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Pirates clash with Canucks as both clubs aim for wins in LLHL action

■ **Daniel Bushman**

With the Drake Canucks and Lanigan Pirates both seeking a big victory to help kick start their respective 2022-23 Long Lake Hockey League seasons, the pair squared off in Lanigan Nov. 26 before Lanigan met Watrous and Drake faced Wynyard.

Following a 4-2 defeat against Davidson Nov. 23 and losing 11-2 in Foam Lake Nov. 25, the Lanigan Pirates were hoping to find the win column against Drake who was just coming off a 7-2 loss in Wynyard Nov. 25.

In the opening frame Nov. 26, Lanigan netminder Mack Shields and Drake goalie Mason Briske held shooters at bay until 7:35 remaining when Ethan Gray would beat Briske to make it 1-0 for the home team. With the assist going to Dayden Dvernichuk, Lanigan led until close to the 18 minute mark before Drake replied courtesy of a Nolan Blair goal to tie the game at one.

Heading into the second frame, both clubs took aim at nabbing the lead. As was the case in the first period, Lanigan tallied first, this time from Mitch Girolami with 10:52 to go. That would

be it for scoring in period two as the Pirates held a 2-1 advantage going into the third.

In the final frame, it did not take long for the Canucks to respond as Maguire Blair tied the contest with 18:21 remaining as Dexter Gusikoski and Maguire Scheidt added the helpers. With the game tied at two, the back and forth continued on the scoreboard as Lanigan retook the lead with 15:52 to play. Following the Nick Shumlanski tally, the visitors continued to press to try and tie the game and just over three minutes later, Cam Blair made it 3-3 shorthanded. Looking to reverse the scoring trend, Drake was next to hit the back of the net, taking its first lead of the game with 7:33 to play. With Terrel Draude giving the Canuks a 4-3 advantage late in the period, Drake looked to preserve its lead but Lanigan had other ideas. With time ticking off the clock, Lanigan's Brynn (see back page: **PIRATES**)



On the road

Following its home game against the Drake Canucks, the Lanigan Pirates headed to Watrous to face the Winterhawks (pictured). While the team fell behind after 20 minutes of play, Lanigan responded in a big way in the middle frame and took a 7-4 advantage into the third. The Pirates continued to press and after 60 minutes, collected a 9-5 victory. Josh Bly led the way for Lanigan with three markers.

- photos by Daniel Bushman



Drake Winterfest packed with full slate of fun

■ Daniel Bushman

With snow flying last week and the calendar flipping over to December, residents of Drake have been counting down the days to one of the community's largest events of the year.

Spanning three days (Dec. 16 to 18), a plethora of activities have been planned as part of the 2022 Drake Winterfest.

Graciously taking some time out of her busy schedule, Drake Winterfest Chairperson Erin Richard shared a bit about this year's event, why people from Drake and the surrounding areas should come check it out and the importance of it

to the community.

Are you looking forward to this year's Drake Winterfest?

We are looking forward to expanding our event from a two day celebration to a full weekend (three day event). We are excited to gather and share in all the great organizations that make our community great. The new events this year of holiday-themed fireworks, the hockey shootout and the pie auction on Friday night will be great additions to the weekend.

We are also excited to have a family-focused Sunday with many organizations joining us to provide activities for all.

Is there something for everyone to enjoy over the weekend?

weekend?

Whether you are two years old or 80 years old there is something for everyone over the weekend. From community meals and entertainment to enjoying watching local youth and adults engage in sports. We believe that we have offered opportunities for everyone to participate and enjoy the weekend.

Does Drake Winterfest benefit the entire community?

We were very fortunate to have some amazing sponsors this year to support our events. This is resulting in any funds raised being directly invested back into the Drake community to

support recreation, culture, and sports activities. The Winterfest weekend is an opportunity for local organizations to showcase what they have to offer to the community.

Our goal is to reinvest in the community to make it prosperous and continue to grow Winterfest into a staple event that people can look forward to every year.

We are also running a food and winter gear drive at the Sportsplex for the month of December for the local food bank.

How great has the support been from the community for this event?

