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Finance Minister talks provincial budget

■ Daniel Bushman

With a projected \$1 billion surplus, no new taxes or tax increases and placing a priority on health care, Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Donna Harpauer tabled Saskatchewan's 2023-'24 Provincial Budget Mar. 22.

According to the budget, Saskatchewan's economy is expected to lead all provinces in growth in 2022 with momentum forecast to continue in 2023. "This budget is designed to ensure that growth continues and that it's growth that works for everyone," said Harpauer.

With that momentum expected to roll into 2023, revenue of \$19.7 billion is also forecast, up \$2.5 billion or 14.7 percent, from last year's budget. The higher revenue forecast is largely due to \$9.6 billion in taxation revenue, a \$1.5 billion increase over last year with Corporate Income, Personal Income and Provincial Sales Tax revenue. Non-renewable resource revenue is forecast to be \$3.3 billion, up \$435 million over last year's budget, and largely driven by solid potash and oil price expectations.

"With a growing economy and strong finances in Saskatchewan, our government will pay down up to \$1 billion in operating debt this fiscal year, reducing interest costs and investing those savings into needed services, programs and capital," Harpauer shared.

Explaining the budget is a lot of work to put together each year, looking at the substantial document, the MLA for Humboldt-Watrous said being able to apply the surplus towards debt will be positive and extremely important for Saskatchewan. "It is to lessen the burden on future generations because the more you accumulate in debt, the higher interest payments you make."

By writing off the debt by \$1 billion, the Finance Minister explained it will save \$44 million of interest savings in this budget. Then by adding it to the \$1 billion written off in the last budget, over the course of an entire year, cumulatively Harpauer stated it will equate to \$117 million in interest savings. "That can then go to health care

or education or other priorities that people want to see."

The second thing Harpauer felt was important when it came to paying off debt is not relying too heavily on resource revenue. "The surplus is largely driven by the high price of potash and oil but when you incorporate it into ongoing operating costs and those prices fall then you don't know where the money will come from. I have been quite vocal on how I don't think that is responsible. Therefore, I want to be very cautious on how much of the resource revenue we rely on for our day to day expenses. So in this budget, the expenses are being covered by resource revenue of 12.5 percent. I think that is sustainable into the future and that sustainability is quite important to me."

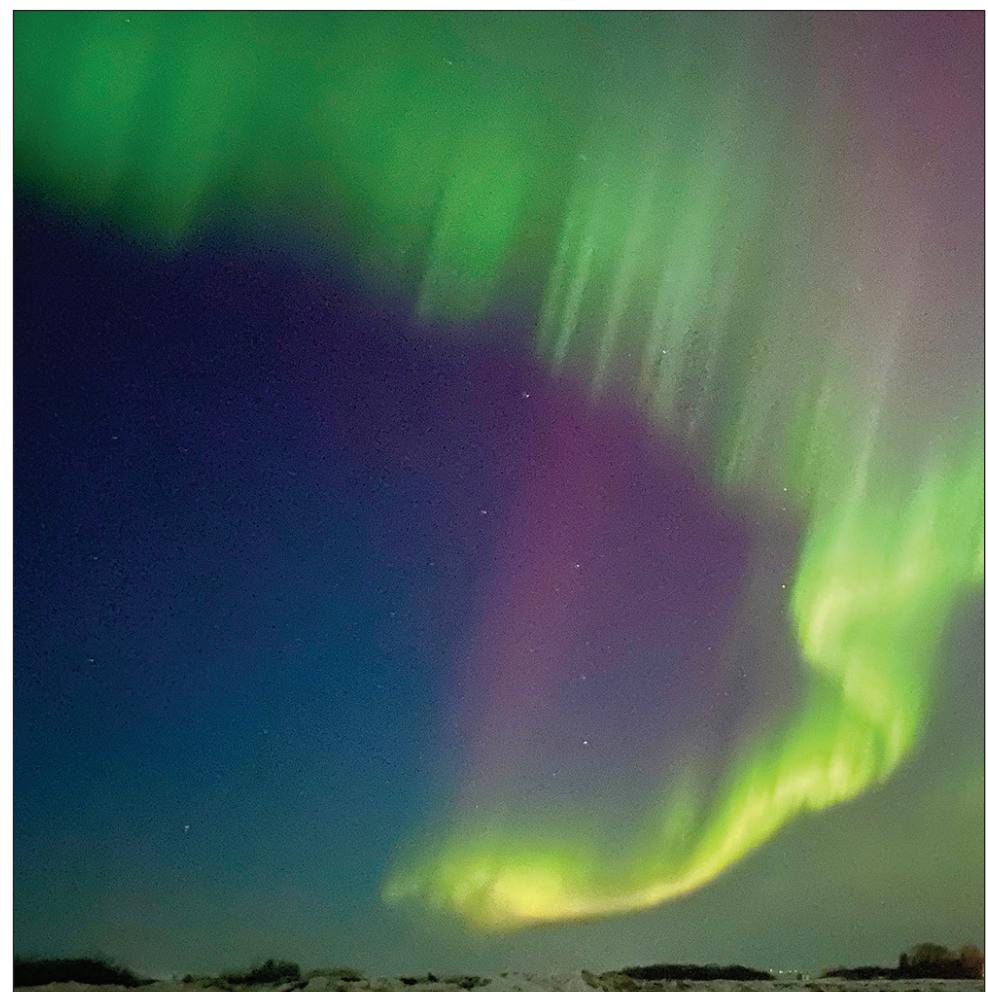
With a vested interest in her own constituency, Harpauer shared how this year's budget will benefit those within the Humboldt-Watrous region.

Health Care

Placing a substantial priority on health care, Harpauer said, "This budget delivers a 6.7 percent increase to the Ministry of Health to \$6.9 billion, strengthening the health care system and taking significant steps to further attract, train and retain doctors, nurses and other key health care professionals in a growing province."

