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Construction delayed on Lanigan and District Waterpark project

■ Daniel Bushman

After receiving the green light to put shovels into the ground and begin construction on the new Lanigan and District Waterpark project in 2021, due to a number of unexpected factors, construction has been pushed back until next year.

Town of Lanigan Mayor and waterpark committee member Tony Mycock said the local committee was elated when all of the funding was secured earlier this year and their hard work and dreams realized. However, that dream of having a waterpark in Lanigan will now take a bit longer than previously thought. “Partnership with the federal and provincial governments for their financial support requires compliance to additional terms, conditions and procedures in order to realize that dream. Due to various stipulations surrounding the funding agreement, the current high costs of construction material, and our desire to ensure our new facility matches our vision, the possibility of beginning construction in 2021 has dissolved.”

Getting together as a committee, Mycock indicated the group is now determined to see the project commence in 2022 with completion slated for the summer of 2023. “While we would have liked to begin construction this year, the timing and factors like the cost of building materials were just too big of hurdles to overcome in 2021. We are very much dedicated to seeing the waterpark built and look forward to having residents of Lanigan and

visitors to our community enjoy it once it’s ready to go in the summer of 2023. We really appreciate everyone’s support over the years and for their continued patience as we navigate these processes.”

Securing funding through countless hours of hard work, volunteering and fundraising efforts over the past six years and after applying for a federal grant, earlier this year the community and waterpark committee received official word that the project was approved to move forward.

As part of a March announcement, more than \$33 million in joint funding for 26 projects in Saskatchewan including the waterpark in Lanigan was approved as Jim Carr, Special Representative for the Prairies, on behalf of Catherine McKenna, Canada’s Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and Saskatchewan’s Government Relations Minister Don McMorris made the announcement. At that time, the total cost of the Lanigan and District Waterpark was pegged around \$2,779,250. With a local committed share of \$741,226, the provincial share of \$926,324, the federal share takes care of the remaining \$1,111,700.

Once constructed, the waterpark will provide another attraction for the Town of Lanigan and in turn, Mycock noted it will also create new jobs, business and tourism. “It has just been a huge community effort to get this far and I am looking forward to seeing shovels hit the ground and this project created for people of all ages to use in the future.”

Dancing Horse Troupe performs at LMRP



- photos courtesy Dennis Simpson



■ submitted by Shelly Hendry
Nokomis District Museum

On Saturday, July 17, the Nokomis District Museum along with funding from Sask. Culture Multicultural Initiative Fund and Sask. Lotteries hosted the Dancing Horse Troupe at Last Mountain Regional Park on Treaty Four Territory.

The drumming and dancing performance by the Dancing Horse Troupe featured amazing dancers and beautiful regalia. Harold Littlelent from the Kawacatoose First Nation, shared the history, heritage, and culture around powwow. Harold and his Dancing Horse Troupe have been performing all over Western

Canada for several years. The Nokomis District Museum would like to acknowledge Ed Bitternose and company for erecting the teepees and sharing their meaning. Despite the hot weather, approximately 200 people came out to enjoy this event. The performance was enjoyed by all ages.



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RCMP Report

Driver charged after \$140,000 and cocaine seized

On July 16 at approximately 11:50 a.m., a Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) RCMP officer conducting patrols in the area observed a vehicle on Hwy. 1 near Wolseley travelling 164 km/h.

The officer pulled the vehicle over for speeding and noticed a sum of cash and illegal cigarettes in plain view. A full search of the vehicle was conducted as part of the subsequent investigation. Officers seized the illegal cigarettes, 31 grams of cocaine and about \$140,000 in Canadian bills.

"CTSS officers conduct patrols in every corner of our province. They enforce traffic safety on our highways, grid roads and streets, but also disrupt criminal activity, as demonstrated in this case," said CTSS S/Sgt. Chad McLeod. "Because this individual chose to drive at an excessive speed

– and our CTSS officer was out patrolling – we've been able to take cocaine and the suspected proceeds of trafficking off the streets."

As a result of this investigation, Jeffrey Weitzel of Edmonton, Alta. is charged with: one count, possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, possession of a controlled substance, Section 4(1), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, possession of the proceeds of crime over \$5,000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; one count, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, Section 355(b), Criminal Code; one count, possession of unmarked/unstamped tobacco products, Section 121.1(1), Criminal Code; one count, possession of unstamped tobacco products, Section 32(1) Excise Act; and one count, purchase or possess

unmarked tobacco, Section 18.1, Tobacco Tax Act of Saskatchewan.

Weitzel will appear in court on Oct. 19, 2021.

Fire blocks portion of Hwy. 1

On July 23 at approximately 3:20 p.m., Morse RCMP was dispatched to a fire adjacent to Hwy. 1 between Ernfold and Chaplin.

A baler and the field around it had caught fire. The Chaplin and Morse fire departments extinguished the fire with the help of local farmers. The eastbound lanes of Hwy. 1 were closed during these efforts.

No one was injured in the fire. The baler was destroyed.

