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## Former teacher and volunteer honoured for lasting legacy

■ Daniel Bushman

Dedicating nearly seven decades to teaching children, through her passion and love of music, Elaine Seifert was honoured in Lanigan for her selfless commitment and volunteerism. Receiving an Intergenerational provincial volunteer award a few years ago in Regina and soon to be recognized with a Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal June 23 in Humboldt, on June 5, Seifert was bestowed with a Legacy Award for Excellence in Teaching and Community Involvement by Horizon School Division.

With Kevin Garinger, Horizon School Division CEO presenting the Legacy Award on behalf of the division and its board, a grateful Seifert said, "It is an unbelievable experience to think that God has allowed me to work with these children. My biggest thought and hope for them is that they would enjoy music. As I say music, you need to smile when you

are singing. That adds something extra to it. I hope in the years to come that maybe some of these songs will come back to them and they will enjoy them and teach them to their children and grandchildren."

Receiving the Legacy Award, the first of its kind for Horizon, Seifert was front and centre at both the elementary and high school in Lanigan. Playing the piano and singing songs with students, staff and those in attendance at Lanigan Elementary School in the morning, the former teacher and volunteer headed next door to Lanigan Central High School for part of the afternoon where she was also acknowledged.

With the pair of gymnasiums full of students and staff paying tribute to Elaine, the honoured guest was taken aback by it all. Speaking after the ceremony at the high school, she said it was unbelievable to think of all of her students over the years. "I hope I (see page eight: **LEGACY**)



Pictured above: Elaine Seifert is presented with the Horizon School Division Legacy Award, the first of its kind, by CEO of the division Kevin Garinger, on behalf of the board. Pictured far left: Horizon School Division CEO Kevin Garinger along with Elaine Seifert, Pam Briske and Horizon School Division Board Trustee Mark Fedak. Pictured left: Elaine Seifert sharing memories and messages of gratitude with those in attendance at Lanigan Central High School Monday, June 5.  
- photos by Daniel Bushman







# Nutrien Lanigan and Nutrien Allan receive honours as part of provincial competition

■ media release

Teams of dedicated and highly trained emergency response/mine rescue personnel from 18 mine sites around the province tested their skills at the 53rd Saskatchewan Mining Association Emergency Response/Mine Rescue Skills Competition held at the World Trade Centre at Prairieland Park on Saturday, June 3, 2023.

Underground and Surface Rescue teams displayed their highly qualified and proficient skills in seven separate events, including Fire Fighting, First Aid, Proficiency Skills, Practical Skills, Bench Technician, Surface Rope Rescue, and Simulated Surface and Underground Mine Problems.

Saskatchewan Mining Association was pleased to be joined by the Honourable Don Morgan, Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety who assisted in

presenting the awards for the Overall Winners of the 53rd Emergency Response/ Mine Rescue Skills Competition.

Overall: Surface Winner - Mosaic Belle Plaine and Runner-Up - K+S Potash Canada Bethune. Underground Winner - Nutrien Lanigan and Runner-Up - Nutrien Allan.

The Individual Event winners of the 53rd Annual Emergency Response Competition are:

First Aid: Surface Winner - Mosaic Belle Plaine and Runner-Up - Westmoreland Mining Estevan. Underground Winner - Nutrien Lanigan and Runner-Up - Nutrien Cory.

Fire Fighting: Surface Winner - K+S Potash Bethune and Runner-Up - Mosaic Belle Plaine. Underground Winner - Nutrien Lanigan and Runner-Up - Nutrien Allan.

Practical Skills: Surface Winner - Westmoreland Mining Estevan and Runner-



Pictured: Nutrien Lanigan accepting the award as this year's provincial Underground Winner at the Saskatchewan Mining Association Emergency Response/Mine Rescue Skills Competition. Left to right: Ashley Dufault, Scott Odelein, Blake Rath, Carter Lamont, Cody Kennedy, Jory Vanthuyne, Ford Leggott, Austin Stevenson, Jeff Morelli, and Kyle Renwick. - photo credit: Howard Lamont

Up - Mosaic Belle Plaine. Underground Winner - Nutrien Cory and Runner-Up - Nutrien Allan.

Proficiency: Surface Winner - Orano McClean Lake and Runner-Up - K+S Potash Bethune. Underground Winner - Nutrien Lanigan and Runner-Up - Nutrien Allan.

Underground Bench Technician: Winner - Nutrien Rocanville and Runner-Up -

Nutrien Lanigan.

Surface Rope Rescue Skills: Winner - K+S Potash Canada and Runner-Up - Mosaic Belle Plaine.

Surface Field Problem: Surface Winner - K+S Potash Canada Bethune and Runner-Up - Mosaic Belle Plaine.

Underground Mine Problem: Underground Winner - Nutrien Lanigan and Runner-Up - Nutrien

Allan.

The Saskatchewan Mining Association salutes these safety professionals who are a tremendous resource, both to the mines where they work and their home communities.

At the awards ceremony, two member companies were recognized for receiving the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum's prestigious John T. Ryan National Safety

Trophy. Westmoreland Mining Poplar River Mine received the National Award in the Coal Mines Category with a rate of zero, meaning that they had no lost time injuries, or modified work injuries at their operations in 2022. Nutrien Rocanville also received the John T. Ryan Regional Safety Trophy in the Select Mine Category. Congratulations on these great safety achievements!

## RCMP Report

**Watrous RCMP seeks public assistance locating missing person**

On June 1, 2023, Watrous RCMP received a report of a missing 33-year-old male, Justin Lounsbury.

