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Budget approved

for Lanigan

■ Daniel Bushman

After more than a year of navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic, municipal elections taking place this past fall and with 2021 being a re-evaluation year, Lanigan Town Council spent considerable time going through this year's budget.

Lanigan CAO Kelli Timmerman said with 2021 being a re-evaluation year, the overall assessment in the Town of Lanigan decreased by 11 percent. Because of that, Timmerman noted there needed to be a change in order to generate the same amount of municipal tax revenue. "The mill rate has been set at 6.03, which is a 0.25 increase over last year. Each base tax also saw an increase this year of \$50. A combination of these two increases will keep the total municipal tax revenue generated around the same as last year. That being said, due to the changes in assessment, residents will see changes to their taxes, some will decrease, some will increase."

While overall revenue from municipal taxes is approximately the same as it was in 2020, Timmerman said the pandemic has certainly played a part in how this year's budget looks. "We definitely see the decrease in revenue generated from recreation, but with that comes a decrease in the operations as well, not entirely offsetting, so there will be some loss there. There were some smaller budget items from last year that didn't proceed as planned due to COVID, so we have brought those forward to revisit as well."

As for the new Kindergarten to Gr. 12 school that will be constructed in the community, Timmerman said the project is funded between the provincial government and Horizon School Division so it is not part of the Town of Lanigan's budget.

With regards to the new water park, Timmerman noted they anticipate to break ground on it this year and if so, funds that were allocated into a reserve will be transferred to the operating budget.

Aside from the water park, the Town of Lanigan does have some other projects and maintenance work that are contained within this year's budget. Those include:

- substantial increase in paving budget, pothole mix, etc.;
- fence repairs at ball diamonds;
- new playground equipment;
- custom street sweeping and sidewalk reclaiming;

(see back page: **BUDGET**)



After receiving funding through the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program and with a beautiful day, volunteers and local businesses joined forces to install some new playground equipment in Lanigan. Replacing some of the pieces May 13 at RCMP Park on Downing Drive (pictured below) and in the Lion's Park on Baun Street (left), the crew was able to get things done in time for the cement to be poured later in the day. Sand was then brought in May 14.

- top and right photos courtesy Kelli Timmerman/ below left photo courtesy Linda Mallett

New playground equipment

installed in Lanigan

■ Daniel Bushman

With beautiful weather, a number of volunteers and the opportunity to provide residents of Lanigan with some new playground equipment, work to install the structures got underway late last week.


Replacing aging equipment, through the

Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP), the Town of Lanigan received funding for new playground structures which were installed and completed May 13 and 14. Lanigan CAO Kelli Timmerman said the Town picked up the remaining costs after grant funds, labour, equipment and material donations which

would be approximately \$10,000.

Both structures were installed May 13, the larger one at the RCMP Park on Downing Drive and the remaining equipment in Lion's Park on Baun Street. Concrete was also poured May 13 and then on May 14, sand was brought in to finish off both areas.


Timmerman said the only way the massive undertaking was able to be completed was due to the generosity of residents and businesses within the community. "Failler Skid Steer Service did a tremendous amount of work and they were joined by Bros. Welding and Services Ltd., (see back page: **PLAYGROUNDS**)



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COVID-19 update; Re-Opening Roadmap

■ Daniel Bushman

As more and more people receive their first shot of the COVID-19 vaccine, the province continues to move closer to reaching its three thresholds as part of the Re-Opening Roadmap. While a number of residents in Saskatchewan book appointments and wait in line to get their vaccination, local communities and schools are trying to do their part in keeping COVID-19 at bay.

Re-Opening Roadmap

As of May 13, according to the provincial government, 72 percent of those over the age of 40 have received their first dose, 62 percent of those 30 and older have received their first dose and 53 percent of those 18 and older have received their first dose.

With more than 70 percent of Saskatchewan residents age 40 and older receiving their first shot of COVID-19 vaccine, it also means the threshold for Step One of the Re-Opening Roadmap has been reached. With that first

threshold met, the province set May 30 as the target date for the commencement of Step One.

“We are able to move forward with Step One of the Re-Opening Roadmap because so many of the Re-Opening Roadmap because so many Saskatchewan people are doing their part and getting vaccinated, and because we are all following the public health orders and guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19,” Premier Scott Moe said. “The road back to normal runs right through our vaccination clinics and pharmacies. I want to thank the thousands of health care workers who are delivering those vaccine shots every day in every part of the province, and I want to thank the hundreds of thousands of Saskatchewan people who have done your part by getting vaccinated.”