Citing it is a huge concern in both Watrous and Lanigan when it comes to staff shortages within the health care sector, Harpauer said the budget includes \$98.8 million, an increase of \$82.7 million over last year's budget, for the Health Human Resources (HHR) action plan. The plan, funded through the ministries of Health, Advanced Education and Immigration and Career Training, aims to recruit, train, incentivize and retain health care professionals.

Harpauer also noted the government has committed dollars to convert part-time positions into full-time positions. "That is something we are hearing from our smaller facilities, is too many positions are part-time and nobody is interested in a part-time job when they have the professional (see back page: **BUDGET**)



Dancing around

While March proved to be one of the coldest in recent memory, the northern lights at least provided a spark in the night sky. Dancing Mar. 24, the Aurora Borealis created a spectacle for observers. The northern lights were also spotted in other places across the province and Canada. As for the temperature in March, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada, as of Mar. 28, the average day time temperature for

the area was -7.9°C while at night it dropped to -19.8°C . Compared to 2022, the average day time high was -2.1°C for March while the overnight low was -11.5°C . In 2021, the average sat at 3.7°C during the day and -8.7°C overnight. Just to add how much nicer it was in 2021, on Mar. 28 the temperature hit 17.6°C . The warmest it got in 2023 for March was 1.3°C on the 14th.

- photos by Daniel Bushman



Federal Budget unveiled

■ **Daniel Bushman**

With an aim at creating 'A Made-in-Canada Plan', the federal government unveiled its 2023 budget Mar. 28. The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance released the document which according to CTV News will see a federal deficit projected to be \$40.1 billion in 2023-'24. The budget also outlines spending of nearly \$70 billion more between now and 2027-'28 with close to \$25 billion in cuts and savings.

Citing Canada has made a remarkable recovery from the covid recession, the federal government stated the country's economic growth was the strongest in the G7 over the last year, and today, 830,000 more Canadians are employed than before the pandemic. The government

continued by indicating inflation in Canada has fallen for eight months in a row, the unemployment rate is near its record low, and, supported by a Canada-wide system of affordable early learning and child care, the labour force participation rate for women aged 25 to 54 reached a record high of 85.7 percent in February.

Trying to build on that progress, Freeland shared Budget 2023 will feature a number of different measures to help Canadians including:

A new Grocery Rebate with targeted inflation relief for 11 million Canadians and families with up to an extra \$467 for eligible couples with children; an extra \$234 for single Canadians without children; and an extra \$225 for seniors, on average.

The government is also planning to take action to crack down on hidden junk fees and predatory lending

and lower credit card transaction fees for small businesses.

With Canada's universal public health care system, \$198.3 billion has been earmarked to reduce backlogs, expand access to family health services, and ensure provinces and territories can provide high quality and timely health care. The government also introduced a new Canadian Dental Care Plan to benefit up to nine million Canadians.

Investments are also being made through the budget to build Canada's clean economy, fight climate change, and create new opportunities for Canadian businesses and Canadian workers. This includes significant measures that will deliver cleaner and more affordable energy, support investment in communities and the creation of jobs.

The federal government stated with a fiscal plan that will see Canada maintain the lowest deficit and the lowest net debt-to-GDP ratio in the G7, Budget 2023 aims to build a Canada that is more secure, more sustainable, and more affordable for people from coast to coast to coast.

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance said, "I have never been more optimistic about the future of our country than I am today. Budget 2023 will deliver new, targeted inflation relief for the Canadians who need it

most; stronger public health care, including dental care for millions of Canadians; and significant investments to build Canada's clean economy. At a challenging time in a challenging world, there is no better place to be than Canada."

As Budget 2023 was tabled, the Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada and the Official Opposition released the following statement:

"After eight years, Justin Trudeau's inflationary taxes and spending have created a cost-of-living crisis that is hurting the hard-working people of this country. Conservatives demanded that this budget must work for the people who work. We had three clear demands: bring home lower prices by ending the inflationary deficits and spending; bring home powerful paycheques with lower taxes and scrap the carbon tax so hard work pays off again; and bring homes people can afford by removing government gatekeepers to free up land and speed up building permits.

"This budget meets none of these demands. It is a \$43 billion bonanza of new inflation, debt and taxes. All that Justin Trudeau has delivered for Canadians is more debt, more inflation and more costs on the backs of the hard-working and beleaguered people of this country.

"During last year's budget, Minister Freeland said she was 'absolutely determined that our debt-to-GDP ratio must continue to decline. Our deficits must continue to be reduced...This is our fiscal anchor. This is a line we shall not cross. It will ensure that our finances remain sustainable.' Here we are. A year later, Justin Trudeau has crossed that red line.

"Trudeau's war on work continues. Canadians are living in desperation, skipping meals, living in their parent's basements, unable to drive to work, falling into depression, and even considering suicide because they cannot afford the pressure and the bills that this Prime Minister has imposed after eight long years. This budget makes all of those pressures, all of those pains, and all those costs even worse.

"Conservatives work for those who work. And that's why we will vote against Justin Trudeau's inflationary budget."

Along with the Conservatives, the federal New Democrats also issued a statement, noting how NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh and his team used their power to deliver what they feel are results for Canadians.

"With another doubling of the GST rebate and dental care for children under 18, people living with a disability and seniors, millions of Canadians are going to save \$1,700.

"Today's budget shows that when New Democrats use our power, we get real things done for people," said Singh. "This is a difficult time for Canadians. The cost of everything is up. That's why we fought for a budget that saves you money and creates good jobs with better wages. Justin Trudeau voted against dental care twice and he didn't want to double the GST rebate, but we didn't take no for an answer. We fought and we got those things for working people. And if Pierre Poilievre had his way in this budget, there would be no dental care. Your pension, and the services that your family relies on would be cut to benefit the big bosses."