Justin was last seen in Manitou Beach on May 31, 2023 at approximately 3 or 4 p.m. Watrous RCMP have been searching for him since the report was received, checking locations he's known to visit and following up on information received. Investigators are now asking members of the public to report all sightings of Justin and information on his whereabouts.

Justin is described as approximately 5'10" and 150 lbs. He has short brown hair and brown eyes. He has numerous tattoos. Justin was last seen wearing grey track pants, a black



hoodie and black sneakers.

Investigation determined that Justin may have travelled to, or through, the Olds, Alta. area, and he is also known to travel to the Cranbrook and Didsbury areas; however, as of press time, his current whereabouts were unknown.

If you see Justin or know where he is, contact Watrous RCMP at 306-946-3316. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).

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(see page nine: **RCMP**)

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**SESSION #4: SEPTEMBER 9/10 & 16/17**

Contact the Rec Office for more information (306) 365-3444 or [Recreation@lanigan.ca](mailto:Recreation@lanigan.ca)



Jansen

Louise Shannon

Congratulations to Happy Father's Day Montana and Carson coming up to all the Kulchyski on winning prizes hardworking fathers in and at provincial track and field around town. in Saskatoon.

The Lanigan Lazers I will always remember my father, Dan Schroeder, who football team secured a championship for the 1950s and '60s. He repaired the Horizon School Division. the farmer's machines, made

Congratulations to Daniel and Catherine Krause on the railing for porch steps and birth of a son. Grandparents toys or play things at the are Jon and Gloria and great school grounds. Some are still there. He looked after grandma is Linda Paetsch. the ice at the curling rink. He

Happy birthday to Dustin decided we needed movies so Lynch and Larry Schindel. he did them at the hall.

Viscount

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

This heat we are having is pretty wicked. It is too bad that we have to have wicked stormy weather as well. I am finding that my flowers seem to be doing okay with the humidity.

We travelled to Douglas Provincial Park on the weekend to do some camping and touring. It is a very nice area. We were a bit early on the water coming in but we still seen a lot of the beaches around the dam area with people enjoying the beautiful weather. It was an enjoyable trip.

The Viscount Craft and Trade Committee booked the school for the craft and trade show that will happen Nov. 25 of this year. It also reminds me of how fast winter is coming.

Viscount Recreation Board hosted its 22nd Annual Golf Tournament - Armand Clavelle Memorial Tournament Saturday, June 3 at the Lanigan Golf and Country Club raising \$1,520 to put towards the operation of the community centre.

The Viscount Central School Gr. 7/8s took part in an on-line Never Give Up presentation by Vickie Krauss of Saskatchewan's Hall of Fame. They were introduced to a member of Canada's National Hockey Team and three-time gold medal winner Colleen Sostorics. Colleen shared stories and her experiences with hockey and the Olympic Games. This was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to everyone on shattering the HCAA Track and Field records including Kira Wignes from Viscount Central School on shattering the HCAA Track and Field record this spring in the 800 m.

I enjoyed another evening of pickleball at Viscount Central School. I have never been a sports player of any sport, but I sure am enjoying the pickleball evenings. They soon will be over for the year and will start up again in September.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week and enjoy all the fresh air that is possible while watching our beautiful blue skies for any bad cloud formation.



Pictures of a ground squirrel and rabbit taken at Douglas Provincial Park June 2023.

- photos submitted by Sandra Reid



uncomplIcATed - "When my parents first came, there were no stores in Bog End, so they went to Lanigan for groceries . ." - Roy Stein



by Arlene Martin

His father died at a young age. Grandmother Stein arrived in Sask. in 1908. My parents came from North Dakota in 1912.

The early method of transportation was horse and sleigh in the winter and horse and buggy in the summer. We picked up our mail at Wilson's house just west of town. The nearest town, Bog End, was about three miles from where we lived. When my parents first came, there were no stores in Bog End, so they went to Lanigan for groceries. I went to my first city, Saskatoon when I was about 12 years old. I was glad to get back home on the farm.

My parents ordered a lot of things through the Eaton's mail order house. They usually ordered in the fall when winter clothing was needed.

My parents never had a telephone. But we had one after we were married, sometime in the early 50's. There were advantages to the party line, but a disadvantage was - there was no privacy.

I remember the Great Depression. We didn't have much during this time, but we didn't really feel poor, either. I wouldn't say I felt hardships from it.

There wasn't much entertainment during that time. Our family had an old gramophone with the big horn and some records.

World War II broke out, we didn't like to see the young men having to go to war. The war changed the community as there were boys that lost their lives. We had ration books for some things, sugar was one. Things got better after the war. Tractors took over from the horses.

Before electricity we used coal oil lamps and gas lamps

EXCERPTS FROM: Life in the early years of LeRoy, formerly Bog End through the words of my father, Roy Stein. An exchange between father and myself for the simple purpose of remembering.

"My mother Agnes and my father Andrew were farmers. I didn't know my mother's parents, as they were in Sweden where my mother came from. I knew only my father's mother.

to light our house. (Power came to this community in 1955.)

To preserve our supply of meat we would can it or salt it. Our milk, cream and butter were kept fresh down in the well or down in the cellar. We bought flour by 100 pounds, it was Robin Hood flour. My family drank mostly coffee though I don't remember what brand.

