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Construction underway on new school in Lanigan

■ **Daniel Bushman**

As staff return for another school year in Lanigan and students a week later, construction continues nearby on a brand new state-of-the-art Pre-K to Gr. 12 building. With the current elementary and high schools in the community aging, a decision was made to create a new facility where all students will be able to learn under one roof.

Originally announced in July 2020 as part of the Government of Saskatchewan's \$7.5 billion two-year capital plan to stimulate the province's economic growth, following a number of delays due to rising costs and the pandemic, construction on the approximately 400 student \$26 million school moved one step closer with a June 19 sod turning ceremony.

Since that memorable June occasion which included staff and students from both schools, Horizon School Division CEO Kevin Garinger shared how the progress of the new facility has gone over the summer months. "We received formal approval from the Ministry to start our work, so construction has begun. Crews have been clearing the site and doing the necessary groundwork. They are also digging the piles to support the weight of the school. At this point, nearly half the piles have been dug."

On-site to see the work next to the current schools, Garinger explained construction will continue right through fall and winter. "There will be significant work happening during the fall and winter. Once the piles are done, they will begin the other aspects of the construction project, eventually getting to the steelwork that will support and form the structure of the school. Soon after that, they will be able to begin their work inside, which will make the project really exciting."

Once the majority of the new building is up and close to being ready to go, the decommissioning and demolition of the current schools would occur nearly simultaneously to create parking lot space.

With an estimated date of completion for the Pre-K to Gr. 12 school slated for 2025, once finished by Quorex Construction, the new school will feature a modern and spacious design, with an estimated area of 4,829 square metres to accommodate students and staff. As part of that, the facility will house state-of-the-art labs for Industrial Arts, Science, Home Economics and the Arts, as well as a large main gymnasium and a smaller secondary gym. Garinger stated the new school will also prioritize accessibility and will strongly emphasize mental wellness, with welcoming counselling spaces available to students and staff.

"It is exciting to see the work happening. We are on our way and looking forward to when the school is ready for our students, staff, and families. It will probably be into 2025 before kids will begin at the school."

With the provincial government investing millions of dollars into the new school and Horizon's Board of Education (see back page: **SCHOOL**)



In the fields

Despite recent soggy conditions in parts of Saskatchewan, producers continued to make progress harvesting their crops. According to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for Aug. 15 to 21, scattered rain helped with moisture levels as systems moved through the province. Saskatchewan is now 21 percent completed harvest, ahead of the five-year average of 14 percent and the 10-year

average of 11 percent. The southwest continues to lead the province in harvest progress, with 38 percent of the crop harvested. This is followed by the west-central, which has 27 percent harvested so far. The northwest received moisture the past few weeks and as a result, only four percent completed harvest.

- photo by Daniel Bushman

Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival generates buzz during fifth event

■ **Daniel Bushman**

A bit of wet weather early on did not deter the carvers as the 2023 Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival was dubbed a success. With the sun arriving later on during the Aug. 10 to 13 event and more people taking in the festival, 10 carvers from across Canada left their mark.

Lori Gill, chair of the fifth chainsaw carving festival held at Manitou Beach said there was an excellent turnout during the four day event. "I believe our attendance numbers are above our last event. We had a lot of people from all over Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba. I spoke with a bunch from North Dakota and Montana and I noticed there were way more weekend passes sold as people opted to stay all four days."

Inviting 10 carvers including two who have attended each event at Manitou Beach, Gill and those in attendance were treated to some incredible work. "They each have their own flavour, vision and technique for carving. I've been to every festival and I don't think I've ever seen duplicates which is wonderful because we end up with an array of carvings."

Amazed at the stunning work throughout the festival, as each carver selected their canvas, chainsaws began humming. Transforming massive pieces of wood into a detailed work of art, people's curiosity was peaked each day as the images came to life. From bears to a beaver, an underwater scene to a dragon, the projects left people stunned when they were done. In addition to the big carvings, the artists each had to do two quick carves during the festival, being allotted 90 minutes per carving.

With people able to bid on each, the beautiful masterpieces disappeared as fast as they were completed as those with the highest bid (many reaching hundreds of dollars) were able to take home a treasured item.