The NDP stated because of its work, the budget also includes: investment in a clean energy economy to create union jobs while tackling the climate crisis; \$4 billion for a co-developed Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Strategy; and support for students by increasing student grants by 40 percent.

"We're proud of what we've accomplished, but we're not satisfied — because we see that there is so much more Ottawa can do to make people's lives easier," said Singh. "Last election, we promised to fight for Canadians, and that's exactly what we will continue to do. We will keep fighting for working people to get the respect they deserve by ensuring that everyone has a safe and affordable place to call home, bigger paychecks and better working conditions. We'll make sure rich CEOs and the ultra-wealthy pay what they owe, and we'll bring the cost of groceries and telecom services down by stopping the free ride for big companies who are exploiting you."

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The RM of Prairie Rose is a predominantly agricultural municipality located in east central Saskatchewan. The municipality is a progressive employer that offers employees a quality work environment and excellent wages and benefits.

The position includes leading an outside workforce of 2-3 employees in the day-to-day operations of the municipality, municipal contact for Contractors and the Municipal Engineer in capital projects and liaison with the reeve, council and administration staff.

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- Provide hands-on leadership by establishing clear expectations
- Demonstrate high standards of work practices
- Co-ordination of day-to-day operations of the municipality
- Schedule workloads to maximize productivity and efficiency and quality of work
- Lead by positive example and encourage improvement in shop operations and practices
- Manage training needs, performance evaluations and guidance sessions
- Time card management
- Promote and participate in workplace safety and best practices

The candidate must possess:

- A valid class 5 driver's licence, Class 1A would be an asset
- Mechanical skills - heavy duty mechanic experience would be an asset
- Knowledge of and ability to operate graders, scrapers, tractors and other light, medium and heavy equipment
- Self-motivation and the ability to manage multiple projects over the construction season
- Leadership, supervisory, organizational, communication and record-keeping skills

Applicants are invited to submit a resume including:

- Past and present work experience
- Education and skills
- Years of experience in construction/municipal fields
- Current driver's abstract
- Three references

Applicants are invited to submit a resume **prior to 4 p.m. on April 14, 2023** to:

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RCMP Report

Esterhazy RCMP investigate fatal collision

On Mar. 24, 2023 at approximately 9:20 a.m., Esterhazy RCMP received a report of a four-vehicle collision on Hwy. 16, approximately three kilometres east of Langenburg.

Initial investigation determined two pickup trucks, a SUV and a semi collided.

The driver of one of the pickup trucks, a 59-year-old male from Regina, passed away at the scene. His family has been notified.

The drivers of the rest of the vehicles were taken to hospital for injuries described as non-life-threatening. None had passengers.

Hwy. 16 was closed for initial investigation and reopened.

Esterhazy RCMP continue to investigate with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

RCMP make arrests

Spiritwood RCMP was requested to assist a partner agency at a residence on Wichekan Lake First Nation. Officers observed three adult males known to be on warrants in the residence. As a result of subsequent investigation, officers located and seized approximately 26 grams of methamphetamine, a semi-automatic firearm, a sawed-off firearm, approximately 150 rounds of ammunition, numerous knives and trafficking paraphernalia. As a result, the three males were arrested on outstanding warrants. An adult female at the residence was also arrested.

Thirty-three-year-old Melvin Starblanket from Spiritwood, Sask. is charged with one count, fail to comply with release order condition, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code. He was also arrested on an outstanding warrant from Prince Albert Police Service. He is scheduled to appear in court in Spiritwood June 13, 2023.

Thirty-five-year-old Eric Stevens from Regina is charged with: one count, possession of a firearm while prohibited, Section 117.01 Criminal Code; five counts, fail to comply with release order condition, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code; one count, unsafe storage of a firearm, Section 86(1), Criminal Code; two count, unsafe storage of ammunition, Section 86(1), Criminal Code; three counts, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code; and one count, possess a firearm without a licence, Section 91(1), Criminal Code.

Eric Stevens was also arrested on warrants from Regina Police Service. He was scheduled to appear in court in Spiritwood Mar. 28.

Twenty-two-year-old Leon Chamakese was arrested on warrants from Prince Albert RCMP, Ahtahkakoop RCMP, Regina Police Service.

The investigation continues.

Stolen cattle recovered

Saskatchewan and Alberta RCMP Livestock Investigations Unit recovered over \$25,000 worth of stolen cattle. In February 2023, the Alberta RCMP Livestock Investigations Unit (LIU) launched an investigation following the report of a cattle left in Thorhild, Alta.

Initial investigation indicated the cattle may have been transported outside of the province. Based on preliminary information gathered, investigators believed the cattle was destined for Martensville. On Mar. 16, 2023, RCMP Livestock

Investigators from Alberta and Saskatchewan, RCMP members from the Martensville Detachment, and representatives of Livestock Services of Saskatchewan executed a search warrant for properties in the RM of Corman Park. During the search, officers recovered 10 cows which were identified through registered Alberta Livestock Brands.

As a result of the collaborative efforts with the inter-provincial RCMP agencies, 48-year-old Alvin Hamm was arrested without incident and charged with Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000. Hamm was released and is scheduled to appear in Saskatoon Provincial Court May 16, 2023.

Some of the missing cattle remain unaccounted for. The cattle are described as Black White Face or Black Brockle Face cows bearing Alberta Livestock Brands BAR 2 V (right hip) and 6 OVER SPLIT END BAR (left hip).

Anyone with information concerning the whereabouts of the cows is asked to contact RCMP Livestock Investigations at 403-598-6991 (Alberta) or 306-537-9448 (Saskatchewan). If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

Livestock investigators stress the importance of branding as registered livestock brand(s) are the primary means of ownership identification on cattle and horses. Information on branding can be obtained through Livestock Identification Services in Alberta or Livestock Services of Saskatchewan.