Three vehicle collision on Hwy. 16 east of Maymont

On July 26 at approximately 2 p.m., Warman RCMP responded to the report of a red car on Hwy. 16 three kilometres east of Maymont driving the wrong way through a construction zone at a high

rate of speed, weaving in and out of traffic and almost hitting highway workers.

Preliminary results of the investigation indicate the red car struck a second red car and sideswiped a third black car before it entered the ditch and rolled. The second red car rolled into the ditch and was severely damaged.

The 21-year-old male driver of the first red car was transported to hospital. No life-threatening injuries were reported to anyone involved in the collision.

Borden Fire Department conducted traffic control and a Saskatchewan RCMP traffic analyst attended.

The highway remained open throughout the investigation. Police investigation is ongoing.

Charges laid after investigation

On July 22 the Saskatoon RCMP Crime Reduction Team stopped a vehicle on Hwy. 16 after investigation indicated that its driver may be involved in drug trafficking.

The vehicle as well as a residence in Wadena were searched. Officers seized 262 grams of methamphetamine, 121 grams of heroin, a sum of currency, a handgun, four prohibited gun magazines, drug trafficking packaging and a cutting agent.

As a result, Brett Holte of Wadena is charged with: two counts, possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; six counts, fail to comply with release order, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code; one count, possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; one count, unsafe storage of firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; three counts, unauthorized possession of a firearm, Section 92(3)(a), Criminal Code; one count, unlicensed possession of a firearm/prohibited weapon, Section 95(2), Criminal Code; and five counts, possess weapon contrary to order, Section 117.01(3), Criminal Code.

The Crime Reduction Team and the Wadena RCMP Detachment continue to investigate.

Train derailment in Cabri

On July 27 at approximately 3:30 p.m., Swift Current Rural RCMP responded to a train derailment in Cabri.

Officers responded to the derailment, which involved six cars leaving the track. Hwy. 32 was closed during the initial response to the derailment. Officers assisted in traffic direction and ensured that no one

was injured and that no imminent safety issues were present.

This concludes the Swift Current Rural RCMP's involvement in the matter. The incident has been reported to the Transportation Safety Board who is currently assessing the incident.

RCMP respond to pair of fatal collisions

On Friday, July 30 at approximately 4 p.m., White Butte RCMP responded to a report of a fatal single vehicle collision involving a motorcycle on Hwy. 1 at the overpass just west of Regina.

A passerby had attempted life-saving measures on the driver and sole occupant of the motorcycle, a 40-year-old male, but their efforts were unfortunately unsuccessful. The driver passed away at the scene when paramedics arrived.

Initial investigation indicated that the motorcycle left the roadway, entered the west ditch and rolled.

The overpass was blocked to traffic for several hours as an RCMP Traffic Analyst and the Saskatchewan Coroners Service investigated and the scene was cleared.

In another incident at approximately the same time on Friday evening, Canora RCMP responded to a fatal single vehicle collision on a grid road just off of Hwy. 9 near Endeavour.

Witnesses observed the vehicle in the ditch with smoke coming from it. The 60-year-old male driver and sole occupant of the vehicle was removed and CPR was attempted until paramedics arrived.

Unfortunately, the driver passed away at the scene.

An RCMP Collision Reconstructionist attended. Their preliminary investigation determined the vehicle left the grid road and entered a culvert.

The grid road was closed for some time, but traffic on Hwy. 9 was not impacted. The Saskatchewan Coroners Service also attended the scene.

The investigations into both collisions continue.



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Conditions remain dry as harvest begins in Sask.

■ media releases

Throughout the Prairies, B.C. and western Ontario, producers have been doing their best to navigate through substantial heat and extremely dry conditions this year. As harvest is underway in parts of Saskatchewan, there have been calls from organizations like the National Farmers Union (NFU) and the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) for support from both the provincial and federal governments.

NFU seeks support

Across B.C., the Prairies, and western Ontario, intense heat and lack of rain are withering crops, pastures, livestock feed, orchards, and vegetable fields and drying up water supplies. The results are devastating. According to the National Farmers Union, more than three-quarters of Canadian farmland has been impacted by drought.

Arzeena Hamir and her husband farm in the Comox Valley on Vancouver Island, B.C. Their farm grows 40 types of organic fruits and vegetables. Drought and heat have drained their water supplies and damaged their crops. Hamir described the impacts: “We depend heavily on our water supply to grow our vegetables and fruit. The heat wave required us to double our irrigation, and yet we still lost a crop of salad greens and our early berries. The berries literally cooked on the plants and there was nothing we could do to stop it. As a farmer, that was the hardest part to handle: not being able to control what was happening in terms of the temperature and seeing so much food go to waste.”

Glenn Wright and his family farm near Delisle, Sask. They grow wheat and other cereals, canola, lentils, and forage crops for neighbours’ livestock. Wright described the effects of drought and heat: “This year began with low soil-moisture reserves, but the problem was exacerbated by the extreme heat. We’ve had less than 50 mm, or two inches, of rain since Apr. 1 and the hot weather and drought have devastated our crops. Our forage yield is 40 percent of normal, and a third of our oat crop withered and died in the record-breaking heat. And with everything so dry, I worry about grass fires or even

crop fires roaring across the countryside.”

