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SaskPower earmarks funds for Aspen Power Station Project near Lanigan

■ *Daniel Bushman*

With a plan to modernize, grow and sustain Saskatchewan's electricity system including investing in a new natural gas plant near Lanigan, SaskPower is aiming to spend \$1.15 billion during its 2023-'24 fiscal year. Outlining its capital spending in a May 11 release, the company indicated \$505 million has been set aside for growth projects like new natural gas plants such as the Aspen Power Station near Lanigan and the Great Plains Power Station.

"Decarbonizing a growing power grid is a once-in-a-lifetime challenge, and making the right investments now will help to position SaskPower to provide reliable, sustainable and cost-effective electricity to customers in the years and decades to come," said Rupen Pandya, SaskPower President and CEO.

In addition to the \$505 million in growth projects, SaskPower noted planned capital expenditures include \$517 million to maintain and upgrade existing transmission, distribution and generation assets. The company is also seeing \$129 million placed in strategic investments, allowing them to continue with smart meter deployment and work on projects like a Logistics Warehouse Complex in Regina. Also part of the planned capital work, rural power line rebuilds and wood pole replacements are being done in communities like Watrous and Wynyard.

"Our government is committed to building a cleaner energy future while also ensuring we have reliable and affordable electricity to power the growing provincial economy," Minister Responsible for SaskPower Don Morgan said. "This year's capital budget is a demonstration of SaskPower's commitment to the people of Saskatchewan, by making significant investments to transition to low-carbon energy sources, upgrading aging infrastructure and modernizing systems."

As for the Aspen Power Station, according to SaskPower, the facility would provide enough power for about 370,000 homes in Saskatchewan, deliver reliable power and support renewable power generation and transition away from conventional coal. The proposed 370-megawatt combined-cycle natural gas power plant which would be located about 17 kilometres west of Lanigan would include both a gas and steam turbine generator along with a heat recovery generator. The project is expected to have an operational lifespan of 25 years.

(see back page: **ASPEN**)



While it took a little longer than usual, once the warmer weather arrived and snow disappeared it was not long until a familiar flower began appearing. With the crocus out in full bloom, a sure sign that spring arrived, the temperatures marched towards the high 20°C range before a thick haze of smoke arrived due to the Alberta and Saskatchewan forest fires. That prompted Environment and Climate Change Canada to issue an air quality advisory as the band of thick smoke lingered over much of southern and central Saskatchewan. By the latter part of the week, the smoke drifted southward; however, southwestern and west central areas of the province remained downwind of large fires in northern Saskatchewan. Fire bans were also issued this past week in a number of jurisdictions including north of Hwy. 16.

- photos by Daniel Bushman

Winners announced as part of Better Newspapers Competition

Recognizing the best within the industry, The Watrous Manitou and Lanigan Advisor were honoured as part of the 2023 Better Newspapers Competition. Held Friday, May 12, the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association (SWNA) featured its virtual awards ceremony where this year's winners were announced.

With a combined 10 finalist nominations in the Premier Award section, The Watrous Manitou and Lanigan

Advisor collected one first place award, a handful of seconds and some thirds as part of the competition.

In the Best Series of Advertisements category, Alexandra Dengler placed second on behalf of The Watrous Manitou for her work on the Centennial Ford ads.

In the Best Sports Story of the Year category, for The Watrous Manitou, Daniel Bushman placed first for his story on Joe Koza and his passion for track and field.

Bushman received a second place honour in the same category on behalf of the Lanigan Advisor for his story on a local contingent being inducted into the SJHL Hall of Fame.

In the Best News Story of the Year category, representing The Watrous Manitou, Bushman placed second for his article on the flooding which hit Watrous and Manitou Beach and then took third for a story on the twister that hit near the area.

For Best Health/Health-care Coverage, Bushman's stories in the Lanigan Advisor relating to local hospitals experiencing disruptions took third place.

In the Best Wildlife Photo category, Bushman's photo of pelicans appearing on the front page of The Watrous Manitou took home second place honours.

In the Best Colour Photo category, a front page picture appearing in the Lanigan Advisor of Nutrien's firefighters'

rodeo earned second place recognition.

