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Risk factors are everywhere in our day-to-day lives. Some risks are manageable, some are questionable... and some just simply aren't worth the risk. To mark National Road Safety Week, the Canada Safety Council and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police want to draw your attention to four specific risks behind the wheel that are deadly, devastating and #NotWorthTheRisk.

1. **Speed** - Slow down on the roads. Excessive speeds can be dangerous for you, for your fellow road users, and give everyone involved less time to react to the space around them.
2. **Distracted Driving** - Any action that takes a driver's eyes off the road can constitutes distracted driving, though a predominant focus of the issue continues to be device use behind the wheel. Leave the phone alone. If there's an urgent call you must take, pull over before doing so. Driving is a complex task with many moving parts. As such, it requires your full attention.
3. **Impaired Driving** - Impairment can fall under one of three major headings: alcohol impairment, drug impairment and fatigue impairment. All three can significantly affect your ability to react quickly, to drive defensively and to avoid collisions. These behaviours are not new, nor are they reasonable to engage in behind the wheel. Don't drive while impaired — take a taxi, get a friend to give you a ride, or simply wait until you're no longer impaired to hit the road.
4. **Seatbelt Use** - Generally, Canadians are getting the message — seat belt use over recent years has hovered around the 95 per cent mark. However, more than 30 per cent of vehicle occupants who were killed in 2018 were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash. Seatbelt use in Canada should be second nature. Worn correctly, they can significantly reduce the likelihood of death and serious injury. Buckle up!

The common factor in all these behaviours is simple: they are all choices that drivers make. And yet, the data clearly demonstrates two salient points: they all have direct correlations with death and injury, and they are all widely accepted to be dangerous, yet the prevalence of these issues is widespread.

Drive safely, with your eyes on the road, your full attention to the task, your faculties unimpaired and your seatbelt on. Driving any differently is #NotWorthTheRisk.

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coming events

Join us for a **Come & Go Bridal Shower** in honour of Bailey Huery, bride-elect of Bryton Wenzel. **Saturday, June 12** from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. at Consul Community Hall. Everyone welcome!

In the hope that life is closer to normal with fewer restrictions by late summer/early fall, **wedding showers** will be held later in the year for Minnie Chen & Braden Wenaas (wedding date of June 26th) and Nicole Stephanson & Craig Pridmore (wedding date of July 24th). The brides look forward to meeting and getting to visit with the people their fiancés grew up with. Watch for shower dates in future issues.

report from the legislature

Doug Steele, MLA

May 17, 2021

In April, most provinces saw their job numbers decline and unemployment go up. In Saskatchewan, employment was up by 9,500 new jobs – the strongest job growth in all of Canada. Unemployment fell to 6.6 per cent – the lowest in Canada.

New job numbers show more women, more men, and more young people working. There were more construction jobs, more tech jobs, more jobs in agriculture, in manufacturing, health care and education. In fact, there were more jobs in almost every area.

Investing in infrastructure during a pandemic provides a unique opportunity to create jobs and improve quality of life. For example, our government continues moving forward on approved projects under the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP).

A total of 760 Saskatchewan municipalities have now received funds through MEEP, which is a key component of our two-year, \$7.5 billion capital plan to build a strong province and stimulate our economic recovery. To learn more or to see a complete list of approved projects, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/municipal-economic-enhancement.

Phase Three of the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth (RIRG) program will see 69 RMs receive \$25.7 million in funding this year. The program helps with the cost of building and upgrading infrastructure, which in turn helps support industries like agriculture, energy, and forestry, with grants covering up to 50 per cent of each project's total cost, to a maximum of \$500,000.

While our government continues to invest in infrastructure, we are also providing a significant injection into the economy through SGI rebates. Over the next month, SGI will begin to mail out 709,000 rebate cheques to eligible individuals, non-profit organizations and businesses. If you have not received your rebate by June 30, you should call SGI's Customer Service Centre at 1-844-TLK-2SGI (1-844-855-2744).

I want to thank the thousands of health care workers who are delivering COVID-19 vaccine shots every day in every part of the province, and I want to thank the hundreds of thousands of Saskatchewan people who have done your part by getting vaccinated. Please continue to follow public health orders and, when you're eligible for your first and second dose of the vaccine, do your part and stick it to COVID.

Remembering Leslie Fairbrother.....