According to the criteria set out in the Re-Opening Roadmap, all adults ages 18+ are anticipated to have access to the COVID-19 vaccine by the target date, and the

Ministry of Health will continue to monitor health system capacity.

The following changes will also be made to public health orders during Step One of the Re-Opening Roadmap:

- Restaurants and bars open, maximum of six at a table, two metres or structural barriers between tables, dance floors and buffets remain closed, VLTs may reopen;
- 30 percent of capacity or 150 people, whichever is less, at places of worship, with physical distancing between households;
- Group fitness classes involving intense training, like aerobics and spin, can resume, with three metres between participants;
- Current restrictions remain in place for retail, personal care services, event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, art galleries, libraries and recreational facilities;
- Current protocols remain in place for primary, secondary and post-secondary education and for

childcare;

- Limit of 10 people at private indoor and outdoor gatherings, including household gatherings;
- Limit of 30 people at public indoor gatherings;
- Limit of 150 people at public outdoor gatherings; and

Current province-wide masking mandate remains in place.

On May 4, the Government of Saskatchewan released the “Re-Opening Roadmap” - a three-step plan to gradually lift current public health restrictions when Saskatchewan reaches at least 70 percent vaccination levels. In addition to reaching the threshold for Step One, the other two steps include:

Step Two:

- Three weeks have passed since 70 percent of people age 30 have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Three weeks have passed since the beginning of Step One.

As of May 13, the current level was 62 percent of 30 and older.

Step Three:

- Three weeks have passed since 70 percent of people age 18 and above have received their first dose of COVID-19

vaccine.

- Three weeks have passed since the beginning of Step Two.

As of May 13, the current level was 53 percent of 18 and older.

The provincial government indicated that three weeks is used as a buffer between the threshold and the easing of public health measures as it is the length of time it takes for an individual to achieve the necessary immune response to a dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

The government indicated provincial hospitalization rates will continue to be monitored throughout the reopening. If acute care pressures require, a reopening step may be paused to respond to COVID-transmission trends at regional or provincial levels.

All current public health orders will remain in place until reviewed as part of implementing Step One. Here is what people can expect when Step Two and Step Three are reached:

Step Two:

- Public health measures in Step Two are planned to be eased as follows:
- No capacity thresholds

on retail and personal care services, must maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing;

- Restaurants and bars will have no table capacity thresholds, must maintain two metres of physical distancing or structural barriers between tables, dance floors and buffets remain closed;

- 150-person maximum capacity at event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, art galleries, libraries and recreational facilities, must maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing, restaurant guidelines apply at venues that serve food;

- No change from Step One at gyms and fitness facilities, primary, secondary and post-secondary education and childcare;

- All remaining restrictions on youth and adult sports will be lifted;

- Limit of 15 people at private indoor gatherings, including household gatherings;

- Limit of 150 people at public indoor gatherings and private and public outdoor gatherings; and

- Current province-wide masking mandate remains in place.

Step Three:

In Step Three, most remaining restrictions will be lifted. Guidance on gathering sizes and indoor masking will be developed based on the progress of the first two steps. Public health orders from Step Two on gathering sizes and indoor masking will remain in place until that guidance is finalized.

Local COVID-19 updates

With the province implementing its Re-opening Roadmap, locally communities have been trying to take precautions as summer arrives.

That is also the case within schools as the local division aims to keep its staff and students safe as the school year nears an end next month. Heading into the latter part of May, according to Horizon School Division, there have been a handful of schools made aware of positive cases.

(see page six: **ROADMAP**)

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

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Town of Lanigan Proclamation

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WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,
WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the Town of Lanigan to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,
WHEREAS, the year 2021 marks the 61st annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the Canadian Public Works Association be it now,
RESOLVED, I, Tony Mycock, Mayor of the Town of Lanigan, do hereby designate the week May 16 - 22, 2021 as National Public Works Week; I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

Tony Mycock, Mayor • Town of Lanigan

PUBLIC NOTICE Lanigan Creek-Dellwood Brook Watershed Assoc.