As for the large carvings, spectators entering the festival were given a ballot to mark down which they thought was the best. "This year attendees voted daily and we tallied the votes up. In total, there were 1,428 ballots cast to decide the top three. There was only a 20 vote difference between second and third place!"

Along with the top three chosen by those in attendance, a Carvers' Choice award was handed out (voted by the carvers themselves) and then the festival committee also voted and handed out an award. "They are tough decisions. There are no guidelines, you just vote with your own compass."



Pictured above left and middle: Peoples' Choice first place carving by Kamron Garbe. Pictured above right and right: Peoples' Choice second place carving by Gary Natomagan. Pictured left: Peoples' Choice third place carving by Tyler Welfing. Below: carvers and their assistants. - photos by Bev Jay and 'before' images by Daniel Bushman

Following the tabulation of all of the votes in the three categories, this year's winners were:

Peoples' Choice: first place - Kamron Garbe with an ocean scene including turtles, a ray, jellyfish, and fish; second place - Gary Natomagan with a pair of bears; and third place - Tyler Welfing with a dragon and a castle.

Carvers' Choice - a three-way tie for first - Kamron Garbe with an underwater ocean scene, Darcy Birnie with a patriotic scene, and Mike Winia with a bear and her cubs eating a fish.

Chainsaw Carving Committee's Choice: Kamron Garbe with an underwater ocean scene.

With each winner receiving prize money for their efforts, a raffle was held from purchased tickets over the four day event with the raffle winner (Chuck Bzdell) taking the first place carving home. The remainder of the carvings then became the property of the Resort Village of Manitou Beach and will be placed around the community.

Along with the carvers being featured throughout the festival, a vendor market was set up nearby. Originally with three food vendors and between 35 to 40 artisan vendors signed up, due to the weather not cooperating early on, there ended up being around 15 to 18 vendors in attendance. "Those who were there, I think some sold out completely of products and most said they did really well. We wanted to add something new and possibly get these vendors coming out for more local markets once they see the influx of people at events. We also had Minard's Leisure World, M & M Small Engine Sales & Service and Husqvarna attend. They provided products, info, demos and services for the carvers. We also really appreciated Watrous and District Ambulance for being on-site when possible."

In an effort to see the festival - held every other year - come to fruition, along with the carvers and vendors in attendance, Gill said the event would not have turned out without all of the volunteer and committee help. "We had volunteers join us

from Alberta, California and near and far from Saskatchewan. We also had mayors from three communities working in unison: Poppy Petersen (Manitou Beach), John Gunderson (Watrous), and Agnes Thompson (Young). It truly was a team effort. I also really appreciated the crew that came from Interlake Human Resources Corporation in Watrous. It was great to have them join us and that to me was a pat on the back for us as we created an environment where they felt comfortable helping out."

As a committee, Gill said new members joined on this year from other communities and fit right in. "The expertise and equipment they gave us to use for free was really appreciated. We all had our job and we try to tweak and improve every year."

Explaining how the festival could not have been done without the dedication of the committee members and volunteers, Gill added the generosity of sponsors was also key to seeing it become a cut above. "The support of our communities was tremendous. I say communities because we had sponsors, volunteers, and services from near and far. Honestly if we didn't have the in-kind sponsorship of services and product/prizes and volunteers, we could not make it happen. Big or small it all fits into the puzzle and completes it!"

And according to the festival chair, the event has also grown big enough that during the previous event, the committee was able to donate funds from it to the resort village's Communities in Bloom and Rec Board. Gill said they also helped to purchase an AED for the community hall and siding for a shed in the compound. "It looks like we're in the black again this year and will soon decide on how to allocate those funds back into the community. We also provide the funds for upkeep and repairs on existing carvings."

With a chance to reflect back on the 2023 chainsaw carving festival and see its successes, when asked if another will return in 2025, Gill replied, "When you look at the people we bring from near and far, the art we get to add to our communities, how can we not do another? We've become friends with the carvers and vendors and attendees. It gets in your blood and it's extremely exciting to be a part of an event that grows every year."