The amount of people who have stepped up and

volunteered for this event has been tremendous. We are blown away by the support our small committee has received.

Why should people come to check it out?

Here are the top 10 reasons to come check out Drake Winterfest weekend:

10) The weekend is going to kick off with a big bang with holiday-themed fireworks Friday night.

9) Be amazed by the performance of "Super Ron" on Sunday during our family day activities including a Santa and Friends skate and sleigh rides.

8) Support local organizations like the Drake Skating Club and

Last Mountain Bowbenders as they showcase their organizations, and others who participate in the local celebrity shootout.

7) In the evening, enjoy the festively decorated homes in the Light Up Drake Competition.

6) Social while singing festive tunes in a Christmas Carol and Fellowship Sunday morning with the North Star Mennonite and Prairie Life Christian Fellowship churches.

5) Dance the night away with the country band, Detour, who played at Country Thunder in 2022.

4) Yummm . . . Drake is known for their delicious pies. So we figured we would auction them off to help local organizations.

3) Take in some amazing hockey action watching players from U7 to senior display their amazing skills.

2) Enjoy some delicious meals from beef on a bun and a pancake breakfast to a hotdog and marshmallow roast.

1) Being with your family, friends and neighbours is the best way to build community and celebrate the holiday (see page six: **DRAKE**)

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Local area painter looking to make a splash

■ **Daniel Bushman**

With an opportunity to reside in rural Saskatchewan, not only did Stephen Brown and his family decide to call the local area home but since launching his business about a year ago, Brown has been able to brush up on his skills while meeting some new faces.

"Inside Out Painting started when I moved my family to the Watrous and Lanigan area last March,"

shared Brown who first started painting in Edmonton around 2007.

Always wanting to move somewhere more reasonable and affordable, Brown explained he and his wife headed east from Edmonton to Saskatoon in 2018 where he completed a MA in philosophy. Going back to painting while in the Saskatchewan city, Brown had the opportunity to work as a lead painter with a large

company before leaving the city for "the peace and beauty of rural Saskatchewan."

Growing up in rural Alberta, both Stephen and his wife enjoyed the way of life in a rural setting so when they recently made the move to a similar situation in Saskatchewan, he said it felt like coming home. Able to do new homes, those under renovation, interiors and exteriors and residential and commercial, since

relocating near Guernsey, Stephen along with his truck containing the 'Inside Out Painting' logo can be spotted in communities like Watrous, Lanigan, Humboldt and those in between.

"We already love living and working in this area and as our first year winds up we look forward to many more. People can get in touch with me if they like by calling 306-713-1836 or emailing sbrown@insideoutsask.com."



Pictured: Stephen Brown of Inside Out Painting. - photo submitted

RCMP Report

RCMP lay charges after vehicle stopped

At approximately 10 p.m. Nov. 20, Spritwood RCMP officers on patrol stopped a vehicle on Pelican Lake First Nation. Officers determined the driver did not have a licence and he was ticketed. While investigating, officers located a small amount of suspected methamphetamine and crack-cocaine in the vehicle and the occupants were arrested. As a result of continued investigation, Spritwood RCMP executed a search warrant at a residence on Pelican Lake First Nation on Nov. 21. Officers located and seized 87 grams of methamphetamine and trafficking paraphernalia.

As a result, Robbie RabbitSkin, 38; Shalane Whitefish, 37; and Clayton Whitehead, 45, all of Pelican Lake First Nation, are each charged with one count, possession for the purpose of trafficking (methamphetamine), Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. They are scheduled to appear in

court in Spiritwood on Dec. 13, 2022.

Report of shooting in Meadow Lake

At approximately 1:10 a.m. Nov. 24, Meadow Lake RCMP received a report of a shooting on 3rd Street West in Meadow Lake.

Initial investigation has determined an adult male was walking on the street when a black four-door car pulled up to him. An occupant of the car discharged a firearm, then the car drove away. The male was transported to hospital with injuries described as serious. No further description of the vehicle or occupants is available at this time.

