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Budget approved for Lanigan as community embraces positive future

■ Daniel Bushman

It has been a busy year in Lanigan. From seeing the shovels put in the ground for a new school, the opening of the Lanigan & District Waterpark to hosting Celebrate Lanigan and unveiling a new website to attract people and businesses to town.

Looking forward to a positive finish and with more on the horizon, earlier this year the Town of Lanigan council approved the community's budget which sees no increase for taxpayers.

Mayor Tony Mycock shared the group came together with a number of ideas regarding the budget and at the end of the day, council arrived at a consensus on what they felt would be good for the town. "We made the decision to hold taxes this year. We felt as a town we are in good financial shape and with the rate of inflation we would hold the line on taxes."

As taxes and the mill rate remain the same as 2022, Lanigan CAO Kelli Timmerman noted the rise in inflation continues to go up so the Town of Lanigan will be absorbing the inflationary costs within the budget.

With the largest portion of spending set aside for operating the municipality, Timmerman shared there are a few other areas of note where funds have been allocated including road surface repairs, infrastructure repairs and upgrades, community and economic development, strategic planning and planning services. The Town of Lanigan is also putting dollars towards things like arena repairs, an arena assessment, a road and sidewalk assessment, marketing and development, asset management, water meters, main valves, fire extinguishers, and small equipment attachments.

With a few of those projects left on the docket for 2023 like street and sidewalk repairs, hydrant repairs, manhole and catch basin repairs and sign corridor revitalization, the big focus for 2023 was the waterpark.

Opening Aug. 8, due to the abbreviated season the Lanigan & District Waterpark will be operating into September. Despite delays due to labour shortages, Mycock said they are nearing the finish line on the multi-million dollar project. "As you know the waterslide install has been delayed for one year and there will be a few things to

finish up in the fall."

A handful of other things that were delayed will be coming in time for the start of the 2024 season including furniture and appliances, a safety component to be able to operate the vortex and spray features, signage and swim lane lines, and privacy slats in the fence. Timmerman said there are also a variety of small finishing touches to be done before the end of 2023.

"This has been a huge undertaking and we have run into a lot of delays that have been out of our control as a town," explained Mycock. "Our original opening date was to be July 1 but having enough labour has been a real issue for Western Rec. They have not had as many people available to work on the pool as they would have liked and so that was a big reason why we were delayed in opening the facility."

As for the overall cost of the waterpark, at the time of the grant application it was pegged at \$2,779,250. That included paving and the waterslide. However, after tendering for the project, the cost increased and came in at \$3,922,000, not including the paving and waterslide. Timmerman said with change orders, that number has now reached \$3,972,000. "We need to add the cost of paving and the waterslide back into that at an estimated \$350,000, giving a new project total of \$4,322,000. That is an increase of \$1,543,000. The ICIP grant contribution is \$2,038,000 which left \$2,284,000 to fund (originally we only needed to fund \$741,250)."

With the unforeseen increases to the project, Mycock said council made the decision to move forward with the purchase of the waterslide while noting the waterpark committee has committed to continue with fundraising. "They have come up with lots of ideas and we want to thank everyone on the committee for their dedication and commitment to this project. We could not have gotten to where we are today without them."

Following updated costs and current fundraising initiatives, Timmerman tabulated the total and when it is all said and done, about \$450,000 more is needed to be fundraised.

"Thanks to everyone who has donated to this project, we could not have done this without everyone of you," said Mycock. "The new pool is going to be a great addition to our recreation facilities in



With a new school being built (above) and the Lanigan & District Waterpark recently opened (below), there is a lot of optimism in Lanigan. May-

or Tony Mycock shared people can expect more changes coming including new businesses and letters of intent for residential lots.

- Advisor file photo and below photo submitted



Lanigan for years to come."

With the pool up and running and shovels in the ground for a new school in Lanigan, Mycock said people can expect more changes coming. "We have new businesses going to build on our commercial property on the highway on the east side of town and we have received a letter of intent on the old P4 Pizza property for development. There are also letters of intent on six residential lots which we are waiting on finances and building permits."

One of the things that Mycock and Timmerman are really excited to introduce is the community's new website: www.thriveinlanigan.ca. Showcasing the Town of Lanigan, Mycock said, "It gives people a place to explore our active lifestyles, seamless connectivity, continuous growth, refreshing rejuvenation, and accessible opportunities. Together, let's embrace the essence of Lanigan and continue this incredible journey!" #ThriveInLanigan #VibrantCommunity #LaniganLiving"

Steel sculptures spark unique opportunity

■ **Daniel Bushman**

The attention to detail is remarkable, the thought and time invested into each is incredible, and the transformation that goes into every single piece is not lost on those who have viewed them. For local area resident Ross Martin, who has been taking neglected scraps and turning them into awe inspiring steel sculptures, the newfound passion has given the welder an opportunity to showcase his talent.

