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BHP building strong partnerships at Jansen

■ media release

As construction progresses at BHP's Jansen potash project in Saskatchewan, the company has awarded three new contracts in partnership with local First Nation communities. Covering BHP's camp management, site services and raw ore/handling foundation, the contracts include representation from the six First Nations surrounding the Jansen site, with whom BHP has Opportunity Agreements in place.

The Opportunity Agreements were first developed in 2012. These were the first of their kind and aim to create long-term mutual benefit for BHP and First Nation communities. The agreements enhance the company's mutual capacity and are a way that industry can forge new relationships with Indigenous Peoples to create local employment, business opportunities and build the skills and capabilities of local residents.

"Across our operations, it is our ambition to create long-term relationships with Indigenous Peoples based on trust and mutual benefit – and these contract awards demonstrate this ambition in action," shared Vandita Pant, Chief Commercial Officer. "By integrating local suppliers and Indigenous businesses into our supply chain we are working hand-in-hand with First Nation partners to build long-term positive outcomes for communities and for BHP"

The three and a half year contracts are valued at over \$260 million (CAD), and will support more than 400 local jobs with over 50 percent planned to be Indigenous. Since sanctioning Jansen Stage 1 in August 2021, a total of \$470 million (CAD) in contracts have been awarded to Indigenous businesses in the region.

To support the work at Jansen, BHP has been a catalyst for First Nation Opportunity Agreement holders coming together with industry partners. The camp management contract has been awarded to Wicehtowak Frontec Services, a joint-venture between ATCO Frontec Ltd. and George Gordon Developments Ltd. The joint venture was originally created in 2011 as a 50-50 partnership to support the construction of the Jansen Discovery Lodge, and today has evolved to a majority Indigenous-owned company.

The site services and raw ore/handling foundation contracts have been awarded to 2Nations Bird - a new partnership between Bird Construction Inc., Beady's and Okemasis Cree Nation's Willow Cree Developments General Partner Inc., and Fishing Lake First Nation's Development Corporation, FLFN Ventures. 2Nations Bird will work closely with KDM Constructors, who represent Kawakatoose, Day Star and Muskowekwan Nations, as well as George Gordon Developments Ltd., the economic development arm of the



New contracts have been awarded as construction pushes ahead at BHP's Jansen potash project. The company indicated the contracts include representation from the six First Nations surrounding the Jansen site, with whom BHP has Opportunity Agreements in place.

- photos courtesy BHP

George Gordon First Nation.

Chief Ananas of Beady's & Okemasis' Cree Nation explains the impact of the contracts on his community, "Indigenous and industry partnerships, such as these, create economic and employment opportunities for our Nation and its members. It also allows us to develop capacity, learn from one another, and grow in tandem. More importantly, these types of relationships are critical to advance economic reconciliation which allows us to develop long-term, meaningful, and sustainable outcomes."

As BHP moves towards its operations at Jansen, anticipated to start in late-2026, the company is working with First Nation Opportunity Agreement partners, and other Indigenous groups to identify jobs and skillsets it will require long term at Jansen.

BHP have partnered with local organizations in

Saskatchewan to provide pre-apprenticeship programs to help build awareness of opportunities in the trades and prepare individuals for the skills necessary to enter the mining industry. Through these programs the company hopes to attract more people who may not have considered a career in mining, particularly women and Indigenous people in the region.

"We deeply appreciate our mutually beneficial agreements with First Nation partner communities and look forward to continuing to work together," shared Caroline Cox, Chief Legal, Governance and External Affairs Officer. "Our partnerships are based on respect and through our work together we seek to better understand Indigenous voices, values, knowledge and perspectives and to incorporate them into the way we work. We strongly believe this will make BHP a more successful company."

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Saskatchewan ranks third for most tornadoes in 2022

■ Daniel Bushman

With at least three twisters in the local area near Manitou Beach, Allan and Young in 2022, and more spotted throughout the province, it should come as no surprise that Saskatchewan ranked near the top of the list when it came to the most tornadoes in Canada.

That is according to the 2022 annual report from Northern Tornadoes Project (NTP) which has been undertaking a comprehensive analyses of active events since 2017. Launching from Western University and detecting, surveying, and documenting tornadoes and other damaging wind events across Canada, from its 2022 data, NTP indicated Ontario recorded the most tornadoes over land (43 events) with eight more over water. Quebec came in second with 26 tornadoes followed by Saskatchewan with 25 (seven on June 29 alone). NTP indicated no tornadoes were rated higher than EF2 in 2022 but multiple provinces experienced EF2

events in 2022 including Ontario (14), Quebec (seven), Saskatchewan (four), and Alberta (two).

