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a december to remember

Vacationland News is a submission-based newsletter focused on businesses, services, community groups, programs and events in the Lakeland and surrounding area.

Did you know? The big guy is stopping by the Lakeland to spread a little holiday cheer this year!

Check out 'save the date' for his full itinerary. And if that doesn't get you in the spirit, this issue is packed with festive puzzles, activities, tid-bits and greetings to peruse while you stay close to home this holiday season.

May your fire be warm, and your chocolate be hot. May your Christmas wishes come true, more often than not!

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match the mittens

There are only two identical mittens hidden throughout the pages of this issue.

Can you find the matching pair?

Post the location of the two matching mittens on the Facebook post for this issue @vacationlandnews for your chance to win a **\$25** gift card to the advertiser of your choice!

Happy New Year

MAY YOU ENJOY THIS BEAUTIFUL WINTER SEASON!

Kevin & Chrissy Hoodle
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Thank you for your valued business!

smile!

5 one-liners you could have used in 2020.

I don't have a solution, but I do admire the problem.

Sounds like its time to get that Enterprise built!

My mind's made up, don't confuse me with facts.

Take my advice — I'm not using it.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane and going the wrong way.

If at first you don't succeed, redefine success.

I want to go to IKEA, hide in a wardrobe, wait for someone to open it and yell "WELCOME TO NARNIA".

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass ... it's about learning to dance in the rain!



please take me home

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*Dear Santa,
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HOW MUCH DO YOU
KNOW ALREADY?*



save the date

This listing features community-based events in the Lakeland and surrounding area, as well as, events in Prince Albert with a family focus or with a connection to local people. Contact us if you would like to place a date in the listing - it's free! NOTE: Contact the listing directly for information on COVID related safety guidelines and procedures.

Dec. 18th & 19 and 26th to 31st: Candle Lake's festival of lights is back again 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy the light displays sponsored by local businesses. Want to make the festival a little more interesting? Scavenger hunt activity kits will be available at the park entry gate! Walking Tours: December 19, 28, 30 Valid park entry permit required. 2020 Sask Parks Annual Park Entry Permit is valid until Mar. 31, 2021. For those who don't have an annual permit, Candle Lake Chamber of Commerce has graciously offered to cover the cost of park entry. For more Festival of Lights details, visit <https://www.tourismsaskatchewan.com/places-to-go/provincial-parks/winterin>

Sun. Dec. 20th: Santa will be live on location at Ambrose Grocery from 2 to 4 p.m. for a drive-by Santa visit! Please stay in your vehicle. Santa will be handing out treats to the kids in each vehicle (with a mask & tongs of course!). A mailbox will be set up for letters to Santa if kids wish to drop one off. Parents can pick up a response letter from the big guy himself at Ambrose Grocery the following week! Ambrose Grocery will also be sponsoring a fun coloring contest for the kiddos! Coloring sheets will be handed out to each vehicle and can be dropped off at the store when complete! Draw will be made Dec 23rd.

Sun. Dec. 20th: At 6 p.m. Santa will travel to the Village of Christopher Lake. He will begin his visit in Grey owl Estates and continue on into the Village ending in Southridge Estates. Santa will be on his sleigh, please listen for the music so you do not miss him. Santa will have treats on his sleigh, but you must meet him at your driveway. Santa is playing it safe this year, so he will be socially distancing himself from the little ones.

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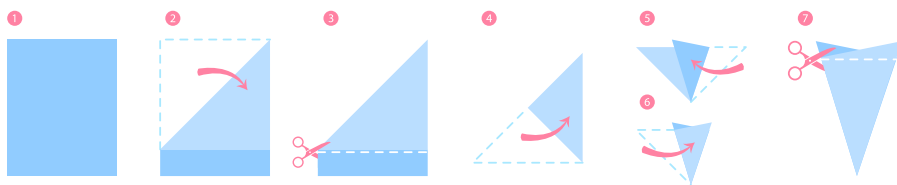
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HOW TO MAKE PAPER SNOWFLAKES



USE YOUR IMAGINATION AND SHAPE SNOWFLAKE BY CUTTING EDGES IN DIFFERENT WAYS



park update

Great Blue Heron Provincial Park

Ski trails at Anglin Lake and Valley View are groomed for the season. All trails are track set for classic skiing with skate skiing, snowshoeing and walking permitted as well. Trail updates are available by emailing greatblueheron@gov.sk.ca. Park staff usually groom trails shortly after a new snowfall.