Neil Peacock and his family raise Pinzgauer cattle on their ranch near Tee Pee Creek, in the Peace River region of Alberta. Peacock described his situation: “Livestock farmers as well as grain farmers are facing unprecedented financial hardships due to record temperatures and lack of rain. Pastures are burnt brown and hay fields are producing a fraction of their normal yields of cattle feed. On top of that, we now have a grasshopper infestation. Without pasture, feed, or, in some cases, water, farmers are being forced to sell livestock into markets paying rock-bottom prices. It’s a disaster.”

Huge and mounting losses for farmers mean that immediate federal and provincial support is urgently needed. Wright said, “We want rapid, continuing, long-term action to reduce fossil fuel use, GHG emissions, climate impacts, and the severity and frequency of future droughts. If we don’t act much faster to reduce GHG emissions in Canada and around the world, these kinds of punishing droughts will become more frequent and intense.”

Hamir added, “The planet has warmed by just over one degree Celsius, and things are already very bad. Going to 1.5 degrees will make things worse. And if we don’t slash emissions, we’ll go far past 1.5 degrees of warming and hit two or three degrees, with catastrophic consequences for agriculture in Canada. We must respond rapidly to this drought, but equally important we must spur emission-reductions to lessen the frequency and severity of future ones.”

Peacock concluded and said, “A neighbour told me when you realize you’re digging yourself into a bad hole, stop digging.”


We need to stop producing the greenhouse gas emissions that will trigger ever more intense heat and drought in the future.”

SSGA taking action

Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) is taking action to support livestock producers after releasing the contents of a drought-survival proposal submitted to the provincial and federal governments in late July.


In a media release July 28, SSGA President Kelcy Elford said, “We greatly appreciate the measures Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada have implemented - especially, the triggering of AgriRecovery assessments. However, there is no end in sight

(see page nine: **DROUGHT**)



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Letter to the editor

Aug. 3, 2021
Dear Editor,

On July 21, I suddenly learned that Conservative Party of Canada (CPC) officials in Ottawa had made the mysterious decision to halt my nomination campaign in the federal riding of Moose Jaw-Lake Centre-Lanigan. Their decision, coming within two weeks of the Nomination Day speeches and voting, left me disappointed but not surprised as I had declared myself a moderate from my opening press release of June 8. They claimed that I had not completed the 57 page application accurately.

Surely a document sent to them on June 24 by email, fax and legally notarized hard copy (sent by registered courier) was sufficient time for their officials to have pointed out any mistakes in light of my weekly inquiries as to the status of the same. No, these same officials were content to allow my spirited 1925 Ford Model “T” campaign to Manitou Beach, Moose Jaw, Outlook, Lumsden, Strasbourg, Nokomis and Watrous, to roll along for much-needed good publicity for the federal Conservative brand. Only after I had spent thousands of dollars on advertising and transportation, not to mention hundreds of hours by dedicated volunteers did the powers that be decide that my nomination candidacy was out on a technicality. My campaign was attempting to move the Conservative Party towards the centre where most of our younger generations across Canada are now standing. It now appears that the old guard of the CPC will stand on principal even as the rest of Canada moves forward into the future. It appears that Mr. Trudeau and the Liberal Party may be headed towards a majority in the next federal election. If many Canadians are now quite cynical about our democracy these days perhaps they have been proved right. By arbitrarily shutting down a moderate CPC member, campaigning in a 1925 Ford Model “T” to evidence a century of positive change while spreading joy to Canadian families emerging from the COVID pandemic, then perhaps the Conservative Party of Canada should finally decide to enter the 21st century.

Respectfully submitted,
Clark Dan (C.D.) Puckett
Davidson, Sask. 306-320-1567

uncomplIcATed - If time had a battery
I'd be the first to take the darn thing out!



■ by Arlene Martin

Tick, tick, tick. That was the sound of the clock near my bed side. I was awake because of the intense deep gnawing pain in my right shoulder. Arthritis is a thief in the night and a killjoy by day. I raised my arm high over my shoulder and rested it over my pillow. Relief was brief but welcome. Meanwhile the clock ruthlessly reminded me it was 3:12 am: tick, tick. I'd never really thought about it but that night I listened to time dissipating in hasty pursuit of that place called tomorrow. Darkness often makes tomorrow scary because human nature is wary of and worried about the ‘what if’s and uncertainties’ within a brand new uncharted day. Depending on circumstances tomorrows are known for harbouring the depth of one’s weaknesses and strengths. Robert Burns, 1785, penned it well, “The best laid schemes of mice and men go often askew. And leave us nothing but grief and pain.” Brides worry that rain may spoil their big day, a planned vacation might be cancelled because of illness, the car might have engine trouble or a flat tire, the medical appointment might bring devastating news, maybe a tornado is lurking in tomorrow. And the ticking resumes.

Listening in the darkness to the sound of time I wished it would just stop. I wanted to be enfolded in the nothingness and unconsciousness of sleep. By the time you are reading this, our fourteen year old gentle cat, Benny,

will be buried with the others in our backyard. Fluid surrounds his lung and heart. His breathing is noisy, laboured and painful. Dr. Kim did everything to prolong the inevitable but our boy Benny has run out of tomorrows. Tick, tick, tick.