As a whole, the Prairies experienced 39 confirmed tornadoes with 33 of them hitting during a peak period of mid-June to mid-August while in Ontario and Quebec, 77 tornadoes were recorded. NTP data showed the total number of tornadoes spanning Canada during the 2022 season tied for the highest its recorded at 117 (and closer to the 150 they thought might be occurring based on statistical analysis).

To accumulate its data including registering the trio of twisters near Manitou Beach, Allan and Young, in its report, NTP conducted 447 investigations, 392 planet satellite surveys, 34 ground surveys, 30 drone surveys and 12 aircraft surveys. Hoping to better detect and document tornado occurrences while improving communication and reducing harm to people and property, the team at NTP shared the 2022 tornado season began in mid-May and ended in late-September,

“shorter than the six month stretch of active weather observed in recent years.”

Of the verified events in 2022, in its report, NTP said 106 were over land, 11 over water, 94 were downburst, 36 non-tornadic vortex, 18 unclassified wind damage, and 35 unclassified visual vortex.

Noting June 29 was a busy day for tornadoes in the Prairies, nine hit from Alberta to Manitoba including one near Manitou Beach. First forming northeast of Young around 3 p.m., as the system moved southeast, it was not long until a funnel dropped from the sky. Hitting near the south shores of Little Manitou Lake, approximately eight kilometres east of Young and about 11 kms west of Manitou Beach and Watrous, the rotating twister went from a grey hue to a darker brown as it began sucking up dirt and debris from the ground. Lasting for about 15 minutes as it moved through part of Allan and Steven Leslie's pasture land toward Watrous and Manitou Beach, it knocked over some trees before disappearing.

In an interview last year with The Watrous Manitou, the Advisor's sister paper, Steven Leslie confirmed the land spout twister had gone through part of the family's land. “There were a bunch of trees that were knocked over but thankfully there was



It was quite the summer for the local area and in Saskatchewan as the province ranked third in 2022 for the most tornadoes in Canada. Out of the 25 confirmed twisters, three were within the

local area including one near Young which was in the system pictured above. Ontario recorded the most tornadoes last year followed by Quebec and Saskatchewan.

- file photo

really nothing else that was damaged.”

Having never witnessed a tornado in person before, Watrous resident Doug Thomas was enjoying an afternoon at Manitou Beach with his family when the twister hit. Like Leslie, Thomas shared with the newspaper last year he noticed a number of people on the beach looking west and pointing at a little funnel coming down from the back of a dark cloud. Noticing a skinny tongue of grey darting in and out of the funnel toward the ground, after a few minutes Doug

thought it was dissipating. Recording videos of the event, just as he figured everything was coming to a conclusion, a dust storm began to form. Shortly after that, the rotating funnel joined up to create a large column.

Guernsey resident Al Bowman was working for the Manitou and District Regional Park Campground that day and also spotted the clouds forming over Little Manitou Lake. Capturing the event on a time lapse which eventually went viral, Bowman would conduct interviews from all over the place like Austria, France, the United States and Canada asking what happened that day.

Like Bowman, Thomas also posted his videos on social media and they started to garner attention. “By the end of the afternoon my phone was buzzing non-stop with notifications and the number of views quickly grew

into the thousands.”

Looking back on that day, the pair were amazed at the tornado and also thankful no one was hurt.

Rating tornadoes on strength and damage using the Enhanced Fujita Scale (EF) with a zero being the weakest and a five the most powerful, in the case of the twister near Manitou Beach, NTP said it was rated EF2 over land. Occurring around 3 p.m. it was tracked at 7.47 kms with a width of 210 m and max wind speeds of 190 km/h. While not as lengthy, the event near Allan and Young came a few weeks later. At 11:11 a.m. on July 15, the tornado near Allan was tracked at 0.85 km over land with a max width of 160 m. There was no wind speed data available and no definite EF rating. The event by Young later that day at 1:05 p.m. did not have any data but could be spotted southwest of town (see page seven: **TWISTERS**)

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RCMP Report

Mule deer found dead with arrow at Manitou Beach

On Mar. 4, 2023, Humboldt conservation officers received a TIPP call regarding a mule deer found dead with an arrow in it in the Resort Village of Manitou Beach.

The deer was located near the back alley of Cumming Avenue on a trail that leads to Wellington Park. The deer was shot with a field tip arrow, and is believed to have been shot sometime before late February 2023.

If you know who may responsible for this, or had seen this deer walking around with the arrow in it, please call the TIPP line at 1-800-667-7561. Anyone who provides information that leads to a conviction may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

RCMP respond to collisions during winter storm

Saskatchewan RCMP's Division Operational Communications Centre received 139 weather-related calls for service from Mar. 10 to 12, 2023, as much of the province experienced a wintry blast that created less-than-ideal driving conditions.

This figure includes calls for traffic collisions, as well as traffic hazards such as vehicles stuck in snowbanks.

Approximately a third of these calls (49) were received from the area around Regina – in the White Butte, Indian Head, Moose Jaw, Southey, Lumsden, Milestone and Weyburn detachment areas.