Anglin Lake Trails offer 19 km of groomed ski trails. With rolling hills and beautiful scenery, this area offers a great location for an afternoon or full day of skiing. Parking is located at the Anglin Bridge trailhead. A picnic shelter and fire pit is located at the Anglin bridge and Tower Cabin. Be sure to maintain physical distancing and adhere to provincial Covid-19 restrictions. Unfortunately, the Tower Cabin, warm-up shelters and washrooms will remain closed at this time, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Spruce River Highlands Trail – located within Prince Albert National Park

Extend your ski by taking the 0.8 km connector trail from Anglin trails into the national park. The south section of this trail is packed with a snowmobile so it makes a great location for snowshoeing or back-country skiing. Trailhead, with parking, is located along Hwy 263.

Valley View Trail is located off Highway 953 between Emma and Anglin Lake. This 5.5 km loop offers a beautiful ski through the mixed wood forest. Maps and signage are located at the trailhead. The warm-up shelter and washrooms are closed at this time due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Murray Point Campground Trail, the 2 km walking trail within the campground has been groomed for cross-country skiing. The trail follows Oliver Creek, then winds through the forest on the south side of the campground coming out along the beach and through the tenting sites, known as Coot's Corner. Access the trail via Bedford Street within Murray Point subdivision and Agnes Street within McIntosh Point. Additional parking is available at Murray Point boat launch. The trail is relatively flat so a great option for beginners or those looking for a quick ski. Walkers and snowshoer's please stay on the edge of the packed trail.

A reminder that a park entry permit is required for any vehicle entering parkland. Daily, annual and senior permits are available at the park office in Christopher Lake.

Candle Lake Festival of Lights starts Dec 18 at Sandy Bay Campground! Celebrate the holidays in a lighted winter wonderland. See save the date for details.



do you want to build a snowman?

Let's draw a snowman - it's a snowy day!

Grab your crayons, we're up and away!

A circle at the bottom, big and round.

Another in the middle, up off the ground.

A circle at the top for his head.

And a rectangle scarf, long and red.

Draw two black circles for his eyes.

And a triangle nose, just the right size.

A row of black dots for a smile so happy.

Two brown lines for arms - make it snappy!

On top of his head, add a tall black hat.

There you go - just like that!

Add black circle buttons 1 and 2.

I think he looks great! How about you?

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community notices

St. Christopher's Anglican Church has suspended all in person services and events until further notice. Please email Andrew Hoskin priest in charge to get the Zoom link at hoskin@sasktel.net or phone (306) 922-4216.

Christopher Lake Public School Grade 8's are raising money and awareness for the SPCA with a 2021 Calendar designed by them; and featuring their furry friends. Limited copies available for sale.



Congratulations to the Hawood Inn, Waskesiu for winning the Prince Albert BOB Best Hotel for 2021.

Christopher Lake Public Library snowflake cutting templates and tranquility colouring kits available for pick up in the foyer.

St. Mary Parish Christopher Lake Christmas Masses
Dec. 24 - 5 p.m.
Dec. 24 - 7 p.m.
Jan. 1 - 11 a.m.

