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Health tour shines light on need for a local voice

■ Daniel Bushman

As temporary disruptions and staff shortages remain at hospitals across the province including in Watrous and Lanigan, communities are just hoping to be heard as they wait for help. Earlier this month, members of Saskatchewan’s official opposition began a Healthcare Solutions Tour, stopping in communities to hear concerns, meet with leaders and understand firsthand the severity of the situation.

In Watrous and Lanigan Feb. 7, Saskatchewan New Democrats MLA for Saskatoon Eastview Matt Love (Critic for Rural and Remote Health) was joined by colleague and Deputy Leader (and Critic for Health) Vicki Mowat. Speaking about the visits, Love said it was very positive and he was grateful to be able to listen to the concerns shared by local people.

Spending time in Lanigan chatting with the mayor and councillors of Lanigan and LeRoy, the Reeve of the RM of Wolverine and a nurse practitioner, Love and Mowat then made a stop in Watrous to visit with councillors there. Love said, “These are communities that we have been hearing from for quite some time due to disruptions in services, closed hospitals, reduced hours for ER and acute care. It wasn’t our first visit to either location but we were invited back to help, number one, to ensure that those local voices are heard and valued when it comes to finding solutions in healthcare and take their input to help us propose solutions for our province.”

Right now, due to staff shortages, according to media releases from SHA, emergency services are only available in Watrous from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days per week. Inpatient services however are not available while primary health care, lab, X-ray, and long-term care services in Watrous have not been affected. In Lanigan, emergency services are available between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday while lab and X-ray services are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The temporary closures mean that people seeking emergency care before or after those hours have been forced to go elsewhere, adding pressure to other centres like Humboldt and Saskatoon.

Love was not surprised to learn about the situations, noting there has been a common theme with systemic problems around the province with disruptions and closures. Trying to bring the issues to light while meeting with local residents, Love said one of the themes that has emerged is the need for local voices at the decision making table. “Most of the folks we have spoken with absolutely feel they have been ignored and have valuable insight to offer that is not being considered.”

Proposing the restoration of local voices in healthcare by bringing back Community Health Advisory Networks that were dismantled when health regions were amalgamated into one, Mowat said, “It’s clear health region amalgamation and the centralizing of healthcare decisions has failed to deliver reliable, high-quality care for people who need it. Local people and community leaders know what their communities need – it’s time to bring those voices back to the table.”

The NDP stated in addition to municipal leaders calling for a greater say in healthcare delivery, SUMA adopted a resolution in 2020 calling for “the Minister of Health to ensure direct municipal input and involvement in the health system by requiring Community Health Advisory Networks to be established throughout the province.”



Meeting with representatives from Lanigan, LeRoy, the RM of Wolverine (above) and Watrous (left), members of the Saskatchewan New Democrats have been conducting a Healthcare Solutions Tour across the province. Following the meetings Feb. 7, it was indicated there is a level of frustration as communities experience temporary disruptions to services at their hospitals including in Watrous and Lanigan. A call was recently issued by the Saskatchewan New Democrats proposing to restore local voices in healthcare by bringing back Community Health Advisory Network.
- photos used with permission

Wanting to be heard and have a voice at the table, Lanigan Mayor Tony Mycock met with Love and Mowat during the morning of their visit. Joined by councillors from Lanigan along with representatives with the Town of Leroy and the RM of Wolverine, Mycock said the meeting went well and felt it was nice to have someone listen to their concerns. “We do not get this from the Sask. Party government and it was great to be able to meet with the NDP. They are doing a tour and collecting all the concerns of all communities in the province. It will be good to see what they produce as we know we are not the only community with these concerns.”

Citing the current situation in his community is frustrating, Mycock shared nothing has changed with the hospital in

Lanigan since it reopened some of its services last year. “We are still only open Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and it is all to do with being short nurses. The current recruitment that the government is doing is great but it is not going to fix the problem anytime soon. Increased training for nurses will be at least four years before we will see any new nurses. Seeing nurses come here from other countries is great but it will not happen overnight. And what guarantees are there to have nurses move to our rural centres? The \$50,000 incentive is not doing anything that we can see.”

Hoping the current government will have similar meetings like the official opposition, Mycock would like those in power (see back page: **TOUR**)

Helping in a time of desperate need

■ Daniel Bushman

The images are unfathomable and the devastation beyond comprehension as a pair of massive earthquakes and dozens of aftershocks decimated parts of southern Turkey and neighbouring northern Syria earlier this month. After the deadly quakes Feb. 6 and the many aftershocks that followed, it has been estimated by international news outlets that over 37,000 people had perished as of Feb. 13 and millions more left homeless (it is estimated that 13 million people in Turkey alone were in cities affected with the majority left homeless).

With those figures expected to grow, buildings and infrastructure destroyed, and cold temperatures and winter storms hampering rescue efforts, people and organizations from around

the globe have been trying to provide aid by any means possible. Right after the large 7.8 magnitude quake struck, one of those people immediately lending a hand was Josh Muller.

Muller who lived in Lanigan before moving to Turkey in 2014, has been involved in a range of church ministries and social justice programs over the years, including working with a church in Turkey to provide aid to refugees who fled from ISIS and the Syrian Civil War in 2015-’16. Sharing the earthquakes were the worst the region has experienced in several hundred years, Muller explained on his YouTube channel there were buildings that had been levelled 550 kms in each direction.

“Think of fairly densely populated areas from Saskatoon to Calgary or from Toronto to Montreal and buildings flattened all along

that way,” Muller said. “The scale of damage, the scale of loss of life, the scale of all of this is absolutely devastating and mind blowing.”

