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Eliminating the times where it decided to snow in April, there have been some pretty incredible evenings so far this spring, including within the RM of Usborne No. 310 (pictured).
- photo by Daniel Bushman

Federal budget unveiled

■ Daniel Bushman

With a federal budget aimed at addressing three fundamental challenges - conquering COVID, getting out of the COVID recession, and building a more resilient Canada - the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland unveiled the nation's budget Apr. 19. Tabled last Monday the budget comes with \$101.4 billion in new spending over three years with a projected deficit of \$354.2 billion for 2020-'21 and reportedly projected deficits of \$154.7 billion the following year and \$30.7 billion by 2025-'26.

Hoping to build for the long term with the more than \$100 billion being spent over three years, this year's proposed budget by the Liberal minority government will require another party to approve it in order for it to pass.

Entitled Budget 2021: A Recovery Plan for Jobs, Growth, and Resilience, in her address federal finance minister Freeland

said, "We are all tired, and frustrated, and even afraid. But we will get through this. We will do it together. This budget is about finishing the fight against COVID. It's about healing the economic wounds left by the COVID recession. And it's about creating more jobs and prosperity for Canadians in the days – and decades – to come. It's about meeting the urgent needs of today, and about building for the long term. It's a budget focused on middle class Canadians, and on pulling more Canadians up into the middle class. It's a plan that embraces this moment of global transformation to a green, clean economy."

Citing an historic investment to address the COVID-19 recession, Budget 2021 includes \$101.4 billion over three years in proposed investments as part of the Government of Canada's growth plan that will aim to create good jobs and support a resilient and inclusive recovery.

"We said in the Fall Economic Statement that we would invest up to \$100 billion over three years to support Canada's

economic recovery – and that is what we are outlining here today. We predicted a deficit for 2020-'21 of \$381.6 billion. We've spent less than we provisioned for. Our deficit for 2020-'21 is \$354.2 billion, significantly below our forecast."

The budget also shows a declining debt-to-GDP ratio and a declining deficit, with the debt-to-GDP ratio falling to 49.2 percent by 2025-'26 and the deficit falling to 1.1 percent of GDP.

As for what is in the proposed budget, here are a few items of note:

- \$3 billion investment to help ensure that provinces and territories provide a high standard of care in their long-term care facilities.
- increasing Old Age Security for Canadians 75 and older.
- investing \$2.2 billion in Canada's bio-manufacturing and life sciences sector to rebuild domestic vaccine manufacturing capacity.

(see page nine: **BUDGET**)



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Please submit applications to:

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Lanigan and District Music Festival all set to go

■ Daniel Bushman

After having to cancel the annual Lanigan and District Music Festival in 2020 due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, talented performers will be centre stage this week as the local festival returns this year. While it will look a little different than it has in previous years, the festival will go ahead for a 44th time.

Taking place at the Christian Fellowship Church in Lanigan Apr. 26 to 28, the first two days will include piano entries while Wednesday will consist of guitar, voice, musical theatre, and speech art sessions. Corresponding secretary with the Lanigan and District Music Festival Laura Melin said there are 60 students registered with 167 entries in all.

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Excited to have a music festival once again, Melin said the festival committee has ensured that it will be a safe one. “As would be expected, there are many COVID-19 safety protocols that we will be putting in place, such as sanitization, screening, and contact tracing. And this year, all vocal performances will be from behind a plastic screen! One of the biggest differences, however, is that we will have no audience present. Only the performers involved in each session may attend, accompanied by one chaperone.”

Melin understands family and friends might want to see some of the talented performers and the music festival committee has taken steps to allow for that online. “Family members and the public can watch virtually this year! Although normally no recording of any kind is permitted at Saskatchewan music festivals, this year we will be live streaming the performances on our Facebook page: Lanigan & District Music Festival.”

Doing their best to navigate through the pandemic, Melin said the festival committee is very grateful that the music students have the opportunity to perform and receive excellent feedback from this year’s adjudicator, Gaye-Lynn Kern.

“Students are very motivated to practice towards excellence when they have performance opportunities, and a bit of competition doesn’t hurt either! We are very proud of all the music students who have persevered with lessons, learning and practicing, despite the challenges of a pandemic. And we are thankful for all of our donors and sponsors, who make our festival possible. Their generosity helps provide this great opportunity to support performing arts in our area, and showcase the talents of our students.”

TOWN OF LANIGAN

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

OF PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

The Town of Lanigan is seeking an Assistant Director of Public Works & Utilities. The Assistant Director of Public Works & Utilities, under the direction of the Director of Public Works & Utilities, will provide support for all aspects of Municipal day-to-day operations of the Town of Lanigan including:

• Operation of equipment including grader, tractor, mower, loader and skid steer

• Assist in repair, construction and maintenance work with respect to roads, streets, lanes, buildings, sewer, drains, water utility, culverts and other Public Works

• Assist in sewer treatment and disposal system daily operation

• Assist in waterworks system daily operation

• Garbage collection

• Assist in the maintenance and repair of Recreation facilities

• Available to respond to urgent calls and be part of an on-call rotation

• Physical labour and ability to lift a minimum of 50 lbs.

• Willingness to obtain certification in Water Treatment and Wastewater Collection

This is a full-time position which offers a competitive salary with comprehensive health benefits as well as an employee pension plan.