Please pre-register for all masses. Limit 30 people.
stmary13@sasktel.net

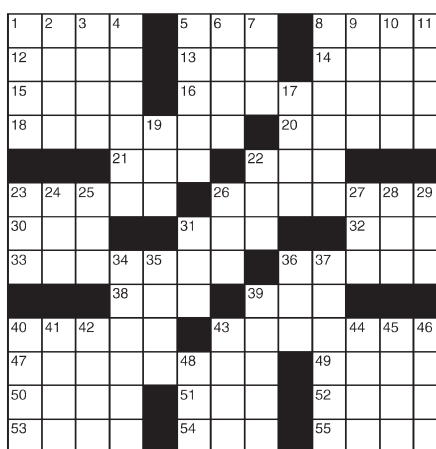
CPL Recreation Senior Gifts will be delivered Dec. 20th. If you are participating in the Giving Trees for Seniors, please bring in gifts by Dec. 17th.

Christmas Tree Harvest Parks Canada invites local residents to harvest a Christmas tree from the Waskesiu Community Fuel Break (CFB) from Dec. 1st to Dec. 23rd. Continue a family tradition, or start a new one, while protecting Waskesiu from potential wildfires. Bring a handsaw, sleigh and a thermos of hot chocolate to keep you warm while you search for the perfect Christmas tree. Christmas Tree Harvest permits are available free of charge from the Visitor Centre where park passes can also be purchased. A valid park pass is required for this activity, however admission is free for youth 17 and under to all Parks Canada's places including Prince Albert National Park.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Grand"
- 5 Letterman's network
- 8 Out of control
- 12 Suspend
- 13 Weeding tool
- 14 Wise one
- 15 Killer whale
- 16 Lineage
- 18 Astronauts' descent to Earth
- 20 Locations
- 21 Comic DeLuise
- 22 Satchel
- 23 "Forget it!"
- 26 Nation
- 30 Lawyers' org.
- 31 Sly one
- 32 Nay opponent
- 33 Racism, e.g.
- 36 Aden's land
- 38 Bill and —
- 39 Adams or Ameche
- 40 Clean software
- 43 Turducken, e.g.
- 47 Immoderate devotion
- 49 Met melody
- 50 Taj Mahal city
- 51 Trouble
- 52 Ring up
- 53 Lecherous



- look
- 54 Possess
- 55 Duel tool
- 10 Shrek, for one
- 11 Jailer's janglers
- 17 Jacob's brother
- 19 Plaything
- 22 Carton
- 23 Apprehend
- 24 Japanese sash
- 25 Witty one
- 26 Coquettish
- 27 Scot's hat
- 28 Deli bread
- 29 Longing
- 31 To and —
- 34 Eye-related
- 35 Forum garment
- 36 Second person
- 37 Intertwine
- 39 Senior member
- 40 Soap brand
- 41 Advantage
- 42 Drill
- 43 Front of a ship
- 44 Snare
- 45 Irritate
- 46 New Haven campus
- 48 Pair

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Holiday Shipping

Plan on mailing gifts this year? Canada Post is encouraging anyone sending a parcel or a card to friends or loved ones this holiday to do so as early as possible. That's because Canadian shopping habits have dramatically and permanently shifted in response to COVID-19, resulting in a year of significant parcel volumes.

The anticipated holiday mailing deadline to arrive in time for Christmas (in Canada) is Dec. 18th.

Better get a move on!



rock'n the curl'n rink

Lakelands' own, Jacquie Swiderski, presents tips and tricks for curlers of all ages and abilities!

I Love Curling! I am happy to give back to the sport whenever I can.

Curling Tip#4

SWEEPING: Some people continue to sweep with a slider on one foot, but we now teach curlers to use two grippers. This is partly for safety in maneuvering around rocks, but it is also for versatility.

Being able to sweep on either side is an asset when playing with others and in affecting the final position of the rock.

To be a good sweeper you must be able to look at the skip or the rock with ease. To do that, the brush handle should be in front of you. If you are on the left side of the rock your left hand is lower than your right. If you are on the right side of the rock your right hand is lower than your left. You need complete control of the brush head at all times so you do not accidentally touch the rock.

The purpose of SWEEPING is to clean the path of the rock. Also, it helps to hold the rock on a straighter trajectory.

SWEEPING with pressure and speed slightly warms the ice allowing the rock to glide farther.