I’ve always maintained it takes courage to offer home and love to a pet. Yet silly humans all over this beautiful blue planet do it over and over knowing a tomorrow will come when goodbyes are tearfully, heart-wrenchingly sobbed into fur.

Hubby and yours truly recently and quietly celebrated anniversary number 52. That’s a big number. A number so many marriages don’t reach and it tells us we are very lucky, we are blessed. Some mornings when south-paw is sleeping later than usual I check to see if he is still breathing.

I’ve said it often because sometimes I am lacklustre and ignore the ticking of time. Though moments lag and dawdle during the nights of painful migraine or arthritis, still it’s so true - the biggest lie I often tell myself is that I have lots of time.

Inside each tick of that clock, knowing tomorrow is Benny’s last, a tear falls from my soul. I think of other hearts, human and fur-covered that also ran out of tomorrows. Then it comes to me, something I wrote a very long time ago, in part:

“ . . I don’t know what tomorrow will bring, it may carry whip, it might leave a sting,

But often in my pondering I’ve felt the brush of angel wing.”

Eventually I nod off because I know with all certainty that I am never alone in any new day. My heart hears the whisper of wings. Tomorrows always arrive with caring and loving angels - human and heavenly.

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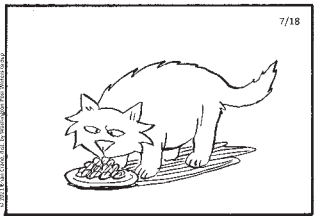
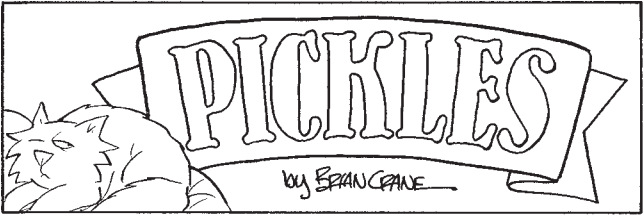
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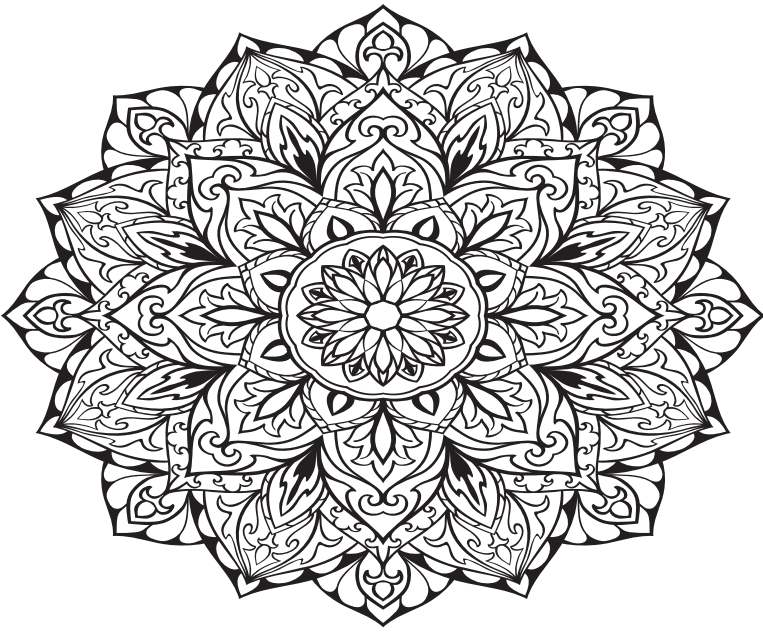
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- It takes two to ____
- Track down
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- Fleecy one
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DOWN

- Garden produce
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- Bat wood
- Elected
- Sound quality
- Swiftness
- Strike lightly
- Vinegar's mate
- Intrude
- ____ and crossbones
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**FOR ANSWERS
TO SUDOKU AND
CROSSWORD,
SEE PAGE 9**

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

Pancake Mix

I love the convenience of pancake mix, but many call for you to work the shortening into the mix before storing it. I use this one and simply add the fats when I make the pancakes.

Mix:

- 4 cups flour
- 3 tbsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 3 tbsp. sugar

Mix together and store in your cupboard.

To make pancakes:

- 1 cup mix
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tbsp. oil

Directions:

Mix well and cook on hot pan. I usually oil the pan the first time around, then depending if you are using a non-stick pan, you can often oil only every second batch of pancakes.



The Jansen & District Kinette Club donated \$500 to the Wynyard CARRES Facility to help with projects such as an outdoor gazebo and a swimming pool ramp. Presenting the donation on behalf of the Jansen & District Kinette Club was member Karrie Jones from Wynyard (pictured). - photo courtesy Jansen & District Kinette Club



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Studio Trail artists report a successful weekend



- photos submitted

■ submitted by Frank Wilson
Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail

Members of the Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail met at the Dave and Loa Titman residence following the conclusion of their weekend of exhibitions on July 10th

and 11th. They reported their satisfaction with the results of their talented two day show and discussed operational strategies for future trail events.