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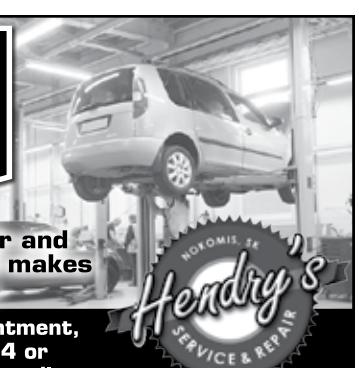
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A well-maintained vehicle is a safe vehicle. That is why Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) officers look for burnt-out lights, cracked windshields, window tint and other maintenance issues while they are on patrol. Since the beginning of 2023, CTSS has issued 4,544 charges and 13,523 warnings to drivers in Saskatchewan for inadequate vehicle equipment violations. During that time, 3,250 vehicles were issued vehicle defect inspection notices to repair the noted defect.

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defect inspection notices to have their vehicles repaired within a specified time to assure the continuance of the vehicle's registration.

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since 2018:

- 8,332 charges and 43,817 warnings for cracked or damaged windshields. An inadequate windshield does not have the same integrity when a collision occurs, which may result in glass shards entering the cabin and injuring occupants;
- 13,332 charges and 5,243 warnings for illegal window tint on the windshield or front side windows. Window tint film reduces visibility in low-light conditions, rendering the vehicle's operation dangerous for its
- occupants as well as other road users;
- 1,513 charges and 9,508 warnings for inadequate headlights, taillights, or turn signals. Inoperable vehicle lights create an increased hazard to other road users by making it more difficult to perceive a vehicle's speed and distance, which could lead to a higher risk of collisions;
- 514 charges and 716 warnings for inadequate trailer brake systems, which could fail to activate if the trailer accidentally

disconnects from a towing vehicle;

- 191 charges and 621 warnings for tires that are under-inflated, have low tread depth, or feature exposed inner construction; and

- 61 charges and 189 warnings for trailers that do not have chains or other secondary attachment device adequately attached between a trailer and a towing vehicle.

"It may seem like it's no big deal to put off getting a headlight replaced, or a

windshield crack repaired. It is a big deal. Poorly-maintained or broken vehicle equipment can put your safety – and the safety of others on the road – at risk," said S/Sgt. Kevin Williamson from CTSS.

"That's why checking for these things is an important part of the job of CTSS officers, who are patrolling the roads of Saskatchewan every day."

CTSS consists of officers from Saskatchewan RCMP and municipal police agencies.

Introducing the Little Manitou Lake Stewardship Group

■ media release

The Little Manitou Lake Stewardship Group connects people interested in water quality and quantity within the area.

"This group provides a local, point of contact for the Water Security Agency," said Bill Mattick, a council member of the Resort Village of Manitou Beach.

"People concerned with the health of the lake and the watershed can be part of the group."

There are no restrictions on who can join, Mattick said. "We welcome agricultural producers and commercial businesses such as operators of feedlots and pig barns as well

as retail and hospitality operators and residents of Manitou Beach, Watrous, Young, Lanigan, Drake, Plunkett, and Viscount. We also welcome those from the surrounding Rural Municipalities of Morris, Usborne, Colonsay, Viscount and Wolverine.

"We facilitate communications with a focus on water management. We also welcome those industry operating in the larger Manitou/Lanigan watershed."

Mattick said concerned people who work together to answer questions and dispel rumours with facts will help this new group have a strong voice in the community.

The Little Manitou Lake Stewardship Group is affiliated

with the Wascana and Upper Qu'Appelle Watersheds Association Taking Responsibility Inc. (WUQWATR).

Mattick is a board member of WUQWATR, a non-profit organization formed in 2008 that promotes watershed stewardship in the Upper Qu'Appelle and Wascana watersheds of Saskatchewan. WUQWATR extends more than 23,443 square kilometres and includes over 109 communities from Regina to Humboldt and from Central Butte to Tyvan.

To join the Little Manitou Lake Stewardship Group, people can contact Mattick at b.mattick@sasktel.net or to join WUQWATR, people can contact Nathan Avery at nathan@wqwatr.ca.