"It was just kind of a fluke really," said Martin about the labour of love. "By mere chance I wanted to make a going away gift and thought I'd try one. From there, it got out of control," he chuckled.

With tremendous talent and an eye for detail, about a year ago, Martin began finding pieces of old barbecue lids and other rusted items and gave them new life. Snagging the once used scraps from junk piles and taking inspiration from whatever arrived in his mind, Martin started the process of turning tossed trash into stunning sculptures. "I just enjoy art. Picasso said, 'All art is a lie but it can help you see the truth.'"

With 30 years of welding experience but admitting he really had not done anything specific to art since he was a youngster, since taking up his torch and crafting a myriad of steel floral sculptures, Martin's talent has been thrust into the spotlight. "I haven't done any art since kindergarten. I like getting in and welding on exhaust pipes, making turbos and I have made a couple of trailers but have never done pure art. It is gratifying to be able to do that now."

The passion is evident when you look at the finished pieces of lilies, tulips, roses, wheat, crosses, and steel ribbons. And when talking with Ross, you can hear the artist's enjoyment for what he does in his voice. Under the business, Flores Aeterni (Eternal Flowers when translated in English), the detail in every piece shines through from the petals of the steel roses, the intricate work on a wheat sheaf to the shimmering lilies.

"I don't have any kids and wanted to leave a mark in the world," shared Martin adding the odd piece he will sketch but otherwise, most of it just comes to him in waves.

Transferring the images from his mind to steel canvas is incredible in itself but to view the finished product leaves many



Local resident Ross Martin has been transforming neglected scraps into incredible works of art. The newfound passion for the welder was on full display at the Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival earlier this month as Martin was one of the vendors in attendance. Martin brought along a number of intricate and inspiring pieces including roses, lilies and wheat.

- photos by Daniel Bushman

speechless. That was evident during the recent Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival as numerous people would pause by his booth to look at the work. One by one the tall lilies began to disappear followed by roses, a wheat sheaf, and steel ribbons bearing the colours of Ukraine (the proceeds of those went to that country).

While Ross said it can be tough watching his work leave after all of the effort he puts into each piece, it brings him satisfaction knowing they are off to good homes. "When you create something, you want people to like it."