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get moving!

Kids getting restless at home? Use these winter themed movements to D.I.Y a set of bingo and call cards that will get them moving and having fun!

- 5 Snow Angels
- Tip toe like Santa
- 5 Star Jumps
- 5 Donkey Kicks
- Christmas Tree Pose 10 seconds
- Ice Skate Across the Room
- 10 Wood Chops
- Tip toes to put the star on the tree
- Prance like a reindeer (skip)
- Do the candy cane twist!
- March like the toy soldier
- Roll like a snowball
- Shake the jingle bells high and low
- Put ornaments on tree (squat and reach)
- Run like Rudolph!
- 10 jumps for JOY!
- Leap like a reindeer!
- Drum like the drummer boy
- Push a laundry basket like a sled
- Walk quietly downstairs to peek
- Hold plank while singing a Christmas carol
- Do 9 jumping jacks as you spell CHRISTMAS!
- Pretend to throw 5 snowballs
- Do 5 jingle bell hops on each leg
- Jump over 4 presents (pillows)




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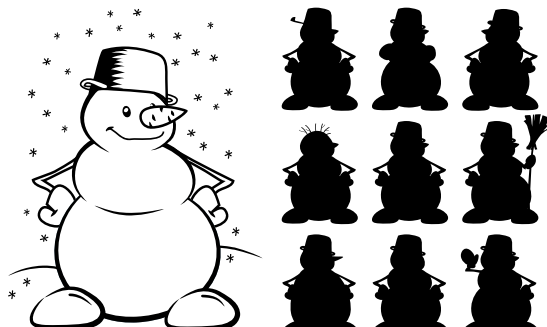


Have a Magical
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From Gardens by Design



FIND THE CORRECT SHADOW




eye spy

Can you spot 23 differences between the snowy scenes below?



bacon and tomato party cups

By Healthy Exchanges

A perfect finger food recipe for the holiday season.

- 1 (7.5 ounce) package refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
- 1/4 cup bacon bits
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 cup peeled and chopped fresh tomatoes
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon dried basil

1. Heat oven to 375 F. Spray 20 wells of 2 miniature muffin pans with cooking spray. Separate biscuits and cut each in half. Press each half into prepared muffin wells.
2. In medium bowl, combine bacon bits, onion, tomatoes and cheese. Add mayonnaise and basil. Mix well to combine. Spoon about 1 tablespoon mixture into each biscuit "cup."
3. Bake for 18 to 22 minutes. Place muffin pans on wire racks and let set for 5 minutes. Remove muffins from pans and continue cooling on wire rack. Good warm or cold. Makes 10 (2 each) servings. (c) 2020 King Features Syndicate, Inc.



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Christmas gifts, snowmobiles, quads (on or off their trailers), electronic equipment and Liquor are high on the criminals Christmas list. Many of these items can also be very expensive to replace! Unlocked vehicles are an “Open Invitation” to criminals, unlocked with visible items like coins/electronics is a “Bonanza”, unlocked with the keys left in the ignition/vehicle – “Jackpot”!!

Reporting every break-in is important! It provides us and the R.C.M.P. with information about the areas that need extra attention. Just a reminder, reporting to the R.C.M.P. does not affect your insurance. It can only be affected if **you** make an insurance claim!

If your residence has sliding windows or deck doors - be sure to insert a solid snug fitting stick at the bottom and top of the frame so the door cannot be lifted out.

If you think you see any **suspicious or criminal** activity please, call the R.C.M.P. immediately at **310-RCMP (310-7267)**.

Help us to help you not to become a victim by ensuring all of your winter toys are locked up, your residence and vehicles are secured and your neighbors are recruited to keep an eye on your property if you will be away - even for the day!

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“THANKS” to all of our patroller’s for their time and effort! **“HAPPY HOLIDAYS”**

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a moment for healing

Chantelle Rodgers provides healing tools, resources and inspiration on her website. Her books are also available for purchase at Salon 263 and Reflections Gifts in Christopher Lake.