Viscount

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Welcome as we quickly move into the fall season. Hopefully we stay in this season for awhile before moving into the winter season. Looking forward to all the Christmas craft fairs that seem to be coming up. It is amazing when you go into stores and one side is fall/Halloween then the other side is Christmas. Seems like everyone is rushing. Let us do one season at a time please, taking time to enjoy each and every one of them!

Speaking of seasons, I noticed hockey registration is happening soon. School will be starting, dance classes will be resuming and so will the beautiful colours of fall.

The Viscount Recreation Board raised approximately \$16,000 from the annual street dance. The proceeds are a reflection of the community and neighbouring communities of all the support they received through attending the dance, volunteering and sponsorship donations. Approximately 375 people attended. The band Long Shot put on a great show and a great barbecue was run by the Travel Club. The funds raised will help to maintain our community centre.

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

Jansen

Louise Shannon

The children had a good time at Vacation Bible School. Harvest is moving along and people have pickles to make and vegetables to freeze. The apples turned out pretty good. Congratulations to Ralph and Char Schroeder on the birth

of grandbaby Lincoln.

Happy birthday to Cohen Kinzel who was one and to Keira Cardinal, Gwen Robson and Tucker Eichorst who are having birthdays this week.

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Puffer Fish



Pass The Salt
A spiritual column
by Pastor
Greg Dermody

Our Vacation Bible School had an underseas theme this year. In the hallway outside my office is a decoration picture of a puffer fish fully puffed out. I was staring blankly at it when I realized how often the people we have the most problems with are really puffer fish.

So filled with self, they look bigger than life and try to impose their importance over us, typically for their benefit.

The Apostle Paul wrote about such people, but missed the opportunity to call them puffer fish! In his letter to the church at Colossae he wrote about those puffed up with

self. Their worship was not of God but themselves.

Typical characteristics of puffer-people include judging others regarding their actions, practices and rituals. Usually by looking down their noses in a way that implies their choices are superior, while presenting themselves as humble and saintly. When we dare to disagree or challenge them, they puff up, appearing spiky and intimidating, yet it is only air.

In Paul's context these puffer-people had lost connection with the head of faith, life and community - Jesus. Herein lies the danger for each one of us; when we get filled with self and decide our ways are better than others, our agenda and purpose are more important and that our 'good character' is our own accomplishment, we can become puffer-fish, full of self and not Jesus. Oddly enough the correction that will allow us to become who we are created and redeemed to be, is to empty or die to self letting Jesus be the head. We have to let the air out. That is how we can be connected to the community of believers toward mutual benefit.

May you, when you are faced with a puffer-fish person, find grace to respond well and not let them distract or disqualify you from a God-centred path. With Jesus as your head, may you grow in faith, hope and love.

uncompliCATED - *I never knew how strong I was until I learned to forgive*



■ by Arlene Martin

Evil wears many facades and within years of personal emails and messages entrusted to me, I have learned there are many locked behind invisible bars unable to speak about things that happened to them - long ago. They have done nothing wrong to warrant life within an intangible jail cell wishing only to be free of traumas and scars.

The heart squints for a very long time when the bright rays of sunlight hurl away the tumour of trauma. Snippets of an unsettling memory flash among a corroded space in my heart. Sadness, reflected by remembering, like a long bitter prairie winter, slithers into the cracks and chinks of my character. I have carried, queried and buried a chilling weight for decades. Today I reach for the flames of faith and dare to believe there is such a thing as healing and Heavenly peace. I say this with strong affirmation as I delete the images of a memory I finally dared myself to face. With the cathartic muscle of FORGIVENESS I slayed my dragon. It is my wish that a wounded someone reading my words will find courage and know

that life can still be beautiful and worth living. I gave up seeking revenge because it was never mine to give. I firmly believe judgment looms somewhere, some place not on this human realm. That there is a place where evil, abuse, and injustices will be held accountable and scores settled. It occurred to me that forgiveness is a gift.

The earth is much more than the six o'clock news. Our little blue planet is still rich with goodness and beauty. The burden of physical and also emotional pain takes a lot of energy and some days pickpockets my joy.

This morning when I got dressed, I didn't notice I put my elasticized-waist pants on backwards. Neither did Randy. But it reminded me that there is no going back to fix yesterday - there is only the greeting of each new sunrise and the profound reassurance of restoration and refuge of faith.