The destruction and aftershocks also prevented responders and aid from being immediately delivered to a number of locations across the region. Able to receive permission from local government to provide aid in one of those cities, Muller along with two others from his team rented a vehicle and loaded it with aid. Filling up with gas before embarking on a 900 km drive to the Turkish city, Josh explained the situation: “The roads in the area are completely closed because it is in the middle of winter and a big snow storm was rolling through the area. The city we are trying to get to is very difficult to access because of the snow.”

Using funds from their own bank accounts, Muller said the need to help is tremendous. “We need money to help with this . . . we are dipping into our savings to be able to do what we can so far. There are some donations that have come in and we are so thankful for that but we need a lot more. The region is absolutely devastated right now.”

Navigating through the mountains and dealing with winter conditions, the 19 passenger vehicle filled with food, diapers, blankets and supplies arrived at its destination. With no one effectively on the ground



Josh Muller (third from left) along with a team have been providing aid to residents of Turkey following devastating earthquakes earlier this month. Muller who is from Lanigan but has lived in Turkey since 2014 said there is desperate need

for help as over 37,000 people have perished and millions more left homeless. With that number expected to increase, Muller said the scale of damage has been devastating.

- photo courtesy Josh Muller

in Elbistan, the city where Muller and his team drove to, and with no sleep, Muller gave a report at 6 a.m. once the aid was unloaded. “It is -16°C and nobody can stay in their buildings. Apartments are collapsed all over the city. There are people still under those apartments. There are still earthquakes happening. There was two earthquakes yesterday and more happening nonstop so staying in buildings is not safe right now so people are staying outside for the moment.”

With nonstop need and every school in the country closed, Muller and the friends he travelled with heard there

was desire among bus drivers to help bring aid and evacuate people. “But the thing they are missing right now is money. Money to pay for the gasoline, money to pay for the blankets and money to pay for resources they are bringing. We need your help.”

Following the update, Muller sent an email to his mom Shirley back in Lanigan Feb. 10 explaining no one from the team had gotten more than three hours of sleep over the past 72 hours. “We should at least get four to five hours uninterrupted sleep tonight, which is sorely needed. We’re really grateful. The church network we are

working with has deployed another team with more hands and supplies. We’ll meet them when they arrive in a few hours. We have been able to deploy some school buses! Thank God. Many of the most vulnerable people are starting to be evacuated from this city.”

Muller went on to indicate there were dozens of villages in the region that they did not have information about and if relief had arrived. “We’re still getting reports from inaccessible villages of babies dying from cold exposure (homes destroyed, no heat/ blankets, and no aid able to (see page six: **HELP**)

TOWN OF LANIGAN

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Positions to Commence: May 2023

Please provide a detailed resume including certifications obtained prior to May 31, 2023.

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Email: recreation@lanigan.ca

For more information call: 306-365-3444

PERMANENT FULL-TIME

WORKING FOREMAN

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

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

Key responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

• Provide hands-on leadership by establishing clear expectations

• Demonstrate high standards of work practices

• Co-ordination of day-to-day operations of the municipality

• Schedule workloads to maximize productivity and efficiency and quality of work

• Lead by positive example and encourage improvement in shop operations and practices

• Manage training needs, performance evaluations and guidance sessions

• Time card management

• Promote and participate in workplace safety and best practices

The candidate must possess:

• A valid class 5 driver’s licence, Class 1A would be an asset

• Mechanical skills - heavy duty mechanic experience would be an asset

• Knowledge of and ability to operate graders, scrapers, tractors and other light, medium and heavy equipment

• Self-motivation and the ability to manage multiple projects over the construction season

• Leadership, supervisory, organizational, communication and record-keeping skills

Applicants are invited to submit a resume including:

• Past and present work experience

• Education and skills

• Years of experience in construction/ municipal fields

• Current driver’s abstract

• Three references

• Salary expectations

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a resume prior to 4 p.m. on March 7, 2023 to:

RM of Prairie Rose No. 309, Box 89, Jansen, SK S0K 2B0

Email: rm309@jansen.ca

RCMP Report

Motor vehicle accident between Watrous and Manitou Beach

Watrous emergency services responded to a call of a motor vehicle accident that happened on Hwy. 365, two miles north of Watrous, between Watrous and Manitou Beach, involving one male being trapped in his vehicle.

On scene, first responders saw a grey Audi with severe damage to the driver side door with the male still trapped in the vehicle. The occupant of a black Kia Soul was taken by another motorist in his vehicle with light injuries.

Due to the extent of injuries to the driver trapped in the grey car, STARS was called to assist emergency services and took the male to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The road was closed for investigation before it reopened about two hours later.

RCMP warn public of dangerous illicit drugs

Saskatchewan RCMP officers responded to three fatal overdoses involving suspected methamphetamine or fentanyl in the past week.

On Feb. 9, 2023, (see page eight: **RCMP**)

TOWN OF LANIGAN

PUBLIC WORKS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Lanigan is seeking a seasonal Public Works team member.

Duties will include equipment operation and maintenance, street maintenance, garbage collection, parks maintenance, town beautification and other duties as assigned. Experience and/or education in general operation of Water Treatment Plants and Sewer Lift Stations, and other municipal experience would be an asset.

Applicants must be able to perform physical labour safely, operate equipment with safety of public first, have the ability to repair and service equipment, possess a valid Class 5 Driver’s Licence and have completed Grade 12 or equivalent. The ability to work with minimal supervision is required.