(see page six: **RCMP**)

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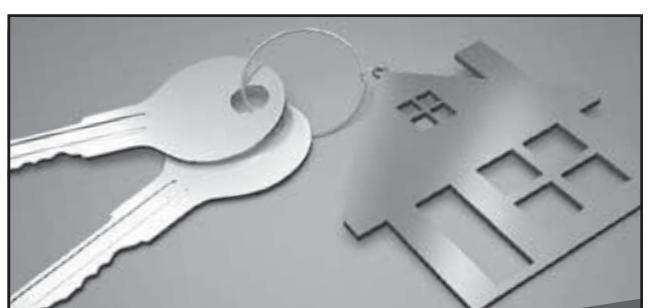
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Jansen

Louise Shannon

The Canadian Agribition was on all week in Regina. We have three or four ranches around Jansen. Maybe some people took animals to Regina.

Condolences to the Gammie and Lynch families on the passing of Barry Gammie.

Christmas decorating is going on along with parties at church and the hall. Our Christmas concert is Dec. 23. There will be entertainment for all to enjoy.

Happy birthday to Devin Block, Jack Robson, Blake Renz, Dale Schroeder and Dean Schroeder.

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Thursday Seniors

Thursday Mixed

Nov. 17

LHS: Vorgeen Wacker, 157
LHT: Lorna Jantz, 405
MHS: Vic Kline, 168
MHT: Vic Kline, 489

LHS: Karen Doidge, 145
LHT: Karen Doidge, 371
MHS: Greg Blyth, 189
MHT: Greg Blyth, 510

Monday Mens

Monday Mens

Nov. 21

Nov. 28

MHS: Dwayne Koshinsky, 235
MHT: Dwayne Koshinsky, 559

MHS: Dwayne Koshinsky, 254
MHT: Dwayne Koshinsky, 597

Wednesday Ladies

Wednesday Ladies

Nov. 23

Nov. 30

LHS: Shanon Bay, 255
LHT: Shanon Bay, 579

LHS: Kathy Jones, 207
LHT: Lisa Benallack, 510

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Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky



Cheese Biscuits

the egg to the recipe even if I use the mix. Otherwise the instructions are as follows for the recipe.

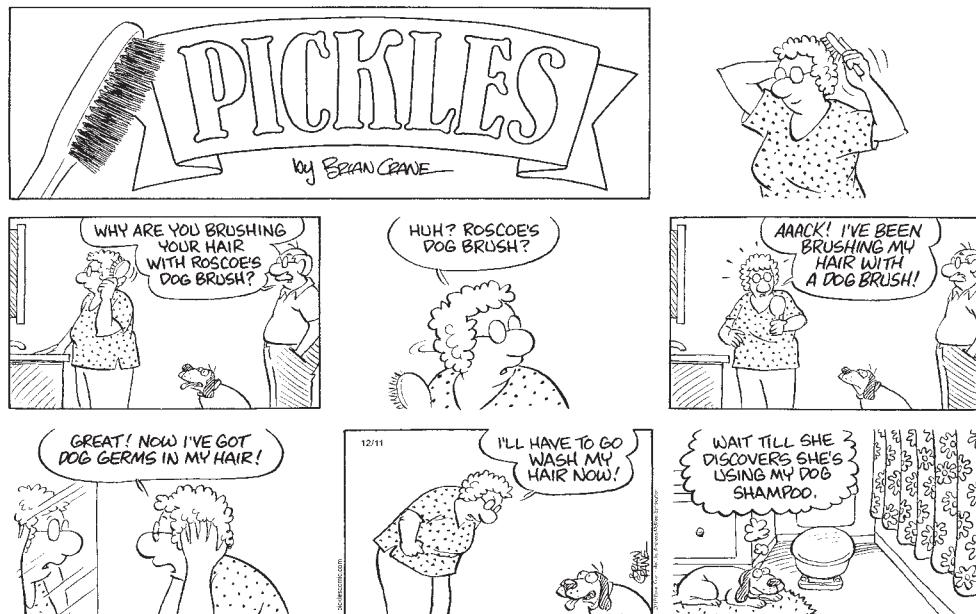
Combine first five ingredients, cut in the butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Mix the egg into the milk, stir this into the crumb mixture just until moistened. Fold in the cheese, mix well. Turn onto lightly floured surface, roll to about 1/2 inch thick. I usually just cut mine into squares with a knife so there is no need to re-roll the scraps and all the biscuits stay tender. Bake at 450°F for eight to 10 minutes. Watch carefully as they go from brown to burnt quickly at this temperature. Best served warm.