Preferred Candidate will possess:

• Successful completion of Grade 12 diploma, GED or equivalent

• Preference will be given to candidates with experience in Public Works and Utilities, Water/Wastewater Treatment, Water/Wastewater Distribution certification, Pesticide Applicator certification, Equipment Operator Certificate(s), WHIMIS, and First Aid/CPR

• Strong work ethic and leadership skills

• Ability to multitask and problem solve

This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is selected.

The Town of Lanigan would like to thank all that apply and advises that only candidates selected for for an interview will be contacted.

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TOWN OF LANIGAN

OFFICE ASSISTANT

The Town of Lanigan is seeking an Office Assistant. The Office Assistant, under the direction of the CAO, will provide support for all aspects of Municipal administrative and recreation duties including:

OFFICE

• Reception duties including directing of phone calls

• Receive utility, tax, and other payments

• Prepare, balance and make deposits

• General accounting duties

• Typing correspondence and spreadsheet preparation

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• Recreation programming and development

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PREFERRED CANDIDATE WILL POSSESS:

• Successful completion of Grade 12 diploma with preference given to candidates with at least one year office experience

• Local Government Authority, Business Administration Certification or equivalent would be an asset

• Be friendly, professional, courteous, and efficient when working with all customers and employees

• Strong organizational, interpersonal and communication skills both verbal and written

• Attention to detail and ability to multitask and problem solve

• Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel

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Advisor and TWM named multiple finalists for Better Newspapers Competition

■ Daniel Bushman

Despite all of the uncertainty during the COVID-19 pandemic this past year, the Lanigan Advisor and The Watrous Manitou are pleased to have been once again recognized as multiple award finalists as part of the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association Better Newspapers Competition Premier and General Excellence Awards.

Announced Apr. 13, the Lanigan Advisor has been recognized as a finalist in three categories while The Watrous

Manitou was named a finalist in six categories.

Publisher of both weekly newspapers, Daniel Bushman was thrilled to see the weekly newspapers included as part of SWNA's Better Newspapers Competition finalists. "For many people, this past year has been a trying one. When the pandemic first arrived in Saskatchewan we didn't know if we would be able to publish a newspaper or not. We felt it was important to remain a place for our advertisers to get their messages out and we felt that it was important to continue to pro-

duce our weekly newspapers to keep our readers updated. Through the ups and downs, we are so incredibly grateful to be finalists in multiple premier categories, including in the General Excellence Awards category. My wife Kim and I are extremely proud and fortunate to have the staff that we do and for the work that they have done. It takes a team effort to be able to do what we do and this past year was no different."

Named a finalist in the General Excellence Awards category, The Watrous Manitou was recognized under the Best Editorial Page Class B - Circulation 1,200 - 1,999.

Along with the nod in the General Excellence Awards category, The Watrous Manitou was also part of five Premier Awards categories.

Story wise, in the Best Educational Coverage K-12 Story or Feature category, Bushman's article about Winston High School teacher Barry Croshaw receiving the highest honour from SHSAA was recognized as a finalist. In the Best Business Writing category, Daniel's story about the Jubilee Drive-In marking its 65th year was one

of three finalists.

When it came to photos, representing The Watrous Manitou, Bushman was a finalist in the Best Black and White Photo category for a second consecutive year and also for the Best Hard News Photo of the year with a photo from the train derailment near Guernsey.

Also under The Watrous Manitou, Daniel was named a finalist in the Photographer of the Year category.

For a fourth consecutive year, the Lanigan Advisor found itself a finalist in the Best News Story of the Year category. Daniel Bushman's article on the second train derailment near Guernsey, which also appeared

in The Watrous Manitou, was recognized this year.

Along with Best News Story of the Year, Bushman was named a finalist representing the Lanigan Advisor for Best Educational Coverage Post Secondary Education with a story on Jansen's Emily Koshinsky being named a Canada West All-Star.

The third finalist nod for the Advisor was in the Best Wildlife Photo category, a category the newspaper won two years ago and was a finalist in last year.

Due to COVID-19, this year the Better Newspapers Competition Award winners will be announced during an online award presentation May 17.

COVID-19 updates

■ media releases

The province of Saskatchewan will be using AstraZenca to immunize adults 40 years and older. AstraZeneca will be integrated into the provincial vaccination roll-out plan.

Note that, at this time, the SHA has successfully delivered AstraZeneca in booked appointments for residents 55 years and older so there is currently fewer than 15,000 doses in the province with less than 9,000 available to the SHA. The other doses have already been allocated for administration.

Vaccine Eligibility Updated - Additional Prioritization To Follow 40+ Eligibility

Saskatchewan is currently working towards the benchmark of opening vaccine eligibility to all residents ages 40 and over in order to reduce the risk of severe outcomes of COVID-19. To date, residents ages 40 and over who have contracted COVID-19 have seen the most severe outcomes, accounting for 84 percent of total hospitalizations and 96 percent of total deaths.

Once COVID-19 vaccine eligibility has been opened to all residents ages 40 and over, Saskatchewan will prioritize access to the COVID-19 vaccine through mass-vaccination settings to remaining prioritized first-responders (currently targeted with mobile vaccination units) along with additional front-line workers ages 16+, depending on vaccine product, including: police officers, firefighters, front-line healthcare workers with direct patient contact employed by the SHA or private employers (including dentists, optometrists, chiropractors), teachers and educational staff working directly with students, correctional staff, and border security officers.

