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With fireworks, a car show, barbecue, ball, a grand opening for the Jansen Disc Golf Park and a celebration commemorating Canada Day, Jansen was a hub of activity July 1 as the community held Jansen Lites Up The Nite. For more pictures, see page six.

- photos courtesy Bruce Elke, Kelsey Jones and Stephanie Weiss



Local U11 softball team takes gold at provincials

■ submitted by Julie Morelli on behalf of the Pirates

With five players from Watrous and six players from Lanigan, a group of enthusiastic girls ages eight to 11 wanting to extend their softball season joined together to attend the first-ever Saskatchewan U11 Softball Provincials.

Lanigan coaches Brynn and Brittany Smith entered the Lanigan Pirates team with Craig Anderson from Watrous assistant coaching and Julie Morelli from Watrous assisting with managing the team. The girls had a few practices together prior to the provincial tournament while they continued to finish up regular league play with their respective

teams.

The 2022 Softball Saskatchewan U11 North Girls (white) Provincial Championship tournament took place in Saskatoon June 24 to 26. There was a total of 14 teams in attendance from the northern half of the province.

The Lanigan/Watrous crew played their first game ever together Friday afternoon with a 16-1 win over the Saskatoon Phantoms Lightning. Their second round-robin game was Saturday and the Pirates defeated the Davidson Red Sox 13-10. With a first place finish in their pool after the round-robin, the Pirates had secured themselves a spot in a semifinal game Sunday

morning. They came up against the also undefeated Saskatoon Hustlers Wolves which proved to be their toughest competition of the weekend so far. The Lanigan/Watrous crew had a strong showing both at bat and in the field and defeated the Saskatoon team 14-9 to advance to face the Humboldt Thunder in the gold medal match.

It was a very exciting finish with the Pirates winning 6-4 over Humboldt to become provincial champions! This group of girls far exceeded everyone's expectations going into the weekend, while making lifelong memories, new friendships and playing some great softball!



The U11 Pirates pictured above. Back row (left to right): Craig Anderson, Julie Morelli, Brynn Smith and Brittany Smith. Middle row (left to right): Hunter Fitzsimmons, Kaya Shepley, Jaylynn Terry, Raya Lockie and Everlee Huculak. Front row (left to right): Kaelyn Senko, Marlee Solar, Harper Anderson, Briar Thomson, Ava Morelli and Blaire Smith.

- photo submitted

LCHS honours students for achievements and dedication

■ Daniel Bushman

Lanigan Central High School students were celebrated for their hard work and achievements as part of the 44th annual LCHS Awards Night. Held June 15, a number of students were recognized during the ceremony at the high school.

The following students were this year's recipients of the awards and scholarships:

sor: Kate Tumanda
Gr. 11 Greatest Effort sponsored by Village of Drake: Riley Bieber

Gr. 12 Greatest Effort sponsored by Larson's Home Centre: Hannah Lamingo
Honour Roll for three terms Gr. 9 to 12:

Gr. 9: Cora Bushman, Marly Dumanski, Arella Ewert, Laurenne Ewert, Gavin Failler, Faith Friesen, Cara Knudsen, Rhyanna Kondraczynski, Montana Kulchyski, Kyler Lone, Zayden Mack, Zoe Mau, Cally Morningstar, Nia Nivon, Kale Pries, Eli Quidet, Bryer Renwick, Jayda Sandercock, Jersey Sigstad, Reese Stroeder, Hanah Suchy, Keira Telfer, and Kya Wildeman.

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lie Sookeroff, Kate Tumanda, and Reese Wildeman.

Gr. 11: Jeremiah Bagtindon, Riley Bieber, Tristan Cardinal, Bayli Focht, Jayden Morningstar, Brayden Nivon, Tyler Paproski, Finlee Renwick, Trinity Srochenksi, and Vincent Worobec.

Gr. 12: Breanna Bartel, Francine Bebita, Noah Doromal, Rensy Jones Endaya, Trysten Hyra, Amber Knudsen, Devyn Leffler, Seija Liimatainen, Caleb Melin, Ethan Paupst, Cassandra Rabe, Emily Riemer, Tristan Schickerowski, Hayley Toman, Avery Wildeman, and Jace Wildeman.

Mathematics Honour Roll

Gr. 9: Cora Bushman, Marly Dumanski, Arella Ewert, Laurenne Ewert, Zayden Mack, Jayda Sandercock, Reese Stroeder, and Kya Wildeman.

Junior: Copeland Balion, Rhett Bryksa, Ryan Doromal, Abigale Dumanski, Chase Failler, Kacen Hyra, Casadi Krieger, Christian Lukingan, Chloe Melin, Masyn Renwick, Kylie Sookeroff, and Reese Wildeman.

