance to take home half of the final jackpot. The total jackpot will start at \$25,000.

Tickets are on sale now and are available at [www.telemiracle5050.ca](http://www.telemiracle5050.ca). The draw date is February 26, 2021. The winner will be announced on "Countdown to TeleMiracle", the telethon pre-show that will be

live-streamed at [www.telemiracle.com](http://www.telemiracle.com) starting at 6:15 pm on February 27th.

"With COVID-19 impacting many forms of traditional, in-person fundraising, the time was right for TeleMiracle to launch this fundraiser," says TeleMiracle 45 Chair Brian Angstadt. "It's a win-win for Saskatchewan residents. Now they can support TeleMiracle and have the chance to win half of the jackpot."

Angstadt continues that "We hope that TeleMiracle supporters, both old and new ones, will make this raffle a huge success." He adds, "It's about helping as many people in Saskatchewan as possible. The more tickets we can sell, the more people we can

help."

Tickets are available for purchase to anyone over the age of 19 that is physically in the province of Saskatchewan at the time of purchase.

Ticket prices are 1 for \$20, 5 for \$50, 20 for \$100 or 100 for \$250.

The draw will be made at 4:00 p.m. on February 26, 2021. Winner will be notified by email or phone with instructions on claiming the prize. Eligible participants can purchase over the phone by calling 1-306-244-6400 ext.4.

TeleMiracle is entering its 45th year in 2021 and the people of Saskatchewan need your help more than ever. Through the proceeds of this annual telethon, the Kinsmen Foundation is Helping People Every

Day in Saskatchewan, to improve their independence and quality of life. The Foundation provides specialized mobility and medical equipment to people and organizations throughout the province, as well as travel assistance for residents in need of vital medical treatment outside their community.

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### Town Comment

With COVID-19's ever increasing infection rate numbers, let's be thankful for all healthcare workers, service employees, and our local retail and hospitality staff. These are trying times for all of us. A simple "Thank You" and shopping local all help. Please stay safe!

### Fort Qu'Appelle Community Development Grant

The Town will be accepting applications until Monday, February 15, 2021. Application information and forms are available on the Town website: [www.fortquappelle.com](http://www.fortquappelle.com)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Review of Council Honorarium Policy

Pursuant to Section 128 of *The Municipalities Act* and Section 4.1 of Town of Fort Qu'Appelle Public Notice Policy Bylaw No. 08-2018, the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle Council will be reviewing its honorarium policy at the January 28, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the Council Chambers at the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle Municipal Building, 136 Boundary Ave. S., and Fort Qu'Appelle.

Questions can be directed to the Town's CAO at 306-332-5266 or via email at [fortcao@sasktel.net](mailto:fortcao@sasktel.net)

### Council Meeting

The next Town of Fort Qu'Appelle Council meetings will be held on: Thursday, January 28, and Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.

### Snow Removal

Please remove vehicles from streets when snow removal is underway. This will allow Town staff to clear snow from streets without obstructions.

### Sidewalk Snow Clearing

During the winter months, snow and ice on sidewalks can seriously impair the ability of people to get around safely. For that reason, the Town asks owners or occupants of property to clear sidewalks of snow and ice to prevent injury or inconvenience to pedestrians following a snowfall.

### Upcoming Recycling Dates

We hope to have the new schedules from Emterra by the end of January.

January 2021 — 26th and 27th and February 2021 — 23rd and 24th

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# OPINION

"For the cause that needs assistance;  
for the wrong that needs resistance;  
the future in the distance and  
the good that we can do."

## Changing the law to make everyone an organ donor

All Nova Scotians are now considered potential organ donors under law. It's a move that could dramatically boost the number of organ donors in the province.

What a sad and disgusting way to increase the numbers of donors by implementing a law under the pretense that more people will forget to opt out of being a donor than the people who will take the time to stipulate they will be a donor.

I am sorry but I do not see my body – or parts of it I guess I should say – as a commodity where the government can utilize what they need when required.

This system says to me, "Your organs belong to the medical community under our laws until you sign an agreement to say it is not theirs to do with as they please."

In Nova Scotia, you can opt out by signing a form saying your organs or tissue cannot be used, whereas previously, you signed a form saying your organs or tissues could be used. What's the difference you may ask?

To me, the difference is laws such as the one recently passed in Nova Scotia make me feel that our governments are getting one step closer to taking control over everything, and this now includes my personal space that consists of my body and my beliefs.

You are not forced if you opt out. But, your default to register to opt out means your default is consent.

This is moving one step closer to pressurizing the

medical community to "fix" everyone by having a perceived storage of spare parts somewhere.

The choice of becoming a donor should be a choice made by the individual or their family (who should know their wishes) when the organ and tissue donations are needed following the death of another.

Some people are extremely pleased to donate and many are extremely pleased to receive a donation. And that is the reason for some people to feel that consent should be given at the time of death allowing for confirmation and respect for those that are giving and those that are also receiving.

The gift of life and the belief of life after death take a huge hit when we begin to automatically assume we own someone's body and can use it to harvest organs.

At present, forgetting to give consent to become an organ donor may mean someone in need may not receive an organ at your time of death. But, on the other side of the coin, if everyone is automatically a donor, unless you voice disagreement, your organs and tissue automatically can and will be used by the medical community under laws such as the law now passed in Nova Scotia.

Others may suggest that people's opinions would change quickly about not becoming a donor if they were in need of a donation themselves. This is possibly true but it is all about choice. If I choose not to give an organ, my beliefs are probably that I would not wish to receive an organ. It should be a right of

choice and since the entire basis of the whole program is based on donations, if you opt out of donating then you should opt out of getting a donation.

It is important to remember that an organ donated to extend a life should be viewed as a precious gift – not an entitlement or an expectation.

By forcing people to opt out instead of making a choice to give, are we slowly developing a system of central registry for body part donations and what may be needed? At this point, the program becomes a commodity and is no longer the gift of life.

It is my choice to decide if I will live with the precious gift of someone else's organ or tissue and my choice is made from my beliefs. It should also be my choice if I want, or will have my family keep my organs alive so someone else will receive the gift of life.

Possibly the law makers in Nova Scotia have erred in their expectations that the number of donors will increase because of forgetful people. Maybe there are just not a large amount of people signing up to become donors because their beliefs or their feelings about organ donations may not be the same as what the government wants or feels they need.

I was always told government and religion don't mix and here's a good example that this may be true. Do we opt in or do we opt out? Either way, organ donations need to remain as a precious gift for life.

- Elaine Ashfield, Grasslands News

## Moe must go beyond tough talk

By Murray Mandryk  
Grasslands News

Premier Scott Moe has been talking tough regarding COVID-19.

Some of this tough talk was necessary. But other times, it was little more than talk that won't change much at all.

Where Moe's tough talk was most necessary and welcomed was his talk about getting tough with individuals and businesses defying the COVID-19 rules the rest of us are following.

Moe has also talked about how the virus spread might be slowing in Saskatchewan, but the kindest thing one might say about such talk is that it's a way too early.

Saskatchewan was doing well in the COVID-19 fight in December until "a Christmas bump," Moe said, adding that the numbers have started to level out.

It is fair to say that the province is — at least as of the writing of this column — seeing somewhat steadier daily case counts of around 300 new cases a day.

However, Moe and his Saskatchewan government gloss over the reality that those numbers still translate into the most new cases per capita and most active cases per capita. It's also quite likely that January will see more COVID-19-related deaths in Saskatchewan than any month. This follows a record number of Sas-

katchewan COVID-19-related deaths.

Moe should instead give us straight-forward talk on the entire situation so people will be more accepting of any tough measures that might be needed.

But it's also here where Moe's tough talk of clamping down may be most appreciated.

Speaking to reporters at a press conference broadcast provincially, Moe spoke passionately about getting tough calls and petitions from frustrated hockey parents over their kids not being able to play as grownups flout the COVID-19 rules by partying it up in bars.

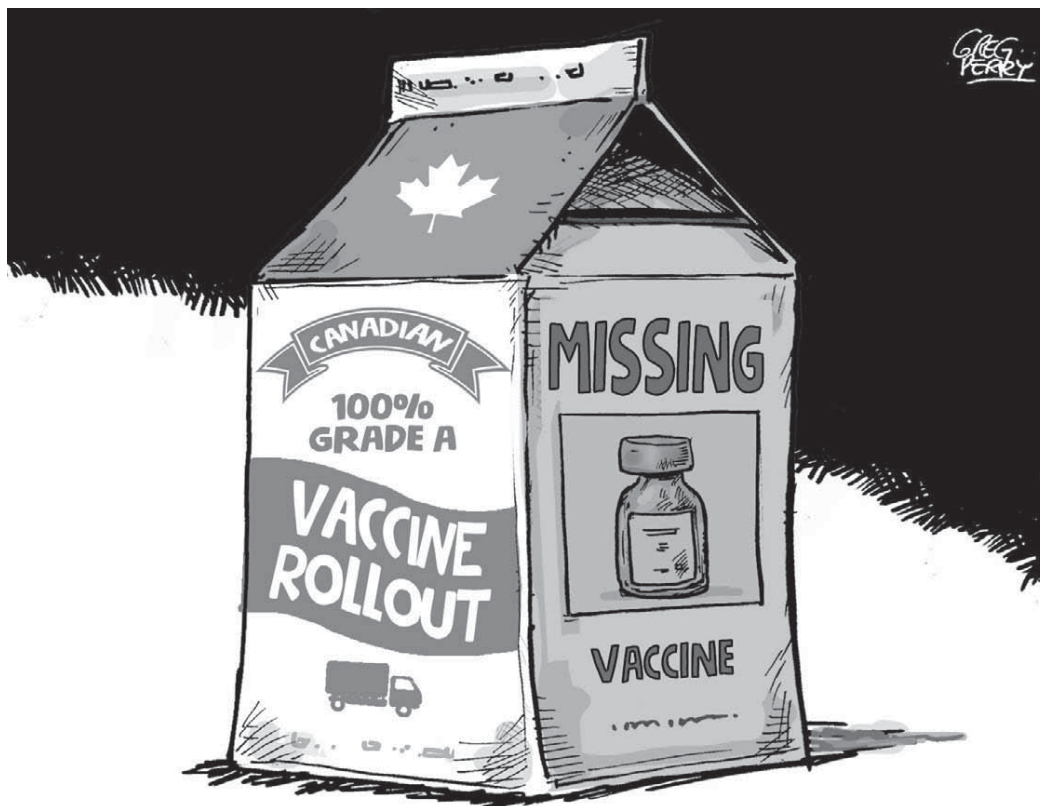
Moe hit a strong note when he suggested that it is some adults who are acting like selfish and immature kids unwilling to take responsibility and that "harsher punishment" might be needed for such adults.

Credit Moe for pulling no punches here.

But let's hope his Saskatchewan Party government is more than talk. Moe is dead right that a few businesses unwilling to follow the rules might be the very reason why other businesses and individuals would be stuck with even tighter restrictions. But it's all rather meaningless if it's not followed up by actions.

As they say, talk is cheap and, right now, we aren't exactly seeing this government put more money towards enforcement to ensure that people are following the rules.

In fact, Moe didn't even explain



last week why his government won't publicly name rule-breaking businesses in the same way it puts out news releases for small businesses that break occupational health and safety rules. Instead, the government seems to be relying on social media to do so.

Nevertheless, someone in the Premier's chair threatening to get tough is sometimes all that's needed to get people to fall in line. Maybe this is what's needed to crack down on local rule breakers.

That said, it's unlikely that tough works with those who are far removed from this jurisdiction.

That would surely be the case of Moe's tough talk — borrowed from Ontario Premier Doug Ford — about "sticking a firecracker up

the ying yang of the chief executive officer of Pfizer to encourage him to get vaccines to this country and his province sooner.

Maybe Moe's frustration was sincere — even if it was just mimicking what Ford said. Clearly, Moe recognizes mass vaccination is key in this fight.

It might even be what people really want to hear. But, really, what good does it do?

Pfizer is an international company with \$59 billion in annual revenues — four times that of Saskatchewan.

Do Moe or Ford think the president of Pfizer is going to be intimidated into getting drugs here fast?

Sometimes tough talk is needed. Sometimes, it's just talk.

