

TWO AGING GRANDPARENTS BRAGGING ABOUT WHOSE HOMETOWN WAS LARGER

This morning (November 14, 2023) Marilyn and I were having a cup of coffee at 400 hours. This seems normal at these times as we usually go to sleep at normal times, but we would frequently wake up at the “wee hours’ of the morning and talk about where “we had travelled” that night. It is an economic trip and since we have been at many places around the world, it seems natural that we would revisit some of our favourite spots. In recent times, we forget the best parts of the dream, but we provide as much as we can remember, besides what else is there to talk about at that time of the morning.

This morning we decide to search out facts on GOOGLE.

Langham, Saskatchewan was Marilyn’s closest community to her farm and here is what we found in Google:

<u>2016 Population</u>	<u>2021 Population</u>	<u>Number of Dwellings</u>	<u>(1948) Grain Elevators</u>	<u>(now)</u>
1,518	1,496	589	5	0

Canora was the closest community to where I was born:

1,725	1,763	948	7	2
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Veregin was where my family moved, and I started school in 1946:

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Pelly was where my family moved, in 1947 and I graduated in 1958:

285	255	166	5	0
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So, Marilyn won out as her hometown has grown but that was likely due to the fact it is a “bedroom community” for the City of Saskatoon only 30 kilometers away on a 110 kph divided highway. There are no major downtown businesses.

Sentimentally we agreed that the loss of the Prairie Trademark elevators was sad. The two elevators in Canora are concrete construction and operated by computers.

It is “tough” to be a senior these days but great that some of us still have partners that remember the “good old times”.