Senior: Riley Bieber, Bayli Focht, Devyn Leffler, Jayden Morningstar, and Emily Riemer.

Honourable Mention (received award last year): Breanna Bartel, Francine Bebita, Noah Doromal, Rensy Jones Endaya, Trysten Hyra, Caleb Melin, Ethan Paupst, Avery Wildeman, and Jace Wildeman.

Science Award: Breanna Bartel, Francine Bebita, Noah Doromal, Trysten Hyra, Amber Knudsen, Devyn Leffler, Caleb Melin, Ethan Paupst, Brooke Richels, Ky-

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RCMP Report

Wakaw Pharmacy robbed

On July 2, 2022 at 2:30 p.m., Wakaw RCMP received multiple reports of a robbery in progress at a pharmacy on the 100 block of 1st Street in Wakaw. Officers from the Wakaw Detachment immediately attended and confirmed no one was injured. The officers quickly notified neighbouring RCMP Detachments and police services to be on the lookout for the suspect vehicle.

Investigators have determined two male suspects entered the pharmacy and threatened employees with bear spray. The two male suspects left the pharmacy with an undisclosed amount of prescription medication and got into the suspect vehicle, driven by a female, and left Wakaw heading northbound on First Avenue. The pharmacy was open at the time of the robbery and fortunately none of the customers or employees were injured during the robbery.

Investigators ask anyone who was in the area or lives or works in the 100 block area of 1st Street in Wakaw to check any photos, video or security camera footage captured between 2 and 3 p.m. on July 2, 2022. If you have captured footage or images of anything in that area during that time frame, please contact the Wakaw RCMP at 306-233-5810.

"Wakaw is in lake country and in the summer our community is bustling with visitors. July 2 was no exception," said Cst. Brendin Feere with the Wakaw RCMP. "We are asking anyone who was on 1st Street around the time of the robbery to check their phones to see if they took any photos or video between 2 and 3 p.m. Even something as simple as a selfie may contain information investigators can use."

The suspects robbing the pharmacy are both described as Black, adult males, tall with thin builds. Witnesses reported they spoke with accents. The suspects were both wearing masks at the time of the robbery.

The female driving the suspect vehicle is described as an Indigenous female with a heavy build who waited in the vehicle while the robbery occurred.

The suspect vehicle is described as an early 2000s, white Cadillac CTS.

Investigators are trying to identify anyone who may have information about this robbery. If you have information, you can contact your local RCMP detachment by calling 310-RCMP. Information can also be reported anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

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Investigative Recap

June 29: At approximately 7 a.m., Warman RCMP received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Range Road 3061. Investigation determined the vehicle had been reported stolen from Leask on June 28, 2022. Officers located the vehicle, activated their emergency lights and attempted a traffic stop. The vehicle did not stop, rammed a police vehicle, then continued to drive away. The police officer inside the vehicle received minor injuries and the police vehicle was heavily damaged. Officers located the stolen vehicle

approximately 10 minutes later on Hwy. 12 and arrested the driver. A firearm was located and seized during the driver's arrest.

As a result, Mitchell Pechawis, 32, of Mistawasis First Nation is charged with single counts of: assault with weapon, Section 267(a), Criminal Code; assault police officer with weapon, Section 270.01(a), Criminal Code; occupy a motor vehicle in which he knew there was a firearm, Section 94, Criminal Code; flight from police officer, Section 320.17, Criminal Code; dangerous operation of a conveyance, Section 320.13(1), Criminal Code; mischief over \$5,000, Section 430(3), Criminal Code; possess firearm without a licence, Section 92(1), Criminal Code; possess firearm with tampered serial number, Section 108(2), Criminal Code; possess weapon contrary to order, Section 117.01(1), Criminal Code; failure to stop at the scene of an accident, Section 320.16(1), Criminal Code; possession, Section 4, Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; and three counts, fail to comply with release order condition, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code.