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# FN and Métis hold pipe ceremony for COVID victims

By Emily Jane Fulford  
Grasslands News

On Monday, Jan. 18, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) invited citizens to come together to acknowledge and remember those lost to COVID-19, consider those who are currently battling the virus, acknowledge the front line workers who have dedicated their careers over the past year to helping those in crisis, and also to give thanks for the vaccine which is now being distributed across the world including right here in Saskatchewan. The project was led by First Nations and Métis Health and marks a provincial effort for all the people of the province to unite in their efforts to reduce the impact of the pandemic.

"We are asking people wherever they are to stop for a few moments of reflection between 9 and 9:30 a.m. on Monday to pause and reflect. It can be done wherever you are at that time whether it's at work, at home, at school, outside exercising, or in your own personal space," said the SHA in a statement sent out on Jan. 15, urging participation.

Although the initiative was led by First Nations and Métis Health, people from all cultural backgrounds, religions and beliefs were asked to join in the moment

of reflection in the battle against COVID-19.

"We need to respect this virus as an enemy, in the same way that our ancestors respected their enemies. This means we take our fear of the virus and turn it into a courageous, organized front, drawing on all our resources and traditional healing ways, including traditional medicines," said Executive Director of First Nations and Métis Health, Thona Longneck. "We may not be able to gather together in large groups for this ceremony, but we still have the ability to come together and raise our voices as one."

Due to the COVID-19 safety regulations, the Ceremony Keepers did not physically enter into any of the facilities. Instead, the Four Pipe Ceremonies were held simultaneously in each of the homes of the Keepers who reside in different locations across the province.

Since video recording of such ceremonies is not allowed, the event was conducted spiritually rather than virtually. By coordinating when the ceremony would be taking place, the unity prayer was able to be done by all, regardless of distance, or access to high speed internet.

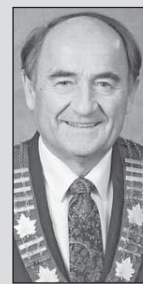
"We are so fortunate that we are now able to distribute a vaccine that has been recognized as safe and effective by health leaders across the globe, but we need to remember that as we distribute the vaccine

across the province, we must remain vigilant and adhere to the public health orders and safety protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19," said SHA CEO, Scott Livingstone.



## Mayor's Corner

"Working Together... to Grow Melville"



STREELASKY

On my Mainstreet GX radio commentary, I made reference to January 1st, New Years' Day noting the bright, sunny and calmness we experienced, with the hope that this day would serve as a possible predictor of a promising year ahead.

As we enter the tenth month of the COVID-19 pandemic, we long for the day that we may once again return to gatherings of family and friends, to carefree travel, to the addition of new life experiences, to seeking new opportunities.

For the first time during my terms on council, we were able to approve our budgeting process prior to December 31 of our current year. This achievement enables our team to move quickly on projects to be initiated through early tendering and utilizing our winter season to lay out detailed plans for the construction season. Our 2.11 per cent budget increase is very much in line with other cities and allows us to move forward through diligent prioritization of required projects.

When I speak of priorities, the Lift Station #1 has been on our replacement list for the last four years – this we hope to attend to with an overall cost of \$3.2 million. The landfill redesign at \$2.55 million is also part of our 2021 budget. Swim pool completion, paving some city streets and placing 1.29 per cent into our reserves all form part of our development plan for our city this year.

With respect to the many activities and events our community has been involved in or hosted in the past, COVID-19 has limited these occurrences to a crawl. Many of us must respond to our work responsibilities but these work situations have greatly changed. Thank you for your perseverance and fortitude as we wait for the day when this pandemic ends.

Hats off to MCS Principal Brandon Needham who was recently recognized for his influence and guidance in reconciliation education.

Did you know that the Opera House Auditorium on the third floor of City Hall is regarded as one of the finest 100 year old concert halls in Saskatchewan because of its superb acoustics?

Walter Streelasky, Mayor of Melville

## Letter to the Editor - Is Moe's \$4 million bailout right?

Dear Editor,

In the midst of one of the worst epidemics that the current generation has ever witnessed was the handing over of four (4) million dollars to the WHL and the SJHL the best use of borrowed money by our provincial government? I think not and from personal experience I do hope that all the right questions had been asked. Or could have 4 million been provided to the hundreds of small businesses that may not survive or have already folded not been a better use of those dollars?

If the readers feel I just don't have a use for the hockey world, I believe my personal record proves otherwise. Along with my wife, we not only billeted a couple dozen SJHL players over a dozen or so years, plus a number of years volunteering for the local executive of a SJHL team plus six very eventful years as the President of a SJHL team as well at least that many years as a Governor to the Board of the SJHL. Yes I do understand the hard work and the endless fund raising that happens to make a community owned SJHL team survive. Watching budgets grow and listening to endless requests by players and sometimes even their parents so junior could be comfortable in this new community playing out his dream of being a hockey player. And the WHL, well I certainly understood they always took the best out of our roster. However my departure from the SJHL eventually led me to be a big fan of the WHL. And I am proud to say that our daughter and son-in-law somewhat followed in our volunteering footsteps as they became deeply involved with their hometown team, Swift Current Broncos of the WHL. And yes the work and fundraising only gets more and possibly harder because of the largeness of the WHL.

However now to my comment "were all the right questions asked"? Once your near the top of a Junior team you quickly learn that once you are out of playoff contention the expense's all but nearly stop. Once the boys are sent home only office expenses and possibly some coaching and general manager staff do continue to be

on the payroll. So have the respective teams been asked to limit expenses to the absolute minimum? Yes, they may fire up the season in the end of March, however the numbers in Saskatchewan are not slowing down, the vaccination process in Saskatchewan appears to be developing almost as poorly, rolling out as Premier Moe's ability to understand how to slow down the pandemic.

Also on asking the right questions: both the SJHL and WHL have head offices with at a minimum a president at the top. So I'm curious, will the money firstly go in that direction with a League President and possibly staff still maintaining day to day office work, auto rentals and other expenses which will skim off the thousands that they need and possibly sending out a lot less to the respective teams with possibly equal amounts to the community owned teams and also to the ones owned by well off owners. SO were the right questions asked? My hunch is not!

And while we are helping out sports teams my question is who's next? The Riders? The provincial football league? Well, how about the countless senior hockey teams that exist throughout Saskatchewan in all those ridings that Moe proudly boasts as his; don't they deserve some of this excess new cash that Moe and company appear to have found?

I'll end with a comment which to me is the direction this provincial government should have gone!

Firstly, who were the people that lobbied the government on behalf of the WHL and SJHL? Let's find them and have the Provincial Chamber of Commerce hire them to lobby the Provincial Government to get cash and a program to support all the small and local small business that have struggled to survive this pandemic and in many small communities are all that's left there as far as A Commercial Business.

All residents of Sask. need to ask their Government MLA, was "Moe's Bucks for Pucks" the best use of 4 million dollars at this time?

- Micheal Halyk, Melville

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# Cowessess Child Services Act to be finalized in coming weeks

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

It has been one year since Cowessess First Nation exercised its rights under Bill C-92 and informed the Canadian Government that they would assume jurisdiction over its young citizens in foster care. Cowessess expects to have the necessary paperwork finalized within the next few weeks and begin transferring guardianship of the children on April 1.

Last year, First Nation members ratified a Child

and Family Services Act known as the Miyo Pimatisowin Act. The title translates as "Striving for a Better Life" and the Act provides guidelines for child custody agreements, foster care licensing, and other relevant services.

Cowessess First Nation continued to work diligently after the Act was adopted. A Board of Directors was appointed for the Chief Red Bear Children's Lodge (CRBCL), the agency established to implement the Miyo Pimatisowin Act. Eva Coles, who has more than 30 years of

experience working in social services, was hired as the CEO for CRBCL.

Coles and her colleagues have spent the past several months collaborating with Indigenous Services Canada and Saskatchewan's Ministry of Social Services to create a coordination agreement. This document is the first of its kind in Canada; it will include funding details and describe the process for transferring guardianship of children from the Saskatchewan government to Cowessess First Nation. Coles antic-

ipates the coordination agreement will be finalized shortly and said that April 1 is the target date to begin operations. She expects that it will take about one year for guardianship to be transferred to Cowessess for the 90 children currently in Saskatchewan foster care.

In addition to negotiating a coordination agreement with the provincial and federal governments, a key element at this stage is creating a strategic plan. This includes significant community engagement through online discussions and mail-in surveys.

"Cowessess is starting from scratch; we're taking a lot of steps that have never been taken before," Coles explained. "They're not inheriting any child welfare services that already exist so everything will be the Cowessess way."

Important values for Cowessess people are reflected in the Miyo Pimatisowin Act's emphasis on maintaining family and cultural connections. Approximately one-third of the children in care are already living with relatives but CRBCL will strive to reunite families when possible and to restore a sense of cultural identity for the children. Coles says this will provide children with a sense of belonging and pride in

their identity, and also lead to healing for the community. However, she said that staff from CRBCL would review individual situations to determine what is best for each child. "We won't be moving children if it's not necessary," Coles stated. "If people are happy and healthy, and they just need some extra things, we'll add to that plan - we won't take away from it."

The Miyo Pimatisowin Act carries the same weight as a federal act,

so it will allow Cowessess to provide services to citizens in other provinces. Once CRBCL has become well established on the Cowessess reserve, they plan to expand to Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba where they have identified a majority of band members to be living and accessing social services. "We will spread out sort of like sunshine, all our rays will start going out and touching on citizens all over!" Coles enthused.

## RCMP investigate fraud reports

Sgt. Travis Adams  
Melville / Ituna Detachment

Reporting period: Jan. 13 to Jan. 20  
Melville and Ituna detachments dealt with 56 occurrences over the past week.

### Traffic

During this time, Melville and Ituna detachments responded to 29 reported occurrences or traffic stops that resulted in 5 Charges and 17 Warnings.

RCMP responded to three collisions involving wildlife and three other collisions in Melville and Ituna area during and after the windstorm.

### Mischief / Theft / Impaired / Fraud

RCMP responded to assist Ituna Fire Department that was dispatched to a structure fire in Ituna. No entrapment, no injuries.

A person contacted the RCMP regard-

ing a possible fraud from over 15 years ago. RCMP continue to investigate.

Another person contacted the RCMP to report being defrauded of over \$6,000 by someone in the United States. RCMP continue to investigate.

Complainant contacted the RCMP to report that someone on Facebook had posted puppies for sale and that they can be picked up at their business. RCMP continue to investigate.

RCMP checked conditions on two other individuals on conditions. Breach charges completed and Warrants for arrest sworn.

If you have information related to these mischiefs, thefts, or frauds please contact your local RCMP Detachment, call 310-RCMP for immediate response, or you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



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# Mental health first aid course hosted online from Broadview

By Elaine Ashfield  
Grasslands News

Broadview has been chosen to host a free mental health first aid course, sponsored through the Do More Ag Community Fund. The course is online at eventbrite.ca and is available to anyone on or off Facebook.

While the course is not until Feb. 15 and Feb. 16, the community leaders, Jocelyn Velestuk and Astrid Van T' Westeinde, both mixed farmers near Broadview, say if you would like to register, please try to do so before Sunday, Jan. 24.

The course is 1 day in duration but being held over Feb. 15 and Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon CST. Information can be seen on the Broadview and Area Community Events Facebook page.

"We have applied to the Community Fund that provides the course for three years and were finally chosen this year," Jocelyn Velestuk told Grasslands News. Velestuk has both personal and career interests that drive her to promote the importance of mental wellness.

"That winter of 2019 when we had crop out over winter and were also operating our mixed farm, it was tough," Velestuk relayed as an example. "I've talked with others, with different generations as I'm also an agronomist and I know it is hard for people to share some of their feelings at times. We need to work together to help others that may be struggling and let them know that where they may be with their mental health issue at any time may not always be that way."

The Community Fund for Mental Health education is proudly presented by Farm Credit Canada and supported by every Do More Ag partner as well as many local businesses!

The Fund was created to provide agriculture communities across Canada with access to mental health education and literacy at no cost. They feel it is so important that agriculture communities across Canada begin learning the tools to begin supporting themselves and one another through not only mental health crisis, but also at mental wellbeing.

The Do More Ag Foundation promotes Talk More. Ask More. Listen More.

They envision a culture in Agriculture where all producers are encouraged, empowered and supported to take care of their mental wellbeing.