The post trail gathering was in keeping with previous years' traditional potluck dinners at various members homes. Each member present itemized the numbers and comments by the visiting public and the extent of sales as a result of the members' work. Those present stated they were very pleased with the public reaction to the Studio Trail exhibitions which they attributed to the extent of advertising and word of mouth contacts the trail had extended.

Nonetheless, discussion remained centred on what could be done to improve upon advertising efforts and, within the trail's organization, the possibilities of relief for its executive who have been "in the harness" for a number of years. In spite of the fact the 2020 trail had to be cancelled due to COVID considerations, the trail participants were proud to observe this years' effort was billed as the 14th year of its displays by artists throughout the district.

As always at these gatherings there was some valuable ideas put forth along with considerable goodies from the barbecue and much enjoyable visiting among those in attendance.



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- Desiree Bouvier,
Chief Administrative Officer,
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Viscount

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Pictured top left (left to right): Compound Fixed Pins Men - Willem Bothma - bronze, Compound Unlimited Cadet Women - Tynell Mack - bronze, Known 50 Senior Men - Dylan Yaworski - 13th, Compound Unlimited Cadet Men - Carl Bothma - gold, Known 50 Senior Men - Wayne Yaworski - ninth, and Hunter Women - Joni Mack - silver. Pictured bottom left (left to right): Known 50 Senior Men - Wayne Yaworski - ninth, Known 50 Senior Men - Kenny Nienaber - fifth, and Known 50 Senior Men - Dylan Yaworski - 13th. - photos submitted by Sandra Reid

The 2021 Sask Archery Association 3D Provincials were hosted by Wascana Archers July 17 and 18. Results for Viscount Archery Club members:

Top picture (left to right): Compound Fixed Pins Men - Willem Bothma - bronze, Compound Unlimited Cadet Women - Tynell Mack - bronze, Known 50 Senior Men - Dylan Yaworski - 13th, Compound Unlimited Cadet Men - Carl Bothma - gold, Known 50 Senior Men - Wayne Yaworski - 9th, and Hunter Women - Joni Mack - silver.

Pictured above (left to right): Known 50 Senior Men - Wayne Yaworski - 9th, Known 50 Senior Men - Kenny Nienaber - 5th, and Known 50 Senior Men - Dylan Yaworski - 13th. Congratulations to all.

Wow, here we are into August already. Where has the summer gone? I did spend some time watching a few Christmas movies in July. It was awesome to be able to do that. I, like everyone else, would love to see some rain, and also cooler temperatures, like in the mid-20s. I also was able to take in the Plunkett town garage sales. I visited with a lot of people that I had not seen in awhile.

H.P. Bayne is the pen name of veteran Saskatchewan crime reporter Heather Polischuk. Originally from Meacham/Peterson area, she started her career at the Prince Albert Daily Herald, then spent approximately a year overseas before starting her current job as court and crime reporter for the Regina Leader-Post in 2005.

The Braddock & Gray Case Files, a paranormal mys-

tery/suspense series penned by Saskatchewan author H.P. Bayne is growing. The sixth book in the series, entitled The Hanged Man, was officially released July 31 in both ebook and paperback format. The book takes place in a former prison being haunted by a violent spirit or perhaps more than one. The haunting also attracted the attention of a ghost-hunting TV crew, providing another unwanted challenge for brothers Sully and Dez to contend with.

For those unfamiliar with the series, The Braddock & Gray Case Files series follows the seven-book Sullivan Gray Series. The books feature foster brothers Sullivan Gray and Dez Braddock who, thanks to

Sully's ability to see the ghosts of homicide victims, are not your average private investigators. The highly-rated series has been a bestseller in Australia and is available in Kindle Unlimited, where it has been racking up more than one million page reads per month. The books are available in Amazon stores worldwide and the seven in The Sullivan Gray Series are also available through McNally Robinson in Saskatoon.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week, stay safe and enjoy the outdoors if it is possible. Thank you to all who helped make this week's Viscount news possible.



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Louise Shannon

I hope everyone had a nice long weekend and caught lots of fish. Thank you Ryan for the fish. It was delicious. People have been sharing their vegetables. I got some because my garden is half dried up.

Congratulations to Melissa and Mathew Brooks on the birth of Josephine Ruth Brooks. She was in the hospital for a while but is home now.

Darlene Rucks attended the marriage of

granddaughter Kirsie Rucks to Shane Myshaniuk July 31 in Airdrie, Alta. The young couple will make their home in Calgary.

Get well greetings to Erna Weiss and Lorraine Blancher. Lorraine will be in the hospital in Humboldt for two more weeks.

Happy belated birthday to Landon Schindel and Brian Leffler. Happy birthday to Barry Krause, Jarett Crowe and Leonard Crowe.

Plunkett

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Several folks were away fishing on the long weekend. I heard that most of them caught their limit.

Plunkett folks send their deepest sympathy to the Shoemaker family on the passing of Judy Shoemaker at the age of 66 years.

Plunkett folks also send their deepest sympathy to Barb Dale and family on the passing of her brother.