Arrest made

Peel Regional Police Service requested assistance Mar. 17 from the Saskatchewan Enforcement Response Team in locating and apprehending Darbara Mann, who was wanted on a Canada-wide warrant from their jurisdiction for numerous charges. The Saskatchewan RCMP's Yorkton Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team (STRT) started working to locate him.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., Yorkton STRT observed a vehicle parked at a motel in Canora, Sask. with its licence plate removed. Yorkton STRT believed the vehicle to belong to Darbara Mann, and the removal of the licence plate was an attempt to conceal it from law enforcement. Darbara Mann was observed by investigators at the motel and advised he was under arrest. He did not comply with investigators and locked himself in a motel room. Further investigative efforts led to the arrest of Darbara Mann, following a brief foot chase.

Yorkton STRT, with assistance from the Canora RCMP and Yorkton RCMP Forensic Identification Services, executed a search warrant on the motel room and vehicle. Officers located the missing licence plate along with 28 assorted Saskatchewan and Ontario licence plates, all confirmed to belong to the male. As a result of the investigation, 50-year-old Darbara Mann will be returned to Peel Regional Police Service to appear in court in Ontario.

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- Confident working alone
- Experience in municipal administration is preferred

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I needed to share this awesome story. I ordered some T-shirts as a Christmas gift and when I went to return them, I had missed the return date by two days.

The instructions were very clear that I only had a certain amount of days for a refund but I thought I would try anyway. Because of the quantity that I ordered, the company decided that they would allow me to return them since I was keeping the majority of the order and only asking for a partial refund.

It was at this point that I sent the email from my home address to my work address so that I would have it file. I later received an email stating my refund was being processed and I should keep the T-shirts and donate them! I could not believe it.

I emailed the company back stating, "As you can see from my email signature, I work at a school and can easily find five kids to give them too. Thank you for your kindness. I would love to pay this forward."

The company responded by asking about the school so I shared that Lanigan Central High School is comprised of Gr. 9 to 12 with 135 students in a small rural town in Saskatchewan, Canada (the company is from California and can be found at <https://trueclassictees.com>).

A few weeks ago I got an email stating that True Classic sent an Amazon gift card of \$200 to my school address to use for classroom and school items. Then a little while later I received two boxes of T-shirts from the company, one for every student. I could not believe their kindness.

Because of their generosity - I was able to pay it forward to everyone at the school. We held an assembly in the high school gym with staff handing out the various sizes and colours of shirts to the students. There was enough T-shirts that all the staff were able to receive one as well.

This donation was huge and really awesome. My hope through this experience is that the kids understand what it means and feels like to pay it forward and will do something similar. I also wanted to share with others how paying it forward can make a positive difference in people's lives.

What a great day to be part of LCHS!

Bettyanne Williams
Secretary at LCHS
Lanigan, Sask.



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Louise Shannon

Easter is getting closer. Pysanky Easter egg colouring was Mar. 30 with another one Apr. 4 at the library.

The quilting ladies finished 75 quilts at church. Appreciation goes to the

people who donated material and other things. Twenty-four quilts were given to a place that helps people in need in Saskatoon, 14 quilts were given to the Soup Kitchen in Humboldt and

two quilts were given to local people who had surgery.

The Humboldt Broncos U13AA team played the provincial finals game two Mar. 30. Kash Elke plays on the team.

Do not forget the Easter family dance Thursday, Apr. 6.

Happy birthday to Lyndsay L'Heureux, Grayson Eichorst and Darriane Pham.

Ministerial Message

Luke 23: 39-43 The Penitent Thief

■ Ed Pappenfoot, Humboldt St. Johns Lutheran Church/
Deacon Jack Robson, Last Mountain Anglican Parish

The religious leaders and their mob had their way, and Jesus was crucified. Crucifixion was the crudest form of execution ever devised by the Romans, reserved for the worst criminals. Jesus hung on that bloodstained cross by shards of steel that pierced His hands and His feet. His pain would be excruciating, beyond our understanding.

Two criminals (thieves?) were crucified with Jesus on Golgotha's Hill, one to Jesus' right and one to His left. One thief, who had heard the rumours of Jesus, in his anger and pain, sneered at Jesus saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." He was a hardened, unrepentant criminal. The other thief, in his misery, knew he was deserving of his punishment, but Jesus was not. He rebuked the other criminal, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done no wrong." With outstanding faith in those dreadful circumstances, with one of the strongest statements of faith heard during the crucifixion, he said to Jesus, "Remember me when you come in your Kingly power." He didn't ask for forgiveness and heaven, just "Remember Me." He believed, through his agony, who Jesus was, and that Jesus was innocent and should not have been there, and with His immortal powers could have left the cross at any time. We know Jesus suffered death to pay the sin debt for all mankind, including you and I. Jesus looked into the heart of the repentant criminal and said, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." We must have the faith of the repentant criminal.

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Thursday Seniors

Mar. 23

LHS: Lorna Jantz, 165

LHT: Lorna Jantz, 461

MHS: Vic Kline, 206

MHT: Vic Kline, 548

Monday Mens

Mar. 27

MHS: Blake Renz, 233

MHT: Blake Renz, 564

Wednesday Ladies

Mar. 29

LHS: Chantel Foley, 254

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Thursday Seniors

Mar. 30

LHS: Lorna Jantz, 167

LHT: Lorna Jantz, 461

MHS: Tom Halter, 197

MHT: Tom Halter, 571



Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Low Fat Banana Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Muffins

Ingredients:

1 1/2 cups flour
1 cup rolled oats
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
2 large eggs
4 tbsp. applesauce (or 4 tbsp. oil)
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 cup milk
4 small mashed bananas
1/2 cup chocolate chips
1/3 cup chopped nuts

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375°F. Use parchment paper muffin cups or grease the muffin tins with pan spray. Do not use paper muffin liners (do not ask me how I know this). Combine the flour, oats, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. In another bowl mix together eggs, applesauce (or oil if you are using oil instead), milk, vanilla and mashed bananas. Pour wet into dry ingredients, stirring just until they are combined. Fold in chocolate chips and nuts. Divide the batter into 18 muffin cups. Bake for 20 minutes, testing with a toothpick to make sure they are done.