"Often as a family member, friend or neighbor, we

don't know how to recognize the feelings others may be experiencing, or the degree of mental illness they may be dealing with at that time and we often don't know what to say to them to support them or how we can help them," Velestuk confirmed.

Being in rural areas often leads to more isolation and of course, everyone is isolated to some degree at present. This is a free course that requires no travel, gives you the opportunity to listen from your own home as well as the ease of taking part in the whole course or listening to only what you want.

"We need to understand where we are at right now with our mental health and take advantage of resources to keep well or to help make us well," Velestuk added.

Do More Ag is helping to realize this culture in agriculture by creating awareness about mental health and breaking the stigma that currently exists while building a community of support and resources for those impacted and affected. They will help all producers realize they are not alone and they have an entire industry behind them.

How can you Do More? Sometimes it's as easy as being able to Talk More, Ask More and Listen More.

Forty per cent of producers across Canada reported that they would feel uneasy about seeking professional help due to what people may think.

Results from the National Survey of Farmer Mental Health, involving 1,100 producers from across Canada, conducted by Dr. Andria Jones-Bitton at the University of Guelph, showed thirty five percent of producers met the criteria for Depression classification, 45 per cent of producers were classified as having High Stress and 58 per cent percent of producers met the criteria for Anxiety classification.

The Do More Agriculture Foundation is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. If you are in crisis, please visit your local emergency department or call 911.

Anyone can register for this course whether farmers or friends or people who are interested in improving their wellbeing.

Visit [www.domore.ag](http://www.domore.ag) for information that is available to support mental wellbeing for anyone through Do More Ag. "We can all get better but we need to learn the tools to deal with things when we are not at our best," Velestuk added. "This course is a very minimal time commitment for the benefit of our family and friends."

Gene Hauta

## It's A Strange World

In Thunder Bay, there was at least one complaint that the Knights of Columbus-supported **nativity scene does not belong on city property**. The most iconic symbol of Christmas was not put up or supported by city government. It was simply a matter of permission to place the creche where it has been located for 65 years. For one man, the display represents a violation of the clear line that should exist between religion and government. The complainant said the display is not 'secular'. "When the city crosses the line and endorses one religious belief over another, that's called exclusivity, it's called bias, it's called supremacy... This is not democracy."

In Kansas City, Kan., investigators pieced together a complex motorcycle incident. A biker had been street racing, lost control, and wrecked. The impact **caused the biker's concealed pistol to discharge**, shooting him in the hip. Then he was hit by a passing car, which fled the scene. The biker was hospitalized in "critical but non-life-threatening" condition. Oh, yeah, because he is a convicted felon, he will be charged for having the gun and a large bag of meth.

\*A Philadelphia woman looking for love on the dating app Hinge says she was stunned to find out that **her "most compatible" match is her brother**.

TikTok star Brooke Averick, AKA LadyEfron, shared a video of her hilarious reaction to the incestuous suggestion on US Thanksgiving Day. She did have some fun with the situation, reporting that she would spend Thanksgiving with her 'match', before revealing it was her brother and that they will file a lawsuit against Hinge.

Two suspects are in custody after the surveillance **cameras they stole ratted them out**. A man and a woman, both from Brooks, AB, are accused of stealing several items, including wireless security cameras, from a residence. A few days after the break-and-enter, the victim received an email: the cameras were on and sending images of the suspected thieves. It seems that the suspects were unaware of the cameras' ability to send notifications to the victim. A 39-year-old female and a 59-year-old male have been charged.

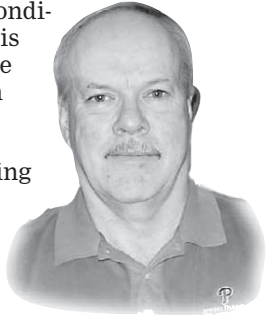
A man is on the run from Ecuador police after allegedly killing his wife and **using superglue to piece the top of her head back together** to hide the horrific injuries from her family and the authorities. It appears that Luis Hermida bludgeoned his partner Lisbeth Baquerizo, 30, four days before Christmas. He says he notified the woman's parents immediately but by the time they got there a coffin was already in the house. The parents were told the woman died after falling down the stairs. It took a while to piece it all together but a warrant was issued for Hermida, who fled town.

People living in Italy's COVID-19 "Red Zones" are **only allowed outside their homes for walks or bicycle rides** "near" their homes, but the allowed distance is not actually specified in the order. After an argument with his wife, one resident stormed out to "clear his head" with a walk. Police finally found him a week later 450 km to the south. The unnamed 48-year-old clocked more than 60 km a day, and depended on the kindness of strangers for food and a place to sleep. Police in Fano called his wife to come get him, and pay a 400 euro (US\$480) fine for violating the town's curfew.

This would have been frightening. In upstate New York, a **snowplow buried a car under four feet of snow**, trapping an occupant for 10 hours. Authorities received a series of 911 calls from Kevin Kresen, who told them he'd run off the road in Owego during the bad snowstorm. New York State Sgt. Jason Cawley wouldn't give up and pursued these unanswered emergency calls. Cawley pulled over when he saw what he thought were mailboxes peeking out from under the snow. While digging, he hit the windshield of a car. After 10 hours without heat, Kresen was treated for frostbite and hypothermia.

Most of you remember the name John Wayne Bobbitt, whose ex-wife Lorena **sliced off his penis while he slept**. Thirty years later, Bobbitt has had two toes amputated on his right foot amid a gruesome series of health woes. His big toe was taken because a callous grew and the bone became infected. Then, because the neighbouring toe fractured because of the extra pressure, he lost the second digit. He may yet lose an entire foot after battling persistent infections that have killed the bone after a construction accident (stepping on a nail in 2013).

Until next time... keep reading between the lines...



## Local organizations receive grant money

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

A number of local organizations received funding in the latest round of charitable gaming grants. Approximately \$1.3 million is being provided to Saskatchewan groups and organizations that conduct charitable gaming fundraisers.

"Our government is pleased to support the volunteers of our province who continue to make a difference in their communities," Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority Jim Reiter said. "The charitable gaming grant program provides extra dollars that help these groups deliver their services in a variety of important sectors including public service, emergency services, health care and recreation."

Among the grants provided by Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority during the past six months: Balcarres Lions and Lioness Club received \$3,365; Dysart Community Fundraising Committee and Knights of Columbus groups received a combined \$221; Esterhazy's Parkland Atom Fire team and the Legion #249 together got \$142; Indian Head Minor Hockey got \$131; four groups in Ituna (Pioneer Health Care Centre, Sports Association, St. Stanislaus Parish Council and Sunshine Friendship Club) together got \$379; Mel-

ville's Heritage Museum, Melville IP Minor Hockey, Melville Senior Citizens Inc. together got \$571; Wapella Community Development Society and the Silverwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre got \$371 combined.

A grant equal to 25 per cent of net proceeds raised through licensed charitable gaming (bingo, raffles, break-open ticket sales, Texas Hold 'em poker and Monte Carlo events) is paid quarterly to groups and organizations that conduct these events. Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority calculates grant payments when groups and organizations submit their charitable gaming reports.

### Looking For Missing Tables and Chairs

The Melville and District Chamber of Commerce is asking the public for assistance in locating tables and chairs that were lent to local organizations/businesses.

Please contact Carol at 306-728-4177 if you have any information.

Thank You

## Melville Community Works RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC!

- Thrift Shop open - Tuesday and Thursday 12 - 4 p.m.
- Gift Shop open - Tuesday and Thursday 1 - 3 p.m.
- Kidsville opening to be determined
- Canadian Mental Health Association - Melville Branch  
- Meeting 1st Wednesday of every month 7 p.m.
- Magic Moments Playschool is currently full and accepting names for the 2020 - 2021 school year wait list. Please contact Chantel Fahlman for more info at 306-730-6272 or via Facebook messenger.



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# Family explores and enjoys nature's beauty

By Elaine Ashfield  
Grasslands News

Nothing compares to nature's beauty or to the adventures one finds when enjoying the great outdoors.

Jenn Adams discovered this at a young age, growing up as a farm kid. "There was always something to explore," she says, and she continues her interest in the outdoors every season, only now with friends and family joining her in her adventures.

Jenn and her husband Troy and their two children, Tye and Kaili, can often be seen heading out by car or by motorcycle for an afternoon trek or a sightseeing ride on their motorcycles when weather permits.

Many of nature's hidden beauties have been found when they take a break from their vehicle, while on a long and often no so long road trip, is needed. Some of the breaks often require a bit of convincing by mom but ultimately result in satisfaction.

Maryn Liles captures it all on her page of nature's quotes: "From spring's hopeful new blooms and fall's exquisite array of colors to winter's magic and summer's energy, each season abounds with different types of natural beauty to explore and admire."

"I love hiking," Jenn Adams told Grasslands News. By acquiring snowshoes about 15 years ago, the challenges became unlimited as new adventures in new seasons were added to the hiking expeditions that she has always enjoyed.

Close to home, Kenosee Park has Peninsula Trail, Beaver Trail that connects to Youell, and Birch Forest Trail, to name a few of the Adams' destinations.

"Bear Creek, located between Rocanville and Tantallon, and the Qu'Appelle Valley are our local go-to places every winter," says Jenn, "but we have been fortunate to snowshoe in places like around Kimberly, BC where a background of mountains provided amazing scenery along with the adventure."

"As long as you stay moving you stay warm. In fact, my daughter and I found ourselves quite motivated to move (and kept quite warm) when, on one hike, we were serenaded by multiple coyotes on one very cold winter day," added Adams, with her usual sense of humour. "My daughter didn't appreciate my humor in the moment though when I told her that she was my bait to get out if things went sideways! We were almost to the tunnel at Bear Creek when that happened."

Her son enjoyed one of their trips on show shoes up the Qu'Appelle probably more than that trip of his sister's, as they sat on the top of the valley, eating an early supper of dehydrated spaghetti that was brought back to life with their little Jetboil.

"Nothing like sitting up at the top in a snow bank and feeling like we had the entire valley to ourselves," said Adams.

Besides the snowshoeing, Kenosee has groomed cross-country ski trails throughout Fish Creek campground and also at Little Kenosee, says Adams, adding to use the turnoff at the riding stables.

"South of Rocanville, there are also groomed cross-country ski trails that are well sheltered; we have tried those ones and really enjoyed them."

"Whitewood also has a new snowshoeing and walking trail right close to home," Adams adds.

For those wanting to get into hiking or just try new trails, Adams suggests if you don't have the All Trails App, she highly recommends it.

Some spur of the moment trips for the Adams from searches on the App have included hikes in Billings, Montana; at Marble Canyon in BC; Rushing River campground in Ontario, and Heart Creek Trail just outside of Canmore, AB to name a few.

"I have a friend that solidified my love for mountains," says Jenn. "In 2016 she took a handful of newbies hiking to the summit of Mt. Yamnuska, located just east of Canmore. It is easily recognizable from the hi-way, and always brings a smile now when driving by. It was an amazing mountain experience for someone from the prairies. Several terrain changes from forest on the lower half, to rocky pathways, breaks in the tree line, climbing up and through the chimney, crossing and descending the chains sections, going up the scramble and getting to the summit. Photos simply don't do it justice."

"Two scree sections and a test of my pack and hiking pants on the way down were a true test when I lost my footing and started sliding down the scree slope. A flash of panic before I somehow

flipped over from my back to my stomach so I could dig my boots and hands into the cascading loose rock to come to a stop. My heart was hammering in my throat! The two people ahead of me were sure I wouldn't stop and would wipe them out, and the three people behind me that were waiting for me to clear the scree thought I was going over the edge; everyone had a different vantage point and apparently none looked great. Skinned my hands and knees, and one tiny tear on the pocket of my pants. Overall, nothing but a great memory."

"The next summer we went up Ha Ling Trail to Miners Peak. There are some stunning views along the way. I have since convinced my daughter to hike up with me. To each other's surprise, neither of us pushed the other off the top."

Grassi Lakes Trail, and Johnston Canyon are also very beautiful, all in the Canmore area, Adams commented for those looking for holiday destinations.

A good day pack with hip belt and chest strap, a solid pair of over the ankle hiking boots with a vibrant sole, and a lightweight set of trekking poles are a great investment, worth every penny, Adams confirmed. From those pieces she has continued to build her hiking essentials and use them in the mountains and on the prairies year round.