Choose **LOVE** over Fear. We are living in a very different time and there are a lot of questions we all have.

"Am I safe?"

"Are my kids safe?"

"Will my business open again?"

"When will I see my loved ones again?"

"What is happening to this world?"

What we all need to remember is there are two states we can live in. We can be here, in this moment, in love, or we can be in the worrying and planning and fixing and fighting, in fear.

Why does this matter?

This matters because fear harms us and love heals us.

The second we are afraid, we go into fight/flight. This is a great stress response when there is something to run from or something to fight but did you know that your body responds the same to scary thoughts you have and stories you hear?

Fight/flight is the opposite of resting/healing.

What do you prefer to give your body? Rest and healing or stress and anxiety?

Being here, in this moment, puts your body into rest and healing mode.

When you play, when you laugh, when you enjoy, when you express, when you connect, you are in the moment and you are healing.

You are loving the moment and you are healing!

Choose LOVE over the fear every single time.

We don't know what is happening in this world but we can still find plenty of joy in the moments. We live in the most incredible place on earth.

Nature, to me, is the most powerful healing environment to be in.

After my cancer journey two years ago, I was diagnosed with severe depression and severe anxiety and I had to dig deep, in order to heal. I spent time in nature every single day. I learned how to focus on what I had and what I loved instead of what I was afraid of. I learned what truly mattered were my beautiful kids and our life together. I have learned how to choose love over fear. I am no longer anxious. I am no longer depressed. I am happy – I am HAPPY and so can you be!

When you start to feel anxious or afraid or angry or lonely, BREATHE.

BREATHE in BREATHE out

Feel yourself BREATHE

Listen to your BREATH

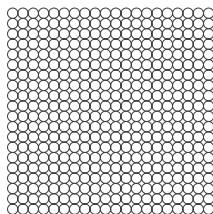
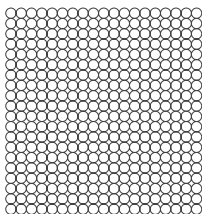
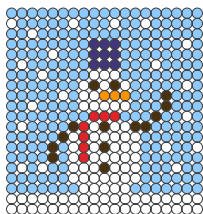
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strange but true

By Lucie Winborne

* If you do a Google search on the word "askew," the resulting content will tilt slightly to the right.

* St. Lucia is the only country in the world named after a woman. Originally called the Island of the Iguanas by early Carib settlers, the name was later changed after French seamen were shipwrecked there on Dec. 13, the feast day of St. Lucy.

* The color of Facebook is blue because Mark Zuckerberg is red-green colorblind.

* Ever noticed how some mass-produced ballpoint pens, such as the Bic Cristal, have a hole in the cap? No? Well, in case you someday do, now you'll know why -- it's not just to prevent leaks, but choking as well. Lots of folks like to chew on pen lids, and in the event they accidentally swallow the cap, the hole ensures it won't completely block their airway.

* After an 8.0 magnitude earthquake hit Mexico City in 1985, nearly all newborn babies survived a collapsed hospital for seven days without nourishment, water, warmth or human contact.

* Major League Baseball umpires are required to wear black underwear while on the job in case they split their pants.

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Vacationland News is happy to feature writing from local poet, W. Quill - with excerpts from the book of poems, Quill's Spilled Ink. A compilation of experiences, feelings and beliefs expressed through poems and rewritten here for your reading pleasure.

THE HOUR GLASS

The hourglass on the mantle stands,
Dispensing tiny ticks of time,
Relentlessly they fall and land,
I hear no music, see no rhyme,

As I see the sand,
Piling higher, day by day.
Like life so wound in tiny strands,
When the last grain falls, I cannot stay.

Yet! The part of the hourglass once full,
When void, still holds a mystery.
It grasps my heart I feel the pull,
So, it's been through history.

What formed the helixes intriguing bands!
Mysterious maneuvers so well planned,
Or a cosmic accidental hand?