I have learned from others, and personally, that one's journey is often besieged with hair-trigger emotional land-mines. Still, the human spirit is armed with the embodiment of tolerance, toughness and tenacity.

It was Emily Dickinson who said, "That it will never come again is what makes life so sweet." Forgiveness tossed into every sunrise, and trousers on bow side, I have also discovered, makes each new day and twilight even sweeter.

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Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky



Chocolate Zucchini Cake

Directions:

Mix the dry ingredients together in a bowl. In another bowl, mix the eggs, oil, zucchini and nuts or seeds. Mix these together using a mixer. This is a very cake like batter. This can be baked in a loaf or Bundt pan (greased) for about 1½ hours, in a 9x12 pan for about 50 to 55 minutes or our favourite - in pan sprayed muffin tins for about 30 minutes. I sometimes fold in chopped cherries or strawberries or any other firm berry or chopped fruit.

Ingredients:

½ cup cocoa
3 ½ cups flour
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1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
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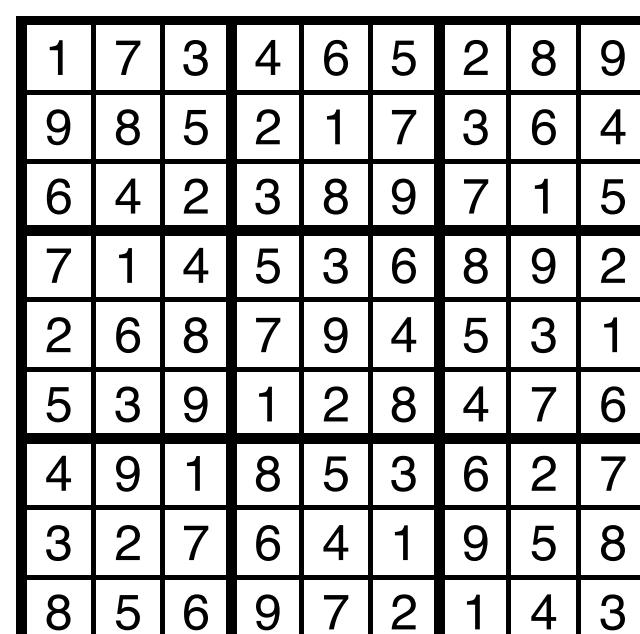
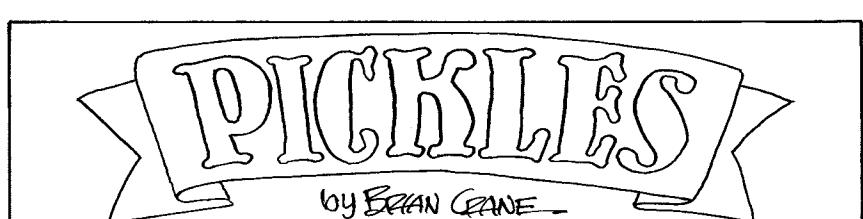
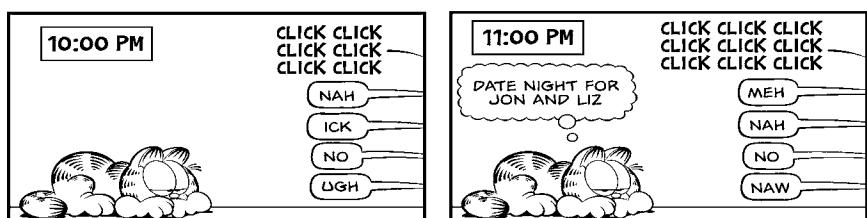
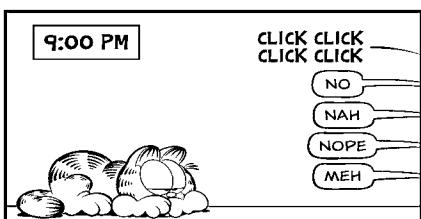
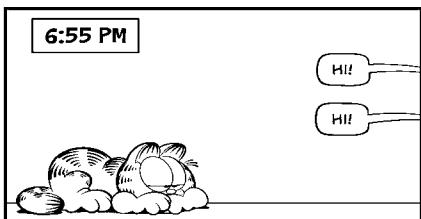
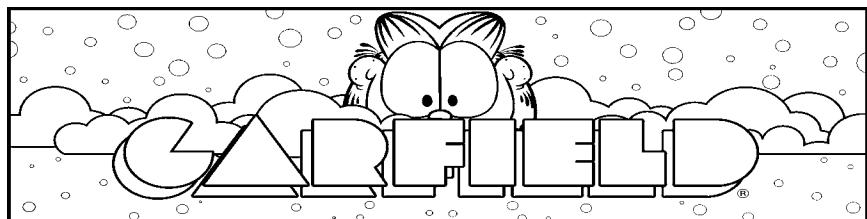
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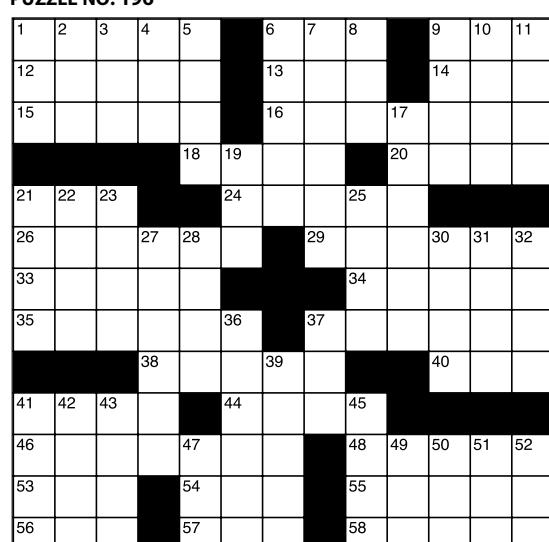
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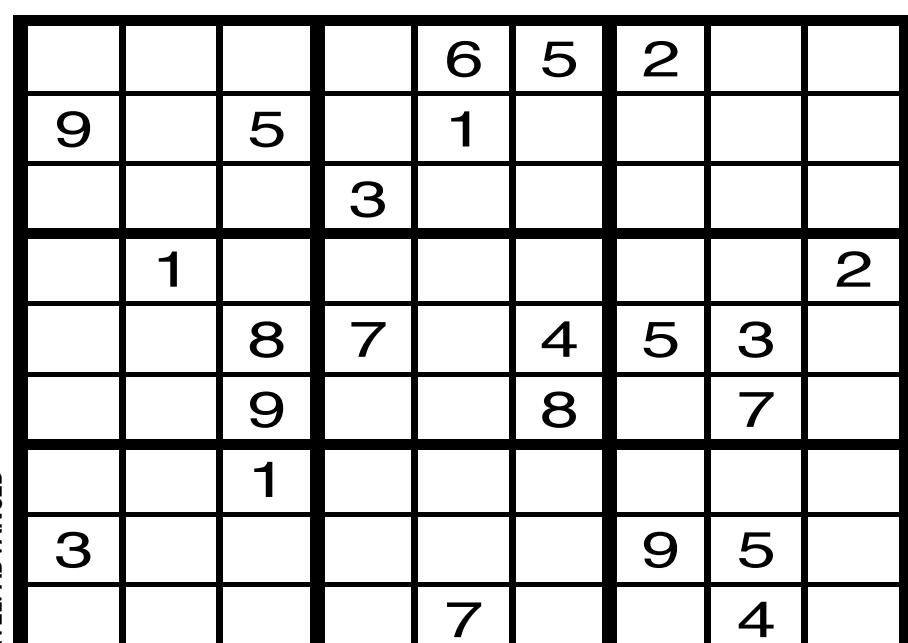