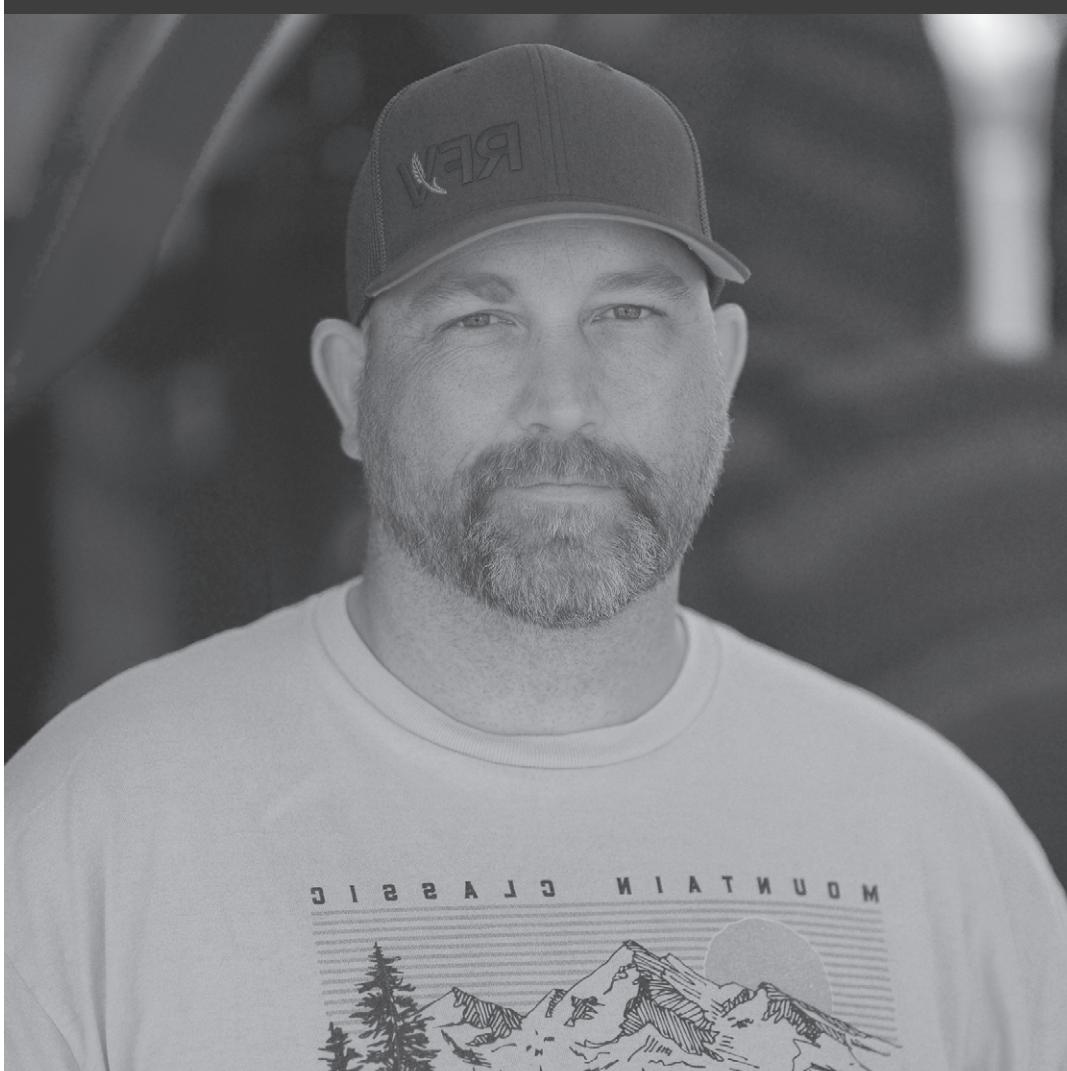
Depending on the complexity, the more elaborate and exquisite it is, the longer the piece can take to complete. For some of the more detailed works, Martin said they can take anywhere from a few days to half a week to make. That includes the majestic prairie lily, which can reach nearly four feet tall

when finished. "I think the lily is an interesting plant. I have always liked the look of them with the large blade leaves and slender stems, I think it is an elegant flower."

Encouraged to sell his pieces, Martin has attended a handful of trade shows so far this year. With success and a number of positive comments during stops around the local area, for those who would like to view his work, Ross said the pieces are up for sale on his blog (steelartistrybyross.blogspot.com).

With the items able to be placed outside and indoors, and with encouragement and positive responses about his creations, Martin plans on continuing to develop the unique one-of-a-kind pieces in the future. "If people want to contact me about my work, they can reach me through my blog. It has been a lot of fun to make these pieces and I enjoy it when people love them too."

You can always get better.



Ryley is a farmer from Yellow Grass living in recovery from alcohol addiction and depression.

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RCMP Report

RCMP warn of phone scam

Over the past month, Saskatoon RCMP has received multiple reports of phone scams where individuals falsely identify themselves as a member of the RCMP requesting money.

The Saskatoon RCMP reminds the public to be vigilant when receiving unsolicited text messages or phone calls, even if the caller identifies as being a police officer. Saskatchewan RCMP will never call members of the public to demand money or request any form of payment over the phone.

Saskatoon RCMP encourage the public to take the following steps to prevent any future occurrence of this scam:

Never provide personal or sensitive information to the requestor and never send money even if the message sounds urgent.

If you feel like this is a scam or an unsolicited call, ask questions (e.g. Who are you? What are you calling for? Why are you requesting this? Where are you calling from?) and document the responses.

Police work relies heavily on intelligence-led policing to identify trends, such as these phone scams. This is why it is important to report all crimes in your area to your local police of jurisdiction as soon as possible. This information helps identify crime trends and assist any potential victims of these crimes.

If you or a family member have been contacted by a scammer, report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre — even if you didn't give them any money (antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm or 1-888-495-8501). If you or a family member did lose money as a result of fraud, please contact your local police as well as the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm or 1-888-495-8501).

RCMP investigating theft of signs

On July 31, 2023, Melfort RCMP received a report of the theft of two signs from historic sites in the RM of Pleasantdale. Investigation

determined the signs were stolen between the middle and end of July.