Visiting us were Dean and Rosanne Mattson of Kelowna, B.C., Linda and Trevor McDonald of Saskatoon and Ken Wilson who was on his way to work. My family brought us beautiful hanging baskets. We are watering them faithfully. We only wish we could get some rain.

I must say that a lady friend, Inez Rosenberger from Lanigan, crocheted us a good lot of beautiful squares for the blankets that we are working on for Saskatoon Interval House. We sure appreciated that.

Several folks sure enjoyed the Calgary rodeo. We enjoyed watching the little folks who rode the young sheep. It sure was cute to see them. It seemed like there was not

much to hang on to.

George Seabrooke of Archerwill was here visiting his sister Jean Seabrooke for a while and helping her out.

Dave and Lyla Muench were away visiting their family at Kitscoty, Alta.

Recently visiting Roger and Isabelle Langston of Watrous were their daughter and son-in-law Marilyn and Alan Gordey from Sexsmith, Alta. Also visiting were Patty and Kelly Dale of Warman and their son Justin and his friend Danielle Spence of Saskatoon.

Roger and Isabelle Langston are proud to announce the arrivals of two great grandsons. Born to Kerwynn, daughter of Marilyn and Alan Gordey, and Ben Prinzing of Portland, Oregon was Roman Jacob on Mar. 21 and born June 13 to Talia, daughter of Patty and Kelly Dale, and Zak Gast of Sarnia, Ont. was baby Emmett Alan Gast.

Get well wishes go out to anyone ill. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Anyone having any news, please phone me at 306-944-4852. Thank you.

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OBITUARY



**BLACKPORT,
(Reykdal)
Gudrun Kristbjorg**

Gudrun was born on March 7, 1928 on her parent’s farm, three and a half miles east of Dafoe and grew up there. Her parents were Jonina Kristjana (Gislason) and Jon Asgrimur Reykdal. She went to Mimer and then Dafoe School until completion of Grade 10 when her mother, a widow since age 39, sub rented a house in Wynyard to send Gudrun and her sister Bina there to complete Grade 12. It was their mother’s desire that her daughters would be educated and independent as she herself had been widowed early in life. The Reykdal family often entertained themselves by singing and accompanying themselves on the piano and other instruments they had accomplished. The family became involved in playing for dances. While living in Wynyard, Gudrun and Bina played with the Elfros Orchestra, sang in the church choir and at local showers and programs together. After completing a summer at Normal School, Gudrun took a teaching position at Howat School, near Lockwood, attended University of Saskatchewan 1950–’51, then returned to teach that autumn. Gudrun and William Henry Blackport (always known as Bill) were married July 17, 1951. By 1954, they had settled their personally built house two miles south of Lockwood and five miles east where they farmed until 1972, then moved to Lanigan in 1976. Together Gudrun and Bill travelled to most provinces and territories of Canada, and into the United States including a Square Dancing Convention/Jamboree in Hawaii. Round danc-

ing, social dancing, and playing cards were also enjoyed with friends and neighbours. Gudrun spent time teaching piano and voice lessons while on the farm and also in Lanigan. Executive positions were held at the local and provincial levels of Prairie Rose Homemakers Club and Women’s Institute. After 1986, she relished her “snowbird” winters to Mesa, Arizona for the next 22 years, again participating in musical groups and programs. Included in her hobbies were reading, curling, crocheting, knitting, sewing and eventually quilting.

Gudrun is survived by her two children and their spouses: son Douglas Blackport (Lois Davidson): Kate Blackport (Lee Vermeulen); daughter Maureen Bartel (Lorne): Kelsey (Cory) Shiloff, Alexis, Klay and Colton, Brett (Karly) Bartel, Nash and Callie, Jolene (Ryan) Dieno, Emma, Lauren and Levi, W. Bryce (Rachel) Bartel, Lincoln, Merit and Nora, and Rebecca (Carter) Lamont, Slade and Anders. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Katherine Blackport, brother-in-law Richard Blackport, nieces Beverley Keyser and family, Marjorie Keyser and Patricia Keyser, sister-in-law Opal Reykdal and the families of Allen Limin and Brenda Christianson as well as Charlene Brown and Lori Fogg.

Gudrun was predeceased by her father (1935), her mother (1968), her husband of 34 years, Bill (1986), her siblings: Egill, Bjorn, Gisli Reykdal, Bina Keyser and brother-in-law George Keyser and her brothers-and-sisters-in-law: Ralph, John and Edna Blackport, niece Brenda Christianson (2021) and Edna’s son Jim McKenzie.

Gudrun passed away on July 12, 2021. As per Gudrun’s wishes, a family graveside service will be held.

Memorial donations in Gudrun’s memory may be made to the Kandahar Cemetery (Box 177, Wynyard, Sask. S0A 4T0).

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Malinoski & Danyliuk Funeral Home & Crematorium, Humboldt (306-682-1622).

from the U of C he was employed with Petroleum Information Canada in Calgary as a scout and new ventures analyst. The office was not a place for him and after a few years working in downtown Calgary he went back to the field as MWD (Measurement While Drilling) Technician working for Phoenix Technology Services, first as an employee, then later as a consultant, and back as an employee in 2007 when his health prevented him from going to field. His career with Phoenix allowed him to see many parts of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. He was happiest when he was in the outdoors and could enjoy nature.