ELECTION DAY polls open June 30, 2021 from nine o’clock in the forenoon to five o’clock in the afternoon, central standard time located at the RM of Humboldt office at 919 - 14th Ave. Humboldt, SK.

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RCMP Report

Firearms charges laid after search warrants executed

On May 7, 2021, Saskatchewan RCMP officers executed three search warrants, two in the Town of Kindersley and one in the Town of Eatonia.

As a results of these searches, officers seized two long-barrelled firearms and one sawed-off firearm from a business in Kindersley and one sawed-off firearm with ammunition and one loaded firearm from a residence in Eatonia. None of the firearms were legally possessed.

“These firearms were not legally registered and were not being stored in a safe manner,” said S/Sgt. Kevin Peterson, Kindersley RCMP Detachment Commander. “Taking illegal firearms off the streets furthers our goal of making our communities safer.”

The following individuals were charged in relation to these searches:

Justin Williment from Eatonia: one count, Insecure storage of a non-restricted firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Insecure storage of a prohibited firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Unauthorized possession of a prohibited firearm, Section 91(1), Criminal Code; one count, Unauthorized possession of a non-restricted firearm, Section 91(1), Criminal Code; one count, Possession of a prohibited firearm with ammunition, Section 95, Criminal Code; and one count, Possession of a firearm with tampered serial number, Section 108, Criminal Code.

Erin Mitchell from Eatonia: one count, Insecure storage of a non-restricted firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Insecure storage of a prohibited firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Unauthorized possession of a prohibited firearm, Section 91(1), Criminal Code; one count, Unauthorized possession of a non-restricted firearm, Section 91(1), Criminal Code; one count, Possession of a prohibited firearm with ammunition, Section 95, Criminal Code; and one count, Possession of a firearm with tampered serial number, Section 108, Criminal Code.

Dwight Park from Kindersley: one count, Insecure storage of a non-restricted firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Insecure storage of a prohibited firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Unauthorized possession of a prohibited firearm, Section 92(1), Criminal Code; one count, Unauthorized possession of a non-restricted firearm, Section 92(1), Criminal Code; and one count, Possession of a firearm while under a prohibition order, Section 117.01(1), Criminal Code.

Matthew Peters from Kindersley: one count, Insecure storage of a non-restricted firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Insecure storage of a prohibited firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; and one count, Unauthorized possession of a prohibited

firearm, Section 91(1), Criminal Code.

The four individuals will make a court appearance on July 20, 2021 in Kindersley.

No charges laid after abduction complaint investigated

The RCMP Major Crime Unit-South has concluded its abduction investigation related to Stephanie Bruch and Kelly Baht and it has been determined no charges will be laid.

The Saskatchewan RCMP wants to reiterate its thanks to the public and news agencies for sharing information in relation to this file. Due to the serious nature of the complaint received, extensive investigation and searches were completed to help locate the two individuals involved. Once the pair were located by the Wynyard RCMP south of Bankend shortly after 9 a.m. May 10, the RCMP Major Crime Unit-South continued its investigation to determine if an offence occurred.

As a result of investigation, the white/grey truck is not believed to be related to this investigation and police are no longer looking for it.

Kelly Baht was wanted on a Canada-wide warrant for being unlawfully at large. He was arrested Monday in relation to this warrant, remains in custody, and Regina Police Service will be continuing this separate investigation.

As this RCMP investigation is now considered complete, RCMP do not anticipate further updates and do not have any other information to share.

Missing fence posts found in waterway

On May 7, Porcupine Plain RCMP responded to a theft complaint in a rural area. An individual had left some posts piled on a property they planned on fencing, only to find they had gone missing.

Officers began investigating the post-plundering, but the caper was quickly revealed when the posts were spotted in a nearby waterway. “The stolen posts were located in a beaver dam,” explained Cst. Conrad Rickards of the Porcupine Plain RCMP Detachment. “A beaver – or beavers – helped themselves to the stash of posts and used them to help build a dam. I tried locating said beavers but they were GOA (gone on arrival).”

None of the beavers will face charges, he said. “Who

could really blame these little bucktooth bandits, considering the price of wood these days?”

Porcupine Plain RCMP has now closed this extremely Canadian case.

Serving officer arrested in relation to homicide

On May 12, 2021, a serving Saskatchewan RCMP officer was arrested by the Prince Albert Police Service in relation to a homicide.