Eligible workers will require proof of employment from their employer prior to attending mass vaccination

sites. Eligibility for these groups will be announced once all residents ages 40+ are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Following the eligibility of prioritized groups of workers, Saskatchewan will continue with the age-based system in opening vaccine eligibility to the remaining population decreasing in age from 40-16.

All Public Health Measures Extended to May 10

Due to increased COVID-19 transmission risk throughout the province, the Chief Medical Health Officer has extended all current provincial public health orders until May 10, 2021. The orders will be reviewed at that time.

Current public health orders restrict all private indoor gatherings to immediate household only and limit outdoor gatherings to maximum of 10 people. Physical distancing of at least two metres between households must be maintained.

Due to increased COVID-19 transmission risk, additional restrictions are in place for Regina and area.

Visitor restrictions easing for residents in care homes

Families of residents in long-

term care homes and personal care homes in Saskatchewan will soon be able to safely spend more time together, thanks to the COVID-19 vaccination program.

Starting Apr. 29, long-term care and personal care homes will be able to welcome an unlimited number of family members or support people, two at a time, to visit fully vaccinated residents if at least 90 percent of residents have been fully vaccinated and three weeks have elapsed since the last second dose vaccinations.

These homes will also be able to allow up to four family members or support people to visit outdoors. Fully vaccinated residents who go on outings will no longer be required to quarantine upon their return to a home.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) will notify long-term care homes when they are eligible to ease visitor restrictions. Personal care homes are responsible for aligning themselves with the same operational policies as the SHA, and must be able to verify that they meet the requirements.

Family and support persons visiting will still have to follow

public health guidelines on masking, physical distancing, hand hygiene, routine testing and temperature screening. Fully vaccinated residents must abide by all public health measures in place if they leave a care home, including current restrictions on indoor and outdoor gatherings.

SHA Medical Health Officers will have discretion to maintain restrictions, even if the thresholds are met.

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— tips from Reena Nerbas

Dear Reena,
When purchasing eggs for a baking recipe, does it matter what size eggs I use?
Thanks, Randy
Dear Randy,
Great question! Most recipes are calibrated with large size eggs.
Extra hint: eggs for baking should be at room temperature so that the egg disperses better, making the batter lighter. Bring eggs to room temperature quickly by soaking them in a bowl of warm water for five minutes.

Dear Reena,
What is the best way to clean a stainless steel kitchen faucet? Bradley
Dear Bradley,
Either wipe the faucet with a small amount of olive oil or cut a lemon in half and wipe fixtures to remove hard water and rust marks. This method avoids using harsh chemicals and smells fresh.

Dear Reena,
The last few times that I have made butter tarts the brown sugar has settled on the bottom of the shell. Can you tell me why this happens? Claire
Dear Claire,
Here are a few possible reasons why the brown sugar is settling on the bottom of the shell. The shells are not chilled before adding the filling. The high humidity in the air may affect the outcome of the butter tarts. The sugar is not incorporated well before the shells are baked. Consider chilling the filled tarts before baking.

Extra tip: ever run out of brown sugar when you need it? Mix two tablespoons molasses for every cup of white granulated sugar. Voila!
Dear Reena,
I bought a dress, it was absolutely, beautiful! I did not realize it was rayon and I tossed it into the dryer and shrunk it. Is there anything that I can do to save my dress? Samantha
Dear Samantha,
Do not give up yet, put the dress in cold water and hair conditioner. Gently stretch the bottom and it should return to the original length.

Note: Every user assumes all risks of injury or damage resulting from the implementation of any suggestions in this column. Test all products on an inconspicuous area first.
Reena Nerbas is a popular motivational presenter for large and small groups; check out her website: reena.ca. Ask a question or share a tip at reena.ca

uncomplICAteD - The Assurance of Spring



■ by Arlene Martin

THE ASSURANCE OF SPRING
My heart tells me it should be spring.
The calendar agrees.
But what I see outside my door
Is more like Winter’s freeze.
My heart tells me there should be leaves
And greenery of Spring,
But when I checked this early morn,
There was snow on everything.
My heart tells me there should be flowers
Tomorrow’s first of May,
But Bluebirds, Robins, Sparrows, Wrens
It seems have flown away.
My faith tells me there will be spring,
For my eyes see but in part,
But God and Author of each new day
Is the Keeper of my heart.
-Arlene L. Martin, From 1995

That’s Great News is not so great; Advisor issues statement

It was brought to our attention last week that a company based out of Wallingford, CT in the United States called *That’s Great News* has once again been reaching out to the local area relating to ‘feel good’ news articles or achievements that have been published in our sister paper, The Watrous Manitou.

A similar instance occurred about two years ago and to our knowledge, the company creates and markets article plaques where they find article originals in newspapers across North America like ours and they then create plaques in which they try and sell to those featured in the article.

The Lanigan Advisor and The Watrous Manitou wants to make clear that we are in NO way affiliated with *That’s Great News*, we were NOT contacted by the company to provide permission to reprint any of our articles or features and we had NO prior knowledge about what the company was doing until we were made aware by a subscriber.

Upon doing a simple ‘google’ search, we also found the company has been reported numerous times over the years to the Better Business Bureau (47 complaints in the last three years and 13 complaints in the last 12 months). It is unfortunate that a company like *That’s Great News* is using material from publications without consent. In the case of weekly newspapers like ours, we have copyright policies in place and by trying to market our stories and features without seeking permission goes against those policies.