"This past summer we did a backpacking trip to Grey Owls cabin. It's approximately 42 km in and out. It was a bucket list adventure, and a huge learning experience," said Adams.

"There are four campsites along the trail, and also access from the water for people paddling the route as well. It was our first time using the bear caches at the campsites. These are man-made platforms used to store all food or scented attractants, accessed by an extension ladder that must be laid flat after stowing your food when cooking is finished."

"Stunning sunrises over the lake, and also on the first morning, I experienced my very first bear encounter after we broke camp and were down the trail. Things I learned – 1.

live. My husband found out the hard way. Water and electricity makes an interesting sound," Jenn added, again showing her humour.

A 17 km. paddle down part of the Qu'Appelle River with friends was another day. Lots of wildlife – bald eagles, vultures, turtles, beaver, and one slightly annoyed llama.

Many days have been enjoyed bobbing around Little Kenosee, Round Lake and Crooked Lake as well.

"With the lakes and valleys that surround us here, there is always somewhere beautiful to explore. Get outside and see something," Adams advises.

All of the seasons and all of the destinations

and adventures of enjoying the outdoors, as the Adams family does, can be summed up in this quote by John Muir of Our National Parks – "Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves."

The great outdoors is everywhere. Take a walk, try a hike or enjoy time with your family and friends in the great outdoors. One bonfire will bring out many storytellers for everyone to enjoy!

And if you haven't had an adventure yet, invite the Adams to share one of their stories. They are also lovers of campfires!



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## Family of explorers

The Adams family (Troy, Kaili, Tye and Jenn) haven't let the pandemic stop them from getting out and having fun as they have used the time to explore and hike together throughout both the summer and winter months.

Bear spray stays with the person, not in the pack. 2. A package of wet wipes can be used as a noise maker when that's all you have in your hands as you exit the pit toilet. 3. Yelling "Hey bear, I see you bear; hey guys, there is a bear!" was effective in moving the bear along the trail that had been in between myself and the rest of my little crew behind me. 4. Wet wipes come in handy for post bear encounters as well," Adams laughs now while sharing her story well past the days of her experience.

She continued sharing how the trek in and out was challenging on this adventure. "My blisters had blisters. The take-away? Moleskin has since been added to the first aid kit; more frequent stops to change socks would have been smarter; trekking poles saved me (not from the bear); a gravity water purifier is on the 'to acquire' list. We are currently considering kayaking it next, if we can secure everything we need onto our kayaks without sinking them! Adding dry bags to the list!"

Kayaking is something the family has taken up in the last 4 years and they have found that they all really enjoy this. This past summer they did a few 'day' paddles. Again, lessons were learned.

"Pipestone Creek has electric fences that cross in various spots and it's a good bet that at least 1 in 4 of those fences is

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# Snowmobile Safety Week

*When it's a matter of safety, caution is key!*

## Key safety tips for snowmobilers

January 17 to 23 is Saskatchewan Snowmobile Safety Week, an occasion during which snowmobilers are reminded about the importance of responsible riding. Here are seven tips for staying safe on the trails this winter.

- 1. Gear up.** Always wear a helmet and dress for the weather.
- 2. Be prepared.** Bring along a safety kit that includes flares, basic tools and first-aid items.
- 3. Check your ride.** Before heading out, make sure your snowmobile is tuned up and has enough gas and oil.
- 4. Remain on the trail.** Most accidents occur when riders stray from marked trails and run into hazards.

**5. Ride with a buddy.** Don't head out on your own, and tell another person where you plan to go before you leave.

**6. Avoid frozen lakes and rivers.** Only ride on ice if it's at least 25 centimetres thick.

**7. Never drive impaired.** Operating a snowmobile under the influence of alcohol or drugs is both dangerous and illegal.

Lastly, consider taking a snowmobile safety course, especially if you're a beginner. This will help you stay safe on your snowmobile and learn the local rules and regulations.

## Try snowmobiling this winter

If you've never been snowmobiling, you don't know what you're missing. Here are five reasons to give it a try.

- 1. It's safe and easy.** You shouldn't be intimidated by the idea of riding a snowmobile. With the right safety precautions and proper instructions, snowmobiling is a safe activity for kids and adults alike.
- 2. It's a great group activity.** Snowmobiling is even more enjoyable when done with family or friends. Undertaking the adventure together is a great way to bond and create lasting memories.
- 3. It lets you connect with nature.** There's something special about exploring hills, fields and forests when

they're blanketed in virgin snow. Snowmobiling allows you to experience nature like you've never seen it before.

**4. It lets you visit remote locations.** You can cover large distances on a snowmobile and see picturesque landscapes that are far off the beaten track.

**5. It's peaceful.** It's true that some people snowmobile to get an adrenaline rush. However, others take to the trails in order to be immersed in the quiet and calm of nature.

Finally, snowmobiling is simply fun. No matter what pace you go at, it's a thrill to ride over snow-covered terrain on a brisk winter day.

## SNOWMOBILE SAFETY WEEK

January 17-23, 2021 is snowmobile safety week in Saskatchewan. With over 10,600km worth of trail to enjoy in the province, the Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association would like to remind you of a few key points:

- You can register your snowmobile at any of the 350 Issuers across the province and with your \$110 registration fee you will receive \$200,000 third party liability. This means you have protection in case you cause property damage or injuries to someone else.
- It's important that you know where to go while snowmobiling. Clubs work closely with landowners to ensure permissions are obtained, which allow snowmobile trails to cross their property. Any and all off-trail riding is considered trespassing unless permission has been obtained from the landowner, so if you don't know, don't go.
- During the pandemic, and following proper COVID regulations, we ask that you wear a mask and sanitize when necessary. Gathering sizes inside and outside of the shelters as well as on the trails cannot exceed the current Public Health Orders. Please keep a physical distance of at least 2 metres between households and masks must be worn. The shelters are not subject to scheduled disinfection so no gatherings of any size in any shelter beyond immediate households.
- Safety goes a long way to ensure that snowmobilers have a safe ride. This means starting with basic knowledge from taking a snowmobile safety course. The SSA offers an online course for \$44.95 per student that you are able to take from the convenience of your own home. The course is available 365 days a year, at any time of the day, for students aged 12 and up. Did you know that it is required for anyone born after January 1, 1989 to have their certificate even if they have a valid driver's license?



## MORE SAFETY TIPS!

Do not use alcohol or drugs – before or during snowmobiling

Wear a proper fitting helmet and the correct snowmobiling gear

Keep your snowmobile properly maintained

Ride with a buddy or with a group

Inform someone where you are going and when you plan to return

Carry emergency supplies and learn first aid and survival skills

Stay on the trail, respect wildlife and our landowners

Use common sense and keep a clear head!

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## Chainsaw artist sculpts Bay Avenue poplar trees

**Internationally known artists creating pelican and bison**

Fort Qu'Appelle has a new street artist. The artist is a woman named Bay Avenue. She is a chainsaw artist. She has been sculping poplar trees in the town of Fort Qu'Appelle. She has created a pelican and a bison. The pelican is a symbol of sacrifice and the bison is a symbol of strength. The artist has been working on these sculptures for several months. She has been very successful in her work. The sculptures are now on display in the town of Fort Qu'Appelle. They are a beautiful addition to the town's landscape.

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## Farmers' Market return met with excitement

**Popular Fort Qu'Appelle event opens after 6-week delay due to COVID-19 pandemic**

The Farmers' Market in Fort Qu'Appelle has returned after a six-week hiatus. The market was held on Friday, July 3, and was a success. The market was held in the town square and was attended by many people. The market was a great success and was a welcome sight for the community. The market was held in the town square and was attended by many people. The market was a great success and was a welcome sight for the community.

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## O'Toole ahead, Lewis gaining for Conservative leader

The Conservative Party's support for the Liberal Party's leader, Justin Trudeau, has increased. The party's support for the Liberal Party's leader, Justin Trudeau, has increased. The party's support for the Liberal Party's leader, Justin Trudeau, has increased. The party's support for the Liberal Party's leader, Justin Trudeau, has increased.

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## Duraline abandons its expansion plans

**Complications with town cited as reason**

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## Fort San's mayor will be bowing out of election

**Ketepwa and 8-Say-Tah mayors seeking another term during August 29 vote**

Fort San's mayor, Ketepwa, will not be running for re-election. The mayor will be bowing out of the election. The mayor will be bowing out of the election. The mayor will be bowing out of the election.

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## Students uncertain about returning to classrooms

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## Finishes announces bid for mayor's seat

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## O'Toole takes helm of party from Scheer

**Lamenting Lewis' loss. Reaction to O'Toole's win.**

O'Toole has taken the helm of the Conservative Party. The party's leader, O'Toole, has taken the helm of the party. The party's leader, O'Toole, has taken the helm of the party. The party's leader, O'Toole, has taken the helm of the party.

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## Communities in Bloom launch fundraiser for more sculptures

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## Historic trails

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## Another tree sculpture planned on Broadway St.

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## Infrastructure projects sent for approval

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## Tragic rollover claims life of local woman

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## Treaty 4 commemorated amidst COVID-19

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## Pasqua FN to build seniors' residence

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## Popular Farmers' Market vandalized

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## Council looks to regulate vacation rentals

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# Watch next week's edition for part-4 of the Year in Review...

# Local areas show increase COVID-19 cases

By Elaine Ashfield  
Grasslands News

The warnings of the increase in numbers of cases of COVID-19 are getting stronger with implications of stronger restrictions if case numbers don't fall from the over 300 average per day.

Saskatchewan is on record for the highest number per capita but yet many people are disregarding public health restrictions while many others feel the cases are not appearing in their smaller communities so are being somewhat more complacent than others.

We see and hear the daily reports of positive cases and the areas affected. How many really know how many active cases are in their area?

The daily reports from Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), including in what zones, are the number of NEW cases and not the number of active cases on that day.

For example, last Friday, January 15, the locations for the highest number of new cases were in the Far North West (46), Far North East (24), North West (45), North Central (38), North East (36), Saskatoon (88), Regina (42), South East (30) while the Central West (2), Central East (14), South West (1) and South Central (4) zones are showing fewer new cases. 10 new cases have pending residence information.

The total number of active cases can also be found for your zone and sub-zone. These are what determine where the number of cases are spreading and at what rate.

## Totals for active cases

A list of the breakdown of cases in the zones are shown on Saskatchewan.ca Health and Wellness Dashboard with a list of some of the towns in each zone to help give reference to what zone you would probably be included in.

Saskatchewan's active cases on Jan. 15 were

4,010 (a decrease of 4.8% from 4,213 recorded 30 days prior) but hospitalized cases totaling 210 had increased over 69% from 30 days prior and deaths had increased 114% to 210 from the 98 total 30 days prior.

In the Grasslands News coverage area most people would be listed in the South East Zone which includes South East 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the Central East that includes Central East 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Total case numbers on Wednesday, January 20 for the South East Zone were 234 active cases, 8 daily new, 10 hospitalized and 578 recovered and 22 deaths.

South East 1 includes Abernethy, Balcarres, B-Say-Tah, Dysart, Fort Qu'Appelle, Fort San, Francis, Glenavon, Grenfell, Indian Head, Katepwa, Kendal, Lebre, Lipton, McLean, Montmartre, Odessa, Qu'Appelle, Sedley, Sintaluta, Vibank, Windthorst, Wolseley and others that are not listed. South East 1 showed on Jan. 20 that there were 93 active (1 new). Population 22,665.

South East 2 includes places such as Broadview, Cowessess First Nation, Fairlight, Fleming, Kennedy, Kenossee Lake, Kipling, Maryfield, Moomsomin, Rocanville, Wapella, Wawota, Welwyn, Whitewood plus others. The numbers on Jan. 15 for this area was 76 active (2 new). Population 15,366.

The Central East area had a total of 127 active cases, 15 daily new cases, 10 hospitalized, 675 recovered and 4 deaths.

Central East 5 (another zone within the Grasslands coverage area) includes mention of communities northeast of the Qu'Appelle Valley such as Bird's Point, Bredenbury, Churchbridge, Dubuc, Esterhazy, Grayson, Killaly, Langenburg, Lemberg, Melville, Neudorf, Saltcoats, West End, Yarbo plus more. This area had 5 active (0 new). Population 19,429.