Ingredients:
1 1/3 cups flour
3 tsp. baking powder
3 tsp. parsley flakes
1 tsp. chili powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup cold butter
1/2 cup milk
1 egg, beaten
1 1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese

Directions:

Note: you can make this using Bisquick mix if you like. Use the full recipe on the box, mix according to directions, adding the other ingredients on this recipe list except the butter and milk. I usually add

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Edited by Amanda Rafkin December 11, 2022

ACROSS

1 What a dog "shakes" with
4 Jet
7 Facility in Quantico, Va.
13 "Open sesame!" speaker
15 Like a toady
16 Archenemies (note the last 2 letters of this clue's answer ...)
17 Persist (... + the first 6 of this one)
18 Person living abroad, perhaps
19 Bareilles of "Girls5eva"
20 Fur baby
21 "The Phantom of the Opera" suitor
24 "____ just not fair!"
26 Ordinary guy (last 2 letters ...)
29 Place to get hitched (... + first 3)
33 Tax filing mo.
34 Starts to melt
36 Bring joy to
37 Prescribed things, briefly
39 "Batman" installment, e.g.
41 Disneyland transport
42 "Not me!"
44 Arterial implant
46 Director Burton

47 Chaperone (last 4 letters ...)
49 Aww-inspiring? (... + first 3)
51 Part of WWII
52 Put back to 0
53 "when r u arriving?"
56 What's left to cartographers?
58 Tenant's document
62 Habitat for oysters (last 3 letters ...)
64 Israeli city on the Mediterranean (... + first 2)
66 "Yes, ____" ("Darn tootin'")
67 "I'll await your letter!"
68 Light beams
69 Workplaces for surgeons: Abbr.
70 "Head for the hills!"

11 Soothing succulent
12 Like knees when kneeling
14 Grizzlies, e.g.
15 "Me day" destination
19 Bad thing to get off to in a race
22 "Fancy meeting you here!"
23 Amherst sch.
25 Brine ingredient
26 "Hellraiser" actress Clayton
27 Opinion columns
28 Acute care pro
30 Second section
31 Online business
32 "I wanna do it!"
35 Soft shoe material

38 Makeup of a white blanket?
40 Grandson of Eve
43 Fishing vessel
45 Lattice for plants
48 Tire patterns
50 Bothered relentlessly
53 Name that's a fruit backward
54 Sashimi fish
55 Uses the + sign
57 Messy digs
59 State confidently
60 "Shang-Chi" actor Liu
61 Not odd
63 Cost to enter
64 Tandem bike's capacity
65 Screw up

FOR ANSWERS
TO SUDOKU AND
CROSSWORD,
SEE PAGE NINE

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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5	1		9	8							
			2		4	1					
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	9					5					
9	6		8								
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Coffee Break by Julian Lim

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(from page two: **DRAKE**)

season so come down to the Drake Sportsplex.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Winterfest was a response to celebrating everything that is wonderful in our small community and people are invited to get into the festive spirit and enjoy the weekend.

If anyone is interested in supporting the weekend or has any questions they can contact myself (Erin Richard, Winterfest Chairperson) at drakevillagewinterfest@gmail.com.

For those planning to attend, here is what they can enjoy over the three days.

• Drake Skating Club Skater Showcase - taking place Friday evening, this allows the StarSkaters and CanSkaters to showcase their skills for an audience including some programs with StarSkate routines.

• Beef on a bun - The Drake & District Recreation Board's annual fundraiser to support the recreation facilities in the Village of Drake.

• U7 hockey game - our youngest hockey team will be playing against Wynyard.

• Local Celebrity Shootout - new this year, brings awareness

to different organizations to raise funds for their organizations while having some fun. Shooters and goalies range in age and ability.