Employment will commence on May 1st, 2023. The term of employment will be for approximately 6 months.

Please submit resume, cover letter with wage expectations, references and available start date by March 10th, 2023 to townoffice@lanigan.ca or in person at 110 Main Street, Lanigan.

Only those considered for employment will be contacted.

For more information, contact Kelli Timmerman at 306-365-2809

New physician arrives in Lanigan

■ Daniel Bushman

With a passion to help others while looking forward to meeting residents of Lanigan and the surrounding area, Dr. Rashid Askari has not only arrived in the community but has started seeing patients as well.

Spending his first week getting to know the community, becoming familiar with the hospital, Central Parkland Lodge and the Lanigan and District Medical Clinic, Dr. Askari arrived in Lanigan Feb. 5 and saw his first patient at the clinic Feb. 13.

Joining Dr. Nan to provide a full compliment of physicians, Dr. Askari moved to Lanigan from Toronto to serve within the local area. Before coming to Canada with his wife and two daughters he practiced family medicine in Iran for more than 15 years, a place where he was born and raised.

Now in his new home, Dr. Askari said, "With a passion for providing compassionate care to patients of all ages, I am excited to care for the health needs of this community. At my practice, you can expect a safe, warm and welcoming environment where you will feel comfortable discussing your health concerns."

Enjoying staying active and engaging in outdoor activities like soccer and hiking, Dr. Askari is looking forward to what the future holds in Lanigan.

Also excited to have the new physician practicing in the community is Lanigan Mayor and the Carlton Trail Health Foundation's Tony Mycock. "On behalf of the Town of Lanigan and the Lanigan Medical Clinic board, I want



Dr. Rashid Askari arrived in Lanigan earlier this month and is looking forward to serving the area. - photo submitted

to welcome Dr. Rashid Askari and his wife Ramak to the town of Lanigan," shared Mycock. "We are very pleased to have you join our community and make your new home in Lanigan. We look forward to getting to know you both better as you start your practice in Lanigan and hope to see you both around town."

Director of Primary Health Care and Integrated Rural Health in Lanigan Holly Srochenski said on behalf of Saskatchewan Health Authority they are pleased to have Dr. Askari in the community. Srochenski wanted to extend greetings to the physician and welcome him to Lanigan as he settles into his role.

The Lion's Roar

■ submitted by Lion Oz Lutz

The Kansas City Chiefs entered Super Bowl 57 with a close 23-20 victory over Cincinnati Bengals while the Philadelphia Eagles had an easier road as they destroyed the 49ers of San Francisco 31-7. The game played Sunday, Feb. 12 was an exciting one, although the hype was somewhat overshadowed by Tom Brady's retirement announcement - again!

In the end the Chiefs prevailed; final score was 38 to 35. Locally some of our patrons picked up some extra cash in part three of our four-part Superboard. First quarter: Chiefs 7, Eagles 7 - winner Ken Williams, \$100; half time: Chiefs 14, Eagles 24 - winner Perry Bryksa, \$100; third quarter: Chiefs 21, Eagles 27 - winner Tony Mycock, \$100; final score: Chiefs 38, Eagles 35 - winner Howard and Shannon Lamont, \$200. Congratulations to the winners. Part four of the Stanley Cup will likely be in June!

In December, we received a request from Central Parkland Lodge to provide some financial aid so the residents could experience some special activities during the holiday season. Our response was a cash donation of \$250.

A thank you letter from the residents, activity department and dietary department indicates several enjoyable functions took place: "We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your generous donation for our New Year's celebration. We had our activities party Friday, Dec. 30 with special treats - chips, wraps, pop and special drinks. On New Year's Eve afternoon we had more treats; this was followed by an amazing supper of pizza, mozza sticks and onion rings. The Lions helped us bring in 2023 in style! Thank you for your thoughtfulness!"

We acknowledge the staff, especially dietary for all your planning and effort to make great memories for the residents.

In other news: we helped a local family experiencing difficulties; we also sent a small donation to the U9 Pirates tournament.

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The Town of Lanigan is accepting applications for full-time summer employment in our Public Works Department. Duties will include grass cutting, street maintenance, painting, garbage collection, water & sewer, etc.

Applications are available at the Town Office and will be accepted until noon on March 10th, 2023.

Please submit applications to:

Town of Lanigan
Box 280, Lanigan, SK S0K 2M0
townoffice@lanigan.ca

PUBLIC NOTICE HOME OCCUPATION BUSINESSES



Residents are advised that all Home Occupation Businesses must be approved by Council. Home Occupation applications can be obtained at the Town Office.

For more information please call the Town Office at 306-365-2809.

TOWN OF LANIGAN SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OFFICE ASSISTANT

The Town of Lanigan is accepting applications for full-time summer employment as an Office Assistant in the Town Office. Duties will include general office duties such as customer service, reception, computer work, filing, mailing/emailing etc.



Applications (available at the Town Office) or resumes will be accepted until noon on **March 10, 2023**.

Please submit application or resume to:

TOWN OF LANIGAN
BOX 280, LANIGAN, SK S0K 2M0
townoffice@lanigan.ca

TOWN OF LANIGAN PUBLIC NOTICE DRINKING WATER QUALITY AND COMPLIANCE

Information on the Town of Lanigan Drinking Water Quality & Compliance for 2022 is available at the **Town Office, #110 Main Street, Lanigan, SK**. Should you have any questions regarding this information please call the **Town Office at 306-365-2809**.