## At fragile point

During a COVID-19 briefing, Saskatchewan



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## Town birthday cake

Mayor Gus Lagace and deputy mayor Brian Strong at the first council meeting of the new year cut the cake celebrating the town of Fort Qu'Appelle's 70 anniversary. The Fort's first town council was sworn in 70 years ago last week.

Health Authority (SHA) CEO Scott Livingstone said the province's health-care system is at its most fragile point throughout the pandemic.

"We need the public more than ever to double down on their efforts to help support the system to be able to deliver for the people of this province," Livingstone said.

COVID-19 PSA alerts will only be issued at the direction of local medical health officers when they have determined a notification of the broader public is required to inform individuals who may have attended a location or business to immediately self-isolate and seek testing. Alerts for outbreaks in areas are issued based on the clinical discretion of the local medical health officer.

Dr. Shahab, Saskatchewan's chief medical health officer, said transmission is found "in health care settings and workplaces, but primarily it is household exposure and then in other public and other social settings."

He will recommend new restrictions if COVID-19 case numbers don't decline.

Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Theresa Tam warned on Friday that unless the extent and severity of restrictions are further intensified, Canada will not be able to suppress the current rate of spread.

"Public health measures work. The vaccine in the short term is not going to make any difference to the transmission," Tam said.

## Months before vaccines

Tam warned that it will still be months before most Canadians get

access to shots and it's essential that the health-care system has the capacity to administer them on a mass scale when the time comes.

Maj.-Gen. Dany Fortin, who is leading Canada's logistical rollout, stated, "Pfizer has confirmed that Canada's deliveries (vaccines) will be impacted for the next four

weeks. We will see an average reduction over this timeframe of 50 per cent of expected deliveries."

This setback to Canada's short-term COVID-19 vaccine delivery schedule means the number of doses going to each province and territory will have to be readjusted. Fortin said that the allocations will begin to scale

back up in the first two weeks of February, before returning to the size of doses originally anticipated.

"In my conversation this morning with Pfizer, it was very clear that we're still correct in our planning assumption to receive approximately 4 million doses of Pfizer by March 31," Fortin said.

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# SPORTS



## Dunstone to represent Saskatchewan at Brier

By Travis Longman  
Grasslands News

A familiar face is back representing Saskatchewan. Last week, Curl Sask announced that Matt Dunstone will be the province's representative at the upcoming Brier, scheduled to take place in Calgary, AB. Dunstone represented Saskatchewan at last year's Brier and earned a spot in the one versus two page playoff game.

In the 1-2 playoff game, Dunstone gave it a valiant effort against team Alberta, represented by Brendan Bottcher. They battled back from an early deficit to make the game interesting heading into the final end. Unfortunately for Dunstone team, Alberta put four on the board to make the final 9-4 for Alberta.

The loss dropped Saskatchewan to the semi/finals against team Newfoundland and Labrador, represented by Brad Gushue. Dunstone opened the scoring in the first; Gushue responded with three in the second but Dunstone tied the game up at three after three ends. In the fourth end Gushue scored two and held a 5-3 lead at the fifth-end break.

The teams traded singles before Saskatchewan put up a deuce in nine to tie the contest at six heading into the final end. The 10th end did not go according

to plan and Gushue took advantage of having the hammer in the final frame. Newfoundland and Labrador took advantage scoring one and advancing to the championship. Dunstone and Saskatchewan were out.

That was last year; this year Dunstone and the rest of team Saskatchewan are optimistic for even better results this time around. The team has a new second this year; Kirk Muiers comes over. This season the team played two events and won them both. Ordinarily Dunstone's rink plays around twelve events by this point in the season.

Despite the lack of games this year, Dunstone is confident heading into the event. "It's tough to say who will be in the top 4," Dunstone says. "The men's game in Canada has never been deeper... The top 8-12 are so close when it comes to skill level so it truly comes down to who brings it that week... but we fully expect ourselves to be competing for the tankard at the end of the week."

If Dunstone's confidence off the ice translates to his play on the ice, it could translate into good things on the ice for team Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan is looking to end a long drought at the Brier. The last time Saskatchewan won the Brier was 1980 in Calgary, the same city the event is taking place this year.

### Off to the Brier

Matt Dunstone, seen here while curling in Melville at the Tankard last February, will once again represent Saskatchewan at the upcoming Brier that will take place in Calgary.

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## Blackhawks' Brookbank says Melville helped launch career

By Travis Longman  
Grasslands News

The year was 1996, Canada had lost the World Cup of hockey to the Americans, Former Toronto Blue Jay star player Roberto Alomar spat on an umpire, Donovan Bailey was the fastest man in the world, Kurt Angle won an Olympic wrestling gold medal with "A broken freakin' neck" and a young Wade Brookbank made his debut with the Melville Millionaires.

Brookbank did not have what is considered to be a typical road to play major junior hockey. Prior to his time with the Millionaires, Brookbank was playing senior hockey for the Lanigan Pirates. The team made the provincial championship against Eston. Scouts came down from all over for the provincial championship to watch an Eston player; Brookbank was essentially an afterthought. This did not deter Brookbank at all; not only did the Pirates capture ye olde provincial championship but Brookbank impressed

the scouts and earned an invitation to Millionaires' camp.

Brookbank was 18, going on 19 when training camp opened up and the odds were stacked against him to make the team. He was able to overcome the obstacles and make the team. He spent two seasons with the Millionaires, 96/97 and 97/98. The 1996 club only won 15 out of 64 games, finishing 7th in the division and missed the playoffs. During his first season in Melville, Brookbank had 11 points and 412 penalty minutes in 60 games; he was an all star that season. In the 1997-1998 season he had 29 points and 330 penalty minutes in 58 games. The team qualified for the playoffs but lost an intense series in round one against Notre Dame where every game went to double overtime.

Some of the highlights for him in the SJHL include the intensity of the rivalry with Yorkton, legendary battles with Lebret and playing with the likes of Chris Kunitz.

When Brookbank's SJHL career came to an end he joined the Anchorage Aces of the West Coast Hockey League. After Anchorage, he took his talents to Oklahoma City (Central Hockey League), Orlando (IHL). He won the league championship with both Oklahoma City and Orlando in the same season.

The next stop in Brookbank's career was in the American Hockey League. He

played for Grand Rapids and Binghamton before reaching the NHL. Brookbank was a journeyman NHLer but was not afraid to stand up for his teammates. He had a couple stops in Vancouver as well as Nashville, Boston and Carolina before

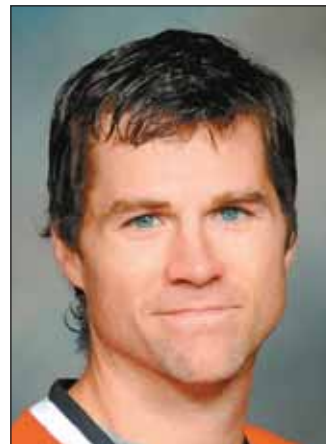
finishing up his playing career in the American Hockey League.

Brookbank will always look back fondly at his time with the Millionaires. It helped launch his professional career but he acknowledges that he could not have done it without spectacular billets (Garnet and Denise Haynes as well as their kids Julie, Brady and Tyler). He loved his time with the Millionaires. "Fans were good, down to earth people." Brookbank

says "Millionaires fans are nice honest hockey fans."

Today Brookbank is working as a scout with the Chicago Blackhawks organization. He has been working in the organization since the 2014-2015 season. Brookbank is not the only Millionaires' alumni within the organization; Chris Kunitz is also employed by the Blackhawks.

Brookbank is proof that people can accomplish their dreams if they work hard and never give up even when times get tough. He is just one of many stories from one of the most prestigious organizations in the SJHL. Stay tuned for the next edition of the Millionaires' Alumni Series!






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Sports Column – Darcy Gross

# Gross Misconduct

## Let them play!

I signed a petition the other day. Let me clarify.

I was presented with a petition online and I let my computer auto-fill all my data into it, so I could show I was on the side of the people behind said petition.

While you may see many documents with a plethora of flowery language leading up to the basic conclusion where you must decide to 'yea' or 'nay' said document, this one had a rather simple message.

"Let them play," it said.

Since I read the wording in its entirety, I know that this was about minor hockey, and all the children in Saskatchewan who have not had the opportunity to suit up on a game day, lace up their skates and enjoy the most Canadian of all sports – hockey.

Being far removed from having children who took part in sporting ventures, there's really nothing in it for me, however, my time spent in the rinks and on the baseball diamonds in the area, and my many chats with people who had their children involved in minor and school sports made me think that any extra voice helps.

I've watched women clutching the knees of their jeans and men wringing their hands as their child, or one who is a friend of the family or a relative, plays a game of hockey and to those who have called me about spelling a name wrong or to give me a pat on the back for showing up to take a team picture – something completely akin to herding cats – I get it.

I can't imagine the emotions felt by a young boy or girl who doesn't understand why he or she can't play a game on a sheet of ice.

Take that same emotional toll and add parents, siblings and grandparents into the mix and you'll begin to see how awful this scenario is and has been for almost 10 months now.

As you get older, time tends to speed up and get away from you, and you never really think about it when you haven't had a ton of birthdays, but after a while you understand that childhood and youth are finite resources and when everything is said and done, every older person I know would gladly take a sip from the Fountain of Youth no matter the cost.

The one thing that everyone seems to have a lot of is time, but in the grand scheme of things, that's not always the case.

You can have the best job, a wildly successful career with lots of money tucked away and a social calendar bursting at the seams, and at the end of the month the bank will send you a statement to let you know just how much you have.

The fact of the matter is, if you don't have the time to enjoy all the fruits of your labour, you really don't have a whole lot of anything.

Childhood is fleeting.

Grandparents are able to relate to this because they know what it's like to see their grandchildren a couple of times a month and they notice all the changes each time.

Maybe they hear a lowered voice or they see better temperament, but they know that these are the changes brought on by a child maturing.

At the end of this current hockey season – and I'm not certain that that's the correct term – perhaps it should be hockey practice season, that will be one less year sitting in the rink, one less year of getting a fuzzy Halls Mentholiptus out of the bottom of grandma's purse and one less year of simply getting together and enjoying each other's company, and it isn't fair.

If these lockdowns continue, and at this point there is no real end in sight, it's going to have a dramatic effect on families, unlike any other time in our history, except perhaps in times of war.

The toll on people's mental health is already staggering, imagine adding another six months or a year to this already botched process.

It's my way of thinking that if someone needs protection from this virus, they should be allowed to shelter in a safe spot, but if people don't want to be taken away from everything and everyone, then that should be up to them.

I've seen it a few times now: Isolating sick people is a quarantine, locking up healthy people is tyranny.

And thanks to a bunch of politicians who seem to think they know what's best for us, we realize they've been holding the keys to this prison while they gallivanted all over the world, "Do as I say, not as I do," – style and frankly, it's getting tiring and old and outrageous.

Let them play, indeed.

# Quarterbacks dominate NFL spotlight

The state of the National Football League, where the quarterback is king, is in good shape. Almost guaranteed for the Feb. 7 Super Bowl in Tampa, Fla., is a classic quarterback matchup.

The crop of young QBs is strong, and seemingly expanding every year. The crop of old guys, stars destined for the Hall of Fame, is slowly eroding, but their skills remain at a high level.

This year's playoffs featured four quarterbacks among the best the game has known – Tom Brady, Aaron Rodgers, Drew Brees and Phillip Rivers. The latter was the first to be eliminated, as his Indianapolis Colts were beaten by Baltimore Ravens, led by one of the most exciting of the newcomers – Lamar Jackson. Brees, who will retire to a job in a TV broadcast booth, was sidelined the next week, losing to Brady and his Tampa Bay Bucs.

Patrick Mahomes of Kansas City Chiefs is the most prominent member of the new breed. The QB's resumé already includes a Super Bowl title and a league MVP crown, and it's likely more of each

will accumulate before he calls it a career. Jackson, meanwhile, also has an MVP title, and is arguably the most exciting player wearing an NFL uniform today.