Leslie Roy Fairbrother was born December 5, 1927 in Coronation, AB, and passed away on May 1, 2021. Les, the youngest of nine children, was born to Carter and Francis Fairbrother (nee Peters). Leslie's first son, Walter Lawrence, passed away in 1972. Leslie married Margaret Julia Backman on September 13, 1952. Their eight children are Cara Blakley (James), Curtis Fairbrother (Roxanne), Rodney Fairbrother (Lisa), Betty Whitney (Larry), Kenneth Fairbrother (Paula), Baby Thomas (passed away), Grace Potter (Blaine), and Gail Walroth (Raymond). There are

21 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Les (Dad) lived in a log cabin near Tofield, AB. There was no money, but they still had fun, hunting ducks, or having skating parties on the big slough. Dad was invited to a ski party. He felt embarrassed because he didn't have any skis, so he built some. When he arrived at the party, Dad was the only one with skis, and everyone took turns using them. While his brothers fought in WW2, Dad cared for his aging parents, and ploughed the land with horses.

Dad went to work at the Tofield welding shop. He built a lake-crossing machine using tall wheels and an old LA Case tractor for a Texas seismic company. He then worked as a "shooter" for this seismic company until he came to Consul in 1949. He stayed at Grandma Frame's in Consul and met Mom when she came for a visit. They were married on September 15, 1952, in Edmonton, AB. Dad built a small house trailer and they lived in his brother Cliff's backyard. Dad welded, and got his pressure ticket, and Mom worked at "Dad's Cookies".

In about 1954, Dad went to work for Louis Backman. In 1957, Dad built the welding shop in Consul. Mom and Dad moved into an old house in Consul. Dad worked long hours. Sometimes he was frustrated and wanted to quit. Mom would say "Sit down, Les", and bring him tea and apple pie, and he would go back to work again. He could lift a 360-pound sheet of ¼" flat iron up under a combine feed chain with one hand and a knee and weld it in place. Dad was a highly skilled welder and could fix almost anything.

Dad was a good storyteller. He told us about the time he went hunting at Carrot Creek, AB. They found a wolf facing off with a bull elk, and they shot the elk. Hunting with his brother Cliff was one of his fondest memories. Also Dad could play the mouth organ, dance a jig, and was a talented singer. He sang us songs like "Jimmy Crack Corn" and "Big Rock Candy Mountain" until we fell asleep.

Dad invented "Magilock" headgates and hundreds of other inventions. He built his own fishing boat. Mom would fry us up a fish when we got home. Dad built a large swing for us. Cara would swing every hour, just as high as she could go. Dad would drive us to hockey and figure skating. As a hobby he kept bees.

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In about 1971, Dad and Mom built a new house and moved the welding shop to south of the community hall. They had a huge garden at McConwell's and moved it also.

Dad's favorite card game was "500". Dad would patiently play "Apples to Apples" with the grandchildren and as soon as the game was over, he would ask, "Would anyone like a game of 500?" We would often play 500 til late at night. The grandchildren would sit on Dad's knees and comb his hair, or he would lift them up above his head saying, "Wa-ay Boom".

Dad loved our creator, Jehovah, and Jesus. He would often travel to the Kingdom Hall where he made many good friends.

Many people came over for coffee, dinner, or pie, and they all left feeling better than when they arrived. Mom's arm was always sneaking in to fill up your coffee cup. In 2007 Mom passed away leaving Dad on his own. In 2012, he celebrated retirement after 55 years in the shop.

Dad started feeding the stray cats in his yard. Unexplained dents and scratches showed up on his car and truck. Dad moved to the Cypress Lodge Assisted Living in Maple Creek in 2018 and lived there until he passed away.

Our family can't thank Jeanie and the staff at Cypress Lodge enough. They genuinely cared and always gave Dad a little squeeze or a little hug. It meant a lot to Dad.

We are very thankful for Dad and Mom. The people who passed away before Dad will be so full of joy when they get to see him again in heaven.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in memory of Les may direct it to Consul Skating Rink or Cypress Lodge.

DID YOU KNOW?

Welding existed in some form as far back as the Iron Age and the Bronze Age. There is evidence that the Egyptians learned to weld iron together, and people have found small gold boxes with pressure-welded lap joints from over 2,000 years ago.

However, the type of welding prevalent then and during the Middle Ages was a very rudimentary type of welding that typically involved hammering two pieces of metal together under heat until they joined. Conventional welding as we know it did not appear until the 19th century.

No single person takes credit for the invention of welding. Some of the earliest inroads toward traditional welding came about as early as 1800. In that year, Sir Humphry Davy produced the first electric arc between two carbon electrodes through the use of a battery. In 1836, Edmund Davy discovered acetylene. But the process we recognize as welding today didn't arise until 1881.

It started with Auguste de Méritens, who used arc heat to join lead plates together. His Russian student, Nikolai Benardos, then patented a method of electric arc welding with carbon rods. After that, welding processes advanced rapidly. Nikolai Slavynov figured out how to use metal electrodes for welding. Following this, C.L. Coffin, an American engineer, discovered an arc welding process using a coated metal electrode that became the precursor of shielded metal arc welding.

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