Since we were made aware that the Advisor’s sister paper was referenced by *That’s Great News*, we immediately reached out to the company and individuals we were made aware of that were with the company trying to market The Watrous Manitou’s articles and did not receive any responses. We have also notified the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association and News Media Canada about the situation.

To those who have been contacted by *That’s Great News*, the Lanigan Advisor and The Watrous Manitou is sincerely sorry for the confusion and would like to reiterate that we are in no way affiliated with the company and we have taken this matter seriously.

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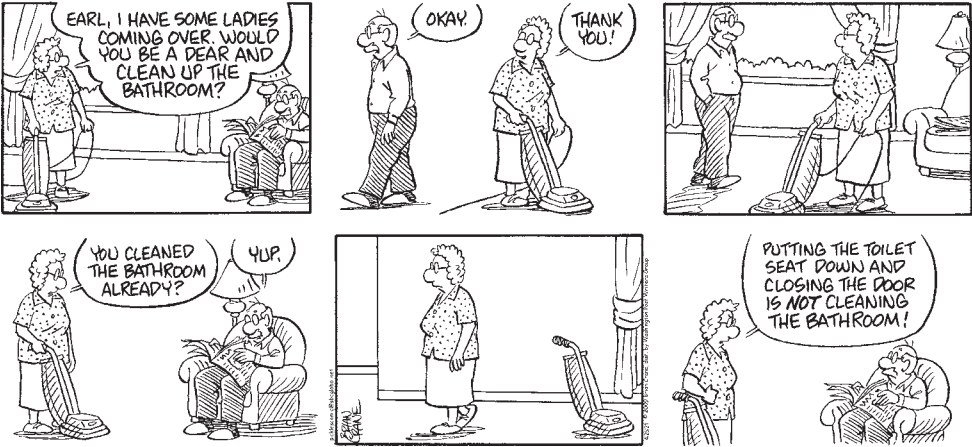
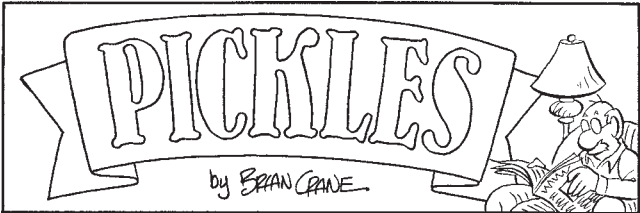
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15. Milky stone
16. The works
17. Advancement
18. View again
20. On time
22. Betrayal
25. Stuck
28. Consumers
32. Enemy
33. “Take Me _____”
35. Luau wreath

36. Lure
38. Witnesses
40. Rosie, e.g.
42. Tool
45. Drying frames
49. Raring to go
50. Cast off
53. Taboo
54. Ceramic square
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56. Flush
57. Tavern orders
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59. Has lunch

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1. Aroma
2. Rub lightly

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4. Strike out
5. Vacation hot spot
6. Canola _____
7. Howls
8. Carriages
9. Important test
10. Misstep
11. Circus shelter
19. Variable
21. More rugged
23. Snakelike swimmer
24. Kind of brick
25. Astern

26. Bambi’s mother
27. Dress bottom
29. Architectural add-on
30. Cardinal’s color
31. Bro’s sibling
34. Fish snare
37. Lion groups
39. Pumpkin color
41. Action words
42. Evidence
43. Nastiness
44. Horrid
46. Soft drink
47. Snarl
48. Piglets’ mothers
51. Bother
52. “One _____ at a Time”

**FOR ANSWERS
TO SUDOKU AND
CROSSWORD,
SEE PAGE 9**

**Look What’s Cooking by
Laura Novecosky**

Moon Cookies (poppy seed)

Ingredients:
3 eggs
3/4 cup oil
3/4 cup sugar
2 1/2-3 cups flour
1/4 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. baking powder
2 tbsp. poppy seed
1/4 cup hot water

Directions:
Combine first six ingredients together. Add poppy seed to hot water, let stand for about five minutes. Drain using a coffee filter and add the poppy seed to the cookie dough. Roll out dough on lightly floured board, cut into rounds. Place on greased cookie sheets. Sprinkle cookies with sugar, then bake at 350°F for about 20 minutes or until lightly browned.

RCMP Report

Charges laid after pointing firearm at person

On Apr. 18 shortly before 6 p.m., Biggar RCMP Detachment received a call advising that an adult male had pointed a firearm at another person. The caller advised this occurred in the Biggar Detachment area. The caller advised police that the adult male then left the location with a female youth in his vehicle. All three persons were known to each other.

Biggar Detachment RCMP officers responded and located the suspect's vehicle on Hwy. 14 shortly after 7 p.m. with the adult male and female youth inside. The adult male exited the vehicle and became a hazard to motorists travelling on Hwy. 14. Officers blocked traffic to ensure the safety of the adult male and passing motorists during the arrest of the male. The adult male was placed under arrest. After resisting arrest the male was transported to Biggar hospital for treatment of minor self-inflicted injuries.

Biggar RCMP located a firearm and ammunition in the adult male's vehicle.

At 8:30 p.m. Apr. 18, the adult male was at the Biggar hospital for treatment when before 9 p.m., the male escaped custody and left the hospital.