• Drake's Famous Pie Auction - funds raised from this auction will go to support the new playground to be put in Drake in the spring.

• Holiday Fireworks Display - cap off the night by enjoying the fireworks, new to the Festival this year, courtesy of generous donations from the community.

• Adult socializing will continue in the Sportsplex following the fireworks.

• Pancake Breakfast - a free pancake breakfast will be offered Saturday morning provided by the Village of Drake.

• Minor Hockey Day in Drake - will include four hockey games (U9 vs Watrous, U11 vs Lanigan, U13 vs Davidson, and U15 vs Southey). There will be an amazing raffle table and loonie sticks as well as the draw of the 50/50 ticket, the organization's major fundraiser for the year.

• Last Mountain Bowbenders - will be doing a demonstration in their facility. This is a great opportunity to learn more about

this organization.

• Drake Senior Hockey Game - will take on Watrous Winterhawks Saturday evening.

• Winterfest Cabaret - featuring Detour, they played at Country Thunder in 2022 and promise to be an excellent show. This is a 19+ event. Tickets available in advance or at the door.

• Christmas Carol and Scripture - On Sunday, Drake North Star Church and Prairie Life Christian Fellowship invite you to share in fellowship, coffee, and sharing in the holiday spirit.

• Family Fun Day at the Sportsplex - hotdog roast lunch by donation to the local food bank, skate with Santa and friends, sleigh rides, Super Ron Magic Show, and shinny.

• Local students will be showcasing their skills which will be judged and on display at the Sportsplex during the weekend.

• Light Up Drake - residents of Drake will be competing for cash prizes for the most festive decorated homes.

• Frosty Feet and Warm Hearts Initiative - the community is gathering items such as scarves, mitts, toques and non-perishables to donate to the local food bank. They can be dropped off at the Drake Sportsplex.

(from page three: **RCMP**)**Multiple charges laid after search warrant executed**

La Ronge RCMP's General Investigation Section executed a search warrant Nov. 25 at a residence on Riese Drive in La Ronge. Officers located and seized approximately 2.6 kilograms of suspected MDMA, 222 grams of cocaine, five grams of psilocybin, 275 grams of dried cannabis, 27 cartons of contraband cigarettes, two firearms with ammunition, several knives, a sum of cash and drug trafficking paraphernalia. Two males were arrested at the residence and have been charged as a result of continuing investigation.

David Inglis, 50, of La Ronge is charged with: one count, unauthorized possession of a firearm, Section 91(3), Criminal Code; one count, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88(2); and one count, unsafe storage of a firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code.

La Ronge RCMP and one count, possession, Section 4(1), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, Section 354(1) (a), Criminal Code; one count, unsafe storage of a firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, unauthorized possession of a firearm, Section 91(3), Criminal Code; two counts, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code.

Saskatchewan RCMP Police Dog Services assisted with this investigation.

RCMP called to collision

At approximately 3:40 a.m. Nov. 25, White Butte RCMP received a report of a collision at the intersection of Hwy. 6 and Industrial Drive. Initial investigation determined a vehicle struck a pole. The adult male driver and sole occupant of the vehicle passed away at the scene. He has been identified as a 37-year-old male from Piapot First Nation. His family has been notified. White Butte RCMP continues to investigate with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

Multiple break and enters in Candle Lake

Smeaton RCMP received a report of a break and enter into a seasonal residence in Candle Lake Nov. 26.

On arrival, officers found 13 residences/trailers were broken into in the area. There were no occupants at any of the residences at the time of the investigation. Police spoke with the owners, and are compiling a list of stolen items. The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of the Candle Lake Community Safety Officers.

Smeaton RCMP understand the area is largely seasonal; however, would like to ask people in the area of the Candle Lake Airpark to contact police if they have seen anything suspicious recently.

Anyone with information can contact Smeaton RCMP at 306-426-2630. Information can also be submitted anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.**Collision north of Rose Valley**

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We visited Isabelle Langston in Watrous and send sympathy to her for losing her husband and her brother this year.

While coming back from Humboldt, on the correction line, a moose was going to cross the road in front of the truck

but he changed his mind the last minute, thank goodness.