There were no fatal collisions reported to Saskatchewan RCMP from Mar. 10 to 12, 2023.

As eager as we are for warm weather to arrive, Saskatchewan RCMP reminds motorists not to pack up their winter driving skills too prematurely. If you are planning to travel, please consult with the weather forecast and the Highway Hotline. If road conditions look like they are or may become poor, consider delaying travel if possible.

Whether you're driving in snow, rain, wind or sun (and we're likely to see a bit of it all in the coming months), it's

always recommended you ensure your vehicle is stocked with emergency supplies, and you drive appropriately for the current weather conditions.

RCMP respond to break and enter and collision

At approximately 12 p.m., Cut Knife RCMP received a report of a collision on a grid road southwest of Marsden. Officers immediately responded and located a pickup truck and a SUV that had collided, with no one at the scene. Officers carefully checked to ensure there were no injured persons in the vicinity.

Around the same time, Cut Knife RCMP received a report of a break-in at a residence. Investigation determined the pickup truck involved in the collision was stolen from the residence, as well as 11 firearms.

As a result of continued investigation, Cut Knife RCMP arrested four individuals at two separate residences in Marsden later that day. One was later released without charge.

Investigation determined two of these individuals were operating the pickup truck and the SUV when they collided. No serious injuries were reported to police.

Search warrants were later executed at the residences in Marsden. Officers located and seized the 11 firearms reported stolen earlier that day, an ATV, fraudulent documents, credit cards, as well as a significant amount of power tools and electronics also suspected to be stolen.

As a result, 29-year-old Joshua Thorne from Marsden is charged with single counts of: break and enter with intent, Section 348(1)(a), Criminal Code; one count, theft under \$5,000, Section 334(a), Criminal Code; one count, possession of the proceeds of crime, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; one count, mischief under \$5,000, Section 430(4), Criminal Code; and one count, careless storage of a firearm, Section 86(1), Criminal Code.

Thirty-nine-year-old Amy Racette from Marsden is charged with single counts of: theft under \$5,000, Section 334(a), Criminal Code; possession of the proceeds of crime, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; and careless storage of a firearm, Section 86(1), Criminal Code.

Twenty-eight-year-old Keesha Rippengal from Marsden is charged with one count, break and enter with intent, Section

348(1)(a), Criminal Code.

Cut Knife RCMP continue to investigate and will work toward reuniting the recovered items with their potential owners. If you are missing a power tool or electronic and can positively identify it by serial number or markings, contact Cut Knife RCMP at 306-398-3500.

Saskatchewan RCMP's Battlefords, Unity and Maidstone detachments, as well as Battlefords Forensic Identification Section assisted in this investigation.

Charges laid

Saskatchewan RCMP's Meadow Lake Crime Reduction Team, with the assistance of Meadow Lake RCMP, executed a search warrant Mar. 12 at a residence on the 500 block of 2nd Street West in Meadow Lake. Officers located and seized approximately eight grams of methamphetamine, five grams of cocaine and crack-cocaine, two firearms, ammunition and other weapons. An adult male was arrested at the residence.

Twenty-nine-year-old John Arnold from Meadow Lake is charged with: two counts, possession of a firearm while prohibited, Section 92(3)(a), Criminal Code; one count, possession of a prohibited firearm with ammunition, Section 95(2), Criminal Code; one count, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88, Criminal Code; two counts, unsafe storage of a firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; three counts, possession of a firearm/ammunition while prohibited, Section 117.01(3), Criminal Code; one count, trafficking (methamphetamine), Section 5(1), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; and one count, possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

RCMP conduct traffic stop

At approximately 12:56 a.m. Mar. 12, officers responded to the report of a vehicle speeding along Hwy. 102. La Ronge RCMP located the vehicle driving on Cook Crescent in La Ronge and conducted a traffic stop. The male driver, who was the lone occupant of the vehicle, exited and attempted to flee from police on foot. Officers immediately followed and attempted to arrest the male, who continued to resist arrest. Efforts to complete the arrest of the male required the deployment of a police intervention tool, a CEW (Conducted Energy Weapon). The male was safely taken into custody and did not require medical attention. One of the responding police officers sustained minor injuries during the arrest. A search of the male resulted in officers locating and seizing a machete.

As a result of the investigation, 32-year-old Jared Ballantyne from La Ronge, is charged with: Assault causing bodily harm on a peace officer, Sec. 270.01(2) of the Criminal Code; Possess weapon for a dangerous purpose, Sec. 88(2) of the Criminal Code; three counts of resisting arrest, Sec. 129(a) of the Criminal Code; Carry a concealed weapon, Sec. 90(2), of the Criminal Code; and Failure to comply an Undertaking, Sec. 145(4)(a) of the Criminal Code.