The RCMP Police Dog Services, additional RCMP officers from the Biggar Detachment, Rosetown Detachment, Unity Detachment, Saskatoon Detachment, and Warman Detachments were called in to assist in locating the male along with air service support from the City of Saskatoon Police Services.

The investigation revealed that following his escape the male stole a vehicle from a residence in Biggar that was known to him, and travelled out of town, east of Biggar.

Just after midnight on Apr. 19, the male was located near Landis, Sask. The male was arrested and taken into police custody without further incident or injury.

Jordy Leschinski of Biggar was charged with 19 criminal offences including: Escaping Custody, Possession of a Firearm obtained in the Commission of an Offence, Pointing a Firearm, Possession of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of a Firearm without holding a valid possession licence. Leschinski was also charged with three counts of Assault with a Weapon, theft of a Motor Vehicle, theft of a Firearm, and multiple breaches of his Probation Order, as well as some other offenses from the same incident.

The Biggar RCMP are continuing their investigation(s). **House fire and sudden death**

On Apr. 18 just before 5 a.m. the Spiritwood RCMP Detachment received a call of a house fire on Pelican Lake First Nation.

Police officers attended and found the residence was completely destroyed and were advised there may have been a man in the residence. Police searched and found a body of a male located passed away in the residence.

The RCMP Forensics team, the Provincial Fire Commissioners Office, and the Coroners office investigated the death.

It was determined that there was nothing suspicious at the time about the fire or the unfortunate death of the home owner. No one else was in the residence.

Rosthern RCMP officers assist in evacuation during motel fire

The actions of two quick-thinking Rosthern RCMP officers helped ensure everyone escaped safely from a recent fire at a motel in the Town of Rosthern.

On Apr. 14 shortly after 1:30 a.m., the officers were attending a call for service at the motel when they were alerted to a fire. They immediately activated the police vehicle's siren to alert anyone remaining inside. One of the officers rushed into the motel, checking each room for occupants.

"It was a chaotic situation," explained Sgt. Jacqueline Spence, Commander of the Rosthern Detachment. "Members were able to navigate through smoke, flames and the possibility of the building caving in."

The officer was alerted that someone was still inside a room. He quickly entered it, found the individual and assisted them in escaping safely. Flames were climbing up and over the room's door and melting the ceiling as they escaped, Sgt. Spence said.

Though the fire resulted in the total loss of the motel, no one was critically injured. The members put aside concerns for their own safety to help others. Sgt. Spence added, "I think that their brave and heroic actions and their quick response enabled them to save lives. They're not looking for recognition – they're just happy everyone was safe – but their work is commendable."

Rosthern Fire and Rescue also responded to the fire, which remains under investigation.

Lumsden and Southey RCMP lay multiple charges

On Friday, Apr. 16 and Saturday, Apr. 17 Lumsden RCMP, Southey RCMP, Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) and Saskatchewan Highway Patrol organized joint high-visibility enforcement checkpoints to intercept impaired drivers.

Checkpoints were located on Hwy. 20 at the intersection of Hwy. 322 and on Hwy. 54 near Regina Beach. Drivers were checked at these checkpoints for alcohol-impaired or drug-impaired operation of a motor vehicle.

The two-day high visibility enforcement operation resulted in: approximately 800 vehicles being checked; 73 Approved Screening Device roadside tests administered to detect alcohol impairment; eight oral fluid tests administered for impairment by drug; seven Criminal Code charges laid for Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle; four provincial 72-hour administrative suspensions issued for Operating a Motor Vehicle under the influence of alcohol; six provincial 72-hour administrative suspensions issued for Operating a Motor Vehicle under the influence of drug; one Controlled Drug and Substance Act charge laid for Possession of Cocaine; and one Excise Act charge laid for illegal Tobacco.

"Around 800 vehicles were checked as part of this initiative," said Sgt. Darren MacDougall of RCMP CTSS.

Execution of Canada wide warrant

On Apr. 18 a male was arrested at the Montreal International Airport in Montreal, Que. in relation to a Canada-wide warrant originating out of Gravelbourg, Sask.

Robert Charbonneau was charged in 2007 for fraud over \$5,000 (Section 380) Criminal Code. A complaint was received by Gravelbourg RCMP in 2005 in relation to alleged fraud in 2004 and 2005 involving a school and involving a significant amount of money.

Charbonneau failed to appear in court to respond to the charge, which resulted in the Canada-wide warrant for his arrest issued in 2007. He is currently in custody in Montreal, Que.

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FN Cannabis Company setting up shop in Watrous

■ Daniel Bushman

After remaining vacant for a number of years, there has been considerable activity inside the former Shop Easy building in Watrous. With new owners leasing out the building, The Basement Spin Studio is up and running in the basement and on the main level, a partition has been created allowing part of the large space to be utilized by FN Cannabis Company.

The cannabis retail outlet which already has a store in Nipawin decided to expand its reach and chose Watrous as its next destination. While there is no official opening date as remodelling continues at its location along Main Street in Watrous, the company hopes to welcome customers by June 2021.

Speaking from her office in Nipawin, FN Cannabis Company General Manager Melissa Thomas said everything is falling into place and they are just waiting for final approval from Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) which she added should be confirmed sooner rather than later.

As for the remodelling at the company's location in Watrous, Thomas said, "There have been bumps along the way as we try to navigate through a pandemic but for the most part it has been a positive experience. The former Shop Easy building is a great location for our new store. We have worked with the owners closely and they are great to deal with. The team at FN Cannabis Company are eager to be able to show off the work that has been done inside."