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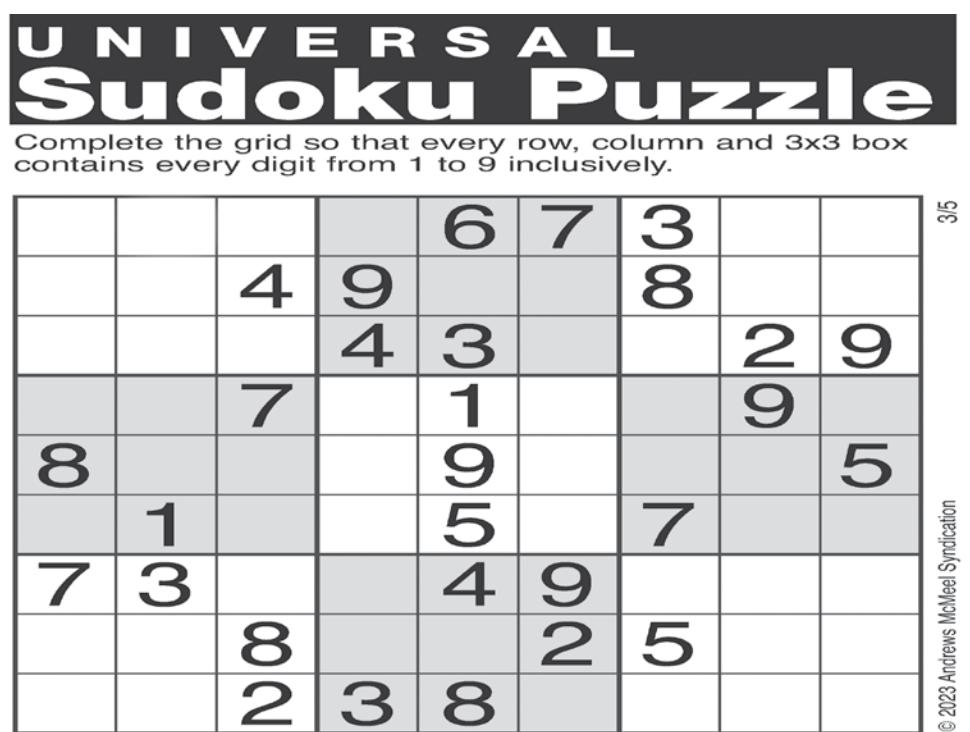
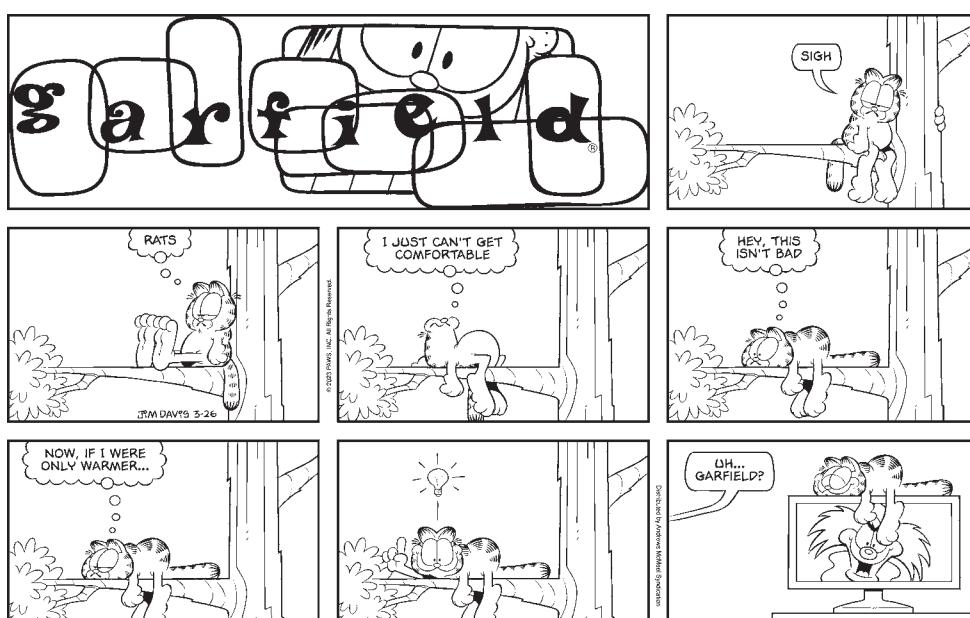
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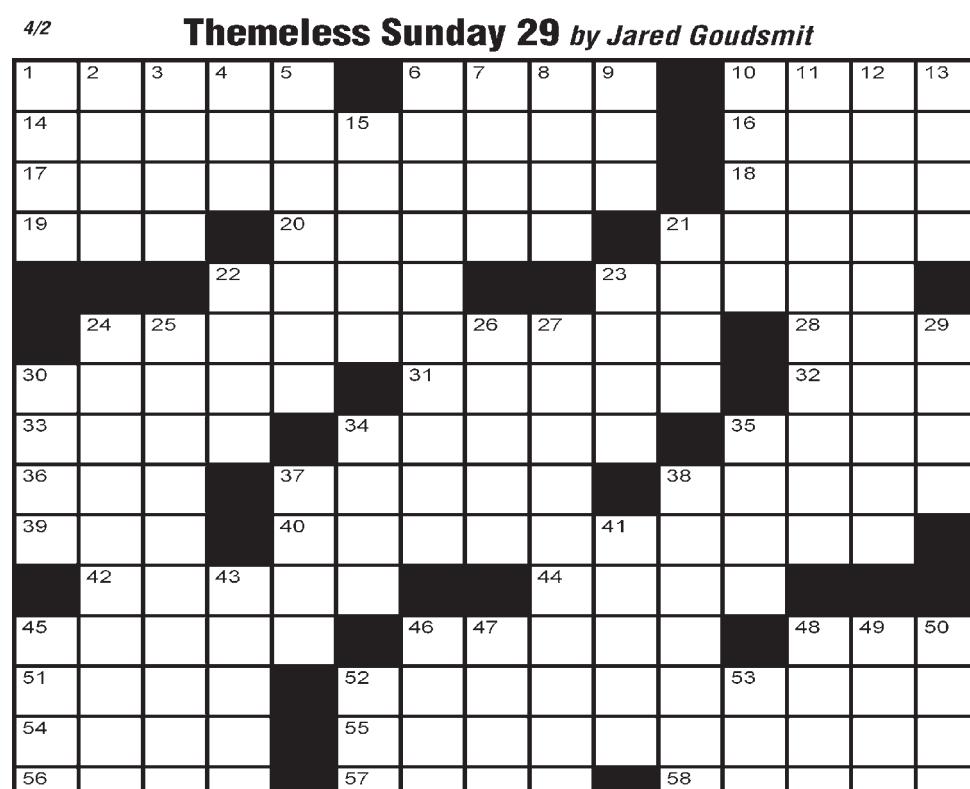
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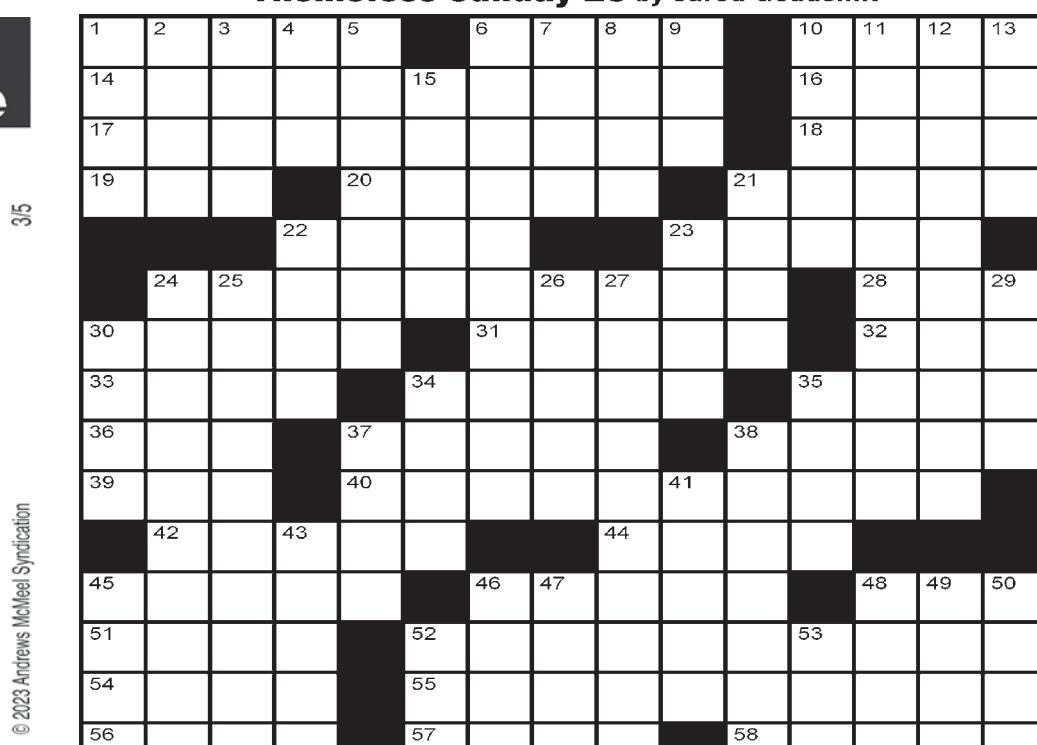
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Lazers bring home medal from HOOPLA