June 29: At 5:53 p.m., Ahtahkakoop/Shellbrook RCMP received a report of a single-vehicle rollover on Grid Road 780, north of Holbein. The male driver and sole occupant of the vehicle passed away at the scene. He has been identified as a 60-year-old male from Christopher Lake. RCMP continue to investigate with assistance from a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

June 30: At approximately 6:45 a.m., Waskesiu/Montreal Lake RCMP received a report of a vehicle rollover on Waskesiu River Road on Montreal Lake Cree Nation. The adult male driver passed away at the scene. He has been identified as a 28-year-old male from Montreal Lake Cree Nation. His family has been notified. Waskesiu/Montreal Lake RCMP continue to investigate with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

June 30: At approximately 2:45 p.m. White Butte RCMP received a report of a two vehicle collision between a semi and a compact SUV on Hwy. 33, approximately three kilometres southeast of Kronau. The driver of the semi wasn't injured. The driver of the SUV, a 68-year-old male from the White Butte Detachment area, passed away on scene by EMS. His family has been notified of his death. White Butte RCMP and the Saskatchewan Coroners Service continue to investigate with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

July 1: Shortly after 9 a.m. Onion Lake RCMP received a report of an unconscious adult male located in a camper next to a residence on the Onion Lake Cree Nation. Officers attended to the location and located a seriously injured 46-year-old male. Local EMS attended and transported the injured male to hospital in Lloydminster. He was later taken by STARS to hospital in Saskatoon for what were believed to be life-threatening injuries. Preliminary investigation has determined the male was the victim of an assault. The male died in hospital on July 3 and the circumstances surrounding his death are being investigated by the Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crime Unit along with Onion Lake Detachment, North Battleford General Investigation Section and Forensic Identification Services, and Lloydminster RCMP Police Dog Services.

July 1: As a result of investigation, Green Lake RCMP located a wanted male at a trailer on Bishop Street in Green Lake. A search warrant was obtained and Quentin Ross, 51, was arrested without incident on a warrant for trafficking cocaine, conspiracy to traffic cocaine, possession of the proceeds of crime and possessing a prohibited weapon. The charges relate to a 2018 drug trafficking investigation in Green Lake. Meadow Lake RCMP and Saskatchewan RCMP Police Dog Services assisted with the arrest.

July 2: At approximately 7:40 a.m. Ahtahkakoop RCMP officers were in the community conducting investigations and patrols when they received a report of a break and enter to the Ahtahkakoop RCMP Detachment.

Investigators have determined an adult male broke into the detachment through an exterior door. The male encountered the on-duty guard in the cell block who immediately alerted detachment officers who arrived back at the detachment a few minutes later. The suspect had left the detachment on foot. A short time later officers located a male matching the description of the suspect who then fled on foot.

Officers requested the assistance of Meadow Lake RCMP Police Dog Services who attended and quickly located the suspect. No one was injured as a result of the incident and the damages to the detachment were limited to the exterior door. Russell Knife, 41, of Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation has been charged with one count, breaking, entering, and committing to a business, Section 348(1)(b), Criminal Code; one count, theft under \$5,000, Section 334(b), Criminal Code; one count, mischief - damage to property under \$5000, Section 430(4), Criminal Code; two counts, fail to comply with release order, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code. He appeared in Prince Albert Provincial Court on July 4 at 9:30 a.m.

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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Solutions and Substitutions



— tips from Reena Nerbas

Dear Reena,

After using rubber backed floor mats on my bathroom floor, a yellowish stain seems to be appearing. Why is this happening and is there a solution for restoring the floor? Thanks, Sonja

Dear Sonja,

The sulphur in your mat has left you with a yellow stain which is very often permanent. Many people have found three percent hydrogen peroxide to be helpful. Pour it onto the area every day for three days and observe whether

or not the stain is lightening. Other options are to combine one-quarter cup OxiClean with one gallon boiling water and pour the solution onto the area. If the yellow does not budge, you may end up having to leave the stained area and cover it with a new mat. Cotton mats are a wise choice.

It is too bad that so many floors have a tendency to yellow and discolour most often from a rubber backed rug or some other weight being left on one specific area.

Dear Reena,

I enjoy reading your column every week and I immediately thought of you for advice with my problem. My father passed his old Crokinole board onto me recently. It was shipped about 20 years ago from the Caribbean to Canada. Unfortunately, the movers placed a 'fragile' sticker right on the playing surface and despite the efforts of my family at that time, only a small portion was able to be removed. I would love to remove the rest and use the board, but I have been unsuccessful with goo removers and water. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Cheers, Brian

Dear Brian,

Begin by holding a hot hair dryer under one corner of the sticker. Blow hot air onto the board and peel the sticker as you hold the hair dryer in place. You will be amazed at how well this works. Use a plastic putty knife to scrape away gummy residue. Next apply rubbing alcohol, Murphy's Oil Soap or olive oil onto the surface to give the board a good cleaning. If the sticker remains: in a ventilated area spray the area with WD-40. Leave for 15 minutes and peel. Test WD-40 on an inconspicuous area before using it on the Crokinole board.