Farmer's impressive medal haul earns her honours

media release

After winning four gold medals at the Canada West Track and Field Championships, and another two medals at the Pandas Open, Kendra Farmer has been named the Sask. Sport February Athlete of the Month.

At the Canada West Track and Field Championships in Saskatoon on Feb. 24 to 25, Farmer was named the Canada West Female Track Athlete of the Year after winning gold medals in the 300m dash, the 600m run, the 4x200m relay and the 4x400m relay. Those results

by Farmer, a fifth-year student-athlete, helped the University of Saskatchewan Huskies women's track and field team to secure their fifth straight Canada West Track and Field Championship team title. During the competition, Farmer was also presented with the Canada West Student-Athlete Community Service Award.

Earlier in the month on Feb. 10 to 11 at the Pandas Open in Edmonton, Farmer collected more hardware, winning first place in the 4x400m relay and finishing with silver in the 60m dash. In the 4x400m relay, Farmer and her team set

a new meet record with a time of 3:49.59, which also surpassed the automatic qualification standard for the U SPORTS Track and Field Championships.

Then in March, at the U Sports Track and Field Championships from Mar. 9 to 11, Farmer collected three

silver medals in the 300m, 4x200 relay, and 4x400 relay. She also won bronze in the 600m to help the Huskies capture the bronze team medal.

Farmer was nominated by Saskatchewan Athletics for the Sask. Sport Athlete of the Month.

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So excited that Mar. 20 is the first day of spring. What happened to ‘spring is sprung the grass is riz’? I as well as many of you would love to see some green grass. It is coming very slowly, but it is coming!

Monday, Mar. 13 in the afternoon, five Blankets for Canada women met, undeterred by the big wind, at the Viscount library. I was so excited I was finally able to join them. Yeah me, I am no longer under the weather! We sewed and sewed and exchanged news and accomplished a great deal of work on making blankets. We sure look forward to the inclement weather ending! We are working on the adult-sized blankets these days as there is a shortage of them in the shelters. Drop in on us to see what we do or join us in making these fun blankets. Call Evelina at 306-281-8196 if you would like more information. I hope to see you at the Viscount library Monday afternoons.

The Gr. 7/8s from Viscount Central School had a great time when they went curling in Colonsay. The seniors are enjoying their morning coffee at the senior centre as well as the games and coffee Monday afternoons.

People are starting to join our community garage sales this year; looking good!

Jansen

Louise Shannon

Congratulations to Dwayne and Val Koshinsky for winning the curling bonspiel in LeRoy.

We had a good time at the library celebrating with Mrs. Seifert. Everyone enjoyed the cookies.

The children from Jansen are keeping busy with dancing and basketball

in Lanigan. Some of the high school children play volleyball.

Some people are going to the lakes for one last ice fishing.

Happy birthday to Chloe Mills, Joyce Bamford and Ashley Kinzel.

Happy anniversary to Dwayne and Val Koshinsky.

Prairie Rose Bowling



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by Arlene Martin

try darkness. My thoughts turned to a question someone asked me again this morning: “Are you in pain? Does a stroke hurt? What is it like?”

Good questions, and being honest, I also pondered the same thing pre-stroke. The wind was starting to have an icy bite and I tightened the parka hood around my face. My answer is no, unlike its’ first cousin, heart attack – my stroke was painless. I have a faint recollection of feeling a ‘snap’ like a startling twinge inside my noggin, but I drifted back to sleep. In the morning I knew something was dreadfully wrong and the only pain I incurred was an intense blend of confusion, anxiety and dread. The long hours ahead, fear commandeered my faith, telling me that life, as I knew it – if I survived, was over. That was painful.

Feeling a nudge at my feet, our ‘welcome wagon’ cat, Max spotted me and invited himself on my walk. I am still in disbelief that I went to sleep one night walking and talking and in the morning, I couldn’t do either. My hand found soft fur as I reached for purring Max. Previously an unloved, unwanted emaciated tabby someone had thrown away at our farm – now he was a precious part of it. Once upon a time broken and frightened – today fear no longer has him in a chokehold. A thought came to me and I spoke it aloud: “Life is a concert.” Max’s big green eyes widened and I hugged him close. Understanding the connection that we were both given a second go-around. Life pulses in a rhythm of tunes and tones, some happier and buoyant than others. Sadly there are times it fades into a void replaced by melancholy painful notes when life inadvertently brushes only

the black piano keys. One evening while walking in our yard the darkening sky in the west was an incredible array of pink, purple, gold and crimson. Winter sunsets are shy, they are short-lived at best and I didn’t realize how lonesome my spirit has been for these spectacular prairie sunsets. I stood riveted at the beauty surging in front of me. In a matter of minutes the same skies would be replaced with stark navy wintry

the black piano keys.