Kelli Timmerman, *Town Administrator*



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Louise Shannon

Congratulations to a good Valentine's Day. Jaclyn Paetsch Esau and Kallen Esau on the birth of a daughter, Harlove Marie on Feb. 7. Grandparents are Dave and Rita Paetsch and great-grandmother is Linda Paetsch. Family Day is on the 20th. Have fun. Happy birthday to Grayson Schindel, Audrey Crowe and Linda Paetsch. TeleMiracle is on the 25th and 26th.

Prairie Rose Bowling



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LHS: Lorna Jantz, 190	MHS: Rodney Liebrecht, 236
LHT: Lorna Jantz, 543	MHT: Dwayne Koshinsky, 542
MHS: Vic Kline, 187	
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LHS: Karen Doidge, 184	LHS: Kathy Jones, 171
LHT: Karen Doidge, 473	Val Koshinsky, 171
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MHT: Gabe Zerbin, 547	

Solutions and Substitutions



Dear Reena, I have been working on a small sewing project; little did I know that I have scorched the soleplate of my iron as I applied fused interfacing to the fabric I was working with. Can you tell me how I can remove these scorch marks to get my iron back to looking like new? Thanks, Lorraine

Dear Lorraine, Into a bowl, mix together one tablespoon toothpaste, one teaspoon baking soda and one teaspoon vinegar. Dip a non-scratching abrasive cloth in the solution. Scrub the metal plate until the scorch marks disappear. Your iron will look brand new.

Dear Reena, How do you get brown sugar to stay soft? Mine is hard as a rock. Thank you, Alice

Dear Alice, Brown sugar hardens when moisture inside the container evaporates; all you need to do is replenish the moisture with one of these easy solutions! Place a cut up apple or slice of bread into an airtight container with the sugar, softening will take about a day or drape a damp towel over the unlidded bowl and leave overnight. You can also put the sugar into the microwave with a separate bowl of water. Turn the microwave on and check every 30 seconds to observe if the sugar is soft. A long-term fix is to purchase a piece of food safe clay; these are available at most grocery stores. Soak the clay in water for a few hours and then store it inside the brown sugar container to keep it moist.

Dear Reena, I want to know if there is an easier way to maintain a 100-year-old wooden floor. It has been oiled yearly with linseed oil and mopped with Murphy's Oil Soap every couple of weeks and swept in between. The trouble is it is a large area (1,800 sq. ft.) and is in a rural General Store/

Coffee Shop setting so it is constantly walked on with dirty and muddy boots. Cleaning is a big job to try to keep it in good shape. Over the years the oil and dirt have accumulated around the edges. Basically, I am exhausted trying to keep it up. What, if anything, can make it easier to care for? Bradley

Dear Bradley, Be cautious and use minimal water on the floor, the mop should be damp and not wet; 50/50 water and vinegar are also an option. Murphy's Oil tends to leave an oily residue and is therefore not always suitable for beautiful old wooden floors. Bona is a popular product sold in large home hardware stores. Bona leaves no residual oil on the floor, mist the floor and apply the product with a microfibre mop. If this is unsuccessful perhaps it is time for a coating of urethane.

Dear Reena, Is there any way to prevent mites from invading my poinsettia so it will stay healthy longer? G.G.

Dear G.G., You can either purchase plant soap at your local garden store or you can make your own mite deterrent. Combine four tablespoons mild dish soap in one gallon of water. Pour into a spray bottle and spray the poinsettia.

Don't worry, be happy

- Next time you make fajitas add cooked pork, peppers, onions and seasoning to your baking pan. Next cook powdered onion soup and water on the stove. Thicken soup with cornstarch (the way that you would gravy). Add this to the fajita pan for great flavour and texture. Bake to heat.
- Wax paper taped inside slatted closet doors will help to keep out moths and dust.
- Save all the cookie crumbs in the bottom of cookie boxes. Use your food processor to grind them into fine crumbs. Perfect for all kinds of cake and cookie recipes.

Note: Every user assumes all risks of injury or damage resulting from the implementation of any suggestions in this column. Test all products on an inconspicuous area first.

Reena Nerbas is a popular motivational presenter for large and small groups; check out her website: reena.ca. Ask a question or share a tip at reena.ca

The Lanigan Advisor is closed during the week of Feb. 20. There will be no paper Feb. 27.

Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Peanut Butter Cool Whip Cups

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 large tub of thawed Cool Whip
- Chocolate ice cream sundae syrup

Directions:

Mix this together thoroughly. Spoon into mini muffin liners (foil ones work best). Drizzle with chocolate syrup. Refreeze these. Once frozen store in covered container in single layer. Once frozen, you can store in multiple layers with parchment paper between the layers.