The officer is a corporal with 32 years service and was serving with the Prince Albert RCMP Traffic Services Unit when the arrest occurred.

The RCMP has processes in place to handle conduct issues, including those as serious as the arrest announced. Public trust is essential for the RCMP to effectively serve and protect Canadians. As a result, RCMP employees must conduct themselves in a manner that not only meets, but exceeds, the rightfully high expectations of Canadians. The RCMP Code of Conduct is a group of rules used to ensure that RCMP police officers are responsible and accountable for the promotion and maintenance of good conduct in the Force. Contraventions to the RCMP Code of Conduct are taken seriously and a modification to the member’s duty status is currently being processed.

Tickets issued at weekend rally

The Saskatoon Police Service was made aware of a planned rally in Kiwanis Memorial Park on Sunday, May 9. Upon attending, public health officials and police observed more than 100 people congregating and disobeying current public health orders. As a result, 18 tickets were issued to individuals violating public health orders. One additional ticket was issued to a participant involved in a rally on Apr. 24, 2021. Those who received tickets were observed to have varying levels of involvement in the rally.

As police continue to investigate the weekend event, additional tickets are expected to be issued. Saskatoon Police encourage members of the public to adhere to the restrictions set out in public health orders and not attend future events where violations may occur.



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— tips from Reena Nerbas

Hi Reena, I have several face cloths that have become hard, which I believe is because of soap that has built up over time. Do you know of anything that will make them soft again? Thanks, Judy

Dear Judy, I agree towels often lose their softness when they are saturated with fabric softener and/or detergent. In order to strip the residue from the textiles, soak them in a full-strength solution of white vinegar. Leave for one hour and wash as usual, using only a small amount of detergent and a half cup baking soda. Transfer to the dryer and remove them as soon as they are dry.

Dear Reena, I experience an annoying problem whenever I make a low-fat loaf. I spray the non-stick loaf pan with Pam for baking, but I still have a difficult time cleaning the pans. Thanks for a solution, Bonnie

Dear Bonnie, I discovered this solution after years of struggling with the same challenge. I now cut a piece of parchment paper so that it hangs over the side edges of the loaf pan. Add your ingredients to the pan and bake. When baking time is complete, grasp the parchment paper and lift the loaf out of the pan. Pans stay beautiful much longer and cleanup is so easy!

Feedback from smart contributor Re: cleaning narrow necked glass bottles and vases Dear Reena, In your column you suggested to use gravel in cleaning narrow bottles. When cleaning all my flower containers I use Polident tablets with wonderful results. For a narrow bottle, a tablet will fit in the opening (or break a tablet into pieces.) Anne

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Dear Reena, Every time I store potatoes at my house, within days they start to grow eyes. How can I prevent this? I keep them in my pantry in a wooden potato box that has onions on the bottom. I have tried keeping an apple with the potatoes, but to no avail. Anne Dear Anne, Sounds like you may have high humidity in your home. Contrary to what many experts advise, I have always stored potatoes in a plastic bag in the fridge. They last for months without any problems.

uncomplICATed - I've exercised with women so thin that buzzards followed them to their cars. -Erma Bombeck



by Arlene Martin Randy teases me that I am getting pudgy in my old age. I ignore him and prefer the word, "portly!" I've seen some weight obsessed women on television so skinny when they close one eye - they remind me of sewing needles. Seriously, though - to everything BALANCE, as fat is not fit, gaunt is not great! Recently I was enjoying a Fudgsicle, watching a former model on television discuss her diet and fitness regime. When she said she eats almonds every day but first counts them out into a little dish I felt like throwing my shoe at the screen. After I calmed down, I reasoned two things: perhaps she can only count as high as fifteen; or else she was taking into consideration today's price of almonds! An IPSOS Reid survey finds 67 percent of women think about their weight every day, 46 percent are stressed by thoughts of their weight, and 28 percent say managing their weight dominates their life. It also finds 80 percent of women want to lose weight, including 56 percent who are at a healthy weight. This point in my life - grandmotherly, but without grandchildren, I know the pounds have snuck up and stuck around. Is it worth fretting? After some soul

searching I realized I am more worried about what others will think of me than my actual well-being. It's silly and a waste of brain power and tells me my moral compass is broken. There are the jokes circulating about how we won't recognize one another when the world is finally free of COVID-19. Isolation and comfort foods will have put a few pounds on a lot of us. And when it is finally said and done, sadly - a lot of us won't be here. Many funeral and memorial services have been put on hold waiting for that day. This is my focus. I will enjoy more Fudgsicles and the sunshine and blue skies of summer. And almonds. Lots of almonds!