I love this place, this boundless easy-to-draw province. I love the contrasting seasons, the changing clouds, the sunlight, the moonlight, the sunrise, the stars, the sunset and mostly, the kind-hearted people.

Summers when our kids, our Torontonians visit, we plan scenic day trips in Saskatchewan. There is so much grandeur in its vastness – nature exemplified. Life indeed is a concert. With that epiphany I turned, Max trotting unreservedly behind, and we walked home. One last glance, the sun plunging off the flat snowy horizon, I couldn’t help but feel gratitude swell and soar. Every sunset is a placard, a silent reminder that beauty and hope still exist. Each step, every sunset and I am one tread closer to recovery. There are so many others, who aren’t so fortunate and their concert isn’t so spectacular. Yet.

Max returned to his warm cozy outdoor shelter, and while enjoying a steaming marshmallow-trimmed cup of hot coco – this beautiful place shouts down my fears. Sunset is my victory song reminding me that life is worth fighting for.

Missing my Torontonians, I recalled a sweet prairie memory. Very late one warm peaceful July night, returning home with our kids from a long day of travel – exhausted and sleepy, we all tumbled out of our Chevy suburban. Silence. Embracing, encompassing stillness broken only by the subdued choral recital of leaves serenading in the elms. Above us a velvet black sky embellished dazzlingly by a gazillion glittering stars. I overheard my son from Toronto express it best, “Listen. Just listen. Do you hear that? The sound of nothing.”

Where ever life finds YOU: cheering for your grandson at the hockey rink, watching your daughter or granddaughter perform at dance, facing one more chemo treatment, grieving deeply for a beloved, gazing contemplatively from a rocky shoreline or just walking your dog – – miracles thrive in the shadows.

Losing hope knocked me out of harmony. And then there came the sunset! Chaos and uncertainty fade under skies ablaze with stunning tapestry. The cosmos resonates in harmony to The Maestro playing both the black and white keys. Even the sound of nothing is a musical notation. It is the essential pause to enhance the resounding notes in The Hallelujah Chorus.

Take a prairie sunset moment and just listen.
Love Arlene



Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Golden Syrup

Ingredients:
This is the same as corn syrup or Rogers golden syrup. It makes just over three cups.
3 cups white sugar
1 cup brown sugar
1 ¼ cups water
2 tbsp. lemon juice

Directions:
Mix all ingredients well in a heavy bottomed pot. Bring to a boil over medium heat stirring most of the time. Once it comes to a boil, turn it down to low and let it simmer for about 40 minutes without stirring. Let cool, then pour into jars. I store mine in a cool cupboard. I have stored mine for a couple of months without any issues. If it gets too thick you can add a small amount of warm water - start with one tbsp.

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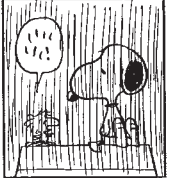
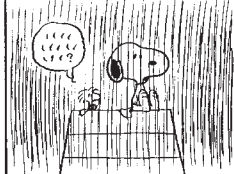
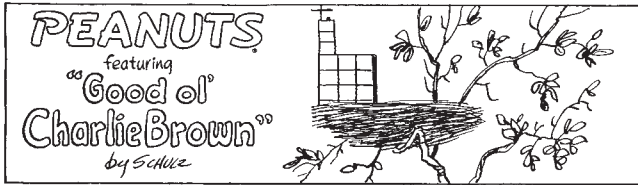
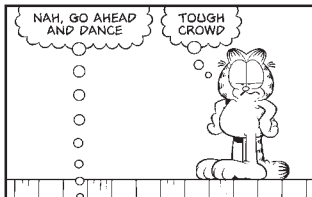
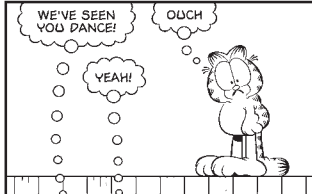
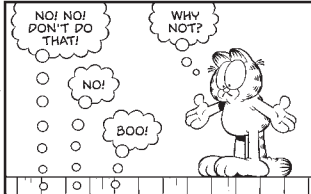
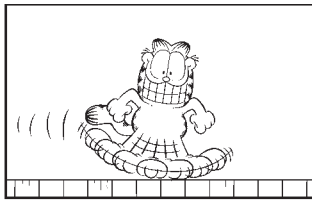
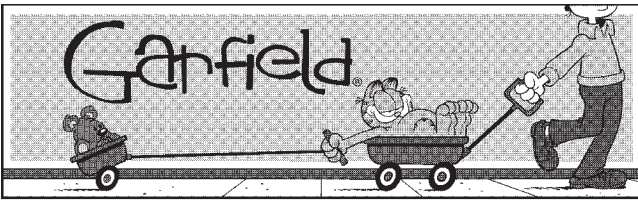
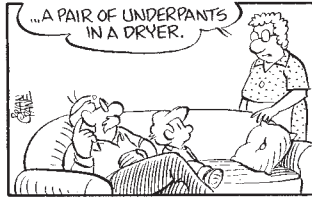
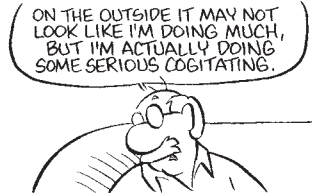
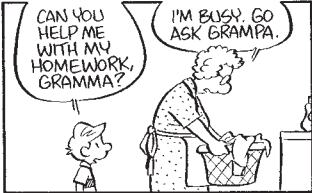
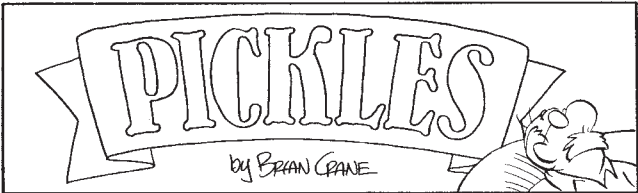
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(retro fixture)
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Local area archer takes aim at Canada Winter Games