■ **Daniel Bushman**

With the top high school basketball teams from around Saskatchewan competing in one place, following a tremendous year, the Lanigan Lazers seniors girls basketball team headed to HOOPLA in Prince Albert, seeking a berth to the final.

Ranked first in 3A girls, Lanigan faced number five ranked Unity at Carlton Comprehensive Mar. 24. The 2:30 p.m. contest had the Lazers leading 32-19 at the half before winning 64-54 to advance to the gold medal game.

Coach of the Lazers Lindi Stroeder said the girls were definitely nervous heading into the team's biggest game of the year. "We didn't make a lot of the shots we usually make but we made enough shots and played strong enough defence to win. It wasn't our best game of the year, but a win is a win and sometimes learning to grit through games is important. And it was a game that put us in the provincial final so at the end of the day, it was the biggest win of the season."

Waiting to see who they would face, number two ranked Wynyard took on number six ranked St. Walburg in the 4:15 p.m. game. At the half St. Walburg led 33-23 but Wynyard came back to take a 74-59 victory to meet Lanigan in the provincial final.

With the top two teams tipping off in the 3A championship, the pair were slated to play Saturday evening at 7 p.m. Following the bronze medal game earlier in the day where St. Walburg defeated Unity 63-30, Lanigan and Wynyard were centre court. Despite some foul trouble early on, Stroeder said the Lazers fought hard as players stepped up. "Since some of our key players were unable to help because of foul trouble, Kya Wildeman and Chloe Melin took their games to a new level on Saturday, each scoring close to 20 points."

