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Our Christmas supplies and treats are slowly arriving as we now have glazed fruit and bulk nuts in stock but are still waiting for mincemeat and bulk candy.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and wishing everyone a blessed 2021. Stay safe.

CHURCHES

PARTNERS IN WORSHIP

Sundays at 9 am in the Lions Community Hall with Pastor Sarah Urano. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

With COVID rules this year we are limited to have only 30 people in attendance. We will be having two Candle Light Services on Sunday, December 20 at 4 pm and 7 pm. You will be required to preregister with Carol. Call or text @306.883.8064 before December 18.

OUR LADY OF SMILES

Mass time has been changed to Sunday at 2:00 PM. This eliminates people having to travel at night. Our Christmas Day Mass will, however, be at 11:00 AM.

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Wishing my readers all a Very **Merry Christmas** and a very **healthy, happy** New Year!

Special thank you to all my supporters! Without your help this newsletter would not be possible!

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COMMITTEE/CLUB NEWS

LITTLE WONDERS CLUBHOUSE

Christmas Raffle Basket Tickets sold by preschoolers and are also available at General Store, Co-op, Lark Restaurant. Baskets on display at General Store. Draw to be made December 17. Thank you for your support and to all who donate to the basket.

Brittany Kotun has found that she has to resign. We thank her for all her efforts and will be missed by all the preschoolers. Good luck Brittany. We are hiring for January. Please contact Allison 306-427-2214 for more information or mail resume to Box 328. Shell Lake, S0J2G0

SHELL LAKE MINOR SPORTS

Lets get some ice on the outdoor rink so that we can enjoy the outdoors. Volunteers are needed to get this done prior to the holidays. Please contact Janice at 306-831-7997. Thanks to all volunteers

SHELL LAKE LIBRARY

Happy December! With all the uncertainties in the our world today, I hope all you readers are finding some

joy in finding a good book to read. If you need any help call me at the library and I would be glad to help you find something you would enjoy. 306.841.8440. A reminder that it is never a good idea to lend you library books out to friends, family, etc. If you would like the book, call the library and I will get the book for you.

Our open house is on hold due to COVID restrictions. Hopefully we will be able to have it soon.

Due to poor circulations, etc. the library has lost an hour per week. Starting in January the library will be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:30 – 4:00. In order to gain hours back we need to up our circulation. Hopefully we can get back to having some in person programs to help us as well.

We still have a fair amount of books for sale at the library. List is posted as the library window as well as on our Facebook page.

Tis the season for reading! Happy holidays from Cheryl.

SHELL LAKE LEGION

Thank you to the brave people who came out on Remembrance

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Day for our modified service, Lest we forget, Lest we forget. The winner of the November lottery was Carolyn Lalonde. The legion has suspended it's monthly meetings from now till April.

As always we are looking for new members. Belonging to the Legion isn't burdensome but your participation could help relieve some of the stress on the older members. Would you believe the average age of the active membership is now 76. To join contact Gwen Stringer- Klaasen .

The 2021 Calendar project is winding down .Thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile project. It is especially beneficial to have this well established project during this pandemic time when other fund raisers are suspended. There are still calendars available, either at the General store (thanks Joy) or from Anita

SHELL LAKE CURLING CLUB

Due to the new COVID regulations we have put everything on hold till January and then it will be reassessed. Thank you and Merry Christmass.

VILLAGE OF SHELL LAKE

November is often a sullen month and this year is no exception. In addition to that we had the huge dump of snow to contend with. Thank you for your patience when it comes to clearing the sidewalks and the streets. It reminds me of the saying "how do

you eat an elephant?" the reply, "One bite at a time!" The Village experienced a breakdown with the sweeper and the grader heater but everything is up and running now thanks to Councillor Greg.

We were happy to appoint Valerie Chaykowski to the Library Board. Thanks Val for accepting to join the board.

I want to remind the public that the recyclebins are for recyclables such as cardboard, tins and plastic but it is NOT for styrofoam packing. Please breakdown your styrofoam into smaller pieces and put it in your garbage. Also **DO NOT** put garbage in the recycle bins.

Another reminder is that taxes and utility bills are due Dec 31 before a penalty is applied. The office will be closed Dec 23 to 28 inclusive for Holidays but will be open to accept you payments on Dec 29,30 and 31.

I hope all businesses and residents will support the Plants and Decor "Light up for Christmas " project. The museum was gifted a large selection of red and green Christmas replacement bulbs (thanks to Gary Taylor) and they have been put to use.

On that note I will close wishing everyone a **Very Merry Christmas**. Let's not let Covid spoil anything for us. We still can communicate over the phone, or computer and we can

still greet each other on the street. Life in Shell Lake is still good..

You all stay safe and healthy now! I will end with a quote that keeps popping up on Facebook. (author not known).

"Fear does not stop death; it stops life.

Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace."

Respectfully,
 Anita Weiers, Mayor.

PLANT AND DECOR COMMITTEE

Hey Shell Lake! Since social distancing has become the new normal this year and gatherings like fall suppers, community fundraisers and events have ceased to exist, we came up with an idea that just might lift the spirits of each and everyone of us in this great community we call home.

What we are hoping to achieve is to get our local businesses, as well as our town residents to decorate the outside of their homes and businesses for a Christmas Light Up in Shell Lake. Businesses are more than welcome to decorate the flower pots situated in front of their business, add some lights or do whatever they wish. There will be no prizes awarded for the best

decorated, but just the fact that you have contributed in some small way to bring some joy and happiness to others this Christmas season. We will designate the weekend of Dec. 18, 19 and 20th for the "Light Up" so make sure your lights are on for people to stroll through town and enjoy the lights and decorations.

So, let your imaginations run wild, decorate away and have fun in the process! We would like to wish each and everyone A **Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

SHELL LAKE GENERAL STORE

Here we are eight and half months into this new normal. Our Christmas looks bleak presently and we are all hoping it will turn around somewhat so that we can celebrate it with a small portion of our family.

At the Shell Lake General Store, we are continuing to sanitize, distance and limit the number of people within in the store. We are asking our customers, if possible, to keep the size of your shopping crew to one or two at most this way we can continue to serve our customers safely and efficiently.

It is now mandatory to wear a mask in ALL indoor spaces in Saskatchewan this includes our store. Please do your part in keeping each other safe and wear a mask while inside our store.

We are all in the together so please keep following public health guidelines and remember if you have been in contact

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