Men wore overalls, not jeans like today. Women wore dresses and children wore whatever their parents got them. I helped dad clear the land with horses and the breaking plow. Everything had to be dug out by hand or pulled. In those times there were stump pullers. They pulled out stumps and the horses supplied the power and went round and around on this stump puller. It worked with cables.

I never did go to school till dad moved closer to town when I was about eight. I walked to school. A big wood stove heated it. My dad was the janitor for quite a number of years.

For entertainment there were dances and sports days were big.

The closest railway station was Lanigan and Watson. When they got one in LeRoy it was much easier. The train brought everything to our district, the mail and groceries and so many other things.

When I was a boy, the country was just becoming settled, bush every where. One learned responsibility very young, though not always willingly. Father hauled grain all the way to Lanigan by team and sleigh in the winter time, a 40-mile round trip. He walked a lot of the way to keep warm.

In 1918 a cyclone went through and it did a lot of damage. We lived in a low cottage house with a bedroom built on the south side where my parents slept. My sister, Violet, was just a baby at that time and mother had just carried her into the main part of the house when the bedroom was blown away. It was here that dad's violin bow was left, still hanging on a nail. The violin had been in the bedroom that was blown off the wall. Strange things happen.

As I look back on the way things were, I am inclined to think there have been many more changes during this time than there will ever be in the future."

-Roy Stein (Excerpts from his contribution to the LeRoy And District Saskatchewan Centennial 1905 - 2005, History Book. -Arlene Stein Martin.)



Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Easy Blueberry Cream Pie

Ingredients:

- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tbsp. flour
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- dash salt
- 1 beaten egg

Directions:

Mix these ingredients well in a bowl for about three minutes until very well combined. Add three cups fresh blueberries (frozen does not work well in

this recipe). Pour into one unbaked pie shell. Bake at 400°F for 25 minutes.

Topping:

- 4 tbsp. flour
- 4 tbsp. softened butter
- 4 tbsp. finely chopped pecans

Directions:

Combine the topping ingredients well using a fork. Sprinkle over top of pie and return to the oven for 10 more minutes. Cool before serving.

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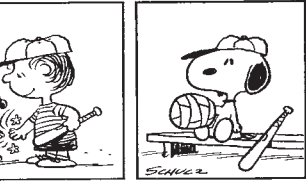
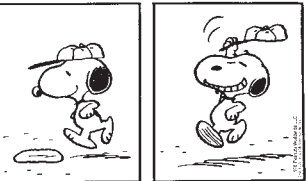
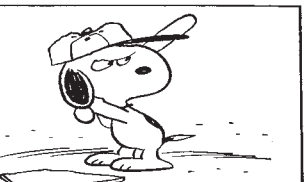
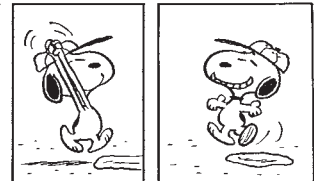
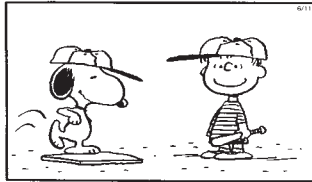
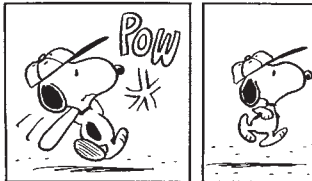
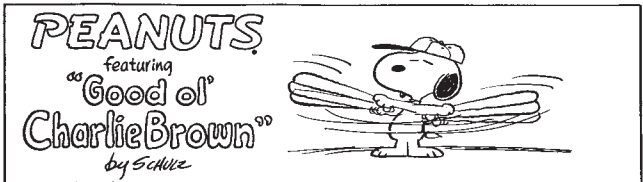
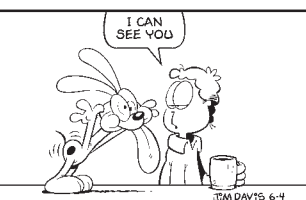
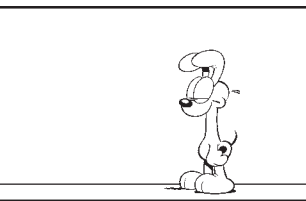
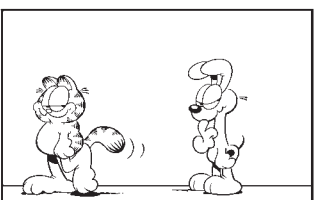
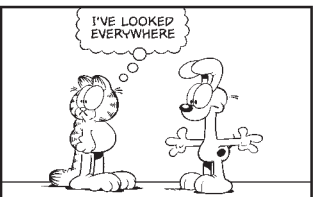
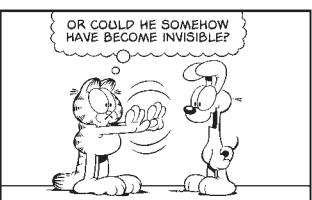
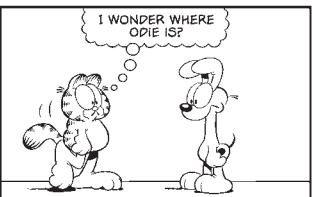
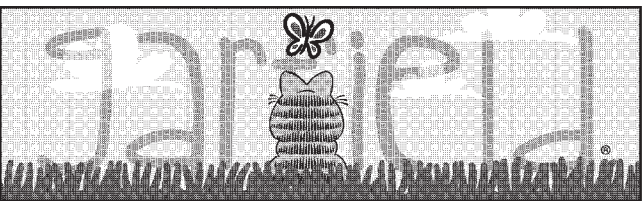
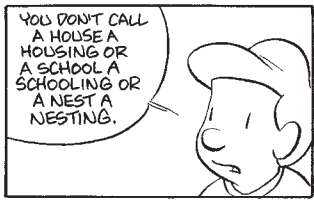
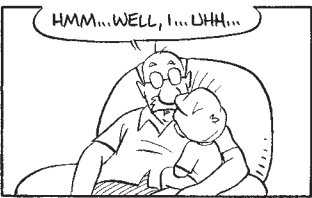
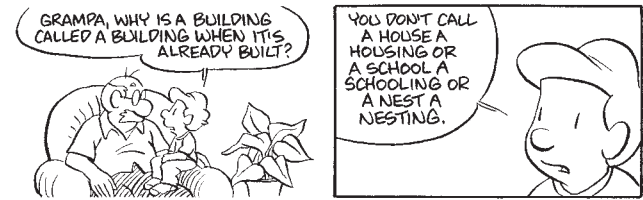
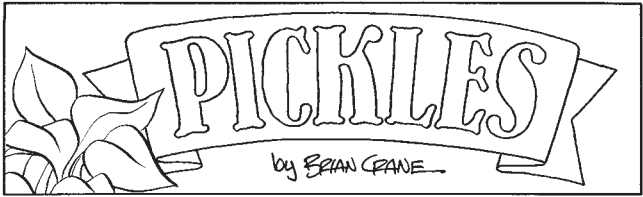
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# Just for Fun