This year's playoffs also featured two quarterbacks just beginning to post gold stars on their resúmes. One is Buffalo's third-year pro Josh Allen, and the Bills are riding his skills towards becoming an NFL power. Whether that manifests to a Super Bowl appearance this year or down the road remains to be seen, but if Allen were to guide the Bills to a Super Bowl title, there would

be immediate talk of a statue in his honour. The Bills, of course, are known infamously as the team that made it to the Super Bowl four years in a row, from 1991-94 – and lost four years in a row. The second is another third-year player, Baker Mayfield of Cleveland, who led the Browns to their first playoff victory since 1995. The Browns, who beat Pittsburgh 48-37 Jan. 10 in a wildcard game, fell in the next round to

Mahomes and the Chiefs. Mayfield statue plans, however, are still in the formative stage on the shores of Lake Erie.

Super Bowl 55 is still more than a week away, but the storylines are guaranteed to be intriguing. Brady on his home field? Rodgers making

Sports Column  
By Bruce Penton



Green Bay fans forget about Brett Favre? Mahomes cementing his status as today's No. 1? Allen breaking through? No matter how it shakes down, it will be a classic.

Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Jim Harbaugh has reached an incentive-laced contract extension to coach Michigan football coach through the 2025 season. No truth to the rumour that Ohio State boosters bankrolled the whole thing."

Janice Hough at leftcoastsportsbabe.com., on the James Harden trade to Brooklyn Nets, coached by Canadian Steve Nash: "Harden, Irving and Durant in the same locker room? I really like Steve Nash. And hope his insurance has good mental health coverage."

Bob Molinaro of pilot online.com (Hampton, Va.): "The Nets have brought together an amazing array of star-studded head cases. If I were rookie coach Steve Nash, I'd add two shrinks to my staff – one for the players, one for myself."

Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha:

"Charles Barkley said pro athletes deserve preferential treatment when it comes to getting the vaccine. Personally, I think the vaccine should be distributed based on a person's form when driving a golf ball."

Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "The Tampa Bay-New Orleans playoff game featured quarterbacks Tom Brady and Drew Brees, aged 43 and 42 respectively. You (could have placed) a bet in Las Vegas on which one is the first one to walk into the huddle and say, 'Now why did I come in here?'"

Jack Finarelli, at sportscurmudgeon.com, on the James Harden trade to Brooklyn: "We will soon find out if James Harden, Kyrie Irving and Kevin Durant learned their lessons about 'sharing with others' in kindergarten."

Dwight Perry again: "News alert: This just in: NBA rejects Nets' desperate request to play games using three basketballs."

Phil Mushnick in the New York Post: "The practical subtitle for HBO's tell-most documentary on Tiger Woods would have been 'What TV and Other Media Knowingly, Dishonestly Ignored for 25 years.'"

Former Raiders' exec Amy Trask, in The Athletic, on how nervous she was about becoming a CBS TV contributor: "I went to our producer and I said, 'Look, there is a really, really good chance I'm going to throw up all over myself when we go live. His face just lit up and he said, 'That would be great content.'"

Wizards guard Bradley Beal, to reporters, on his team's floundering start: "At this point, we can't guard a parked car."

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## Melville curling club pulls plug on season

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

The Melville Curling Club has pulled the plug on their season and the ice has been removed from the facility.

The decision to cancel the season for the rest of the season was made on Jan. 19. According to club vice-president Darlene Canning, the decision was due to the continued COVID-19 restrictions that have been in place in Saskatchewan which have put a pause on all curling activities.

The Melville Curling Club were only two weeks into their curling season before they were forced to shut down, which was originally thought to be for just two weeks. But as weeks turned into

months and as restrictions continue, the club decided it was best to just cancel the season and refund fees.

All curlers have already had their fees refunded and businesses that provided sponsorship are being given the option to be refunded or have their sponsorship deferred to next season.

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# 2020 the bittersweet year of Val Sweeting

By Travis Longman  
Grasslands News

Part One of a  
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Picture this – Rivers, Manitoba January 2020. The best female curlers in the province of Manitoba were out to battle each other to see who was the best of the best. Meanwhile, parts of the world had already begun to shut down because of the coronavirus. We here in North America were naive enough to believe that the virus now known as COVID-19 would not make it over here and we went along with our day to day lives.

The 2020 curling season started off on a high note for Val Sweeting of Maryfield, Saskatchewan who is now the third for Kerri Einarson out of Manitoba. The foursome had made the playoffs at the grand slam event in Yorkton earlier in the season. Optimism and excitement were through the roof for the rink. Having grown up in Maryfield, Sweeting went to Brandon often and Rivers is just a stones throw away from the Wheat City.

The event did not start the way anyone expected as they dropped the opening game against a short handed Abby Ackland rink. In fact, Ackland was not even at

the event because she was eight and a half months pregnant.

After the stunning loss, Einarson and the rest of the rink knew their backs were against the wall; they knew they had to find their groove and fast. That is exactly what they did. All they did was win, win, win no matter what and they finished first overall and made the final. In the championship match it was Einarson tangling with Jennifer Jones with a trip to Moose Jaw and the Scotties Tournament of Hearts on the line.

The championship game did not begin as the team wanted. Jones stole two in the opening frame to jump out to a 2-0 lead. Einarson only scored one the next end; it was 2-1 Jones after 2. The teams exchanged singles until momentum shifted in Einarson's favour. They stole three in the fifth to take a 5-3 at the fifth end break. Jones however was not done, showing the heart of a champion and determination of a warrior, Jones battled back with a single in the sixth then stole two in seven. Jones was up one with two ends to play. The two teams blanked the eighth end. The provincial championship was still very much up in the air with two ends to play!

In the ninth end Einarson had a shot for two and the lead. She made it perfectly to take the lead with one end to play! In the tenth end, at the time of skip

stones, the house was so messy it was giving most moms nightmares. "They needed 2 to win and I think they were sitting at least 4! Sweeting says, "Luckily, amongst all the rocks in play, there was a path to the button. We got it in there and it was very difficult for Team Jones to remove." Einarson ended up stealing one in the tenth! Make the final Einarson 8 Jones 6! After years of disappointment, Sweeting was heading back to the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, this time in her home province in Moose Jaw!

## Melville Millionaires' hockey club 50/50

By Travis Longman  
Grasslands News

You can get closer to becoming a millionaire while helping out the Melville Millionaires. Time is running out to get your tickets for the hockey club's progressive 50/50 draw. In typical years the money raised goes towards helping the team out with travel expenses. The draw is being made on January 29th. At last count the total

sat at \$5300 with the winner taking home \$2650. The total will only continue to rise as the draw date nears. Tickets can be purchased from any board member up until draw time but you are encouraged to purchase them before the 29th. "My concern would be to get these tickets in before draw time," says board member Kevin Kirkwood. You can get your tickets by talking to any board member.



## Severson named Devils' alternate captain

By Travis Longman  
Grasslands News

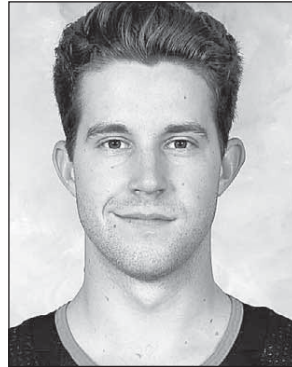
The NHL season is just in its early stages but it has been an exciting one for a Melville product. Damon Severson has been named an alternate captain for the New Jersey Devils this season. Severson joins a leadership group consisting of

fellow alternate captains Nico Hischier, Travis Zajac and Kyle Palmieri.

Severson came into the league in the 2014-2015 season. In 432 regular season NHL games he has 37 goals, 127 assists and 264 career penalty minutes. He was drafted in the second round, 60th overall by the Devils in 2012.

Severson and the Devils lost in a shootout in

their opening games against Boston but rebounded to defeat the Bruins in overtime two nights later. Severson has one assist through two games. New Jersey faces off against the Rangers this week and finishes the week with two matchups against the Islanders.



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# 2021 Sask. Summer Games called off due to health concerns

Lloydminster to have first right of refusal in 2024

**Provincial News**  
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To protect the health and safety of the athletes, volunteers, spectators, event staff, and residents of Lloydminster, the Saskatchewan Games Council, the City of Lloydminster, and the Lloydminster 2020 Host Society jointly announce the cancellation of the 2021 Saskatchewan Summer Games.

Amid rising concerns surrounding COVID-19 in Saskatchewan and Canada, and after careful consideration and ongoing discussions between the three parties, provincial sport organizations, districts for sport, culture and recreation, and provincial authorities, it was decided the Games will not proceed in summer 2021.

“The athletes’ safety and comfort is paramount. Considering the guidelines in place for competitive team sports such as baseball, soccer, and rugby, to name just a few, as a Host Society, we cannot offer athletes and their supporters the experience they deserve. From the beginning, our board has maintained the Games need to be a memorable event. For many athletes, this is their first experience competing at the provincial level, and as a host society, one of our duties is to provide them with a true Saskatchewan Summer Games experience. We look ahead to welcoming the athletes, coaches and families when it is safe to do so.” – Kevin Kusch, Chair, 2021 Saskatchewan Summer Games Host Society

The Games were originally scheduled for July 26 to



August 1, 2020, but were postponed until summer 2021 during the first wave of the pandemic after an agreement was reached between the three parties in April 2020. The decision was informed through consultation with stakeholders, government and health officials.

Following the cancellation of these Games, the event will return to its quadrennial cycle, with the next Summer Games taking place in 2024. Saskatchewan Games host communities are typically awarded through a bid process, but due to circumstances surrounding the cancellation of the 2021 Summer Games, the Saskatchewan Games Council will provide the city of Lloydminster the right of first refusal to host the 2024 Saskatchewan Summer Games.

“The Saskatchewan Games Council sends sincere gratitude to the community leaders who have dedicated so much time and energy towards the planning of these Games to date, as well as the entire Lloydminster community who has, since 2018, rallied around bringing this event to their city. We look forward to the next opportunity where we can work together to deliver an exceptional, safe, and celebratory Saskatchewan Summer Games for young developing athletes, coaches and officials across our province.” – Mark Bracken, Saskatchewan Games Council Executive Director

The Saskatchewan Games are one of the largest amateur sporting events in Saskatchewan, seeing participation from over 2,000 athletes, coaches and officials from every corner of the province. The biennial Games, which alternate between summer and winter, provide an opportunity for the province’s developing athletes, coaches and officials to experience an exciting multi-sport event in preparation for higher levels of competition, including the Canada Games, Western Canada Summer Games, North American Indigenous Games, and the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

## Sask. East Hockey League ends season unhappily

**By Travis Longman**  
Grasslands News

Hockey is a game known for its hard hits and crushing blows on the ice but the biggest hit the game in Saskatchewan has been taking lately has been off the ice. Last week the Saskatchewan Hockey Association announced in conjunction with the province’s business response team that a return to play would not even be considered for another four weeks and game play won’t happen until the end of March at the earliest.

The Saskatchewan East Hockey League (SEHL) has already had one team announce it will not return even if the league does resume this season. “Theodore has already announced they won’t play even if we can regroup and salvage a bit of it. League president Mike Stackhouse says “However I think most teams are in the same boat. Stackhouse is hopeful the league will be okay once action is able to resume.

“If we aren’t able to play games till the end of March the league will have no choice but to hold off operation till next year.” Rocanville Tigers coach Jeff Odgers says “It’s a little disappointing especially with the new league a lot of excitement was generated and looking forward to the new rivalries.”

Stackhouse and Odgers are far from the only ones disappointed by the recent announcement “It was expected but I believe it’s not necessary! Esterhazy Flyers coach Mike Kaczmar says “You can go to any big business and walk around with 100 strangers but can’t play games with 30 - 40 people. Not fair what the government is doing to everyone! The league for this year is finished unfortunately!”

It hasn’t been the inaugural season Stackhouse had hoped for. The league formed last year after the Triangle Hockey League disbanded. The SEHL is only one of the great leagues across Saskatchewan that has been hit harder than Scott Stevens nailed Eric Lindros. Everyone involved in the game is anxiously waiting for a return to the game they love. Whenever that is.



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# Female complainant wanted payment for statement

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## Traffic

A driver who decided to get behind the wheel after consuming cannabis had his driver's licence suspended after reports of slow, swervy driving.

Members guided traffic during freezing rain as a semi was being pulled out of the ditch.

Police investigated a vehicle collision involving property damage to a fence.

After being pulled out of a ditch, it was noticed the driver of the vehicle may be impaired. Police located the vehicle and the driver is facing charges for driving while suspended and driving while impaired.

Traffic tickets were issued for speeding, drive without valid license, cross solid line to change lanes, unlawful window

tint, inadequate headlamps, and fail to dim headlights within 200 meters of approaching vehicle.