■ Daniel Bushman

Shooting for an opportunity to represent Saskatchewan at the 2023 Canada Winter Games in Prince Edward Island, Carl Bothma who is from Watrous and is a member of the Viscount Archery Club, set his sights on achieving that dream back in 2021.

With the Saskatchewan Archery Association's High Performance Program selecting 19 athletes for male and female compound and recurve divisions, Bothma attended multiple training clinics where archers were selected to represent Team Saskatchewan at the Canada Winter Games in 2023. From that group, four competitors made the cut and a few others selected as alternates.

Chosen as an alternate in November 2022 for Team Saskatchewan, Bothma was listed in the compound division. Fast forward to February, and a few weeks before archery was held at the Canada Winter Games, Carl was notified he would be going.

"The primary stepped down and it was a very very hard decision on his part," shared Bothma. "Once he stepped down, I was up and had a bit of time to get ready for that."

Practicing and ensuring his equipment was ready to go, once Feb. 26 arrived, Bothma hopped on a plane and flew east for the Canada Winter Games, remaining there until Mar. 5. Scheduled to compete in the compound individual and mixed team events, Bothma arrived at his destination where he took his best shot.

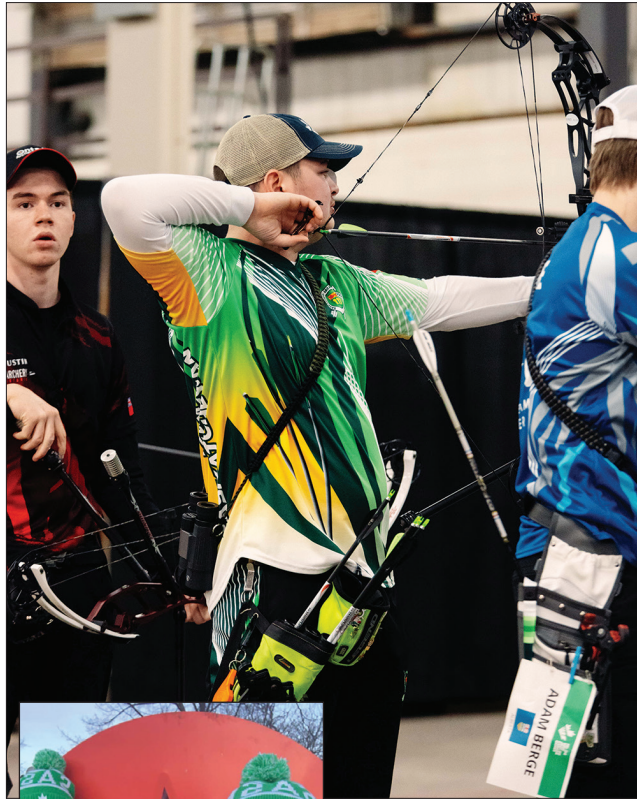
"It was exciting to shoot with all these different people in both categories. The fact that I got to shoot with these athletes and have all the different sports there was great. We had fencing in the same building and on residence, there was hockey games and other stuff there. The closing ceremonies was awesome as well."

With the first of two qualification rounds taking place Mar. 1, Bothma joined archers from other provinces aiming to advance. Each qualification round Carl competed in determined the seeding for the individual and mixed team single elimination rounds. Shooting well enough to qualify in individual compound bow qualification, once it finished, Bothma sat third. That effort put the archer in the elimination match Mar. 3 where he lost a close quarter final to Quebec 143-141. Overall, the 17-year-old from Watrous finished sixth in individual standings.

While his individual event wrapped up, Carl was also able to qualify through the mixed team event and competed in the elimination round Mar. 4. Teaming up with Taisija Boyle from Regina in the compound event, the first time the pair of archers shot together representing the province, both Bothma and Boyle found success.