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OBITUARY



**POWELL,
Shirley**
**May 9, 1935 -
August 17, 2023**

Shirley was the second of six children born to Wilfred and Edna Smith on May 9, 1935, in Bengough, Saskatchewan. She was raised on a farm and attended Hexagon School until she had completed her Grade 10. Shirley then decided to venture out on her own which

led her to Regina, SK, where she worked at a laundry. After she worked in bakeries in Saskatoon, SK, and Edmonton, Alberta. Due to a knee injury Shirley moved back to Bengough to recover. It was here that she met the love of her life, Leonard. They were married on October 11, 1957, and were blessed with three children. Together Shirley and Leonard farmed south of Burr and although they faced many challenges, there were also many rewards. As if being a mom and farm wife wasn't enough, Shirley decided to return to the workforce. She began working at Central Parkland Lodge in Lanigan in 1975, a career that spanned

19 years. Shirley very much enjoyed her time working for the elderly. In her spare time Shirley enjoyed crocheting and knitting, her family was the recipients of much of her handiwork, that was made with so much love. She was also pretty handy in the kitchen, no family meal was complete without "Grandma Buns", her coveted homemade freezer jam or her homemade apple pie. As the years went on and the grandchildren and great-grandchildren arrived, they became a great source of enjoyment for her. She spent countless hours rocking, cuddling, playing, and teaching them. Shirley and Leonard also enjoyed travelling, visiting the Islands of Hawaii, Yukon/Alaska tour, a six-week European adventure, a drive to the east coast of Canada and a memorable cruise of the Panama Canal. Shirley's dedication and love of family also extended to her community as she spent more than 30 years on the Guernsey Recreation Board. Many spring suppers, parades, homecomings, card tournaments, stew suppers and fundraisers were organized with Shirley's help. In 2003, Shirley and Leonard decided to retire from farming but remained on the family farm until July of 2020, when they moved to Humboldt.

Shirley will be lovingly remembered and dearly missed by: her husband of 65 years, Leonard; their three children and their families: Kevin (Betty) Powell, and family: Natasha (Charles) Hampton, and children Taylor, Mason, Nick and Luke; Mitch-

ell (Bethany Mackinnon) Powell; and Brett (Rebecca Turpin) Powell; Debra (Terry) Schatz and family: Sara (Dax) Irons, and child Brogan; Tanner (Jenelle) Schatz, and children Elise and Hazel; and Stacie (Louis) Stilling; David (Denise) Powell, and family: Melissa (Geoff Yaworski) Powell, and children Dominik, Kayden, Nash and Ben; Courtney (Justin) Kaufmann, and children Elle and Quinn; and Tylor Powell; and numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and her many friends.

The Funeral Service took place on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., at the Westminster United Church, Humboldt, SK, celebrated by Reverend Al Hingley. Others taking part were: Tanner, Jenelle, Mitchell, Bethany, Melissa, and Courtney, readers; Natasha and Sarah, eulogists; and Lynne Brecht and Deb Harryett, memorial table attendants. The urn bearer was Kevin, and the honorary pallbearers are "All those have shared in Shirley's life".

Following the service, interment took place at the Humboldt Public Cemetery, Humboldt, SK, and a memorial luncheon took place at the Westminster United Church.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Humboldt District Hospital Foundation - General Equipment Fund (PO Box 1743, Humboldt, SK, S0K 2A0).

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contributing up to \$500,000 for the mini gym as part of the project, Garinger recognizes with higher costs overall, the approved budget for \$19.8 million is not going to fund the entire project. "Once we know the actual costs, the government has committed to support the project in its entirety, outside of the \$500,000 board contribution. However, we are expected to find as many efficiencies as possible in order to drive the costs down. We are going to continue this project right through to completion, and the fact that the government is aware of the higher costs is important. We are certainly grateful to our government for this exciting new build."

Garinger also shared how grateful Horizon is to the community during the process of seeing a new school built. "We have had outstanding support from the Town of Lanigan,

the mayor and council, and the town administration. They have been tremendous supports through all of this and were instrumental in ensuring we had the land we needed to build the new school and the roadways for bussing our students. They supported our needs, and we are very grateful to them. Everyone is working together, and when that happens, great things can happen, and this is certainly a great thing that is happening."