His diabetes continued to get worse over the past number of years and he was now at a point in life where he was enduring hemodialysis for his failing kidneys. He was tied to his home for the most part but still tried to be out in nature. He spent many years going to the McLean Creek area southwest of Calgary, first going to mountain bike and cross-country ski and then in his later years to cut up fallen dead wood to burn in the fireplace. It is fitting and comforting to know that his life ended in his place of recreation and solitude, doing something to change the all too familiar process of dialysis and doctor appointments. He was out to harvest some more fallen trees for the fireplace when his heart gave out.

Dennis is survived by his brother Tim Friesen and his nephew Devin Friesen, both of Calgary, Alta., as well as aunts, uncles, many cousins and friends.

Dennis was predeceased by father John Friesen and mother Ruth (nee Schroeder) Friesen.

A Celebration of Dennis’s Life was held at McINNIS & HOLLOWAY (Fish Creek Hospitality Centre, 14441 Bannister Road SE, Calgary, Alta.) on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Condolences, memories and photos may be shared and viewed on Dennis’s obituary at www.McInnisandHolloway.com.

If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to Diabetes Canada, 220, 6223 – 2nd Street S.E., Calgary, Alta. T2H 1J5 Telephone: 403-266-0620, ext. 1112, www.diabetes.ca or the Kidney Foundation of Canada, 6007 – 1A Street S.W., Calgary, Alta. T2H 0G5 Telephone: 403-255-6108, www.kidney.ca.

Thank you to friends and neighbours who put on Facebook and Instagram requests to help find him, the two ladies who spotted his vehicle and took the time to report what they had seen, the Calgary Police Service, RCMP and those who conducted the search for my missing brother.

In living memory of Dennis Friesen, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McINNIS & HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES, Fish Creek, 14441 Bannister Road SE, Calgary, Alta. T2X 3J3, Telephone: 403-256-9575.



**GOSSEN,
Joyce Marie**

Joyce Marie Gossen passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 26, in Hope, B.C. She was 71 years old.

Joyce was born in Saskatoon, SK, on March 6, 1950. She graduated from Lanigan High School and Bethany Bible College.

She will be remembered by her husband Rick, sons Jeff (Yasuyo) Gossen, Allan (Kristin) Gossen, grandchildren Karina (13), Tegan (3), and Emmett (19 months), brothers Wayne (Jan) Dick, and Rod (Holly) Dick, brother-in-law Gary Gossen, sister-in-law Lois Litz, eight nieces and nephews, and many friends worldwide.

She was predeceased by her parents, Walter and Edna Dick.

Joyce and Rick were involved in a Christian ministry for many years, working with students in Calgary, Edmonton, and Nairobi, Kenya. Later they moved to B.C.’s Lower Mainland, where they provided training and coaching to the ministry’s staff. Joyce loved community involvement, serving in the school PAC, volunteering with the Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association and the Fort Langley Museum, and singing in the Langley Community Choir. Through her involvement, she made many enduring friendships. Joyce was known as a woman of grace, joy, faithfulness and a deep faith. She formed deep personal relationships, and her unique gift of listening and encouraging opened many opportunities to offer care. She had a special love for her grandchildren, and in recent years she spent many meaningful hours with them, in person and through video chats.

A Celebration of Life was held on Wednesday, July 7 at 3 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church in Hope, B.C.

THANK YOU

I want to send a great big thank you to all who came to my 90th birthday, it was great to see everyone. Some from Saskatoon, Regina, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg and Cold Lake. Thanks to Rosemary, Laurie, Michelle, Faith and Carol, they did all the work and planning. I can’t thank them enough. You did a great job. I also want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, flowers and gifts. Bless you all.
- Hope Skorlatowski

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for these extreme conditions. We need additional, immediate action to be taken, including an announcement of AgriRecovery programming to ensure that livestock producers are able to make critical, time-sensitive business decisions. We have been closely reviewing existing policy and programs that can be adapted. We have confidence in our government. They listen to understand our problems and welcome actionable solutions.”

“We are encouraging both levels of government to work with grain companies to remove any barriers that are preventing the salvage of feed from forward-contracted crops. We are also recommending that our governments collaborate with the shortline and national railway companies to find affordable transportation for relocating feed, feed grains and by-products to deficit areas in the province. Canada’s livestock and grain sectors are integrated. We’ve always worked shoulder to shoulder. With mutual endurance in mind, we’re calling on grain farmers to make below-average crops and straw available for feed.”

SSGA called for additional measures under the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation, and with Financial Management and Cash Flow to help producers manage through the current disaster while providing opportunities for recovery. “With the extreme drought conditions present across the province, we are calling on the federal government to expand the Livestock Tax Deferral Program (recently) announced to a five-year program to include all classes of cattle and regions of Saskatchewan.”

SSGA looks forward to working with both levels of government to come up with a long-term business risk management strategy for the livestock industry, including options for production insurance.