A fun way to cool down

Yummy in your tummy homemade ice cream activity: add the following ingredients to a pint-size Ziploc freezer bag and zip shut: one-half cup whip cream, 1 tablespoon sugar, and one-quarter teaspoon vanilla (you can try other flavours). Place that bag in a larger (quart-size or bigger) Ziploc bag. Add ice to fill the bag halfway, plus six tablespoons salt (course or kosher). Zip that one shut. Shake, turn, toss and mix the bag. In about five or 10 minutes you will have cold hands and yummy ice cream!

Note: Do not try to double this as it does not seem to work. (Also, be sure you get all of the salt off the small bag before you open it.)

Decorate with chocolate syrup, sprinkles or leave plain and enjoy!

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

uncompliCATED - I am Summer, come to lure you away from your computer... come dance on my fresh grass, dig your toes into my beaches. ~Oriana Green



■ by Arlene Martin

I am writing these words very early Thursday morning. My eyelids are heavy and I wrestle with slouching back in my recliner to catch a few more winks. Our Toronto kids are home. It's their first morning here and my heart is so full of joy. Everyone will be awake soon and the tantalizing aroma of coffee and the sweet sound of laughter will permeate all the nooks, crannies and corners of our little house on the prairie. It is always exciting to listen to the happy interaction between brothers together after a year separation. To see them walking, talking and chuckling together banishes the gloom from all the craggly crooks of this mom's old spirit!

Our house is silent as the welcoming fingers of daylight reach through the windows like beams of blessings. Blessings that will unravel throughout the moments of a new summer day. My family is together. We are ALL safe and cozy under the sheltering umbrella roof of our little prairie

home. Adventures await! Family. The word alone is comforting because the world is in turmoil. But I am awake early this morning to write uninterrupted.

I find myself staring at my laptop screen, searching for words and wisdom as the weekly uncompliCATED deadline looms. Suddenly it occurs to me I am trying too hard. My audience consists of friends. Friends like you!

It's summer and time for a break from the regular and the routine. YOU may be at your cottage, or travelling, visiting friends and hopefully – your family. You may be camping, swimming, reading a good book in the shade and shelter of your front porch.

I hope you are well or as I like to say, 'mostly' well despite settings and situations that leave you helpless and hopeless to change. I gave up trying to be captain of the world because the impossibility was making me miserable.

Yesterday has expired. It's gone and nothing can bring it back. But for the moment, daylight burns and summer and sunshine are waiting.

Whatever your circumstances and your retreat or your happy place consists of – dear reader and friend - memorize the moments and sounds of THIS summer.

Sunshine memories make beautiful stories.

I'd like to hear yours!

Happy summertime!