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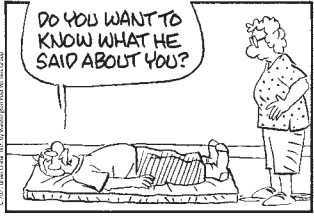
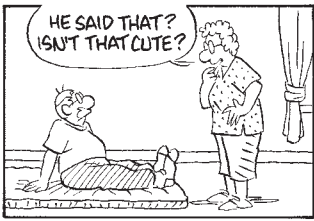
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**Look What's Cooking by
Laura Novecosky**

Grilled Apple Skewers



Ingredients:
4 medium apples, peeled and quartered
4 tsp. sugar
1 1/4 tsp. cinnamon

Directions:
Soak four wooden skewers for 30 minutes. Coat grill rack with nonstick cooking spray prior to starting the barbecue. Thread apples onto skewers, spray with nonstick cooking spray. Mix sugar and cinnamon, roll in sugar mix. Grill for about five minutes, turn and grill another five until they are golden and tender. Watch carefully.

(from page two: **ROADMAP**)

On Apr. 23 the LeRoy School was made aware that cases involved Variants of Concern. The situation at the school had been deemed an outbreak and students were learning from home until at least May 17.

On May 5, COVID-19 cases were also confirmed at Humboldt Collegiate Institute, Wakaw School and George Gordon Education Centre. The following day the elementary school in Kelvington was made aware of a positive COVID-19 diagnoses with students learning from home until May 25.

On May 8, Horizon School Division was made aware of a COVID-19 diagnosis at Winston High School in Watrous with a second confirmed a few days later. As of last week it was deemed safe for the school to remain open for in-class learning unless families were directed otherwise.

On May 9, Horizon was made aware of additional cases at Wakaw School which involved Variants of Concern and the school had been deemed an outbreak. Wakaw School closed for in-class learning with students learning from home until May 25.

With increased COVID-19 activity, students from George

Gordon Education Centre and Punnichy elementary and high schools started learning from home May 10.

According to the provincial government’s website, as of May 9, George Gordon Education Centre had five confirmed cases; as of May 8, Winston High School had two confirmed cases; and as of May 5, Wakaw School had six confirmed cases.

Also on the provincial government’s website, LeRoy School (Apr. 23), Wakaw School (May 9), and Winston High School (May 11) were listed under the COVID-19 active outbreaks. In non-household settings, an outbreak is confirmed when two or more people test positive for COVID-19. Following the outbreak designation in Watrous, a COVID-19 drive-thru testing site was held at the Watrous Curling Rink May 12.

As of May 13, within the Central East 1 mini zone, which includes communities like Humboldt, LeRoy, Watrous, Nokomis, Imperial, Jansen, Drake, and Lanigan, there were 26 active cases with six new ones. To the east, in the Central East 2 mini zone, which includes communities like Kelvington, Punnichy, Wadena, and Wynyard, there were 52 active cases with 13 new ones.



Vaccination Booking System Open to Ages 23+

As of May 14, eligibility in the provincial age-based immunization program was open to age 23 and older. It remained age 18 and older for the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District. Prioritized front-line workers are also eligible.

Seeding underway across province

■ **media release**

More farmers have been able to get out into the field according the Saskatchewan Agriculture’s Crop Report for the period of May 4 to 10. Seeding is up from nine percent to 38 percent. This is well-ahead of the five-year average of 22 percent. Crops that have been seeded so far

are slow to emerge due to cool temperatures and little soil moisture.

The southwest region is leading the province, with 56 percent of the crop seeded. Forty-four percent of crops are seeded in the southeast, 35 percent in the west-central, 34 percent in the northwest, 24 percent in the east-central and 22 percent

in the northeast region.

The southwest saw good amounts of precipitation that will hopefully improve germination conditions. The Admiral area recorded the most rain and snow precipitation at 25 mm followed by the Shaunavon and Rockglen areas which both reported receiving 20 mm. Little to no

precipitation was reported in the other regions of the province.