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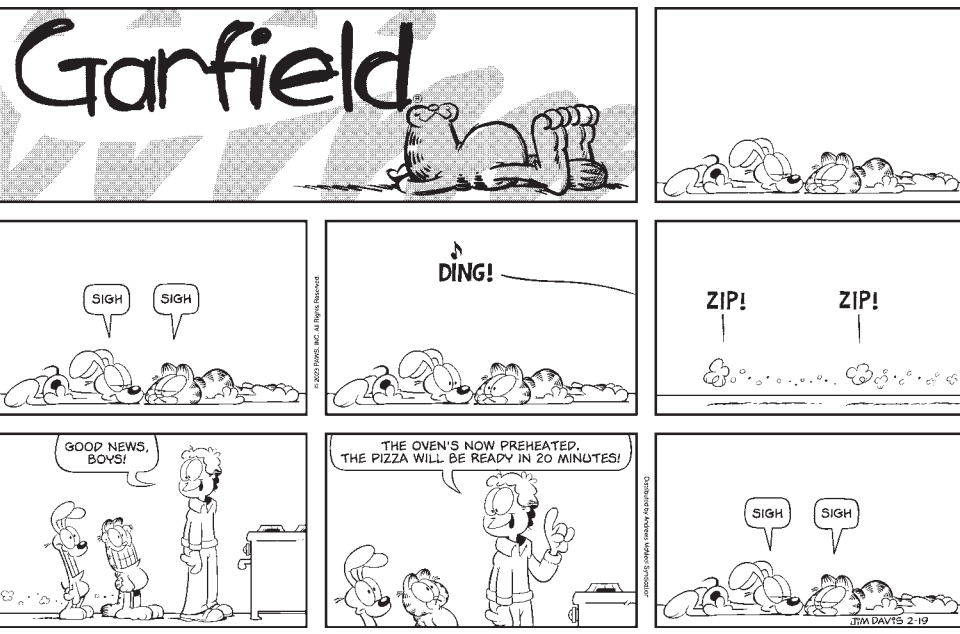
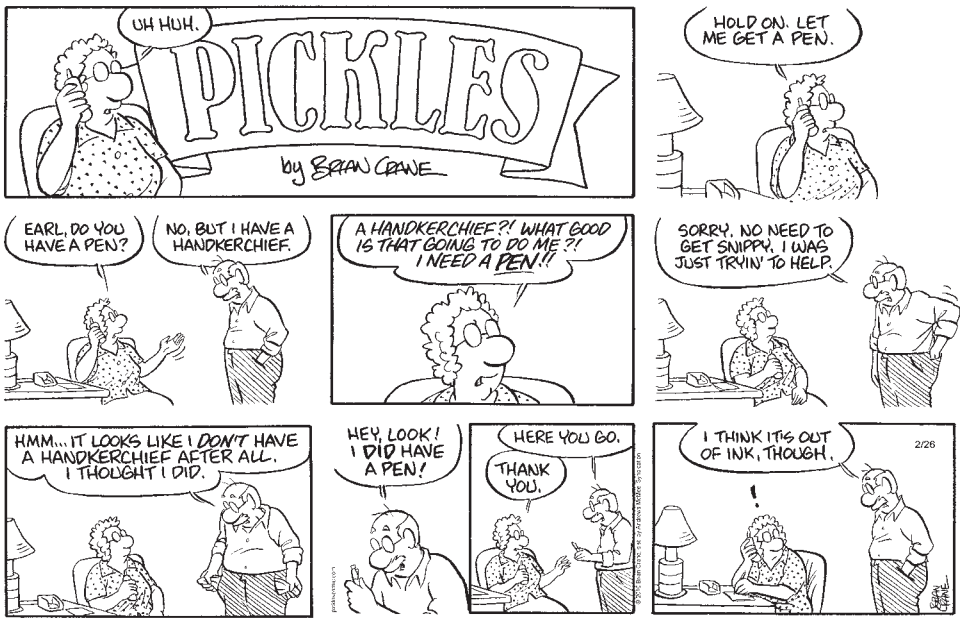
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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

	6	7		4		1		
				9				3
	9			1				6
			3	7				9
	1	5				3	8	
3				5	2			
4				2			6	
7				8				
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ACROSS

1 Hits the mall

6 “If you ask me ...” in a text

9 Elects (to)

13 Big name in skin care

14 Browser subwindows

16 Vicinity

17 Egg-producing organ

18 *Personal motive (note the first word in each starred clue’s answer)

20 John of the original “SNL” cast

22 Alex Morgan’s Olympic soccer team

23 Peter Parker’s best friend

24 Reroutes

26 Interpersonal sensitivity

28 *Miner’s warning cry

32 The ___ less traveled

33 Crop with lab-altered DNA

34 Blank out?

36 “Si,” in French

37 Hollywood icon West

38 Notes after mis

39 Tommy Pickles’ dad on “Rugrats”

41 Villainous smile

43 Noodle topper?

44 Commotions

45 “Is that hard to fathom or what?!”

48 Not even ajar

49 Turn of ___

50 Bowl over

51 Wizard

53 “Don’t keep us in suspense”

57 *Brought-from-home meal

60 One of the “CSI” cities

61 “My Way” memoirist Paul

62 Seize, like a car

63 Sour cream and ___ chips

64 Attention-getting sound

65 Drop a dime (on)

66 Sci-fi writer Jules

DOWN

1 Hoity-toity type

2 Bee’s home

3 Oblong circle

4 Looked over carefully

5 Verbally greets someone

6 “Ya got the wrong guy!”

7 Apt-sounding name for an Apple salesman?

8 Dense, in a way

9 Rowboat propeller

10 William and Harry’s mom, familiarly

11 Basic belief

12 Org. that helps adolescents make wise choices

15 What a flare may mean

19 They might be mistaken for crocs

21 Budapest’s country

25 However briefly?

27 In the style of

28 Natural hairstyle, for short

29 Outstanding papers?

30 What might be issued to fair-weather fans?

31 Data analyst’s colorful diagram

35 English prep school

37 Relating to the mind

38 Bias-free opportunity

40 Put to good ___

42 Yves’ drops?

43 “What?”

44 Wrinkle, e.g.

46 Who’s on first?

47 Russian-American sci-fi great

48 “... seven ___ a swimming ...”

50 “Don’t waste a second!”

52 Mean dog

54 City sewer, for the Ninja Turtles

55 “That’s my cue!”

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get there due to road closures). Things are still really bad.”