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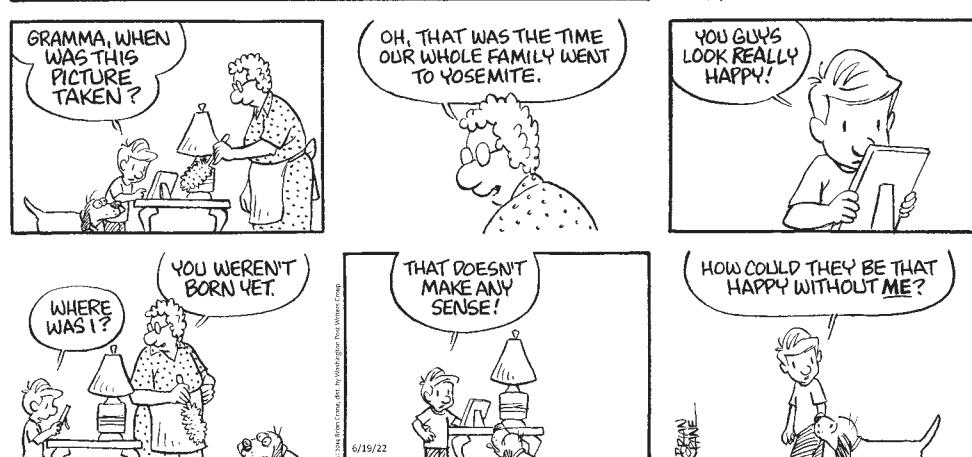
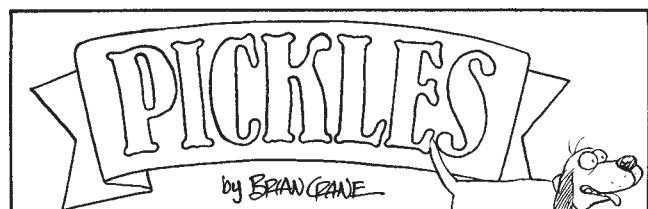
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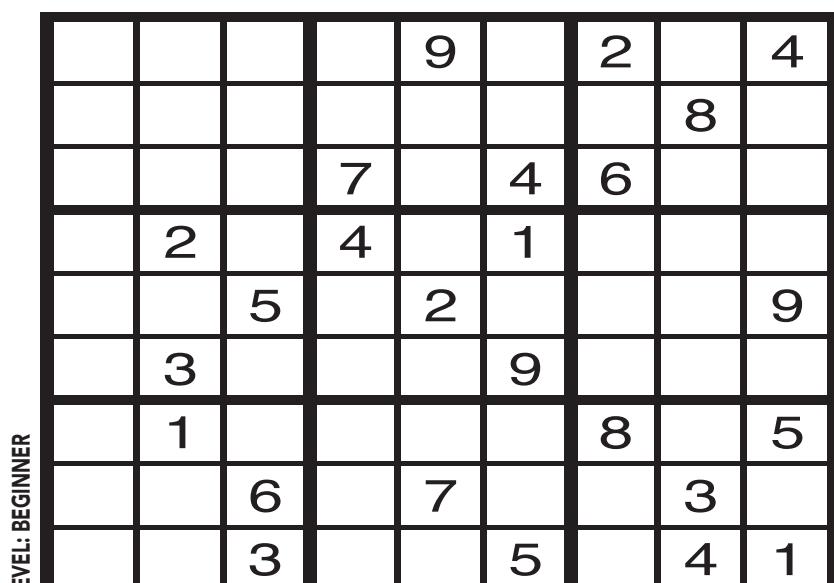
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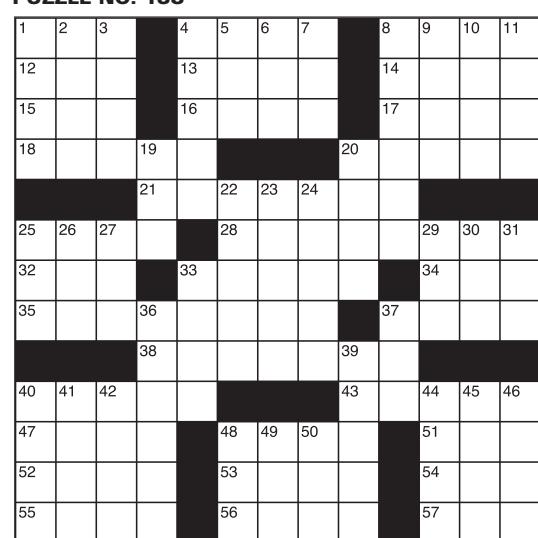


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| | 13. Singles | 37. Resist | 2. Chicken's home |
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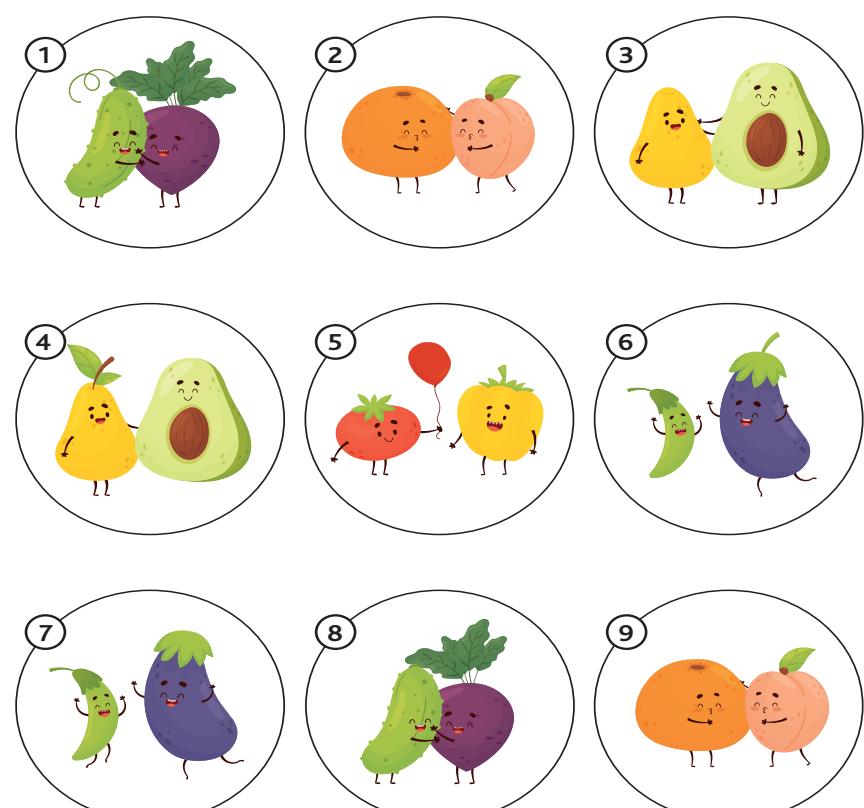
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holidays from July 18 to August 1.**

There will be no papers published July 25 or August 1.