Moisture conditions saw a slight drop. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as zero percent surplus, 31 percent adequate, 45 percent short and 23 percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as zero percent surplus, 22 percent

adequate, 45 percent short and 32 percent very short.

Dry conditions are raising concerns about fires in both cropland and pastures, several rural municipalities across the province have issued fire bans and producers are reminded to be extremely careful when operating machinery and equipment that have the

potential to spark or get very hot.

Producers continue working in their fields seeding, harrowing, rock picking and rolling. Very little weed emergence has allowed farmers to postpone spraying for the time being. Some producers have postponed further seeding as they wait for rain.

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Jansen

Louise Shannon

So sorry to hear of the passing of Ella Weiss Loberg on May 7. She was 72 years old. Ella was the daughter of Bert Weiss and step-mother of Erna Weiss. She grew up on a farm south of Jansen.

The housing market is on the rise. A lot of houses have sold in Jansen recently.

I see the “Bloomers” are working at the

community garden to get ready for flowers. Happy anniversary to Ken and Arlene Ewen.

Happy birthday to Eileen Block, Carol Robson, Jodi Wacker, Ken Ewen, Dennis Schindel and belated happy birthday to George Leffler.

Happy seeding to all the farmers!

Viscount

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

We had our first camping experience this year. We went camping Apr. 30 for a few days. The days were pretty nice but boy the nights were soooooo cold. The water even froze by the turn off valve. It did not take much to thaw, but it was cold. It was nice to have a little get away. Even had a few fires before the fire ban.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Thank you to everyone for helping to make this week's and last week's Viscount news possible. Have a great week, stay safe and enjoy the weather.

■ submitted by Loretta Polischuk
Garden Whatzit

We think that after the harvesting is done and the ground is worked up in the fall, the garden goes to sleep. So do the moles, voles, ants and other small creatures that like to inhabit our lovely green spaces. But maybe there are bigger creatures hibernating in our soil, ones that are never exposed unless a Bobcat pushing snow happens to rouse them from their slumber.

This one appeared in our



- photo submitted by Loretta Polischuk

garden after the snow melt. One side looks like any usual pile of dirt, grass and bits of plant debris, but the side facing the southern sun is an entirely different story. Is it a headless animal? A would-be

elephant? A soil-shoveller? It all depends on how you look at it.

Tread carefully! You might have a strange whatzit catching some rays in your garden patch, too.

CTC plans for safe return to campus this fall

■ media release

In response to the ever-changing COVID-19 situation, Carlton Trail College will continue to deliver programs through a blend of in-person classes supplemented by online instruction. This is a continuation the College's program delivery plan that was implemented in the fall of 2020.

“It is important that we remain flexible as the

COVID-19 situation changes,” said Shelley Romanyszyn-Cross, President and CEO. “When classes start this fall, our primary goal is to return to the face-to-face environment, while continuing to embed the use of blended learning such as online classes into our program delivery.”

“The health and safety of our learning community is paramount,” said Romanyszyn-Cross. “If necessary, blended learning will allow us to pivot our

program delivery to keep our students and staff safe.”

The College offers programs in areas such as Business, Healthcare, Human Services, Trades, Technology, Adult Basic Education, English Language Training, Industry Training and Continuing Education Courses. Current and prospective students are encouraged to go to Carlton Trail College's website at www.carltontrailcollege.com for more information.

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Re-Opening Roadmap

A three-step plan to gradually lift the current public health orders as Saskatchewan reaches significant vaccination levels.

STEP 1

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40 AND OLDER

TARGET 70% VACCINATED

- Restaurants and bars open, maximum six at a table
- 30% capacity or 150 people (whichever is less) at places of worship
- Group fitness classes can resume, with three metres between participants
- Limit of 10 people at private indoor, outdoor and household gatherings
- Limit 30 people at public indoor gatherings
- Limit 150 people at public outdoor gatherings

STEP 2

Three weeks after 70% of people 30+ have received their first dose, and three weeks since beginning Step 1

30 AND OLDER

TARGET 70% VACCINATED

- No capacity thresholds on retail and personal care services, must maintain physical distancing
- No table capacity for restaurants and bars, must maintain physical distancing or barriers between tables
- 150 person maximum capacity at event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, libraries and recreational facilities
- Limit of 15 people at private indoor gatherings and household gatherings

STEP 3

Three weeks after 70% of people 18+ have received their first dose, and three weeks since beginning Step 2