The ladies are working on putting quilt squares together.

Visiting us were Gary and Linda Whitehead.

Also visiting us were Kenny and Inez of Saskatoon and

Linda.

Ed and Elaine Drachenberg of Humboldt were to Winnipeg to see their granddaughter on her birthday.

Get well to anyone ill and get well soon.

Viscount

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On Saturday, Nov. 26, we had a beautiful day for our craft fair, the weather was awesome for people travelling or just walking over. A few local people came over to the school on Friday and helped set up tables and chairs, then helped again after the event to put the tables and chairs away. Their help was so greatly appreciated! We had 24 rented tables, unfortunately three of them could not make it. They were missed, but the shoppers kept busy with the remaining tables. We did a 50/50 draw and we had some very nice donated articles to use for the raffle table, which was really enjoyed by all. The draws were done between 2:30 and 3 p.m. It was so much fun!

Monday, Nov. 28, even though the weather was a little blustery and the roads were a little full with snow, we still joined together for Blankets for Canada. Sewing squares together and enjoying an afternoon with some chitchat was a nice way to pass a blustery day and to know that you are doing it to help others in need makes it a little more special.

Best wishes to anyone who might be under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a holly jolly week!



Some of the beautiful crafts that were on display at the Viscount Craft and Trade. Pictured above: Shirley Goodrich. Pictured right:



Mary Joan Young and her granddaughter Taylor Young enjoying a lovely day together at the Viscount Craft and Trade.

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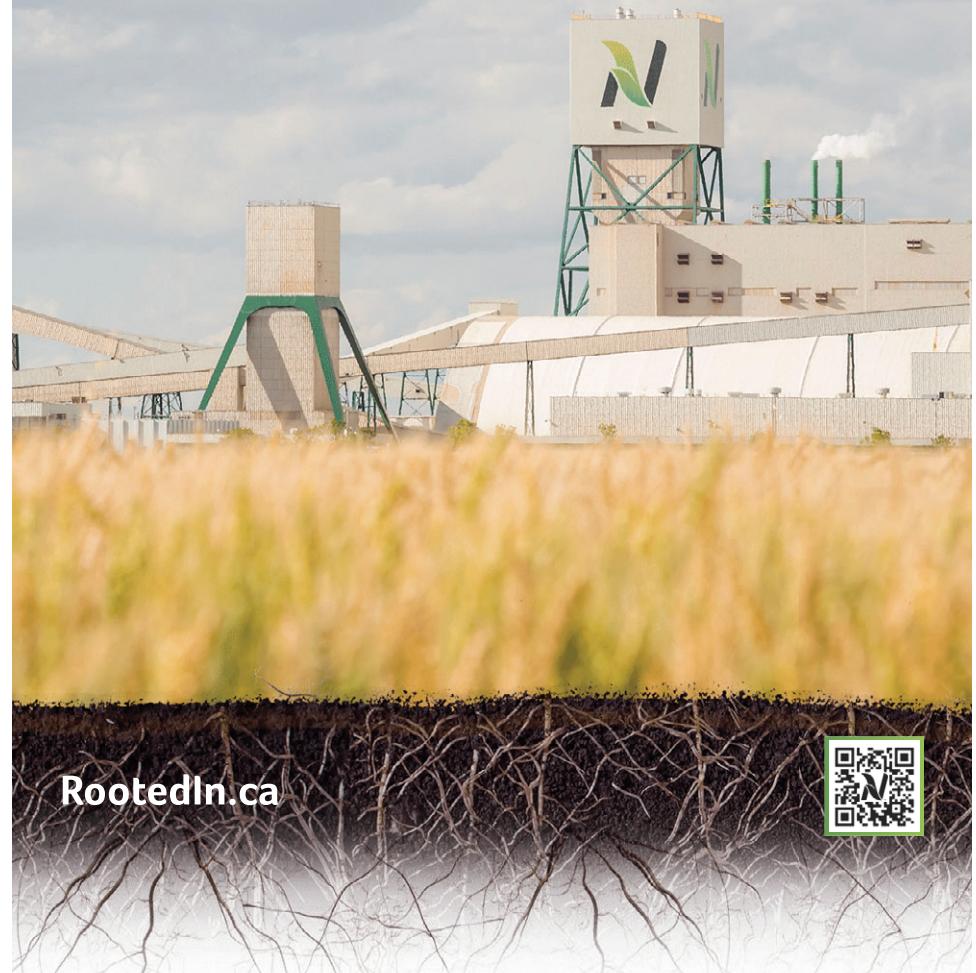
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(from front page: **PIRATES**)

Smith tied the game with 3:08 to play as Josh Bly and Brandon Scheidl added the helpers.