We'll be back in the office August 2 and our next edition will be published August 8.

The logo for Private Eye, featuring a magnifying glass icon on the left and the words "Private Eye" in a bold, sans-serif font. "Private" is in black and "eye" is in pink.

Which two
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Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

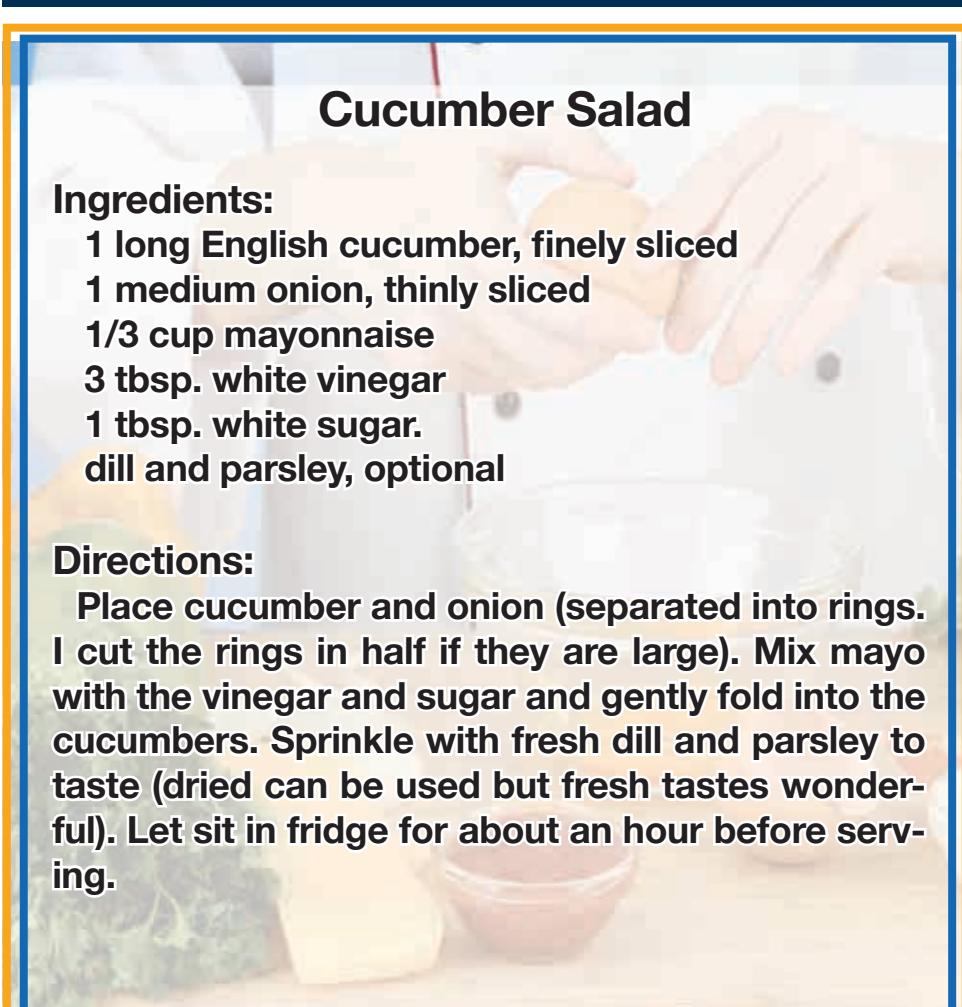
Cucumber Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 long English cucumber, finely sliced
 - 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
 - 1/3 cup mayonnaise
 - 3 tbsp. white vinegar
 - 1 tbsp. white sugar.
 - dill and parsley, optional

Directions:

Place cucumber and onion (separated into rings. I cut the rings in half if they are large). Mix mayo with the vinegar and sugar and gently fold into the cucumbers. Sprinkle with fresh dill and parsley to taste (dried can be used but fresh tastes wonderful). Let sit in fridge for about an hour before serving.





A time to celebrate

After not being able to hold festivities due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with restrictions lifted, people were able to gather and celebrate July 1

as part of Jansen Lites Up The Nite. With a number of fun events throughout the day, there were lots of smiles from those in attendance. - photos courtesy Bruce Elke, Kelsey Jones and Stephanie Weiss



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Thank You! to everyone who attended and made our event a success once again, as well as to all the volunteers - we couldn't do this without you!



Jansen

Louise Shannon

The July 1st weekend was a big success. Everyone worked hard and made the day a success.