## 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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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

- ACROSS**  
1 Name that's a fruit  
5 Gush out  
9 Computers that come with Safari  
13 Alpaca relative  
14 Tesla feature first introduced in a staged 2016 video  
16 Urban shortcut  
17 Event where kids spend time at home?  
18 "3 Feet High and Rising" hip-hop trio  
20 Temporarily  
21 Action star Chuck  
23 Comforting touch  
24 Hopi drought rituals  
28 Tough \_\_\_\_\_ to crack  
30 "I swear!"  
31 Fist bump  
32 Dressage horse's gait  
34 Devil's delight  
35 Web surfer's guide  
39 "Bc ur asking me ..."  
40 Love, in Spanish  
42 "That hurt!"  
43 Deed holder  
45 "Shea Butter Baby" singer Lennox  
46 "Looks aboveboard to me"
- DOWN**  
1 Fashion magazine whose title is a palindrome  
2 One may have many outlets  
3 "Seriously, forget it!"  
4 Bets (on)  
5 Scientists found 20 new moons of it in 2019  
6 Free trial figures?  
7 Stat in a ride-hailing app  
8 Grandma impersonator in a fairy tale  
9 Worker in search of a better life
- 10** Gay mathematician in "The Imitation Game"  
**11** "\_\_\_\_ estas?"  
**12** Kabkabou or ragout  
**13** Wee chap  
**15** Stone skipper's dreaded sound  
**19** "... man \_\_\_\_\_ mouse?"  
**22** Line for a sewer  
**24** Civil rights icon Parks  
**25** Psych term that anagrams to "mania"  
**26** "Forget what I just said"  
**27** Rejuvenating resort  
**29** Actress Marisa  
**33** Civil wrong
- 36** Apple's mobile platform  
**37** Ostriches have two per foot  
**38** Light fixture with a thin frame  
**41** Meaty barbecue bits  
**44** "Yay, team!"  
**47** Airy dessert  
**48** "No seats left" letters  
**50** Meaningful connection  
**52** Lo-cal  
**53** Colombian's "other"  
**54** Heath bar kin  
**56** Jazzy Simone  
**57** Bee \_\_\_\_\_ (pop trio)  
**58** Owned by us  
**60** "Are \_\_\_\_\_ not entertained?" ("Gladiator")

FOR ANSWERS  
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CROSSWORD,  
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## Themeless Sunday 38 by Adrian Johnson

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# Lazers flag football team takes league title

■ submitted by coach Ryan Wilson

The Lanigan Lazers Flag Football team secured their second western league championship in a row for the Horizon School Division June 5 in Lanigan with a victory over the St. Brieux Crusaders.

The victory of 36-0 was the sixth shutout win out of seven games in which the Lazers outscored their opponents 236-6. The squad of athletes is new to football, but not to winning, with many players returning from last year's team, and several more being added from the provincial champion volleyball team and silver medalists in provincial basketball.

The team was eager to get to work this year, beginning practices in the school gymnasium when there was still plenty of snow on the ground. Although the small space made it difficult to practice plays,

there was still lots of space to work on the essential skills of football, and the girls had fun while showing consistent improvement at practices. By the time the weather was ready to cooperate with outdoor practices, the team was ready to start adding longer throws and kicks to their skill set.

Many of the girls, from all grades (9 to 12) demonstrated strong arms and good technique, but the position of quarterback was secured by Marly Dumanski early in the season. Rounding out the offence were Montana Kulchyski, Reese Stroeder and Abi Dumanski at running back; Kya Wildeman, Reese Wildeman, Callie Chernishenko and Makenna Toman at receiver; and Trinity Srochenski and Kianna Johnson at centre.

On defence, Brooklyn Sereda and Jayden Morningstar played as designated rushers, with Delani Wolter and Cally Morningstar on the line. The defensive secondary was



- photo submitted

played by Heidi Mau, Raea Wildeman, Tessa Jones, Kyrie Burton, Chloe Melin and Jenevieve Melin.