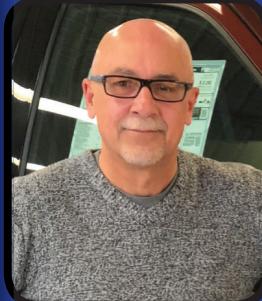
Looking forward to when the first day of classes will be held at the new facility in Lanigan, Garinger also shared that Watrous has been listed by the board as a place they would like to see another new school built. "We have Watrous down as one of our priorities for a capital project, and we are hoping that, at some point, we can receive approval for a new build

in the community. In the meantime, we are grateful we have the two schools in the community, and we will maintain them as effectively as possible in order to keep them vibrant until a new school is announced. That may be years from now, but we are certainly optimistic."

While there is no timeline as to when that could be, as the 2023-'24 school arrives, on behalf of the board, Garinger hoped staff and students from the division had a relaxing and recharging summer holiday. "We look forward to the opportunity we get on Sept. 5 to have our children with us and begin the great work that we do over the course of the school year in helping them in their learning. We are looking forward to seeing the staff and children return to the new year. There are exciting times ahead."

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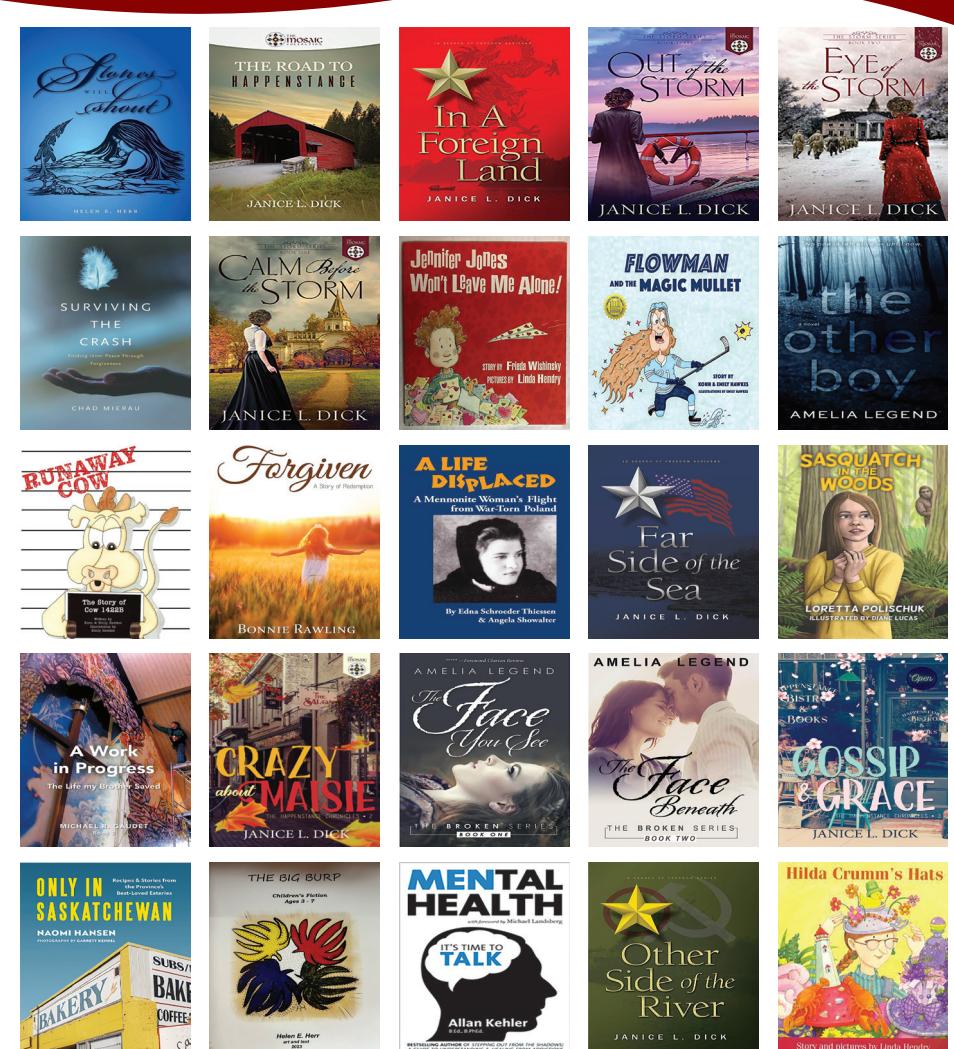
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