## Mischief

A mother wanted her daughter removed from the house after some cake was thrown. Family dispute over a birthday party overshadowing a gender reveal party. No crime. Everyone was separated for a couple hours.

A 911 call was re-

ceived from a mother who wanted her daughter to stop drinking. The mother was advised that the police cannot do anything about someone drinking in their own house. The mother understood, she wanted her daughter to make better life choices.

## Crimes Against the Person/Property

After calling 911 to report being struck by a truck, the complainant

did not want to provide a statement unless the RCMP paid her. She advised she was not injured, nothing further to follow up on.

Three complaints of uttering threats were received this week. The first is still under investigation. The subject of complaint was spoken to in the second. A warrant has been issued for the suspect in the third, he will be facing charges for uttering threats and, breaching curfew conditions.

Members are investigating a complaint of assault with a weapon, and damage to property, both using a 9 iron. The complainant is not seeking charges for the assault but would like the pursue the damage to his vehicle.

Police are searching

for a suspect after a store manager was assaulted. It is reported that an intoxicated female did not like the manager's mask and started punching him.

Evidence from a break and enter has been sent to Forensic Identification Services for examination. There are no suspects at this time.

## Court

Although the physical court house is closed, court is still proceeding by phone appearances. If you are required to attend court, call the courthouse at (306)787-5250 ahead of time and give them a phone number where they can call you back. If the court cannot reach you, a bench warrant might be issued for your arrest.

# RCMP discover cocaine, two arrested

RCMP discover 7,000 doses of cocaine while executing search warrants in Yorkton; two arrested.

On Jan. 16 members of the Yorkton RCMP Municipal General Investigative Section (GIS) and Yorkton RCMP Detachment executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) search warrant at an apartment on Bradbrooke Drive in Yorkton, SK.

As a result of the search, police located 51.8 grams of cocaine and \$1,475 in Canadian currency.

Evidence found during the search resulted in a second CDSA search warrant being executed at another residence on

Second Avenue South in Yorkton, SK, where 296.1 grams of cocaine was seized.

Between the two searches, a total of 498 individual bags of cocaine were seized, with a total weight of 347.9 grams. This is equivalent to more than 7,000 individual doses of cocaine.

Two individuals have been charged in relation to this investigation:

34-year-old Latoya Pauchay of Yorkton, SK, has been charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking Cocaine, contrary to Section 5(2) of the CDSA.

She is scheduled to appear in Yorkton Provincial Court on Feb. 8, 2021.



A 17-year-old youth of Edmonton, AB, has been charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking Cocaine, contrary to Section 5(2) of the

CDSA, and Trafficking Cocaine, contrary to section 5(1) of the CDSA. He was scheduled to appear in Yorkton Provincial Court on Jan. 18.

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Neighbourly Advice According to ED - Ray Maher

# Find new truth beyond traditions and beliefs

It can be a challenge to become motivated after a new year. An old year like 2020 can continue to cause us indigestion in 2021.

January always wobbles around on shaky legs trying to get a solid footing among all the unfinished problems left from the previous year. Ed, my old neighbor in Saskatchewan, like many others, is finding it hard to have much enthusiasm for this new year of ours.

When I talked to Ed on New Year's Day, I told him that our curling might begin on Jan. 14, or it might not, depending on COVID-19 cases. Shutdowns and the cancellation of team sports will still be a challenge for some of us in the first months of 2021.

I told Ed, "No sense of whining about limitations. We will curl when we can in the coming year."

Ed felt that I was uncharacteristically positive, and he was sure I'll be complaining before this new year progresses far.

Last year proved our plans and traditions might go up in smoke through circumstances beyond our control. We like our comfortable truths and time-honored traditions. Life can challenge our long-held beliefs and traditions.

The opportunity to meet God personally may come at any time when we least expect it. What we know is limited until God opens our understanding of the limits of our traditions and beliefs. God alone gives us the

living waters to eternal life.

The fourth chapter of John tells of a Samaritan woman who found a stranger, a Jew, at her village well when she went to draw water. The Jew, Jesus, asked her, "Will you give me a drink?" (verse 7)

The Samaritan woman answered, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (verse 9)

The woman was amazed at Jesus' request because she was bound with the belief that Jews do not associate with Samaritans. The woman's respect for her people's ideas prevented her from seeing Jesus as anything more than a Jew with an unheard-of request. She could not even see beyond Jesus as a Jew, to merely

a thirsty man asking for a drink of water.

Our beliefs and traditions hold us captive to how we react to others. As the woman at the well talked to Jesus, she was focused on how Jews were different from her people, the Samaritans. After Jesus spoke of her having five husbands and the man she was living with was not her husband, the woman saw Jesus as a prophet.

Her focus remained on worship traditions between Jews and Samaritans, whether they

should worship on their mountain or at Jerusalem as the Jews do.

The woman shared that the coming Messiah would explain everything to them. Jesus confessed to the woman that she was talking to

the Messiah. She rushed into her city and gathered the people to come and see if Jesus was the Messiah. Many met Jesus and believed that he was indeed the Messiah, as he claimed.

Our long-held beliefs

and traditions must connect us with the living Christ who is worshipped neither on the mountain nor in Jerusalem.

"God is Spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24)



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**ARIES**  
After a few celebrations, your house might feel like it's been turned upside down, so you'll quickly set about restoring order. A major cleaning is needed, and you'll unclutter your mind in the process.



**TAURUS**  
You won't hesitate to speak your mind and voice your concerns when others won't. You might also write a poem or express something that ends up being quoted around the world, much to your surprise.



**GEMINI**  
You'll be worried about a financial issue. It's probably just a simple mistake though, such as a bill addressed to the wrong person. You'll soon be smiling again, and your natural charisma will return.



**CANCER**  
You'll have a lot going on. Your loved ones will get you to participate in a few activities or at least succeed in getting you out of the house. You'll be talked into signing up for a group course of some kind.



**LEO**  
You'll need a second cup of coffee to feel like yourself and do away with procrastination. Afterward, you'll become incredibly effective at kick-starting new projects and achieving certain goals.



**VIRGO**  
In the middle of a crowd, you won't always know how to push your way through it. At work, your boss, clients or colleagues will frequently seem uncertain and make a lot of vague requests.



**LIBRA**  
At work, you'll be entitled to a significant promotion. Before you agree to anything, however, it's vital that you talk it over with your partner and the rest of your family to avoid any misunderstandings.



**SCORPIO**  
The winter blues are setting in and beginning to affect you more and more. It won't be long before you start planning a vacation somewhere tropical. Good times ahead will re-energize you.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
You'll be very sensitive, and your emotions might play tricks on you. You'll shed some light on a nefarious affair at work or possibly within the family.



**CAPRICORN**  
You'll need to hone your negotiation skills, both in your personal and professional life. You have everything you need to reach a lasting agreement that will impact the rest of your career.



**AQUARIUS**  
You'll find yourself the focus of everyone's attention, which will make you very happy. You might also receive a reward or possibly some kind of promotion at work.



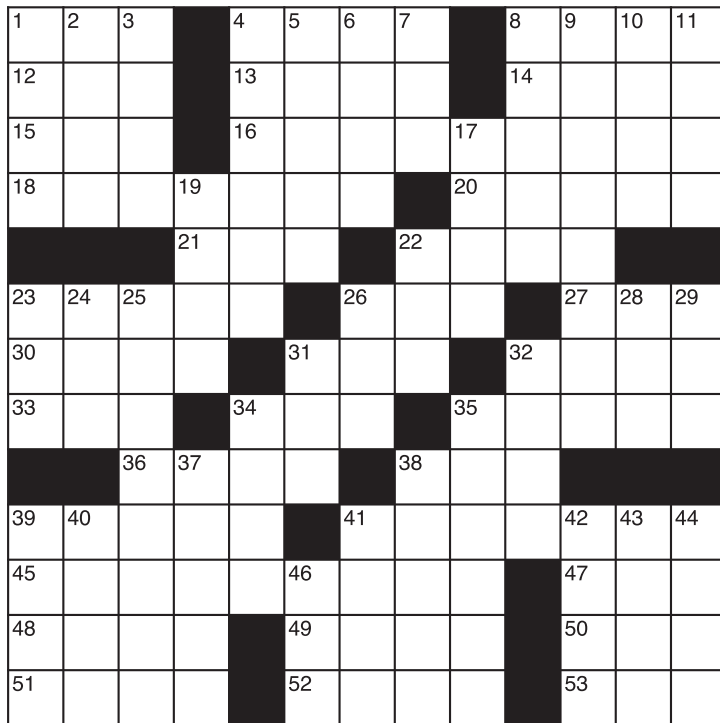
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- 18. Downfall
- 20. Discontinued
- 21. Switch positions
- 22. Mr. Boggs
- 23. Earn
- 26. Moray, e.g.
- 27. Tatter
- 30. Golf club
- 31. Be in debt
- 32. Present!
- 33. Hoover \_\_\_\_\_
- 34. Poor mark
- 35. Healer
- 36. Partly open
- 38. "\_\_\_\_\_ and Away"

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- 39. Estate house
  - 41. Steak type
  - 45. Band
  - 47. Fruit juice
  - 48. Looked at
  - 49. Compass point
  - 50. Toll
  - 51. Talk back
  - 52. Handicrafts
  - 53. Feeling low
- 11. Coaster
  - 17. Genuine
  - 19. Penny, e.g.
  - 22. Petite
  - 23. Halfway
  - 24. Timespan
  - 25. Woos
  - 26. She-sheep
  - 28. Animosity
  - 29. \_\_\_\_\_ your request
  - 31. Above, to bars
  - 32. Fling
  - 34. Risk
  - 35. Gem weights
  - 37. Travolta et al.
  - 38. Earliest
  - 39. Forest-floor plant
  - 40. Region
  - 41. Celebrity
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  - 43. Thought
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  - 46. \_\_\_\_\_ urchin



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### Croissant Bread Pudding

When seeking recipes for cold days, consider those comfort foods that can be enjoyed warm to chase away the chill. "Croissant Bread Pudding" is an ideal choice. Topped with a rum-flavored sauce, it's sweet and decadent for all the right reasons.

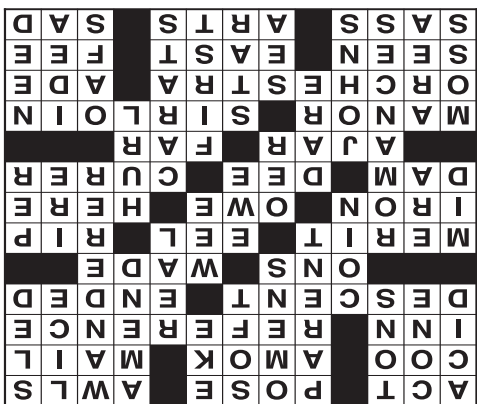
#### INGREDIENTS

Yields 12 servings

- 4 large croissants (about 3 ounces each)
- 1 red baking apple, such as Jonathan
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 2 cups half and half
- 1 orange
- 1/2 cup pecan halves, chopped
- 3/4 cup butterscotch caramel ice cream topping
- 1/4 teaspoon rum extract
- 1/2 cup golden raisins

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly spray a deep baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Slice croissants from top to bottom into 1/2-inch slices. Set aside 16 of the largest slices. Cube remaining slices and place in bottom of baker. Arrange reserved slices over cubes in an overlapping circular pattern. Core and slice apple, leaving peel on; cut slices in half. Tuck apple slices between croissant slices.
2. In a bowl, whisk eggs and 1/2 cup of the sugar. Pour half and half into a microwave-safe container and microwave on high 2 minutes or until hot. Slowly add half and half to egg mixture; whisk until blended. Carefully pour egg mixture over croissants. If necessary, lightly press croissants down to coat.
3. Zest orange to measure 2 teaspoons. Juice orange to measure 1/4 cup juice; set juice aside. Chop pecans. Combine remaining sugar, orange zest and pecans; sprinkle over croissants. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown and set in center. Remove from oven to a cooling rack; let stand 10 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, combine ice cream topping, rum extract, reserved orange juice, and raisins in a microwave-safe container. Microwave on high 30 to 60 seconds or until hot; pour into serving bowl. Serve sauce over pudding.