Tied at four, both clubs looked to try and grab the go-ahead marker before time expired but the goalies held their own and at the buzzer, overtime was needed. In the added frame, with 5:04 to play, Lanigan's Zach Garret was able to solve Briske and gave the Pirates a 5-4 victory, its first of the year while Drake dropped to 0-2-1.

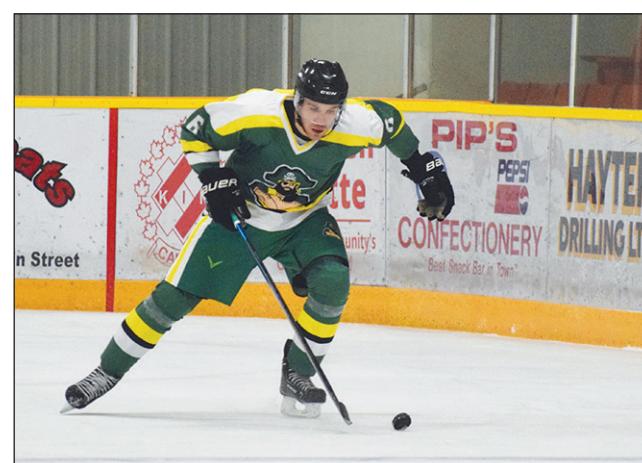
Both teams were scheduled to play Tuesday, Nov. 29 with Lanigan headed to Watrous and Drake hosting Wynyard.

In Watrous, the Winterhawks grabbed a 3-1 first period lead before the Pirates stormed back in the second period with five goals,

three on the power play, and took a 7-4 advantage into the final frame. In period three, Lanigan tallied twice while Watrous countered with one marker as the Pirates skated away with a 9-5 victory. Josh Bly led the team with three goals while Nick Shumlanski chipped in with a pair, as part of the team's nine goals, including one shorthanded.

Meanwhile Drake welcomed the Monarchs to town and despite giving up the first goal of the contest, they scored five times in the first 20 minutes to lead 5-1. Eric Roy, Carter Hansen, John Lawrence, Maguire Scheidt and David Stumborg all registered markers.

In the second, Stumborg added his second of the game followed by a Carter Coben power play goal



- photos by
Daniel Bushman

while the visitors were able to register three goals of their own. With a flurry of activity, through 40 minutes, Drake held a 7-4 advantage. In the third, Lawrence notched his second of the game with 11:31 left in the contest and that would be all as the Canucks won 8-4.

Following the pair of Nov. 29 games, Lanigan headed to LeRoy Dec. 2 while Watrous was to host Wynyard Dec. 3.



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Most larger water supply reservoirs across southern and central Saskatchewan have adequate supplies.

At this time, there are no areas where WSA believes that there is a heightened risk of above normal spring runoff in 2023. There is, however, concern of surface water supply issues in the southwest if winter snowfall is below average.

The southwest and east-central portions of the province experienced two significant snowfall events this fall that melted, improving near surface soil moistures. Snow surveys in February 2023 will help determine if the moisture will infiltrate into the soil or run off toward reservoirs.

WSA issues the Conditions at Freeze-up Report during the late fall/early winter period. Freeze-up conditions, in combination with the winter snowpack, becomes the initial base for the spring snowmelt runoff forecast. This report gives an early indication of areas that are more vulnerable to potentially above or below normal runoff in the spring. It is not a spring runoff forecast, as winter snow accumulation is an integral component in the runoff yield during the melt and is impossible to predict at this juncture.

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