Knowing its opponent was strong and with Wynyard claiming the 2A girls provincial championship last year, Lanigan continued to push and Stroeder was proud of how they competed. "It was 46-46 heading into the fourth quarter. Two of our starters were fouled out and unfortunately some bad bounces had us losing by six points (61-55). It was a very intense game that went back and forth and Wynyard is an excellent basketball team. We lost to a great team and in the end, being silver medalists is pretty outstanding considering this is the first trip to HOOPLA for Lanigan Central High School ever. Getting silver is a huge accomplishment but our team is much the same for next year, and our goal next year will be to bring home the gold."

Looking back on the year, the head coach said, "I could not be prouder of my team and this season. Last year, when



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we started up the basketball program at LCHS we had very small goals. It wasn't until we entered our first Conference playdown and then made it to the Regional final last year that we began to understand that this program, and this group of athletes, would have a shot at making it to a provincials in basketball. Several of the team members are volleyball players as well, and have just come off of a provincial championship with that team. It's not often you get a group of athletes that medal at both volleyball and basketball provincials, let alone bring home a gold and silver."



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Farmer nominated for Huskie Athletics Major 7 Awards

■ **media release**

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The Major 7 Awards are handed to student-athletes who have had outstanding seasons for the green and white. These student-athletes made major contributions on their field of play, in the classroom, and in the community as a Huskie.

Huskie Athletics will also honour Canada West All-Stars and Major Award Winners, U SPORTS All-Canadians and Major Award

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2022-23 Huskie Athletics Major 7 Award Nominees
Nominees for E. Kent Phillips Trophy - Presented to the Male Athlete of the Year

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Drake Buechler - Men's Wrestling

Connor Hobbs - Men's Hockey
Dylan Mortensen - Men's Volleyball

Mason Nyhus - Football
Nominees for Mary Ethel Cartwright Trophy - Presented to Female Athlete of the Year

Carly Ahlstrom -
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Women's Basketball

Kendra Farmer – Women's Track & Field

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Jenna McFadyen – Women's Track & Field

Nominees for Rusty MacDonald Cup - Presented to All-Round Male Athlete

Evan Fiala – Men's Hockey

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Wow on this weather. As I write this news it is -23 and feels like -32 and we are at the end of March! I would like to take this moment to wish everyone a hip hoppity Happy Easter and it is on its way. The Easter Bunny will have to hop through the snow, but where oh where will she hide her eggs? They would look beautiful against the white snow but only the Easter Bunny will know.

That sure was a great opportunity for Carl Bothma, from Watrous, a member of the Viscount Archery Club. He represented Saskatchewan at the 2023 Canada Winter Games in Prince Edward Island. Carl Bothma, Dylan Yaworski and Willem Bothma went to Calgary and competed in the Archery Canada Indoor 3D Nationals. Congratulations Carl for bringing home a bronze medal!

Mikayla Russel from Cargill spoke to Mrs. McMann's Kindergarten class at Viscount Central School on behalf of Agriculture in the Classroom. VCHS drama is back. Hopefully I can make

it there Apr. 4. Skid Marks is a play about driving. It sounds interesting.

We had a short precautionary drinking water advisory in Viscount. Thankfully it was not too long.

Congratulations to Harvey Welter on being inducted into the Saskatchewan 4-H Hall of Fame! Also congratulations to Tracey Fitzsimmons who received the Saskatchewan 4-H Builders Award!

Monday, Mar. 27, we were five ladies at the Viscount library meeting for Blankets for Canada. It was a special day as we had a lovely visit from a couple from the Lanigan community who came bearing gifts of beautiful 8"x8" squares and skeins of yarn. It was just what we needed and we are so grateful. We really appreciate all who contributed to this large gift! The gift will enable us to keep going, making more blankets that

Nominees for Valerie Girsberger Trophy - Presented to All-Round Female Athlete

Carly Ahlstrom – Women's Basketball

Averie Allard – Women's Volleyball

Kendra Farmer – Women's Track & Field

SueAnne Harms – Women's Wrestling

Nominees for Howard Nixon Trophy - Presented to Male Rookie of the Year

Liam Keeler – Men's Hockey

Jaron Slopinski – Men's Soccer

Ethan Smith – Men's Volleyball

Jack Warrack – Football

Nominees for Patricia Lawson Trophy - Presented to Female Rookie of the Year

Rachel Albertson – Women's Track & Field

Myah Phillips – Women's Wrestling

Logan Reider – Women's Basketball

Taylor Wilkinson – Women's Hockey

Nominees for Colb McEown Trophy - Presented to Coach of the Year

Scott Flory – Football

Sean McKay – Men's Volleyball

Daniel Olver – Wrestling

Jason Reindl – Track & Field



blankets. Fourteen blankets (seven adult and seven baby) were distributed to the city last week. As always, they are very much appreciated by the shelters and ask that we pass along their appreciation to all who contribute in making the blankets. We plan on meeting through the month of April still, but do check on us about future dates. Call or text Evelina at 306-281-8196 to make certain.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather.

I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week!

submitted by the Viscount Archery Club

The Saskatchewan Archery Association Indoor 3D Provincials were held in Battleford Feb. 25 hosted by Battle River Archers.

Six Viscount Archery Club members (pictured) attended the competition. Lynden came home with a silver medal and Kenny earned a gold medal. Good shooting everyone.