Through tremendous shooting, the duo reached the bronze medal event but ran into a tough Alberta team who edged them by a narrow margin. That placed Bothma and Boyle in fourth overall.

"Looking back at the competition, the first two ends of the qualifying round I was a little nervous but after that it was like shooting with buddies," shared Carl adding the



Able to compete in archery and take in the closing ceremonies, Carl Bothma of Watrous competed at the Canada Winter Games in Prince Edward Island.

- competition photos by Dupont Media/remaining courtesy Carl Bothma



entire experience was a memorable one. "I went there with the knowledge I was more than likely not going to win but went knowing I was competing against some of, if not, the best athletes in Canada and even in the world. Being able to compete with them and alongside them and get their take on stuff, it was awesome and helped me a lot."

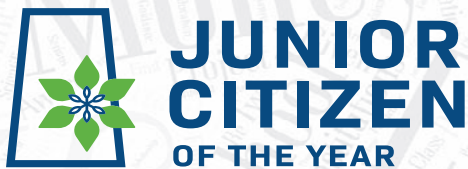
Not only did the competition provide lifelong memories but Bothma explained the Canada Winter Games as a whole was fantastic. "The volunteers were awesome and everything was run well. It was awesome to be with all of the athletes from all the different sports. The people who put the Games together did an amazing job and I always felt safe. The residences were brand new buildings and it was an amazing experience."

With a passion for shooting since he was 10 years old, seven years later, Bothma felt the support from teammates at the Canada Winter Games and from those back home. During his events, Carl's parents were able to watch online from Watrous and Bothma also heard from classmates as they

watched from school.

"It was awesome. I also had people text me wishing me well from everywhere in town, it was great. I really appreciated all the support I received from back home. The community, fellow students at Winston High School and my bow buddies from the whole archery community in Saskatchewan. The volunteers and officials at the Canada Winter Games also made the experience great and a reality."

Enjoying the sport of archery and thankful for the opportunity to practice his skills at the nearby club in Viscount, Bothma wanted to emphasize how grateful he is for the encouragement and support he has received. "I really appreciate everyone who has helped me. Some of my peers like Jacob Bourassa who was at the Games in Red Deer in 2019 gave me a bunch of tips and I shot with him a lot and he really helped me. I want to thank all the teachers, my friends, co-workers, mom and dad and everyone. The support I got was tremendous."



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June 29, 2022 will go down as one to remember as there was not only a tornado that touched down near Manitou Beach and Watrous (pictured) but six other events were in

the province as well that day including near Foam Lake. In total, Saskatchewan experienced 25 tornadoes in 2022, third most in Canada. - above photo by Daniel Bushman, right photo by Al Bowman, below photo by Doug Thomas



(from page two: **TWISTERS**)

and from motorists going from Watrous to Young.

As for having multiple tornadoes in Saskatchewan during the same day, in an interview last year with the Advisor's sister paper, The Watrous Manitou, Terri Lang, Services Meteorologist for Environment and Climate Change Canada indicated it can happen. "We do tend to get them once or twice a season but the last few years due to drought conditions there has not been the storms that Saskatchewan normally experiences."

With Saskatchewan being a hot spot for tornadoes, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada's Top 10 Weather Events in 2022, the active weather in the Prairies throughout July put it seventh on the list.

Compiled by David Phillips with Environment and Climate Change Canada, at least four powerful and dangerous July storms spanned from Alberta to Manitoba. Bringing heavy rain, large hail, damaging wind gusts and tornadoes, the storms inflicted millions of dollars in property damages.

On the afternoon of July 7, Phillips shared the first severe super thunderstorm developed over central and southern Alberta spawning an EF2 tornado with wind speeds between 180 and 190 km/h. The next day, four tornadoes were spotted in parts of Saskatchewan near Paynton and Blaine Lake on July 8, followed by a small, non-destructive tornado near Argyle, Man. on July 9.

The second storm system developed on July 15 across the Alberta foothills including large hailstones before entering Saskatchewan the next day.

A third storm complex started in Alberta on July 18 just west of Medicine Hat, triggering an EF2 tornado with maximum wind speeds of 190 km/h. Plough winds peaked between 100 and 115 km/h. leaving thousands of residents without power for several days. Localized flooding also occurred over many areas across Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Storm number four ended July on a stormy note, with ever-present heat and humidity. Between July 29 to 31, the weather featured clusters of severe thunderstorms, including a couple of tornadoes, strong rotating or straight-line winds and flooding rains. While a tornado touched down in Coronation on July 31, another weak, non-destructive tornado struck between Kindersley and Swift Current.

Following the four major July storms, Phillips said property insurance damage, not counting crop losses, was nearly a quarter of a billion dollars across the Prairies, with Alberta suffering the majority of the loss.