Citing how welcoming the community of Watrous has been to the team as they work on opening their retail outlet, Thomas said they are looking forward to eventually meeting everyone in person. After establishing a cannabis retail outlet in Nipawin in 2020, Thomas explained why FN Cannabis Company selected Watrous as a place they would like to do business

in.

"When we were looking for communities to branch out, Watrous was one of the top places we had on our list. The community, proximity to the city, and Manitou Beach really stuck out to us. When we were looking at places in and around Watrous we were really excited by how friendly and welcoming the residents were. Small towns have a special feel to them and Watrous is exactly that. The fit was just right."

In 2018, SLGA issued approximately 60 cannabis retail permits to private operators in as many as 40 Saskatchewan municipalities and First Nation communities. While Watrous was not one of those selected in 2018, in April 2020 SLGA began accepting applications for cannabis retail permits in Saskatchewan communities with populations less than 2,500. Then on Sept. 1, 2020, SLGA began accepting permit applications for stores in all communities within the province.

The provincial government stated communities could opt out of having cannabis retail stores while applicants able to seek permits within communities granting retail opportunities would first need to meet local municipal requirements, including zoning before being approved by SLGA. Interested businesses and individuals would also have to meet SLGA's permitting requirements including a good character check, inventory tracking and store security.

In the case of Watrous, a couple of years after cannabis was legalized in Canada, Town Administrator Orrin Redden said council officially adopted its Cannabis Business License Bylaw May 11, 2020. The adopted bylaw provides for the regulation and licensing of cannabis businesses that are issued a permit by the cannabis authority in the Town of Watrous.

As part of Bylaw No. 02-2020 anyone wanting to operate a cannabis retail store

must obtain a valid licence, make an application to the Town of Watrous and provide proof of a valid cannabis permit issued by the cannabis authority.

With the local bylaw in place, FN Cannabis Company then made an application request to the Town of Watrous seeking permission to open a retail outlet in the community. After receiving the green light, they then sought approval from SLGA through its permit application process. Thomas said they are extremely confident that SLGA will approve their permit application and the company is eager to move forward and open its retail outlet in Watrous.

Once FN Cannabis Company does open its doors, as part of Bylaw No. 02-2020 the company will have to renew its licence each year and it can be deemed to be cancelled without refund, if the provincial cannabis permit is cancelled, suspended or expires. The municipal bylaw also states the retail outlet is permitted to be open between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. and shall not be located within 90 metres from the nearest property line of a playground, child care facility or school.

In addition to following the Town of Watrous Bylaw No. 02-2020, a building permit for FN Cannabis Company to conduct renovations on the former Shop Easy building in Watrous was also approved.



With some remodelling left to be done and waiting for final approval from Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA), FN Cannabis Company is aiming to open its Watrous cannabis retail location in June. With a retail outlet in

Nipawin, the company was excited to branch out and felt Watrous was the perfect location. The business is occupying a portion of space on the main level of the former Shop Easy building along Main Street in Watrous. - photo by Daniel Bushman

Thomas said while there is still a little work left to be done inside the building located on Main Street in Watrous, they are almost at the finish line. "It is great to see how much interest there is in our store. We would like to thank the community, residents, the Town of Watrous, and our contractors for all the help along the way so far. The experiences we have had makes us confident that Watrous is the right place for us and we look forward to creating connections in the future. We are currently hiring right now

as well, you can forward your resumes to cody.kosowan@fncannabisco.ca."

Priding itself on offering a wide selection of cannabis products and accessories, fair prices as well as a strong customer service team,

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It seems like everyone is going to be gardening this year. I finally got my seed potatoes which are in short supply. I still cannot find some of the bulbs I want.

Beautiful artwork. Matthew Brooks you are really talented.

Happy birthday to Pamala Briske, Tristan Cardinal and Sharleen Daugherty.

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Word has been received that Mavis (Farkas) Shanklin, formerly of Plunkett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farkas who married and moved to Oklahoma, lost her husband last year and now has lost her daughter Debbie to COVID. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her and her son Sherman who lives in California.

Recently visiting us was

some of my family from Saskatoon.

Dennis and Leona Credgeur recently had their grandchildren from Meadow Lake for a weekend.

Get well greetings go out to anyone ill or in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

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Viscount

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As the weather is getting warmer it is nice to see people out walking and stopping to have a quick chat at a good distance away from each other. Children and some adults are out bike riding. The sounds of spring are in the air: noises in the air from homes with children outside playing, birds chirping and singing, dogs barking and lawn mowers going.

At one time in Viscount we used to have The Viscount Theatre (I believe it used to be in the Elks Hall). It cost 35 cents for adults and children under 14 could get in for 15 cents. This was in 1946 and we used to have a newspaper called The Viscount Sun.

Stay safe, enjoy the weather and have a great week. Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Please let me know if you have any news.

Message from Riders president on 2021 return to play

■ media release

Rider Nation,
On Apr. 21, Commissioner Randy Ambrosie announced that we are one step closer to CFL Football in 2021 – with a commitment that we will be playing football following a very difficult year without it.

Of course, we would have loved to start on time, but with most of Canada in the grips of a third wave being able to start with you in the stands with us would have been incredibly difficult. So, we are putting all our energy into a new start date: Thursday, Aug. 5.