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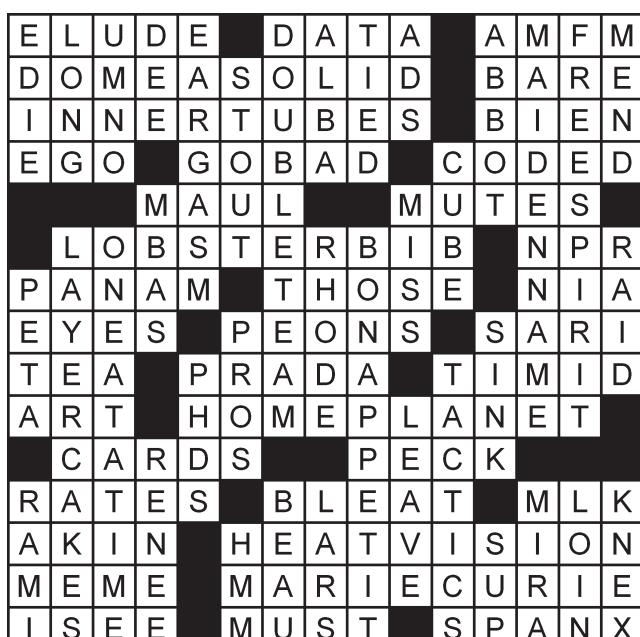
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training. We are hoping that will help more of those positions become full-time."

Understanding results will not be immediate when it comes to training more workers, Harpauer said over time those numbers will eventually increase within health care professions throughout the province.

Incentive packages have also been drawn up for health care professionals willing to work in rural areas like Watrous and Lanigan as another way of attracting more people to rural centres.

Also in health care, funding is being increased for EMS services. "They are finding it harder to recruit so our Minister of Rural Remote Health is working with the association in order to help them know where this funding needs to go."

Another focus within the health care sector Harpauer feels is important is placing more funding into surgeries. "We are hearing people are concerned with needing hip and knee surgeries. We put in funding so we are going to do 6,000 more surgeries which will bring our total surgeries to the highest it's ever been in any given year to 103,000."

In addition to those pieces contained within the health care budget, the Saskatchewan government has also invested \$518 million into mental health and addictions programs and services, including a targeted investment of \$12.4 million over last year, representing the highest investment ever in Saskatchewan for these programs and services. Mental health and addictions funding now makes up 7.5 percent of overall health spending.

Agriculture

With agriculture a big focus in her

constituency, Harpauer noted record high coverage has been added in crop insurance at \$446/acre. "That will mean the premiums will be a little bit higher but the coverage is significant. Then in Agri-Stability we have increased the compensation rate from 70 percent to 80 percent which will make producers quite happy."

Economy and municipalities

When it comes to the economy, the budget includes \$503 million of direct provincial support to municipalities, an increase of \$54.5 million or 12.2 percent over last year's budget. That is primarily due to higher revenue sharing, the provincial portion of infrastructure funding and a number of grants and initiatives from across government.

Harpauer said that means when it comes to municipal revenue sharing, Watrous is going to see \$446,864, an increase from last year's total of \$393,816. Lanigan will see \$348,092 while it was \$306,822 last year. "So this year's municipal revenue sharing is quite up."

Education

From an education standpoint, the budget includes more than \$4 billion for Prekindergarten to Grade 12 and post-secondary education.

The Ministry of Education is providing record investment of \$3.1 billion, an increase of \$192.8 million or 6.7 percent over last year, to support schools, early learning, child care and libraries. Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions will receive \$2 billion in operating funding, an increase of \$49.4 million over last year with Horizon School Division seeing a three percent increase to their budget, according to Harpauer.

Approach to a budget

Trying to provide funds to each sector, for a budget, Harpauer said discussions are conducted in advance before a decision is made. After listening to people from constituencies, MLAs share what they are hearing the most and what is causing the greatest concern. "This year for sure our priority was health care and the health budget has increased by 6.7 percent which is a fairly large increase in a budget that is ultimately our largest budget."

After placing a priority on a sector like health care, Harpauer said, "Then you balance with everything else because there are not a lot of bad proposals coming forward. There are a lot of good proposals, you just can't do them all in any given year. So you pick your priority and balance the rest and I think we accomplished that. I am definitely hearing the most in my constituency on the health care challenges and this budget has the increases in those challenges, specifically getting staff within our hospitals but also with our surgical wait lists."

In addition, Harpauer noted there were also significant increases to areas affecting those most vulnerable. "For affordability, we definitely targeted the lower income in this budget by increasing almost all of our lower income programs. Overall there is something in there for everyone. Whether it is health care services closer to home, if you have a child in school or if you are a low income individual, there is something in there for you. I think we have come to a very good balance with the revenues that we have. I think the really positive thing is that our revenue is strong and it is a good indication that the province is growing. Our population is the highest it has ever been and I am quite optimistic on the

future of our province."

As the budget was unveiled, Official Opposition Leader Carla Beck and Finance Critic Trent Wotherspoon did not quite view it the same way as Harpauer.

"If you're a parent struggling to make ends meet, this budget does not help you. If you're a young person in this province hoping for investments in your future, this budget does not help you. If you're a burnt-out healthcare worker, this budget does not help you. If you're a student in an overcrowded classroom, this budget does not help you," said Beck. "Budgets are about choices, and the Sask. Party chooses to neglect the issues keeping regular people up at night."

The NDP stated "despite sitting on massive resource revenues, the budget provides no tax relief, no new tax credits or benefits for families, and no reversal of the Sask. Party's recent energy and power rate hikes."

"Only 15 percent of folks say they're better off financially now compared to a year ago. We have the second highest rates of financial insecurity in Canada and despite the government sitting on massive resource revenues there's not a stitch of serious cost relief for ordinary Saskatchewan families," said Beck.

Beck also pointed out that this budget fails to rise to the challenges within the health system. "Our health system is on the verge of collapse and we still don't see funding to support family docs, team-based care or community health advisory networks. They had a chance to bring forward an ambitious plan for our health system and they blew it. Instead, they're ploughing forward with the same old plan that the provincial auditor lambasted."



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