Following their delivery of aid to Elbistan, Josh said more help finally arrived. “Large shipments of food, clothes, and water have made their way here and are being distributed. Many basic needs, at least temporarily, are starting to be met. And we’ve heard reports from at least one other city that was hit extremely hard had started to have many of the most pressing emergency needs taken care of.”

Despite the help, countless bodies remained under the rubble and were being dug out every hour. “There’s still insane amounts of need. There’s been so, so, so much loss. But, in the midst of that, help is getting out. Basic needs are starting to be met.”

Standing on one of the city streets in Elbistan Feb. 12, Muller shared images of buildings that had collapsed while a few others remained standing. “We have been really busy the last few days doing our best to serve the people here and doing our best to figure out how to get people out of here.”

Able to mobilize a number of school buses, filling them up with blankets and ready made food, he said aid was being distributed as quickly as possible. Since the school buses were being utilized, government also approved large transit buses for use and had been brought in to help evacuate people. Because of the extra resources, Josh said his team began shifting its focus, putting a lot more effort into caring for people who were still in the city and had not been evacuated.

“Lot of bodies remain in these buildings and family members who know that their loved ones are in these buildings don’t want to leave until they can properly bury them. There is a lot of people who won’t be leaving this city for a while. It is going to take a long time to get through this mess.”

A nearby Mosque was also being used as a main distribution centre and a makeshift morgue. “The bodies keep coming and the funeral cars keep coming and that is going to be the case for a while.”

Helping out wherever he can, nearly a week after the earthquakes hit, Muller added things remained really chaotic. “Part of the problem is a lot of the stuff changes on a minute by minute basis. There is a lot of consideration of how to get people out and where to get them to. We are working with local

authorities and we are working with local charities. We have connections with aid organizations and a logistics company and are doing everything we can to best love and take care of people here.”

Continuing to push ahead, from a nearby city in Turkey, one not as affected from the quake as Elbistan, Muller shared it had been a draining and intense nine days. “It has been obviously so devastating and insane but there are also some cool things to be hopeful for. There has been so many countries from around the world who have been sending support to Turkey to try and help and one of the things has been countries that are actively at war with each other have come to Turkey to help side by side to save lives and to help walk Turkey through some of the things going on.”

Watching countries come together, other good news arrived as people were being found alive from under the rubble over 200 hours since the first earthquake hit. “There are still people being rescued which is mind blowing . . . on the other side of the scale there is still a lot of hurt, devastation and continued earthquakes in the area. I have felt them as we have been working here today (Feb. 14) and the aftershocks have been terrifying and endangering teams as they continue to do the work.”

Still able to send buses to people ready to get out of Elbistan and the area, Muller added there are others who want to stay. “Many are farmers and whose families have lived here for generations or who simply have no place to go. They don’t want to leave a place where their family has called home for generations. In response to that, with the network I am connected with, there are two couples who are moving into the area and will be helping nearby villages for the next few months. They are bringing in temporary housing and storage and will be living there and serving about 100 families within the area.”

Planning to head back to his home for a few days before returning to Elbistan to help, Muller said moving forward a number of places will need proper sanitation, water filtration and as global aid dries up, more food for those residing in camps. “We are going to continue working with all the networks and government and police officials to help. We figured out for \$45 we can get someone from the city that we are in to anywhere in the country and get them to warmth, food, shelter, safety and (see page seven: **HELP**)



Pictured above: Josh Muller explaining the devastation in Elbistan, Turkey. A restaurant behind Muller was destroyed from the earthquakes hitting the region earlier in February.
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Lending a hand

Members of the Carlton Trail 4-H Beef Club were all smiles as they accepted a donation for just over \$1,100 (pictured). In 2022, Nutrien Ag Solutions Watrous and Nutrien Ag Solutions Drake donated \$1,140 to the local area 4-H club based on the company’s forage seed sales at its two lo-

cations. Accepting the funds from Patrick Bartko of Nutrien Ag Solutions Drake and Nutrien Ag Solutions Watrous were Carlton Trail 4H Club members Cade, Kaylin and Mesa Bartel, all from Watrous.

- photo and information courtesy Patrick Bartko



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whatever medical resources that are available. If you want to help us get more people out, we would love if you would partner and support us to get those people out and to safety.”

For those who would like to donate to help Muller and his team provide aid, he has partnered with the charity ACOP Canada to help manage donations, and to help make sure that every dollar possible gets to those who are displaced by and suffering from these earthquakes. Donations can be sent to <https://my.acop.ca/acop-helps>

According to ACOP Canada, the organization accepting the funds stated, “We are able to forward donated funds to our team on the ground as quick as the needs arise, usually within minutes of them informing us of needs. Because they are on the ground and either in or very close to the affected areas, they are usually able to make purchases or get the funds into the hands of front line agencies within just a few hours of donations being received. We have reduced our administrative costs as low as possible to seven percent to help facilitate this effort.”

Reflecting back on the past week and a half, Josh took time to share how grateful he is to those back in Saskatchewan. “We are so, so thankful for you guys for how much you have been praying for us, for how much you have been donating and supporting and just being behind us in what is going to be a really hard road for a really long time. We are in this for the long haul. We are not going to be able to keep going and keep helping people without your support financially, prayerfully and all other ways. We are going to keep helping as many people as we can.”



Pictured: Josh Muller in Elbistan, Turkey following the earthquakes that hit the area. - screen shot image from Josh Muller YouTube channel



Lanigan teams compete in curling

■ Daniel Bushman

Teams representing Lanigan headed to the Watrous Curling Club Monday, Feb. 6 as part of Horizon’s senior pre-district curling competition while the junior contingent was in Strasbourg for districts Feb. 8.