Governments announce support

With calls to the government for help, on July 22, the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, announced measures the Government of Canada is taking to deliver support and resources for many producers in areas affected by extreme weather.

Bibeau announced the early designation of the Livestock Tax Deferral provision for prescribed drought regions of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. This will allow beef producers who are forced to sell a significant amount of their breeding herd due to drought conditions to offset the resulting revenues with the costs to replace the herd. The Government of Canada will work closely with provincial governments and stakeholders to continue adding other regions throughout the year as additional information is collected.

In addition, Bibeau announced federal support to all Prairie provinces for immediate bilateral adjustments to the cost-shared AgriInsurance program to make drought-damaged crops available for feed. These measures will increase the amount of crops available for livestock producers in this time of need.

AgriRecovery assessments are underway with Manitoba and the other provinces impacted by the drought, including Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The Government of Canada will collaborate with provincial governments to gather all the necessary information as fast as possible to evaluate the extraordinary costs faced by producers and provide joint support as required. This could include direct assistance to producers for the added cost of livestock feed, transportation and water infrastructure.

Meanwhile, on Aug. 4, the federal and provincial governments agreed to increase the 2021 AgriStability interim benefit payment percentage from 50 percent to 75 percent for Saskatchewan producers.

“My heart goes out to those farmers and ranchers feeling

the impacts of the drought. We are working closely with provinces to get farm families the support they need as soon as possible. By unlocking more AgriStability funds through interim payments, we can get more cash in hand for farmers who are making tough decisions in a difficult situation and I urge other provinces to request the same if needed,” Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau said. “We will continue to support farm families to get them through the challenges we face today, and position them for a sustainable future, since we know climate change will continue to pose challenges.”

“We are closely monitoring and responding to the challenges facing Saskatchewan producers due to the extreme drought conditions this growing season. That is why we are taking another step today to provide our producers with additional support,” Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit said. “This increase allows producers to access a larger portion of their final AgriStability benefit early. The AgriStability interim benefit can help producers with cash flow needs and provide them with additional flexibility to deal with the dry conditions.”

The interim benefit provides the opportunity for producers who are enrolled in AgriStability to access a portion of their benefit early, to help support losses and cover costs. With this increase, Saskatchewan producers can apply for an interim benefit to receive 75 percent of their estimated final 2021 benefit, before completing their program year.

The interim benefit is calculated based on the estimated margin decline or loss for the year compared to the farming operation’s reference margin. The decline must be at least 30 percent below the reference margin to access a payment. If a producer receives an interim benefit payment, they must still file all final program year forms and meet program requirements by the assigned deadlines.

Also, in response to the feed shortage this year, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation is doubling the Low Yield Appraisal threshold values for customers who salvage their cereal or pulse crops as feed, without negatively impacting future individual coverage. Customers are asked to contact their local SCIC office before they graze, bale or silage any damaged crops to discuss their options. Additionally, the Government of Saskatchewan is making changes to temporarily increase the maximum funding a livestock producer can receive from the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP) for dugouts, wells and pipelines for agricultural use. This change will be in effect for the Apr. 1, 2021 to Mar. 31, 2022, time period. The maximum rebate for livestock producers during this time period will increase from \$50,000 to \$150,000. The first \$50,000 will be

based on a 50-50 cost-share and the remaining \$100,000 will be on a 70-30 government-producer cost-share. Producers can contact the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 for more information.

Supports offered through The Do More Ag Foundation

During a crisis such as this, farmers facing the stress and uncertainty of providing for their families may suffer serious mental health impacts. Those needing help are encouraged to reach out for support, and can contact The Do More Ag Foundation, a not-for-profit organization focusing on mental health in agriculture across Canada.

Saskatchewan Agriculture’s weekly Crop Report - July 27 to Aug. 2

Harvest operations have begun throughout the province and three percent of the crop is now combined, well ahead of the five-year average of less than one percent harvested for this time of year. Another three percent of the crop in the province is ready to straight combine and that number will quickly rise as crops are rapidly drying down from the heat.

There was minimal rainfall throughout the province with many areas receiving none. The Macklin area received the most rainfall with 18 mm. The Marquis area received 16 mm, the Cabri area 14 mm and the Allan area 11 mm. This rain will do little for the crop this year, but will help the soil moisture going into the fall and hopefully carry over to next year. A large portion of the province has not received a significant rainfall since the beginning of June.

Minimal rain and hot temperatures have resulted in a reduction in provincial topsoil moisture. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as three percent adequate, 31 percent short and 66 percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as two percent adequate, 25 percent short and 73 percent very short.

Hot, dry conditions have resulted in reduced pasture growth in many areas. Provincially, pasture conditions are rated as 19 percent fair, 35 percent poor and 46 percent very poor.

The majority of crop damage was due to heat, drought stress and wind. Some areas of the province saw some hail storms that varied in intensity and duration, with some minor damage occurring. Grasshoppers are still an issue in many parts of the province but most producers are unable to deal with them now that harvest has started. They hope to get the crop off before too much more damage is done.

Due to the extremely dry conditions of fields and harvested plant material, producers are being extra vigilant for any signs of combine fires or field fires that may be created during their harvest activities.

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