A combination of speed, disciplined positional play, and great hand-eye coordination made it very difficult for opposing teams to move the ball effectively

by either running or passing.

The Lanigan Lazers hope to continue play at a 5v5 tournament in Saskatoon at SMF field June 17.

Congratulations on an amazing season in 2023, Lazers! We hope to see all of our returning students again next year!

# Local area athletes attend provincial meet

■ Daniel Bushman

A number of local area athletes competed in Saskatoon June 2 and 3 at provincial track and field. Facing others from across Saskatchewan, the group qualified for a number of events with some collecting medals.

After the preliminary heats, the following are the individual results of each and the school they represent. Any local area athletes not noted were unintentionally missed.

### Intermediate

In the Girls Intermediate 400 m Dash, Hailee Woodhouse of Holdfast took

home the silver medal with a time of 59.52.

In the Girls Intermediate 100 m Dash, Hailee Woodhouse of Holdfast took home a bronze medal with a time of 13.06.

In the Girls Intermediate 200 m Dash, Hailee Woodhouse of Holdfast took home a bronze medal with a

time of 26.72.

In the Girls Intermediate 1,500 m Run, Kyrie Burton of Lanigan placed 16th with a time of 5:57.70.

In the Girls Intermediate 800 m Run, Kyrie Burton of Lanigan placed 14th with a time of 2:46.86.

In the Girls Intermediate High Jump, Hailey Burton of

Lanigan placed fifth at 1.45 m.

In the Girls Intermediate Shot Put, Marly Dumanski of Lanigan placed sixth with a throw of 10.40 m.

In the Girls Intermediate 1,500 m, Maya Collins of Watrous placed 18th at 6:04.

In the Boys Intermediate 400 m Dash, Ethan Hamilton of Lanigan placed eighth with a time of 56.26.

In the Boys Intermediate 200 m Dash, Ethan Hamilton of Lanigan placed 15th with a time of 25.59.

In the Boys Intermediate Triple Jump, Ethan Hamilton of Lanigan placed fourth at 11.90 m.

In the Boys Intermediate Shot Put, Graydn Wilson of Lanigan placed eighth with a throw of 12.02 m.

In the Boys Intermediate

800 m Run, Kamron Gould of Allan placed 19th with a time of 2:26.02.

### Junior

In the Girls Junior Pole Vault, Ella Wolfe of Allan placed sixth at 1.77 m.

In the Girls Junior 100 m Dash, Montana Kulchyski of Lanigan placed 15th with a time of 14.03.

In the Girls Junior Long Jump, Montana Kulchyski of Lanigan placed 22nd with a jump of 4.24.

In the Girls Junior 80 m Hurdles, Marissa Miettinen of Watrous placed 14th with a time of 14.45.

In the Girls Junior Shot Put, Emma Schindel of Watrous placed 24th with a throw of 7.11 m.

In the Girls Junior Javelin, Emma Schindel of Watrous placed sixth with a throw of 28.72 m.

In the Girls Junior Discus, Olivia Tan of Watrous placed 19th with a throw of 20.62 m.

In the Boys Junior High Jump, Keelan Sanderson of Viscount took home gold with a jump of 1.79 m.

In the Boys Junior 3,000 m Run, Jackson Greenwald of Allan placed 19th with a time of 11:15.92.

In the Boys Junior Javelin Throw, Will Breckner of Colonsay took home a gold medal with a throw of 44.16 m.

In the Boys Junior Discus Throw, Jackson Greenwald of Allan took home the gold medal for 34.83 m.

### Senior

In the Girls Senior 400 m Dash, Kira Wignes of Viscount placed fourth with a time of 1:00.62.

In the Girls Senior 800 m Run, Kira Wignes of Viscount earned a silver medal with a time of 2:21.00.

In the Girls Senior High Jump, Scarlett Ash of Allan

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### Taking silver

Advancing to the final at the Harder Avalon Classic, the U13 Lanigan team competed during a hot day and came away with a silver medal. The Hard-

er Avalon Classic which took place during the first weekend of June was held in Saskatoon.

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### Making the final

Representing the U15 Humboldt Hurricanes, the team which is comprised of players from Lanigan, Watrous, Humboldt, and Wynyard competed at the Harder Avalon Classic in Saskatoon. Taking

place during the first weekend of June, the team advanced all the way to the final where they took home a silver medal.

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## Crop Report

■ media release

Many producers in the province have finished seeding, with others very close to done. Ninety-six percent of the crop is in the ground, up from 89 percent the previous week and just slightly behind the five-year average of 97 percent. That is according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for May 30 to June 5.

Rain was welcomed by many to improve moisture conditions, but also caused delays for those trying to finish seeding. There were many reports of rain in the form of heavy storms, which resulted in localized flooding in some areas. There have also been reports of heavy winds and hail causing damage to crops and property in some areas.

Producers in the west-central region have virtually completed seeding with 99 percent of their crop now seeded. Seeding is at 98 percent completion in the northeast and northwest regions of the province, 96 percent in

the southwest, and 94 percent in the east-central and southeast regions.

Rainfall was received throughout the province. While it was welcomed by producers in the drier areas of the province, it also caused flooding and delays for many. Much of the rain was localized, with some areas receiving trace amounts and many receiving more. There was 64 mm of precipitation in the Glenavon area, 53 mm in Mossbank, 45 mm in Rhein, 34 mm in Garrick and 11 mm in Mayfair.