With Mixed, Boys and Girls senior pre-district action, Lanigan was joined by a number of local area rinks with draws getting underway in the morning.

A pair of Lanigan teams competed on the Boys side with Lanigan One losing to Humboldt and Lanigan Two losing to Watson in their opening draws. With both rinks on the B side, the pair faced each other and it was Lanigan One who advanced. Meeting Watson, Lanigan One continued its momentum with another victory setting up a game against Humboldt in the B side final. In that contest, it would end up being Humboldt who won to advance to districts.

On the Girls side, Watson defeated LeRoy in its first draw to set up a contest against Lanigan. In that game, Watson defeated Lanigan to capture the A side. Dropping to the B side, Lanigan faced LeRoy and it would be LeRoy who collected the win to advance to districts.

Sliding into the morning draw, Watrous faced Humboldt Two in the Mixed competition and collected a win to advance to the next round. In the other bracket, it was Humboldt One defeating Imperial to set up a Watrous and Humboldt One A side final. In that game, the Wildcats came away with the victory and a berth to districts. Imperial meanwhile met Humboldt Two on the B side but were unable to get past the rink.

Those advancing to districts were scheduled to be in Wadena Feb. 10 and 11. At districts, LeRoy met Rose Valley in (see page eight: **CURLING**)

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Viscount

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So sorry to hear about Deloris Sutherland retiring as Plunkett’s correspondent for the paper. Her continued writing over the years was always enjoyed. Hopefully you enjoy your retirement Deloris!

February break and Family Day are upon us right now. If you are one of the lucky ones to enjoy a get-a-way or to spend some time with family, enjoy.

We enjoyed an evening at the Viscount school playing pickleball. We are looking forward to many more.

Viscount Wildlife Federation held its annual horn score Jan. 22, 2023. Over 40 people attended with 33 memberships sold. Members brought in 21 sets of antlers

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the Girls draw and lost their opening match. On the B side, LeRoy met Ituna but it was Ituna who was able to advance.

In Mixed action, Watrous beat Strasbourg and Humboldt to win the A side and advance to mixed regionals in Watrous Mar. 3 and 4.

In junior curling doubles districts in Strasbourg, Lanigan defeated Raymore in the first round-robin draw while Archerwill beat Lanigan in the second round-robin game. Archerwill then won over Raymore, claiming the district title while Lanigan received runner-up.

(from page two: **RCMP**)

Assiniboia RCMP responded to a report of an unresponsive man found in a residence in Assiniboia. The 21-year-old man passed away at the scene. Police officers found crystals and an off-white powder at the scene suspected to be methamphetamine (meth) or fentanyl.

On Feb. 13, 2023, Moosomin RCMP responded to a report of an unresponsive man found in a hotel room in Moosomin. EMS and police officers attempted CPR but the 22-year-old man passed away at the scene. Police officers found a light-coloured powder at the scene suspected to contain methamphetamine (meth) or fentanyl.

On Feb. 14, 2023, Canora/Sturgis RCMP responded to a report of an unresponsive woman found outside a residence in Preeceville. The 50-year-old female was taken to the Preeceville Hospital by EMS where she passed away. Police officers found a white powder at the scene suspected to contain methamphetamine (meth) or fentanyl.

Through police investigation, the illicit drugs suspected to have been consumed prior to the three fatal overdoses are believed to be methamphetamine (meth) or fentanyl made available to the public in a powder form.

Autopsies and toxicology analyses will be performed by

from the 2022 hunting season as well as many others from the previous two years. This was our first horn score since 2019. Pat Clavelle had the largest moose scoring 146 2/8” typical. Brent Dopko had the only pronghorn with a score of 59 4/8”. Jason Dieno’s archery elk scored 272” typical and Josh Volk’s elk taken with a rifle scored 266 3/8” typical. Mitch Gusikoski had the highest scoring whitetail out of 10 with a score of 145 5/8” typical. Largest typical mule deer went to Bernie Vossen with a score of 165 7/8” and Kendra Hendrick’s had the largest non-typical mule deer with a score of 134 5/8”. Everyone had a great time and we were happy to have this event again. If anyone is interested in a membership please contact Cameron Bentley.

Blankets for Canada will not be meeting Monday, Feb. 20, but will resume the following Monday, Feb. 27. Everyone is welcome to have a cup of tea with us and see how we put together these blankets. We really appreciate all who contribute their time, yarn and squares. The shelters are also appreciative for each and every blanket that they receive from us. Because of your generosity we will be able to continue to supply our blankets. Twenty-six blankets were delivered to two shelters last week. There were 14 adult ones and 12 baby blankets. The baby blankets are each given with a small, hand crafted teddy



Picture of the hand crafted teddy bears that are given with each baby blanket.

- photo submitted

bear.

That big ball of yellow in the sky is so nice to see. Some days; however, you might think with the bright sunshine that it is a beautiful warm day, until you step outside and find it a little on the chilly side.

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

the Saskatchewan Coroners Service to confirm the nature and role of the illicit drugs in the suspected overdoses.

Saskatchewan RCMP is urging the public who consumes illicit drugs to take special precautions when using: never use alone; let someone you trust know of your plans to use; always carry a Naloxone kit. They are available free of charge at many locations in the province; and call 911 if you suspect an overdose is occurring.

For more information on ways to protect yourself, or someone you know, when using illicit drugs, read Saskatchewan RCMP renews warnings about the dangers of illicit drugs after recent overdoses.