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## Obituary Eileen Margrethe Hodges

Feb. 1, 1933 – Dec. 22, 2020

Eileen Margrethe Hodges/Wihak (nee Petersen) passed away peacefully with family by her side on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020 at the age of 87 after a brief illness.

She was predeceased by her husband of 38 years, Alexander Wihak; and son-in-law, Mark Daunheimer.

Eileen is cherished and loved by her daughters, Sandra Ocrane (Larry), Marjorie Swab (Elden), Karen Daunheimer, Mary-Anne Wihak (Larry Buhler); as well as eight grandchildren, Maria (Greg), Alexander (Paige), Andrea (Curtis), Steven (Alison), Jill (Nick), Ben, Ty, Spencer; and her nine great-grandchildren, Sienna, Keyerra, Koen, Karsyn, Caeden, James, Alexander, Witt, and Annaliese. She is also survived by her husband of 29 years, Ken Hodges and his family. She will be missed by many Petersen and Wihak nieces, nephews and friends.

The youngest of seven children, Eileen was born in 1933 on the farm of Danish immigrants, Carl and Charlotte Petersen near Riverhurst, Sask. She attended the local one-room schoolhouse and skipped many grades to complete grade eight by age 10, grade 12 at Regina Balfour Collegiate by age 14, and graduated from Moose Jaw "Normal School" (teacher's college) by age 15. Her first classroom was in Cupar, Sask. at age 16, then Indian Head, and then Melville, where she spent most of her teaching career.

In 1953 she married Alexander Wihak and they raised a family of four daughters. Their family life centred around school activities, church, sports, music, friends and family holidays. Eileen was patient, encouraging and kind, yet perfected many of her teaching skills at home. Upon hearing her disciplinary "teacher's voice", her daughters readied themselves for "visits to the corner", "writing sets of lines", or "verbal repetitions of correct grammar usage". She loved teaching, especially young children, and whether it was her students, her own children, her grandchildren or great-grandchildren she tailored her support to the personality of each one.

She loved to read, had a sense of adventure, enjoyed nature, camping and travelling. Road trips to see grandchildren became a highlight of her life right up until Al's death in 1990. Eileen retired from a 42-year teaching career in 1991. She always enjoyed her St. Henry's Elementary School teaching peers and the superannuated Teachers' banquets, but in recent times especially looked forward to going for coffee at Tim Hortons with a group of friends comprised of mainly retired teachers.

She married Ken Hodges, a family friend, in 1991. Their marriage proved to be a launching point for Eileen's involvement in The Royal Canadian Legion, the Scandinavian Club and many happy years of travelling: on bus tours, to conferences, family reunions and spending winters in Arizona. She was an armchair sports fan with two favourite teams. She watched all the Blue Jay games, and would help Ken garb up in their "Rider T-Shirts" for televised Rider football games.

She loved flowers and spent numerous hours tending her beloved "tiger lilies" and hanging pots. Her vegetable garden was expressly planted, so she could make her coveted beet, bean and dill pickles as gifts for others. She began baking cookies for her Christmas gifts on Nov. 1 and baked a triple or quadruple batch every day until the 20 or so kinds of cookies or squares were finished. Enlisting help from her daughter Karen, she packaged them and usually had them ready for distribution by the first week in December.

She was delighted to have family come to visit her especially when she held a great-grandchild. She loved to share tidbits of trivia, famous sayings and family history. Eileen will be missed by those who knew and loved her. Her life was a legacy well lived "teaching us how to love with our lives".

A private funeral for Eileen will be held at Melville's First United Church. Eileen's family would like to host a "celebration of her life" for extended family and friends in the future if COVID-19 restrictions allow.



## Obituary Konrad Rippert Jr.

Feb. 13, 1938 - Jan. 12, 2021

It is with profound sadness that we share the news of the passing of Kon Rippert – beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, mentor and friend. As a man of faith, honor, integrity and character, Kon always had a smile, wave or a tease for everyone he met. Kon had a gruff exterior, but he was a teddy bear on the inside, never more evidenced than the look in his eyes when he saw his grandchildren. His strong, caring character is the legacy he passes on to his family.

The Qu'Appelle Valley had Kon's heart. He and Joyce moved to Fort Qu'Appelle in 1966 with their first daughter, Jennifer, to establish their home in the valley. Kon then started Marine Services, which evolved into a track, dolly and dock manufacturing business over the 54 years he owned and operated it. Kon built the family home with his own hands in 1971 and the family moved in with their second daughter, Kerri. The family defended that home from the flood of 1974, the same year their third daughter, Kristal, was born. After a total loss fire in 1997, Kon rebuilt the family home and established his business at the top of the Valley, where it continues today.

In his early years, Kon raced high speed boats and snowmobiles. His love of speed gave way to 10 pin bowling, hockey, curling and skiing; he was a proud member of the Old Timers hockey team and was forever a supporter of the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Kon had a strong commitment to community as evidenced through his time as a 30+ year Rotarian, hosting Rotary Youth Exchange students and being involved in the development of countless community projects. He was a very active member of the Volunteer Ambulance Service when it began in Fort Qu'Appelle. Kon was a member of the Fort Qu'Appelle town council and was one of the original five that established Mission Ridge Ski Hill. Kon cared deeply for his community and wanted to see it not only survive, but thrive. Kon was an early supporter of the Fort Winter Festival and actively participated in the fundraising efforts of his daughters, resulting in frequently being mistaken as a Bingo Palace employee. He gave up his May 24th weekends to ensure the smiles of many lakeside residents by getting their boats running and on the Calling Lakes so they could enjoy the water as much as he did.

Kon was a loyal and caring friend and moved through the community supporting and encouraging his friends: stopping by a local business to ask the owner how they are doing or taking a struggling friend for coffee or a sandwich to lift their spirits through a difficult time. Kon was a "buy local" champion, firmly believing this kept his community strong and viable.

Kon's pride and joy were his family and friends; he loved travel, family ski trips, extended family gatherings, mock 'Stampede breakfasts', Sunday days off on the boat on the lakes surrounding the Fort, and rousing board games and cards with friends and family. He had a soft spot for animals and any animal that darkened his door always found love, food and a welcoming home.

He was predeceased by his niece, Cheryl Niven. Kon is survived by his wife Joyce; daughters, Jennifer (Sheldon) Green, Kerri (Allan) Beuker, and Kristal (Darrin) Heise; grandchildren, Aiden and Addison Green, Lexi and Sofi Beuker, Brandon and Alyssa Heise; sister Maria (Adolf) Volk; brother Henry (MaryAnn) Rippert; and nieces, Lisa (Dean) Rushka, Stacey Rippert and Tanya (Rob) Anand.

A celebration of Kon's Life will take place at a later date. In his memory, Kon's family asks that donations be made to the All Nations' Healing Hospital Charity Fund (STARS Helipad Fund) in his name.

Eyes closed, feet up, rushing wind on faces. Time stands still. Gliding along, rhythmic thunk, splash...engine purrs, easing ever more swiftly into the mystic... sun dancing on ripples. He stands at the helm, contented, at peace with the world and joy in his heart. Go well, dear heart.

Family and friends are invited to view the online obituary and tributes page at [www.reginafuneralhome.ca](http://www.reginafuneralhome.ca)

Arrangements entrusted to Regina Funeral Home and Cemetery (306) 789-8850.



## Obituary Hedwig Speidelsbach

March 26, 1926 - Jan. 9, 2021

Hedwig (Heddie) Florence Speidelsbach was born March 26, 1926, to Philip and Maria Zorn in Oakshela, Sask. She attended school in the one-room schoolhouse in Oakshela until Grade 8. Being one of the eldest children, Heddie was responsible for chores and helping out around the farm, including working in the field with horses.

During WWII, Heddie was a hired hand for farmers around the area because many of the sons were gone to war. During this time, she wrote many letters to Pete and others from the Oakshela area who were overseas. Upon Pete's return from overseas, he and Heddie were married on March 24, 1946. Shortly after that, they moved to Creston, BC, where Heddie worked long, hard days in the flats and later at a local cafe. In February of 1947 their first son, Alvin, was born. Not long after Alvin's birth, they made the big move back to Saskatchewan, where they took up farming south of Oakshela. Their second son, Wayne, was born in November 1949.

Heddie loved her vegetable and flower gardens and canning and preserving her harvest for the family, but her favourite job was to be Pete's right-hand man, whether it be tending to the cattle or working in the field. In January of 1960, they welcomed their daughter, Marilyn, to the family.

Pete and Heddie continued to farm until Pete's health forced them to retire to Grenfell in 1977. Heddie still had her large garden but now had time to add things like knitting and crocheting, helping out the Legion ladies and going camping and fishing with family and friends. Being Pete's right-hand man didn't change though; now it just included carpentry and handing him things before he even knew he needed them. And, of course, we can't forget the almost revolving door to her kitchen, where everyone was welcome to stop for a coffee and a piece of cake or cookies she had baked.

After Pete's passing in 2003, Heddie decided to move into a seniors' unit until she didn't feel comfortable being on her own any longer. She then moved to Wolseley Lakeside Home, where she remained until her passing on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021.

Heddie was predeceased by her husband, Peter, and her son, Wayne. She is survived by her son, Alvin (Carol) Speidelsbach of Grenfell and their two sons: Kevin (Tamara) Speidelsbach of Grenfell, Tyler (Mandy), Mia and William Speidelsbach of Herbert, Jesslynn (Jason) and Joel Ravndahl of Birch Hills, and Kailee (Dylan) Bachelu of Francis; Bradley (Tanya) Speidelsbach of Grenfell, Jordyn Speidelsbach (friend Shaine Delorme) of Moose Jaw and Keegan Speidelsbach of Grenfell; one daughter-in-law, Brenda Speidelsbach and her children, Devon (Lisa) Lainey and Danika Speidelsbach of Regina, Marnie (Colin) and Daxen Levesque of Regina and their half-sister, Jami Johnson, Kasey and Ashley of Penticton, BC; one daughter, Marilyn (Rick) Diacon of Moose Jaw and her son, Benjamin Hoffman.

A private family funeral service took place on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, at Grenfell Apostolic Church with the Rev. David Wicks officiating. Several family members shared their memories of Heddie, and Rick Diacon sang "How Great Thou Art" as a tribute. Interment took place at Oakshela Cemetery with Kevin Speidelsbach, Bradley Speidelsbach, Devon Speidelsbach, Marnie Levesque, Tyler Speidelsbach and Keegan Speidelsbach as pallbearers.

Arrangements were entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home, Melville and Whitewood.



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# Obituary

**Elizabeth Warner**  
May 16, 1922 - Jan. 10, 2021

Elizabeth (nee Hain) Warner was born May 16, 1922, to Philip and Elizabeth (Serfas) Hain of Neudorf, Sask. Heaven gained another angel on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021, when Elizabeth passed away peacefully with family at her side in Broadview Centennial Lodge, Broadview, Sask.



Elizabeth grew up on the family farm in the Neudorf area and attended Baber School. In 1938 the Hain family moved to a farm at Grenfell, Sask. On Sept. 17, 1939 Elizabeth married George Warner. During their 55 years of marriage they were blessed with seven children.

Elizabeth is survived by her children: Shirley March, Elaine Armstrong, Vera Hamilton, Raymond Warner (Angie), Arlene Mailhot and Terry Warner (Lois); daughter-in-law, Wendy Warner; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Elizabeth was predeceased by her parents; siblings; husband George; son Glen; sons-in-law, Lynn Hamilton, Owen Armstrong, Serge Mailhot and Bill March; grandson Troy Warner; grandson-in-law, Brian Liesch and great-grandson, Ryan Liesch.

A private family service will be held in Grenfell United Church on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021 at 2 p.m. Interment to follow in Grenfell Cemetery. Live streaming of this service will be available at [www.tubmanfh.com](http://www.tubmanfh.com)

The family wishes to send a sincere 'thank you' to all the staff of the former Grenfell Pioneer Home and the staff at Broadview Centennial Lodge for the kindness and care shown to Elizabeth during her stay in each facility.

In lieu of flowers donations to Grenfell United Church, Box 658, Grenfell, SK S0G 2B0 or Broadview Health Foundation (Broadview Centennial Lodge Activity Department), Box 608, Broadview, SK S0G 0K0. Online condolences may be made at [www.tubmanfh.com](http://www.tubmanfh.com)



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