Moisture conditions are overall improved in the province. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as seven percent surplus, 78 percent adequate, 14 percent short and one percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as five percent surplus, 75 percent adequate, 17 percent short and three percent very short.

Heat and moisture in much of the province have supported

crop development. Warm temperatures with high night-time lows have progressed some crops ahead of normal. Thirty-one percent of the fall cereal crops are reported as being in the jointing stage, 26 percent are in the shot blade stage and 12 percent are in the heading stage, while 46 percent of the spring cereals are emerging and 40 percent are tillering. Forty-two percent of the canola is emerging and 42 percent is in the seedling stage, along with 34 percent of flax being in the seedling stage. Forty-nine percent of pulse crops are emerging and 43 percent are in the vegetative stage.

There were various causes of crop damage. Scattered, but widespread storms caused flooding, hail and wind damage throughout multiple areas of the province. Heat and drought are also causing stress in the crops. There were reports of insect damage caused by grasshoppers and flea beetles, as well as gophers.

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placed 19th at 1.35 m.

In the Boys Senior Discus Throw, Jody Williams of Imperial placed fourth with a throw of 36.09 m.

In the Boys Senior High Jump, Dayton Bunyan of LeRoy was seventh at 1.75 m.

In the Boys Senior Shot Put, Dayton

Bunyan of LeRoy was fifth at 12.89 m.

In the Boys Senior Long Jump, JeMar Brockman of Watrous competed and placed seventh with 6.10 m.

In the Boys Senior Triple Jump, JeMar Brockman of Watrous took home silver with a jump of 12.92 m.

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made an impression on their life that music is something I hope they can never forget and that they enjoy it in life. I wish them all the best.”

In attendance for both celebrations and toe tapping and singing during the songs, Garinger was in awe at the impact Seifert has had on the students, both past and present. “It is amazing. We were at the elementary school and everybody was up and singing. It was very vibrant and it was a beautiful way to honour her. She was on the piano and it was unbelievable watching her. The kids knew every word of every song and then to come to the high school and ask the question of how many students were taught by her and literally I had to ask Elaine to turn around because every student pretty much in the entire gym had their hand up. Those are the people she has impacted. You look at this generation, but what about the other generations she has had a significant impact on in that way? The Horizon Board is honoured to bestow this award upon her, the first of its kind.”

Taught by Mrs. Seifert in Gr. 1 in 1959 and then Gr. 2 the following year, Pam Briske considered Seifert her hero right from day one. Working behind the scenes to see her role model recognized, Briske said, “She has just been there and has been a rock. We need to strive to be more like her. She makes your heart happy and has been volunteering her time for 20 years. You don’t do that unless you love children. She says I am not teaching music, I am not teaching singing, I am teaching children. What more can you say?”

Dedicating 69 years to supporting children and youth, Garinger said the ceremonies acted as an important opportunity to recognize an amazing educator. “She did not teach music, she taught children and that is what a legacy award of this type for excellence in teaching and community involvement is so fitting for somebody like Elaine who is just an outstanding example of what we all hope to be as educators.”

Those sentiments were also echoed at each school. Teacher at LES, Denise Wilson who helped with the morning program June 5 said the students and staff are always excited when Mrs. Seifert plays the piano for them. “We have been very blessed to have a wonderful talented lady who volunteers her time to share her love of music with us. Mrs. Seifert has been volunteering at LES for so many years that our new teachers remember her playing piano for them when they attended as

students.”

Wilson shared that along with playing piano, Seifert helped students learn about playing rhythm instruments and over the years, accompanied them on the piano for class musicals, Remembrance Day programs, and Christmas concerts. “Mrs. Seifert would also personally write Christmas cards and valentines every year for each of our students. She has also been a huge support and cheerleader at our local music festival. She said that this was the second year that she missed attending in many years.”

Appreciating when Seifert is able to come to the school, Wilson said, “Mrs. Seifert is a big believer of the importance of music. She wants kids to sing. We are very thankful that she chooses to share that love for music with us. She always says that it makes her heart feel happy when she can be with the kids sharing her music. We want her to know how many hearts she has touched over the years. We love you and appreciate you! Looking forward to our next visit with Mrs. Seifert!”

At LCHS, Principal Jeffrey Stroeder shared it was very evident at their assembly the impact Mrs. Seifert had on the kids she taught. “The students engaged in singing, “You are my sunshine” to Mrs. Seifert and students took the time to have pictures with her after the program. She has brought a love of music out in many students over the years and is very deserving of her award.”

Born on a farm one mile north of Esk on Dec. 20, 1934, as an only child, Elaine was kept busy with a number of jobs including learning to milk a cow when she was six years old. While she enjoyed the farm, it was music and the dream of teaching that would become Seifert’s passions. “I was not educated much in music but my dad played violin and he helped me a lot with music. I am grateful to him because he would play these old-time songs and I learned to play with him.”

Attending Pauline School, about three miles north of Esk, Seifert later went to Esk and Jansen schools. Enrolling in Teacher’s College in 1953, her dream of being a teacher soon became a reality. Elaine began teaching in Hiawatha School near Drake in 1954 and after that, the teacher instructed at Constance School near Long Lake before relocating to Jansen, LeRoy, Guernsey and Vancouver.

It was during those years of teaching where Seifert was able to pass along her love of music to her students. “In my first

school I started out with a pump organ and then at another school I brought in an accordion and put on a Christmas concert with 10 students. After four years there, I went to a school where there was a piano!”