While tornadoes and severe weather events in Saskatchewan are becoming more and more common, NTP hopes by accurately identifying areas at risk in a daily

forecast will be an important step in heightening awareness and providing advance notice for those on the ground.

As for where the confirmed 2022 tornadoes were in Saskatchewan, NTP's list includes: Caron (May 17), Furness (June 10), Maymont (June 10), Rheinfeld (June 20), Log Valley (June 23), Manitou Beach (June 29), Foam Lake (June 29), Cymric (two events June 29), Serath (two events June 29), Arbury (June 29), Glidden (July 5), Smiley (July 5), Paynton (July 8), Lambert Lake (July 8), Oliver Lake (July 8), Blaine Lake (July 8), Allan (July 15), Young (July 15), Avonhurst (July 15), Radville (July 17), Lake Athabasca (July 25), Little Island Lake (Aug. 4), and Erinferry (Aug. 4).

Downbursts include: Langbank (June 19), McAdam Lake (June 26), Kelliher (July 10), Grenfell (July 15), Wapella (July 15), Moosomin (July 15), Red Jacket (July 15), Kerrobert (Aug. 2), Erinferry (Aug. 4), Amyot Lake (Aug. 4), Namekus Lake (Aug. 4), Watson (Aug. 13), and Kelvington (Aug. 13).

Unclassified wind damage include: Ocean Man First Nation (June 19), Churchbridge (June 23), Biggar (July 17), Halbrite (July 18), Lake Four (Aug. 4), and Kelvington (Aug. 13).

Unclassified visual vortex include: Forgan (June 13), Laporte (June 19), Melville (June 21), and Briercrest (July 26).

Non-tornadic vortices include: Indian Head (May 7), Bethune (May 8), Smuts (June 24), Hoosier (July 5), Hitchcock Bay (July 10), and Lloydminster (July 30).

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Most popular baby names in Sask. for 2022

media release

A list of the top 20 baby names for 2022 was released by eHealth Saskatchewan. In 2022 Olivia was the most popular name for baby girls for the eighth year in a row. The second most popular girl name was Amelia, marking a dramatic comeback from eighth place in 2021. Noah was the most popular name for baby boys for the second year in a row year, just edging out longtime favourite Liam.

As of data published Feb. 13, 2023, there were 60 baby girls named Olivia, followed by Amelia, Emma, Ava, Lily and Sophia. There were 58 baby boys named Noah in 2022, followed by Liam, Leo and then tied in the next two spots are Jack and Lucas, and Benjamin and Theodore.

Some new names made the top 20 list. Mia is back on the girls' list, this time at number 15 - only debuting on the top 20 list once before in the last 10 years, back in 2013. Walker is at number 12 and Beau is at number 16 on the list of boy names.

The girls' list saw some drop-offs from 2021. Baby girl names that did not carry over to the 2022 top 20 list were Harper, Aria, Avery and Nova. More than one-third of the most popular baby boy names from 2021 didn't reappear on the 2022 top 20 list: Grayson, Jackson, Henry, Brooks, Bennett, Emmett and Rhett.

There were 12,802 live births registered in Saskatchewan as of Feb. 13, 2023. The final count is anticipated to be completed in March. The number of live births registered in 2021 was 14,559. This does not include Saskatchewan mothers who gave birth outside of the province.

Top 20 girl names included from first to 20: Olivia, Amelia, Emma, Ava, Lily, Sophia, Isla, Charlotte, Willow, Abigail, Nora, Aurora, Chloe, Ivy, Mia, Ellie, Scarlett, Ella, Emily and Hazel.

Top 20 boy names included from first to 20: Noah, Liam, Leo, Jack, Lucas, Benjamin, Theodore, James, Levi, Lincoln, Oliver, Walker, William, Maverick, Asher, Beau, Hudson, Luke, Alexander, and Elijah.

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“Saskatchewan is once again leading the nation with ambitious solutions to addressing the health human resource challenges that Saskatchewan, Canada, and the rest of the world are facing,” Premier Scott Moe said, who announced the enhanced incentive at the 2023 SARM Annual Convention and Trade Show. “Our government recognizes the challenge of attracting doctors to rural and remote areas of the province, and this increased incentive will enhance our ability to attract more rural physicians and meet that challenge.”

The \$47,000 total incentive that was previously offered is increasing to \$200,000

to help attract more family physicians to rural and northern communities across Saskatchewan. To incentivize retention, the length of the program is increasing from four years to five years. Eligibility for the incentive is also expanding beyond new graduates and will now include physicians practicing in rural and northern communities who have been assessed through the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment Program (SIPPA).

“The enhanced incentive of up to \$200,000 over five years will help attract more family physicians to rural and northern communities across Saskatchewan,” Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley said. “Family physicians play an important role in rural and northern communities because they also support emergency departments, acute care beds, and other important services provided by local health care facilities.”

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