This means a slightly shorter season at 14 games, and a Grey Cup pushed back to Dec. 12, but it allows us more time to provide a safer season with stringent health and safety protocols. It also gives provincial governments across the country more time to vaccinate as many Canadians as possible and bring down the Covid infection rates across the board. Most importantly, it allows us time to get the necessary approvals to have you join us, which is necessary for the season to start.

This virus has been unpredictable from the very beginning, and so there are contingencies in place in case things don't go

as planned, but we are putting everything we have into hitting that Aug. 5 target.

We already have some positive signs. The football portion of our return-to-play plan has been given the green light by Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Shahab. This document took countless hours of planning, pouring over health and safety protocols and numerous meetings with government and health officials. Our team worked tirelessly on this project, and I am very proud of where we are.

This season will be played under rigorous health protocols for both our fans in the stands and for our players both on and off the field. But all of this is done to ensure we can keep everyone safe. Your safety and the safety of our team is our number one priority.

We continue to work with Saskatchewan health officials to confirm the number of fans allowed in stadium during the season and to finalize the safety protocols required for you to join us. We will be following up very soon with those details, including the ticketing process, but protocols like mandatory masks, social distancing and assigned gates with staggered stadium entry can be expected

There will be off the field challenges as well. In June, our

2020-'21 financials will be coming out and they will show how truly devastating this past year has been for the Club and will reflect multi-million-dollar losses.

The reality is that it will take several years for us to get back in the black and out of the hole this pandemic has left us in. Playing football this season is the most important and most exciting thing we can do, but it will not solve our financial issues.

Many of you have done so much to help us already, by leaving your account credits with us, signing up for the MVP program, becoming a 2020 Rider Champion or sending us general words of support and encouragement. We could not be more thankful. It will take some time to bounce back from that loss, and so this season, we will need you to help us 'Bring 'em Out'.

Very soon, we'll be launching an exciting new project for you to help with just that. In the meantime, one of the best things you can do to support us, if you haven't already, is get the vaccine as soon as you are eligible, while remaining vigilant and following the public health measures. Stopping the spread of this terrible virus will mean more of you will be able to join us in the stands. You are the heartbeat of our team, and we need you there with us, healthy and chanting "Let's Go Riders."

Stay safe and well, Craig Reynolds.

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(from front page: **BUDGET**)

- the Canada Recovery Benefit will remain in place through Sept. 25 and extend an additional 12 weeks of benefits to Canadians. As the economy fully reopens over the summer, the benefit amount will go to \$300 a week, after July 17.
- propose to expand the Canada Workers Benefit investing \$8.9 billion over six years in additional support for low-wage workers – extending income top-ups to about a million more Canadians and lifting nearly 100,000 people out of poverty.
- introducing a \$15 an hour federal minimum wage.
- investing \$5.7 billion over five years in Canada’s youth including doubling the Canada Student Grant for two more years, while extending the waiver of interest on federal student loans through March 2023. More than 450,000 low-income student borrowers will also have access to more generous repayment assistance.
- committing up to \$30 billion over five years, reaching \$8.3 billion every year, permanently, to build a high-quality, affordable and accessible early learning and child care system across Canada. This is a plan to drive economic growth, a plan to increase women’s participation in the workforce, and a plan to offer each child in Canada the best start in life. This plan will aim to reduce fees for parents with children in regulated child care by 50 percent on average, by 2022, with a goal of reaching \$10 per day on average by 2026, everywhere outside of Quebec.
- revitalizing Canada’s tourism sector through \$1 billion to help tourism businesses recover and support festivals and cultural events that provide jobs and growth.
- extend the wage subsidy, rent subsidy, and Lockdown Support for businesses and other employers until Sept. 25, 2021, for an estimated total of \$12.1 billion in additional support.
- propose a new Canada Recovery Hiring Program, which will run from June to November and will provide \$595 million for businesses to hire back laid-off workers or to bring on new ones.
- invest up to \$4 billion to help up to 160,000 small and medium-sized businesses buy and adopt new technologies. The Canada Digital Adoption Program will also provide businesses with the advice and help to get the most out of the new technologies by training 28,000 Canadians – a Canadian technology corps – and sending them out to work with our small and medium sized businesses.
- help to build, repair, and support 35,000 affordable housing units for vulnerable Canadians through an investment of \$2.5 billion and a reallocation of \$1.3 billion in existing funding.
- invest \$17.6 billion in a green recovery that will help Canada to reach its target to conserve 25 percent of Canada’s lands and oceans by 2025, exceed its Paris climate targets and reduce emissions by 36 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, and move forward on a path to reach net-zero emission by 2050.
- close the gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, supporting healthy, safe, and prosperous Indigenous communities, and advancing meaningful reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis Nation through an historic investment of over \$18 billion.
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- introduce a luxury tax on new cars and private aircraft worth more than \$100,000 and pleasure boats worth more than \$250,000.
- commit an additional \$1 billion over six years for the Universal Broadband Fund, to accelerate access to high-speed Internet in rural and remote communities.

Budget reaction

As Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Party released the federal budget, Leader of the Official Opposition Erin O’Toole said, “Canadians are asking for an economic recovery plan that improves their personal financial security by creating jobs, increasing wages, and lowering taxes. Unfortunately, this budget does next to nothing to secure the Canadian economy.”