With the ability to instill music into the lives of kids over the years, following her teaching career, Seifert wanted to remain involved. Able to volunteer at the elementary school in Lanigan, Seifert’s enjoyment for teaching children music played on over the next 20 years. Recently though, after facing some health issues, Elaine elected to sell her home in Lanigan and now resides in Saskatoon near family. But despite living away from a community where she also considers her former students family, when Seifert arrived at the schools June 5, it felt as though she never left.

“I could hardly wait for music to be with these children when I taught, to have them running over and say they are in the music festival now because they wanted to play piano like I did. I was part of their life as they grew up and hearing that I meant something to them, I am still speechless.”

But it was not just at the schools where Seifert was able to make an impact. “When she lived in Lanigan, she would volunteer at the Lanigan Elementary School every week then go over to Central Parkland Lodge and play for residents,” shared Briske. “She played for entertainment, church services, and special occasions. She is a force - a very good force. I respect her, I love her and she is very deserving.”

When Seifert found out her former pupil was behind all of the well-deserved awards, she could not believe it. “Pam is just an amazing friend and she has done so much. When I got an award in Regina as a volunteer, she was behind having every-one writing letters.”

Attending the ceremony in Regina along with Briske were 10 of Seifert’s former students along with friends and family who watched as she received the volunteerism honour. Sharing that one of her students even named his daughter after Elaine, Seifert said the journey has just been amazing.

“The highlight for me has been my ability to work with children as a teacher and now just as a volunteer in music. I want to say best regards to all the children throughout the years who I have worked with as a teacher or as a volunteer. I hope music has become a part of your life and will be through the rest of your life.”

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### Stolen vehicles

Craik Rural RCMP Detachment have had three stolen vehicles in the past 10 days. On May 23, 2023 a 2005 Grey Ford F150 4WD truck was stolen from Holdfast. On the same date, a 2011 White GMC Sierra 3500 flat deck truck with a diesel slip tank was also stolen from a farm in the RM of Craik. And sometime in the past week, a 2012 Black Load Trail transport trailer was stolen from Davidson. All these vehicles are still missing. Police continue to investigate these occurrences and are seeking public assistance with any information they may have about this or any other crimes in their areas.

Craik Rural RCMP are also reminding everyone to not leave their keys in their vehicles and to lock their vehicles to help prevent these thefts in the future.

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### Hit and run in Davidson

On May 29, 2023 at noon in Davidson, a 75-year-

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### Road Safety Week

May 16 to 22, 2023 was Canada Road Safety Week and Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) officers from Saskatchewan RCMP and other partner police agencies were out on the road throughout Saskatchewan focusing on curbing dangerous driving behaviours such as impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding and seatbelt misuse.

Throughout the seven-day enforcement campaign, CTSS officers issued: four Criminal Code impaired charges; 43 roadside suspensions for lower-

level alcohol and/or drug impairment; 1,091 speeding tickets, 82 distracted driving tickets and 81 seatbelt tickets; 210 invalid vehicle registration tickets; 63 invalid driver's licence tickets; 193 vehicle defect inspection notices; and 2,273 warnings.

One notable traffic stop occurred on May 21 on Hwy. 21 near Pierceland. A Meadow Lake RCMP CTSS officer conducted a traffic stop as a result of an Automated Licence Plate Reader (ALPR) alert regarding a possible unregistered vehicle.

Upon further investigation, the vehicle's registration was expired by four months and the adult male driver didn't possess a valid Saskatchewan driver's licence. The officer observed several cracks obscuring the view out the windshield and the bed of the pickup truck had lawn mowers stacked on top of other items with no tie-down or straps to prevent cargo from falling out of the vehicle.

The driver was ticketed for: Drive a motor vehicle without a certificate of registration, Section 57(1) (a), Traffic Safety Act; Drive a motor vehicle without a valid driver's licence, Section 32(1), Traffic Safety Act; and Drive a vehicle

with cargo that is likely to drop, Section 40(2), Highway Traffic Act.

The tickets result in \$905 in fines. The driver also received a vehicle inspection notice to correct the cracked windshield.

"Although Canada Road Safety Week has concluded for 2023, Saskatchewan RCMP is committed to road safety all year long. We will continue to focus our efforts on eliminating high-risk driving behaviours," said Sgt. Ian Amundsen, from Saskatchewan RCMP's Traffic Services. "We thank all drivers and other road users who continue to do their part to help keep the roads we all travel on safe."

### Break and enter

At approximately 4 a.m. June 1, Onion Lake RCMP received a report of a break and enter at a residence in Onion Lake. Officers immediately responded. Investigation determined several individuals entered the residence and assaulted an adult male occupant. He was transported to hospital with injuries described as serious but non-life-threatening. The group of individuals then left in a vehicle.

At approximately 8 a.m., an Onion Lake RCMP officer conducting patrols in the area observed the

suspect vehicle at a business in Onion Lake. The officer activated their emergency lights and attempted a traffic stop. The suspect vehicle did not stop and continued southbound on Hwy. 17 and then east on Hwy. 3, before running out of gas. Officers arrested the four occupants without incident.

Thirty-one-year-old Jamie Chief from Onion Lake and 23-year-old Darnell Parenteau from Saskatoon are each charged with: one count, break, enter and commit, Section 348(1) (b), Criminal Code and one count, assault causing bodily harm, Section 267(b), Criminal Code.

Darnell Parenteau is also charged with three counts, fail to comply with probation order, Section 733.1(1), Criminal Code and one count, weapons possession contrary to order, Section 117.01(3), Criminal Code.