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Y	R	A	U	N	G	K	E	E	I

Find all the words from the word list
(ignore spaces and dashes):

BARE TREES

DECEMBER

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ICE SKATING

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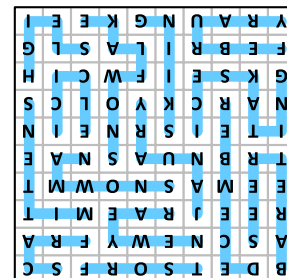
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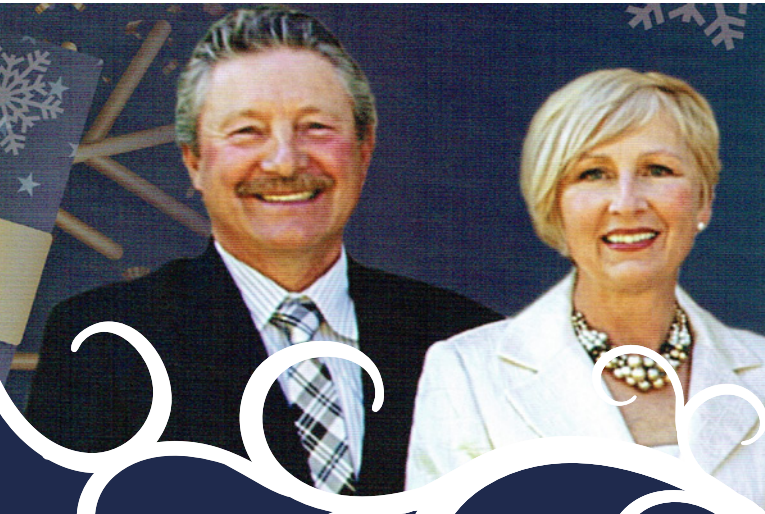
SNOWMAN

This is zigzag word search puzzle. Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle. There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.

ANSWER:



Merry Christmas



Dear Friends,

In our constituency of Saskatchewan Rivers and across the province, I offer you and your family a Merry Christmas. This year's Christmas season is unlike any other. While our 2020 Christmas celebrations may be different and quieter, we are offered a reminder of the season's importance; the true meaning of Christmas: to celebrate Jesus's birth, and reflect on the love we have shared, in all its forms, with our family, friends and neighbours. If nothing else, I trust that this pandemic has offered us an opportunity to cherish the most important aspects of our lives: our relationships with loved ones and our shared memories.

Our government's highest priority is to continue to address the ongoing pandemic while fulfilling our election promises. The most recent legislative session, which wrapped up on December 10th, focused on making life more affordable by reducing everyone's power bill by 10%, reducing ambulance charges for seniors, and reinstating the Community Rink Affordability grant. Our government also announced, as part of the Safe Schools Plan, more than \$37.5 million in approved funding for classroom expenses to keep staff and students safe in schools. (This is in addition to the \$51 million in funding that was announced in September.) These are just a few highlights, and I invite you to contact my office for more details. There will be a longer legislative sitting in the spring, when your government will present the 2021-22 provincial budget.

With a renewed mandate following the recent election, I have several new responsibilities and duties which I am pleased to share with you. A noteworthy new role for me is the elected position of Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. I look forward to fulfilling this mandate, as entrusted to me by my MLA colleagues. I will also serve as Legislative Secretary to the Ministers of Trade and Export Development and Energy and Resources for Forestry, Saskatchewan-Ukraine Relations Liaison, and Deputy Chair of Committees.

Our province's most vulnerable people are in need of care and attention now more than ever. Through our collective resilience, let's ensure that our seniors who built this province are protected. We have a duty to ensure that our healthcare system is ready to serve those who need it. Our province is ready to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to healthcare workers and residents of long-term care homes, and we hope to see widespread access to the vaccine by April 2021. While this is very optimistic news, this does not mean we can let our guard down. Continue to follow all public health orders. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Reduce your bubble and practice social distancing. Thank you for doing your part to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

I again wish you and your family my best regards, and a Merry Christmas 2020.

Your friend,

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