Anyone with information should contact Melfort RCMP at 306-752-6420. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

RCMP seeking information about alleged assault

Broadview RCMP is asking the public to report any information of an assault which occurred at the intersection of Main Street and 4th Avenue in Broadview, at approximately 1 a.m. Aug. 13. One adult male sustained serious injury and was transported to the hospital via STARS

air ambulance. Officers have conducted interviews, proactive patrols in the community and continue to follow-up on any information provided to them that may assist with identifying the individual responsible and determine the circumstances of the assault.

If you have information on relating to this incident, contact Broadview RCMP at 306-696-5200. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Broadview RCMP continue to investigate. **Police respond to single vehicle rollover**

At approximately 6:30 p.m. Aug. 13, Kindersley RCMP responded to the report of a single vehicle rollover involving a truck. Officers responded immediately. The lone driver passed away at the scene. The driver has been identified as a 16-year-old female from Kindersley. Her family has been notified and the local Crisis Centre has been engaged to provide support. The collision occurred on a rural road, approximately three kilometres south of Kindersley and did not impact traffic. A Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist attended the scene as well as local EMS and Fire. Kindersley RCMP continue to investigate.

Viscount

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Saturday, Aug. 12, 11 teams entered the Viscount Slo-Pitch Tournament hosted by Viscount Rec Hockey. All the teams had a good time and some of them even donated their winnings back to the fundraising groups. Cory Leffler's team, the Dutch Rudders, won first place in the tournament

Jansen

Louise Shannon

A flower arranging class will be held Aug. 24 at the Jansen Parkland Library.

Come learn what to do with your yard plants.

Children have a few

and also won the beer race in the beer gardens. It is greatly appreciated all the teams that entered, all the volunteers on Viscount Minor Sports who worked the barbecue and concession, Tammy and Kevin Isaacson and Julie and Kim Tetzlaff who organized and put on the pancake breakfast, as well as the Viscount rec hockey team for running the bar and tournament.

Well it is that time of the year already. We will be starting up with our first Blankets for Canada meeting Monday,

weeks left to go camping, swimming or shopping for school.

I am glad people here suffering from cancer are

feeling better.

Happy birthday to Kelly Koshinsky, Miller Jones, Clayton Renz and Doreen Krieger.

Sept. 11 at the Viscount Wheatland Library. For information about this please contact Evelina at 306-281-8196. Everyone is welcome; hope to see you there. Forty-five beautiful crocheted squares were given to us from a woman from Lanigan.

We would like to welcome Caitlin Senko as the new director at the Viscount Childcare Centre. She lives in Humboldt with her husband and two sons. She has been an Early Childhood Educator since 2016. She is very excited to be part of a wonderful team that will be bringing high-quality early learning and childcare to the community and surrounding area.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week.





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Crop Report

■ media release

Scattered showers across the province paused harvest for a short time, but producers welcomed the moisture. Saskatchewan crops are nine percent harvested, ahead of the five-year average of eight percent and the 10-year average of five percent. That is according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for Aug. 8 to 14.

The southwest is leading the province in harvest progress, with 20 percent of this year's crop harvested for the year. Producers in the northwest were delayed this week due to rain showers and have harvested only one percent of this year's crop. Producers have made progress harvesting all crops this week, excluding flax.

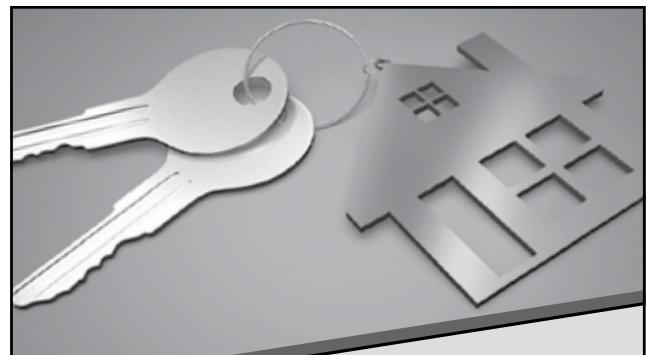
Fall cereals are still the most harvested crop with 61 percent of fall rye and 56 percent of winter wheat taken off for the year. Field peas and lentils are the most harvested spring seeded crops; 36 percent of both field peas and lentils have been harvested provincially. Oilseeds, in general, have been harvested the least so far.

some moisture with the showers that moved across the province. The most significant moisture received was 67 mm in Esterhazy, followed closely by 63 mm in Lipton. An increase in soil moisture was recorded this week. In cropland, 26 percent of topsoil has adequate moisture, 45 percent is short and 29 percent is very short. Twenty-one percent of hay and pasture land has adequate topsoil

moisture, 45 percent is short and 34 percent is very short.