If you have information regarding these incidents or the substances involved in these incidents, please call Saskatchewan RCMP at 306-310-RCMP. Information can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Charges laid

At approximately 11:15 a.m., Feb. 7, a male approached the Battlefords RCMP front counter and requested a ride to Lloydminster. Employees explained that they were unable to do so and the male exited the building. He then began stabbing the windows of the detachment with a knife. Officers at the detachment safely arrested the male. No injuries were

reported and the windows received minor damage. The 25-year-old man was charged with one count, mischief, Section 430(4) Criminal Code; one count, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code; one count, carry a concealed weapon, Section 90(2), Criminal Code; and one count, fail to comply with probation order, Section 733.1(1), Criminal Code.

Suspicious vehicle

At 3 p.m. Feb. 12, Rosthern Detachment received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Beardy’s and Okemasis’ Cree Nation. The vehicle was described as a white truck with a black tailgate with two male occupants and one female occupant with pink hair. The males had their faces covered with bandanas.

Approximately an hour later, in a rural area in the RM of Duck Lake, approximately 15 kilometres north of the initial report, a weapons report was made to Rosthern RCMP. The victim came upon a white, 3/4 ton Ford truck with two males with their faces covered and one female with pink hair, matching the description from the first report. It was reported the suspects discharged a firearm at the victim as they drove away southbound.

If you have information about the truck or the three occupants, please contact Rosthern RCMP at 306-232-6400 or call 310-RCMP.

Report Tips and Information: If you have information about any of the above crimes, or other criminal activity, please report it to your nearest RCMP Detachment or police service, call 310-RCMP in non-emergencies, 911 in emergencies. Information can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

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to understand firsthand the frustrations rural residents are facing. As for those living in his community and the surrounding area, Mycock wants them to know he is just as frustrated as they are. “We will keep doing everything we can to get our hospital fully open. It is a scary situation with all that is going on in the area, especially because there are major construction projects happening in the area and if there was a major accident, what would happen?”

Echoing similar frustrations in Watrous, councillors Taylor Engele, representing the community when it comes to healthcare and Lane Manson, who had family in healthcare met with Love and Mowat. The pair were encouraged to hear that the Saskatchewan New Democrats were wanting change for rural health.

“We were pleased to be able to meet with Vicki and Matt to discuss our situation and share our frustration with the reduced services in Watrous,” Engele said. “We know this is very frustrating for our community and we want to make sure these concerns are heard.”

Engele added since the announcement of reduced services, council from the Town of Watrous have been meeting regularly with the SHA. “We have been disappointed that the situation has not improved. We have expressed our concerns both to the SHA and the Ministry of Health in hopes that something can be done to restore full services in Watrous.”

Manson also shared “the community used to have a say when it came to input for our local healthcare system” but no longer have that after the health regions were amalgamated into one. “We would just like to see the services that our community deserves and want to know what we can do to help get them reopen.”

Love understands the frustration that has

been growing in both centres, specifically mentioning Watrous. “We heard from folks in Watrous for them to make an appointment and to be seen by a family doctor is a four to six month wait which is completely unacceptable to think that somebody would know what their health needs are going to be six months down the road from when they are making an appointment.”

Seeing the frustration fall to local municipal leaders and healthcare workers, Love said, “Folks see the hospital sign on the highway and they pull in looking for help only to get to the door and to find out that the facility is closed. There is no way of knowing before they got there in many cases. This is a dangerous situation. They go further down the road only to find out that that location is closed too. Then we have the same thing happening with ambulances who are responding to calls, driving past hospitals who are on bypass, getting into the city only to wait in a hallway for eight to 16 hours in some cases to off load a patient in a crowded city ER. All of these problems are connected.”

When asked about the importance of current staff and the work that they have done during a trying time, Love shared they have served the province incredibly well. “We are definitely hearing frustration and I think that part of that is the government has rolled out a plan for recruitment for healthcare workers but they have really let folks down on retaining those who have given so much for our province who are already working in our healthcare system but are not feeling the respect and the values that they should for the work that they continue to put in.”

Expressing his thanks to those willing to meet, share their concerns and frustrations and to build a relationship, Love said, “We value it greatly and we would invite anyone who also has concerns to reach out to us to share those

with us.”

After the visits by the NDP in Lanigan and Watrous, the Lanigan Advisor reached out to the Ministry of Health to see if they would be able to provide any comments or updates. The ministry issued the following statement:

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During the same week as the official opposition made stops in Watrous and Lanigan, federally, the Government of Canada announced an investment of \$196.1 billion over 10 years, including \$46.2 billion in new funding, for provinces and territories to improve healthcare services for Canadians.

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and partly through bilateral agreements with provinces and territories that allow for flexibility for jurisdictional health care system needs. In addition, it will invest \$2.5 billion over 10 years to support Indigenous priorities and complementary federal support, for a total of \$198.6 billion over 10 years.

The Government also proposed to provide further support though the Canada Health Transfer (CHT) with: an immediate unconditional \$2 billion CHT top-up to address pressures on the health care system, especially in pediatric hospitals, emergency rooms and surgical and diagnostic backlogs; and guaranteed five percent growth to the CHT for the next five years (expected value of \$17.3 billion over 10 years), to be paid through annual top-up payments as required. The last top-up payment would be rolled into the CHT base at the end of the five years to ensure a permanent funding increase, providing certainty and sustainability to provinces and territories.

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The Government of Canada also announced that it would provide \$25 billion over 10 years to provinces and territories to support shared health priorities through tailored bilateral agreements.

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