I need to thank my sister Eleanor and brother-in-law Wally for making my yard look so good. They live in Edmonton.

A funeral service was held Friday, July 8 for Eldon Schroeder. Condolences to sons Derek and Karl.

Condolences to the family of Irvine Braitenbach who passed away at the age of 97. The funeral service was held Saturday, July 9 in Lanigan.

Get well greetings to Irvine's wife Ella who is quite ill and has been in the hospital.

Belated birthday greetings to Pastor Glenn Shore June 5.

Happy anniversary to Ed and Lois Krieger and David and Kathy Arnst.

Happy birthday to Linda Liebrecht, Elmer Kinzel and Melissa Wolfe.

Plunkett

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The women are busy working on crocheting squares and putting afghans together.

Recently visiting Marge Haynes in Lanigan were her sister and her husband from Saskatoon.

My granddaughter Lisa Mazer of New Zealand visited her parents in Saskatoon and us in Plunkett and school pals in their homes.

Also here visiting us from Kelowna, B.C. were Dean and Rosanne Mattson and Trevor and Linda Macdonald of Saskatoon.

We wish Wendy Bishop

Viscount

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Another school year is over. I hope everyone enjoyed the July long weekend.

We were able to join in on a Christmas in July golf cart parade at Good Spirit Lake. There was a total of 27 decorated golf carts. Then we were able to take in the Cruise the Spirit car show also at Good Spirit Lake.

A beautiful doe kind of posed for me to take her picture, which was also at Good Spirit Lake.

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



A doe poses for a photo at Good Spirit Lake.

- photo submitted by Sandra Reid

Crop Report

■ media release

Crops are quickly progressing across the province thanks to recent widespread rainfall and relatively warm weather. That is according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for June 28 to July 4. Although many areas continue to struggle with excess moisture and yellowing crops, others welcomed the rain as it has helped crops and pastures recover from dry conditions.

Widespread rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 67 mm in the Vanguard area. There are reports of localized flooding due to heavy downpours in some areas of the southeast.

Topsoil moisture conditions have improved. Cropland topsoil moisture is currently rated as nine percent surplus, 71 percent adequate, 18 percent short and two percent very short.

Hay and pastureland topsoil moisture is rated as eight percent surplus, 66 percent adequate, 22 percent short and four percent very short.

Haying operations have been slower than normal due to the frequent rain, high humidity and lack of growth in some areas. Livestock producers now have eight percent of the hay crop cut and three percent baled or put into silage. Hay quality is rated as 19 percent excellent, 62 percent good, 16 percent fair and three percent poor.

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winds, extremely dry soil conditions, hail and leaf spot diseases. Grasshopper populations have drastically increased in many areas and gophers continue to cause damage in many fields.

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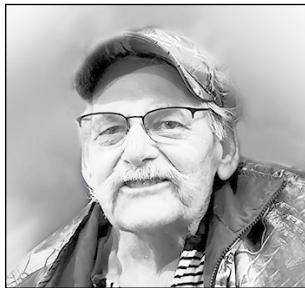
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**HOUK,
Pius**
**February 26, 1941 -
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It is with sadness in their hearts that the family of Pius Houk announces his passing on Sunday, July 3, 2022, at Humboldt District Hospital, in Humboldt, SK. He was 81 years of age.

Pius was born February 26, 1941, to Anthony and Rose Houk (née Werner) in the Luseland area. He attended school at Nipawin, SK, until he left home. In his younger years, he worked at several jobs as a tinsmith, farmhand, equipment operator at Diefenbaker Dam, and as a carpenter in his own carpentry business. He met the love of his life, and wife of 57 years, Elsie Blumers in Esk, SK, while he was working as a farmhand. On November 7, 1964, they were married and began their life together. After trying several locations and career choices, it was clear that farming and carpentry were Pius' love and calling. They returned to Esk in 1974, with two more in their family, Wendell and Marjorie. Esk became home and a place where they decided to raise their family while Pius farmed for W.A. Wildeman in the summers and used his carpentry skills in the winter months. It wasn't until 1982, when he found a long time and everlasting friendship with the Wildeman family, working for Myles and Connie and their two sons, Chris, and Todd. When he wanted to relax, Pius enjoyed watching his hockey and baseball, going to Blair's for coffee with the boys, and checking the crops with Myles. In his later years, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren were his pride and joy.

Pius will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by his wife, Elsie Houk (née Blumers), his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren: Wendell (Christine) Houk and family Kien (Heather), Matthew (Jordan), and Kristian, and Marjorie Houk (Ken Schmidt) and family Joelene (Taylor), Willow and Dezek, Kaylyn (Steve) Bartel, Jayden, Samantha, and Daxton; his brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Anthony and Rose Houk (née Werner), and his parents-in-law August and Mildred Blumers (née Wehner).