Crop reporters were asked to report on water supply and quality. Provincially, moderate water supply shortages are occurring for livestock producers, with many anticipating more significant shortages soon while some are already reporting severe water shortages.

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Village of Jansen Office, 123 Main Street, Jansen, SK S0K 2B0

The tenders will be opened at the Regular Council meeting on **September 14, 2023** at the Village Office, 123 Main Street, Jansen, SK.

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Bidders are required to review the compete tender documents for important information regarding conditions of sale and responsibilities of the purchase regarding property condition.

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 10% of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/money order payable to the municipality, and a description of the bidders' plans for the property ensuring the purpose meets the requirements of the Town's Zoning Bylaw.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold.

For further information contact the Village of Jansen: Phone: 306-364-2013 Email: jansen@jansen.ca.

Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchaser. The assessed value according to the last returned assessment roll may or may not be representative of the current fair market value of the property.

This sale is governed by The Tax Enforcement Act. There is no requirement of the Village to accept any tender below the total amount of the arrears owing.

The successful purchase will be required to pay the full amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes or fees that may be applicable, including taxes and all title transfer and legal fees.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender and the tender documents are available through the Village Office.

OPINIONS

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Road Construction



Pass The Salt

A spiritual column
by Pastor
Greg Dermody

I had lunch at the Pepper Tree in Watrous recently and had to find some creative parking and access due to the beautification project on the Main Street of Watrous. It didn't really look beautiful at that time! You might describe the project as annoying and somewhat inconvenient at this stage. Can I cross the road here? Can I walk on this bit of sidewalk? Does this store have a back entrance or are they even open? Can that guy in the skid steer even see me or is he going to run me over? I look forward to coming back for a visit to see the finished project!

We are all a work in progress. For some of us the progress is gradual and less evident, and for others it is easier to see the changes God brings about.

I was reading the story of Zaccheus (Luke 19) to the children at our Vacation Bible School. After he met Jesus, he gave half his possessions to the poor and paid back four times what he had cheated people as a corrupt tax-collector. As we grow and mature in character, life is like our roads, after a while cracks and pot holes develop, wear from use and stresses of our environment. We engage the maintenance of faith, walking with Jesus. We often read and sing the words of Isaiah at Christmas, 'make a straight path for the Lord, lower every mountain, raise up the valleys.'

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Philippi; "Forgetting what is behind and straining forward to what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14.

Ruth Bell Graham's headstone reads: "Construction Finished. Thank you for your patience." She picked this after driving through a long zone of highway construction with the flag attendants, detours, and rough sections. The journey of life

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■ by Arlene Martin

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And breaks the fall.

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One by one,
And when an endless
Day is done,
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Or only 'mend'
But fully restores
From start to end.

Broken bodies
In His care,
Collected tears in
Safe keeping where
Our God of Love
And Lord of Prayer
Keeps all our
Broken treasure there.

No matter how bruised
Or deep it stings
God has a special place
For broken things.

-Arlene L. Martin, 1985



Pictured: local resident Ross Martin's steel sculptures at the Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival earlier this month. Martin brought along a number of intricate and inspiring pieces as part of the vendor market. For more on Martin's work, see page two.
-photo by Daniel Bushman

isn't always smooth travelling – just like Saskatchewan roads there seems to be only two seasons "winter and construction". We, like the roads, are ever in a state of maintenance, repair and construction. But God is not finished with you yet.

Wherever you are in your journey, God is still at His renovation work in you, you can still learn and change and grow... beautification!

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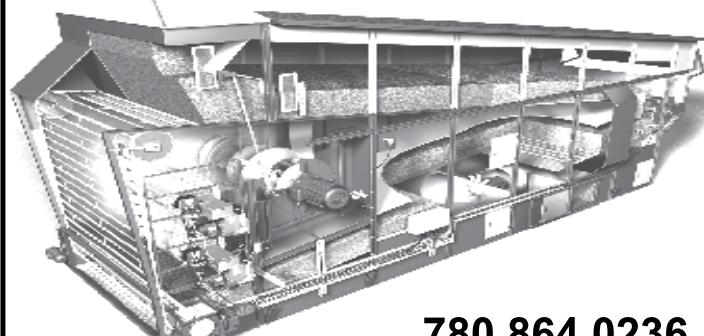


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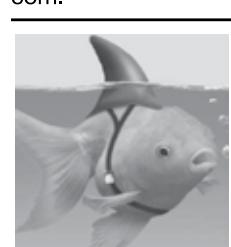
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