18 AND OLDER

TARGET 70% VACCINATED

- Most remaining restrictions will be lifted
- Guidance on gathering sizes and indoor masking is still being developed
- Public health orders from Step Two on gathering sizes and indoor masking will remain in place until that guidance is finalized

Expected Timeline

- STEP 1 Last week in May
- STEP 2 Third week in June
- STEP 3 Second week in July

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Remembering the first flights of Saskatchewan Air Ambulance

■ Daniel Bushman

From its inaugural flight to the Liberty area in 1946 to transporting more than 71,000 patients requiring urgent and critical care over the decades, Saskatchewan Air Ambulance has been an instrumental part in helping to save lives. As the emergency response service which also happens to be the oldest, non-military, government air ambulance service in the world got off the ground 75 years ago, it has remained vital ever since.

With trains running on limited schedules, rough roads creating lengthy delays in rural areas and harsh winters forcing people to remain at home, then Saskatchewan Premier Tommy Douglas had the idea of a flying ambulance that did not need to use those roads or wait for trains.

So when Saskatchewan Air Ambulance became airborne in 1946, the critical service's first flight was to the Liberty area. Born in 1924 and residing on a farm near the community, Ivan Drimmie remembers that flight and a subsequent one that landed close by. While he was not at the inaugural flight when the Norseman-brand plane took off from its original home base in Regina to Liberty, he recalled what happened.

Landing northwest of Liberty about 4.8 kms (or three miles) from Drimmie's place, the air service provided care to a woman suffering from diabetes-related complications. In the Liberty history book, 'Early Days to Modern Ways', it stated that Katie (nee Wolff) Mahoney was the first patient in the province to be picked up by the service when it was inaugurated Feb. 4, 1946. Married to Dennis in 1920, the couple farmed land four miles northwest of Liberty. After being transported to Regina by the air ambulance, Katie later passed away Feb. 5, 1946.

It was not long after that flight when the service returned to the area to pick up Drimmie's neighbour who had leukemia.

Around 24 years old, Drimmie who attended the air ambulance's second pick up in the rural area said, "Of course in the country during the winter there were no passable roads at that time. The air ambulance had just started out and landed on a field about a half a mile from our place. It landed and ran all the way to the other end pretty well and turned around and came back and had to wait until the patient came down."

With the aircraft sitting on a field full of snow for about half an hour, by the time Drimmie's neighbour, her father and two others got to the plane, the skis were frozen to the ground. After loading the patient into the plane, Drimmie said her father went back to his team of horses, navigating them away from the aircraft.

"Then the pilot tried to take off and he couldn't because the skis were frozen to the ground so he asked us to get behind the tail and push," said Drimmie from his current residence in Imperial.

Looking to lend a hand, Ivan got behind the tail of the plane with two others and started to push. "There was quite a wind and it finally broke loose."

While the plane was able to head back to Regina with a patient onboard, that would not be the only time during the air ambulance's tenure where a plane's skis became stuck at



Pictured above: Beechcraft 18 air ambulance plane (R-A3017). Pictured below: Nurse taking pulse of patient inside plane (R-A3016).
- photos courtesy of Provincial Archives



a remote rural area. On the Canadian Aviation Historical Society Regina Chapter's website, an article from the Leader-Post dated Dec. 24, 1993 shared that Don Campbell, an RCAF pilot during WWII was brought on by the air ambulance in 1948 and became the supervisor in 1951. In his book, Wings of Mercy, Campbell shared that Premier Tommy Douglas wanted to go along for the ride to see how the operations were conducted. "On arrival at a remote farm, the aircraft's skis became stuck in the melting snow. With the engine running and the propeller turning over, Campbell got out to fiddle with the skis. Douglas, in an overcoat and fedora, jumped out, too and went to work on the other ski. A horrified Campbell looked up to see Douglas's hat being snatched off his head by the propeller. A few more inches and the province would have needed a new premier."

Hearing the same story about the former premier and his desire to see the operation fine-tuned, Drimmie commended Douglas and all of those involved with Saskatchewan Air Ambulance for having the ability to get the program off the ground. "Having that service was incredible. To see a plane go overhead is one thing but to see it land as close to your place is another thing. The only other alternative was a two hour trip into town to catch a 4:00 train to take you to Regina



After Saskatchewan Air Ambulance launched into service back in 1946, Ivan Drimmie (above) who had a farm near Liberty not only remembers the service's inaugural flight northwest of Liberty but after picking up Drimmie's neighbour during the service's second flight to the area, he helped to get the plane's skis loose.
- photo courtesy Connie Drimmie

and that would have taken pretty near most of the day to get out to a hospital service."