The Funeral Service was held for Pius on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., in the Christian Fellowship Church, in Lanigan, SK, with David Kline officiating. Others taking part were pianist Marilyn Kline; scripture readers Joelene Grudnitzki and Kaylyn Bartel; eulogist Myles Wildeman; and memorial table attendants Joanne Deditch and Marianne Pullman. The active pallbearers were: Kien Houk, Matthew Houk, Kristian Houk, Todd Wildeman, Chris Wildeman, and Greg Neugebauer, with Jayden Bartel, Samantha Bartel, Daxton Bartel, Willow Grudnitzki, and Dezek Cobbe noted as honorary pallbearers.

A private family interment was held at the Esk Baptist Cemetery, in the Esk district, SK, and the memorial luncheon followed in the Christian Fellowship Church in Lanigan, SK.

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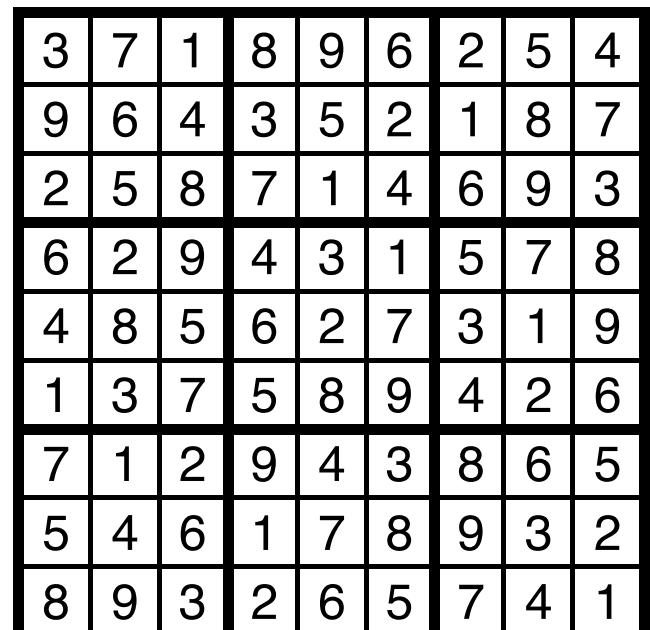
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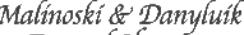
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■ media releases

With higher than forecast revenue, the provincial government stated Saskatchewan's finances strengthened in 2021-'22 after a deficit of \$1.47 billion at year-end is a \$1.14 billion improvement over the projected deficit in the 2021-'22 Budget.

Public Accounts 2021-'22 Volume 1 released June 30, showed higher potash and oil prices resulted in increased non-renewable resource revenue, and higher personal income, corporate income and sales tax revenue than budgeted. Revenue increases in 2021-'22 underscored the province's resilience as Saskatchewan's economy began to recover from the pandemic.

However, widespread drought significantly impacted agriculture expense and health spending was also up in 2021-'22 due to continued COVID-19 costs as the pandemic persisted. "Saskatchewan's improvement through

the fiscal year, and our government's strong financial plan has the province back on track," Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said. "Our public debt at year-end was \$529 million lower than budgeted, as government needed to borrow less, largely due to a lower deficit."

Total revenue of \$18.14 billion was up \$3.66 billion, from the projection in the 2021-'22 Budget. While most revenue categories experienced increases, higher taxation revenue and non-renewable resource revenue were significant contributors to the increase in total revenue.

Non-renewable resource revenue was \$2.92 billion in 2021-'22, an increase of \$1.59 billion, compared to the forecast at budget. Higher potash, oil, and natural gas prices, and resulting increases to the resource surcharge, drove the increase.

Taxation revenue of \$8.20 billion in 2021-'22 was up \$964.26 million. The increase was largely due to higher revenue from corporation

and individual income taxes and from provincial sales and fuel taxes, underscoring the province's resilience as it began to recover from the pandemic.

Total expense of \$19.60 billion in 2021-'22 was \$2.52 billion, higher than projected at budget. The increase was primarily due to higher than forecast agriculture expense of \$3.19 billion in 2021-'22, up \$2.32 billion, or 263.3 percent, from budget. Drought conditions across the province in the spring and summer of 2021 resulted in record crop insurance indemnities of \$2.55 billion, and relief payments for livestock producers.

Health expense was \$6.88 billion in 2021-'22, up \$348 million from the projection at budget. Increases were largely due to pandemic-related costs.

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