Local Member of Parliament for Moose Jaw – Lake Centre – Lanigan Tom Lukiwski condemned the federal budget as “an exercise in deficit spending on a near apocalyptic scale.”

“We all still remember when we thought a \$20 billion Liberal deficit was terrible. Now, Chrystia Freeland is bragging because the deficit was ‘only’ \$354 billion when it was expected to be much higher.”

Lukiwski observed that paying down the national debt would now become a multi-generational task.

“Under the Liberals, addressing the public debt has been pushed so far into the future that, at this point, it has become a science fiction concept. It is literally the case, without exaggeration, that people will be living on Mars before Canada starts to make significant progress on paying down its public debt.”

Lukiwski acknowledged that much of the spending was necessary to address the urgent needs of the COVID-19 pandemic but added, “Trudeau had a billion dollars to spend on a program to encourage student volunteerism through the WE charity scandal but has spent little on building domestic vaccine production that would have helped us return to normal faster. Likewise, the air transportation has been left to drown in debt while other countries have supported theirs.”

While Lukiwski said he supports measures to restart the economy, he remained disappointed when it came to the debt incurred. “Average Canadians understand that, if you personally go deep into debt, it’s just common sense that you have to prioritize and make sacrifices. If you are paying off student loans, it might be nice to have a new car, but you know you can’t afford it. The Liberals have gone in the opposite direction. Yes, there is no question that affordable daycare

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would be an important benefit for many working families. Maybe some day, when we return to surplus budgets, we can think about it. But now, when we’re drowning in pandemic debt, is this the right time to add on more social programs and ideologically-driven green economy initiatives?”

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation was also not pleased with the budget and slammed what they called reckless plans to permanently increase federal government spending by nearly 30 percent by 2026.

“Make no mistake: the vast majority of measures in this budget have nothing to do with pandemic supports, and everything to do with exploiting a deadly crisis to indulge in a cynical, debt-fuelled spending binge,” said CTF Federal Director Franco Terrazzano. “Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland will increase permanent federal spending by more than \$100 billion by 2026 with absolutely no idea how to pay for it.”

The CTF indicated Budget 2021 also projects that the federal deficit will still be \$30 billion by 2026, when debt interest payments are projected to rise to \$39 billion annually. The CTF said Budget 2021 also introduces a raft of new taxes and tax hikes, including higher tobacco taxes, a vaping tax, sales taxes for digital services, and a luxury goods tax.

“Canadians shouldn’t kid themselves: either spending will have to be reined in, or there will be walloping tax hikes coming eventually,” said Terrazzano.

The National Farmers Union (NFU) stated they were pleased to see action being taken toward meaningful implementation of a universal child care program with the significance of \$30 billion allocated to the Early Learning and Child Care and Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care program marking a good first step. The NFU said it had been advocating for increased child care spending and a national child care strategy for many years now.

“Life for many rural families has been especially challenging during this pandemic. Many of us work off farm to support our families in addition to farming” said Coral Sproule, NFU Women’s Vice President. “With children home from school more often, it has meant some of us had to quit off-farm jobs or work a second job from home without child care, adding to the stress we already experience that just naturally comes with farming.”

The NFU said it would still like to see more progress in not only child care for rural families, but also support for (see back page: **BUDGET**)

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rural public education, and to support remote learning through broader rural broadband Internet access.

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce (SCC) applauded the federal commitment to Saskatchewan noting the budget contained several items of importance to the business community. “Overall, the proposed spending continues to fight the impacts of the pandemic and we cannot ignore all the positives for Saskatchewan. We will continue to go through the budget documents and speak to experts to learn more, but one area we all need to remain vigilant on is the growing debt levels. We know the Government of Canada, like all governments, sees the immediate need as paramount, but they also have a clear eye on the longer term,” said Steve McLellan, CEO of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce (SCC).

The SCC stated they felt there were some highlights from this year’s federal budget which included:

- the commitment of \$60 million to the Vido-InterVac Centre in Saskatoon. This funding, which was advocated for by the SCC, was very welcome news. Additionally, being named as the Canadian Centre for Pandemic Research brings with it incremental funding, as well as wider, positive exposure to the great work being done in Saskatchewan. The ongoing work to construct a vaccine manufacturing facility that will make Canada more reliant on our own sources for vaccines has the full support of the


Chamber;

- the establishment of the Economic Development Agency for British Columbia is welcomed news, but it is the retention of the current budget for Western Economic Diversification Canada, including B.C.’s previous portion, that offers a significant benefit for Saskatchewan. Since the SCC first wrote a report on the discrepancy of funding for Canada’s regional economic development agencies in 2019, SCC has been advocating for the funding improvements and this budget announcement is promising progress;


- the proposed introduction of an investment tax credit for capital invested in carbon capture, utilization, and storage projects is also appreciated, and the Chamber is eager to consult with the federal government on the tax credit design. Numerous other green oriented announcements were made in the budget and it will take further research to understand the full implications of them;


- the SCC also welcomes the commitment to a program to pay for rare and exceptional drugs and applauds the news that the federal government did not make the unnecessary move toward replacing the current private/public Pharmacare program. The Chamber advocated for the move to a ‘fill the gaps’ approach, which seems to be the case; and

- the continuation of the pandemic relief wage and rent subsidy programs to September is good news for many impacted businesses across the country, including Saskatchewan companies.




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