They appeared in Lloydminster Provincial Court on June 2, 2023.

An adult female is charged with one count, flight from police, Section 320.17, Criminal Code. She is scheduled to appear in Lloydminster Provincial Court on July 5, 2023.

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# Local area firefighter featured on Guardians of the North

■ Daniel Bushman

As the wildfire season heats up in northern Saskatchewan, each year a group of firefighters are tasked with protecting the region. In an effort to highlight the work done battling wildfires on the ground and from the air, a new docuseries was released and included a familiar face to the local area.

Featuring Travis Struthers from Watrous and personnel from the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA), Muskoday First Nations Fire Department and Saskatchewan First Nations Emergency Management (FNEM), six episodes of season one of Guardians of the North aired on Citytv Saskatchewan.

The documentary television series which received a Creative Saskatchewan Feature Film and TV Production grant of \$276,000 was produced by Wavelength Entertainment and has put the spotlight on firefighters and the work that they do.

“It was an honour for us to embed with the brave men and women as they worked tirelessly battling fires in extreme conditions with the express goal of protecting the north,” Producer for Guardians of the North Chris Triffo said. “We are grateful to have collaborated with SPSA, SFNEM, Creative Saskatchewan and Citytv on this exciting docuseries.”

“Protecting the north requires several partners working hand-in-hand to help mitigate, protect and respond when needed,” Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell said. “Nobody can do

it alone. We are grateful for the highly trained men and women who dedicate themselves to providing the best protection possible in our province.”

Guardians of the North follows wildland firefighters including Struthers in Saskatchewan’s Indigenous and northern communities as they battle blazes in an effort to guard human life, personal property and natural resources. Featuring the McCafe wildfire near Stanley Mission which burnt more than 12,000 hectares, a total of six episodes were created for the series ranging from training, fighting fires and challenges.

Following filming for the 2022 season, Struthers explained how he got involved with the project. “The opportunity to be part of the show came about rather unexpectedly. We had been made aware that a film crew would be working with the SPSA; however, we had no indication they would be focusing on our group. It really came about while the film crew was touring our tanker bases and looking for a rookie story line. I can say that my coworkers were very quick to point a finger at me and quickly duck out of sight of the cameras themselves.”

One of the featured personnel during the show’s first season, Struthers, who is a member of the Watrous Fire Department, said the overall experience was fun. “It was very interesting to see what goes into ‘making TV’ and what was interesting about our jobs to those with an outsider’s perspective. On the flip side, having a camera pointed at you all day and being “mic’d up” definitely added

an extra element to worry about while you’re busy. Anyone who is familiar with my sense of humour knows that recording everything I say could be dangerous.”

With all of the episodes released, the first airing Mar. 7, Travis said a few people from back home have noticed him on television. “The support has been cool to get. There have been a number of calls and texts that both my parents and I have received since the show came out and it’s become very apparent to me that a lot of people knew I was involved with fire but most really didn’t know what I do specifically.”

While the experience of being featured on Guardians of the North was fun for Struthers, a lot of work, dedication and focus was applied to his job in the air. With his training going well, the start of the 2022 fire season began as a smoulder so the opportunities to get in the air after his theory training was completed were few and far between. But once the McCafe fire and others were ignited, that all changed. “I began to get a lot of airtime in mid complexity fire situations and was quickly certified to work unsupervised with skimmer aircraft (CL-215s and CL-415s) on the Melon fire north of Stony Rapids. The second part of certification didn’t come until late August when I was finally able to take a certification mission with the land based retardant aircraft (Convair 580s). This fight was to the Richard fire north of Creighton/ Flin Flon.”

Always learning and training, Struthers indicated the next landmark of training/ certification for him will come after his second full season as a provincially certified Air Attack Officer. “At this time I will be eligible for CIFFC certification, that if granted, will make me exportable nationally and internationally in the position.”

Looking to make an impact across the country and around the world, for Struthers, professional firefighting was never really on his radar until he joined the Watrous Fire Department in 2013. “Originally I had gone to fire school in Vermilion, Alta. to be a structural (city) firefighter and eventually found employment in the oilfield working with industrial fire/rescue companies. It wasn’t until I worked with a wildland firefighter one winter that I decided life in the north chasing forest fires sounded like something worth doing. Now here I am on my sixth season, still



Travis Struthers on the Guardians of the North trailer for season one. - screen grab images



hooked on the excitement.”

Sharing that Guardians of the North is currently filming a second season, Travis figured he would make the cut adding there is expected to be an expansion of characters. No matter how much airtime he receives, the firefighter is happy the work of battling blazes is being highlighted. “It is very important today with the aging, diseased, and changing vegetation, changes to weather patterns and the ever increasing amount of human interaction within the forest and rural environments. While wildfires have always been a part of the natural cycle, the impacts to humans and communities is dramatically increasing while the work of those managing fires has seemingly gone largely unnoticed.”

Now well into the start of the 2023 fire season, as Struthers was doing the interview for this story, he was receiving multiple air tanker requests for the day. That number only went up as the province has now experienced at least 192 fires, higher than the five year average of 120 for the same time period.

With 20 active fires as of May 30 according to SPSA, while the recent rainfall was welcome, Struthers has fought a high number of blazes so far. “El Niño appears to be setting up faster and hotter than anticipated and almost all indications and forecasts show that it will be a very busy summer throughout western Canada; potentially record breaking.”



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