Ivan's daughter-in-law Connie said her mom, Marilyn Koza remembers the air ambulance service flying to the area to help Marilyn's grandfather, Ray Tripps. Around the same time period when the two flights went to the Liberty area, Marilyn's grandfather was also picked up by the service east of Penzance. "He was run over by his one way and struggled to keep consciousness for fear of the tractor circling back and running over him again which had happened to a neighbour," recalled Connie who shared the story told by her mom. "He spent a long time in the field before someone decided to investigate the rogue tractor. My Mom remembers the plane coming for her grandfather."

Since those flights to the Liberty and Penzance areas, something that was heralded as a marvel at that time, Saskatchewan Air Ambulance now averages approximately 110 flights per month around the province. There are more than 70 pilots, aircraft engineers, flight nurses, flight paramedics and administrative staff dedicated to providing medevac services to residents of the province.

According to Saskatchewan Air Ambulance, two out of three patient transports are triaged as urgent or emergent requiring critical care, meaning they are in the highest need when the air ambulance arrives and highly trained medical crews are able to provide critical care.

With such an important role to play in helping to save lives, crews are available 24 hours a day and they service every corner of the province from their now current base in Saskatoon at John G. Diefenbaker International Airport. In addition, the four modern King Air planes that are part of the fleet are on call and able to fly anywhere in North America.

The unique and important service also works closely with the neonatal transport teams in Regina and Saskatoon and the pediatric transport team in Saskatoon. Since the beginning, Saskatchewan Air Ambulance has played a major role in helping those of all ages. According to the service, in 1948, the first baby was delivered aboard one of its planes between Rose Valley and Wadena. The family was so thankful, they named their baby boy after the pilot who was flying the aircraft.

"Saskatchewan Air Ambulance provides a critical service for the people of the province," SaskBuilds and Procurement Minister Jim Reiter said. "It has a unique and rich history dating back to 1946 and is a lifeline for all corners of Saskatchewan."

"Saskatchewan Air Ambulance has been a great partner helping us provide high quality care to the people of this province," Saskatchewan Health Authority CEO Scott Livingstone said. "This anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate the lives they have saved and the critical role they play helping ensure we can get to every corner of this province to help Saskatchewan residents when they are most in need."



Marking 75 years in 2021, the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance is not only the oldest, non-military, government air ambulance in the world but since 1946 it has transported more than 71,000 patients and currently averages 110 flights per month. Pictured above right: Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Tany Scheelhaase. Pictured above: Nurse Stan Wiebe standing in front of a Saskatchewan Air Ambulance plane. Pictured below right: Pilot Dan Knisley.

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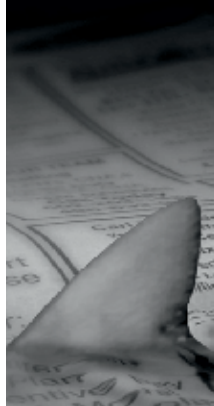
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(from front page: **BUDGET**)

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- hydrant replacement;
- one new lift station pump and one substantial repair;
- new LED lighting in the rink; and
- a new 4x4 half-ton truck

When asked when some of those projects could take place, Timmerman is hopeful that they will go forward very soon. “Now that the budget is approved, we can proceed with appropriate tendering processes, purchases, and plans for repairs.”

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(from front page: **PLAYGROUNDS**)

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Along with local businesses, a number of residents also lent a hand, volunteering their time and expertise. “It was great to see so many willing to help throughout the two days. The Town of Lanigan really appreciated the help from Darcy Mehrer, Randy Paupst, Tim Peters, Jim Benson, Tony Mycock, Del Larose, Murray Funk, JJ Koopman, Dustyn Failler, Greg Failler, Shaun Knaus, Trent Sandercock, Ryan Melin, and Dave Hepburn. That is one thing I love about Lanigan, the community is thriving and it is because its residents pull together to make these things happen.”

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Pet of the Week





Ovechkin

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- photo courtesy Tanya Jansen



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