For Best Black and White photo, Bushman's picture of a goaltender appearing in The Watrous Manitou took third place.

Also in The Watrous Manitou, Bushman's picture taken during a WHS Wildcats football game earned him third place in the Best Sports Photo of the Year.

On behalf of both papers, publisher Daniel Bushman said, "It is an honour to have

our newspapers recognized at such a prestigious level and with some very talented people through the SWNA. I want to extend my congratulations to all of this year's winners, those who put together the awards ceremony and also to the judges for their hard work. Our hope at both The Watrous Manitou and Lanigan Advisor is to provide local papers that not only we can be proud of but our communities can enjoy as well."

Seeding underway in province

■ media release

Producers have made substantial progress in seeding over the past week. That is according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for May 9 to 15. Seeding is currently 38 percent completed in the province, up 29 percent from last week. This is behind the five-year average of 53 percent, but it is close to the 10-year average of 44 percent. Currently, seeding is more advanced in the western half of the province. Rain in the southeast has provided moisture relief while halting seeding operations for a few days.

The northwest is currently furthest along with 55 percent of crop in the ground. The west-central is at 54 percent and the southwest 43 percent. The southeast region has the least amount of acres seeded in the province with 18 percent of crop in so far. Wet fields in the southeast and east central regions have slowed fieldwork.

Field peas are the crop with the most seeding progress, with 54 percent seeded. Lentils (50 percent) and spring wheat (43 percent) are leading the crops in seeding progress. Oats (19 percent), canola (19 percent), flax (10 percent), and soybeans (seven percent) are the crops with the least amount of seeding

progress.

Pockets of rain moved through the province and replenished many dry areas in the southeast. The Bienfait region received the most with up to 78 mm of rain. Other notable rain in the last week includes the Vanguard area receiving 24 mm and the Marengo area receiving 22 mm of rain. Rain was also received in the northern region of the province, with a maximum of 13 mm reported in the North Battleford region.

Provincial topsoil moisture levels have shifted slightly from adequate to short. Topsoil moisture for cropland is reported as 69 percent adequate and 24 percent short. Pasture and hayland topsoil moisture follows a similar pattern with 63 percent being adequate and 28 percent short.

Producers are busy seeding while watching their early seeded crops begin to emerge. Many are busy applying pre-seed herbicide applications and pre-working their fields ahead of seeding. Cattle are being moved out to greening pastures and branding has started.

With the dry conditions, producers are reminded to stay vigilant about fire risk and to have fire prevention equipment at the ready. Stress is high this time of year for producers and producers are reminded to take safety precautions in all

the work they do. The Farm Stress Line can help if you are managing farm difficulties by providing support for farmers and ranchers. Toll Free: 1-800-667-4442.

The Lion's Roar

■ submitted by Lion Oz Lutz

plishments.

Lions Donnie Chisholm, Wade Hyra, Howard Lamont, Jason Leffler, Travis Parker, Aron Renwick, Brandon Uhry and Jason Wolfe dispensed with sleeping in Sat., May 6. Instead, they began an early work bee at our campground. Your dedication and hard work is appreciated. Kacen Hyra and Vladimir Uhry, sons of Wade and Brandon, also came to help. Some of the work performed: some sites raked and cleaned, several minor and one major water leak repaired and four new fire pits installed for a total of 13 in the last two years, etc.

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RCMP Report

RCMP identify human remains in RM of Morris

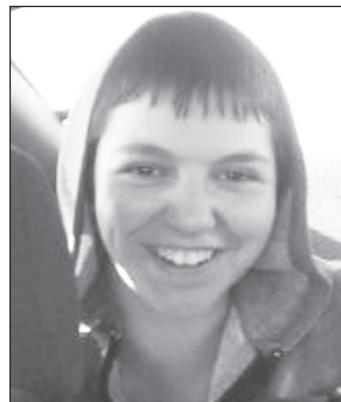
In February 2021, Watrous RCMP received a report of human remains located in the RM of Morris. Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes took carriage of the investigation. Since then, Major Crimes has been working to identify the remains, in conjunction with Watrous RCMP, Saskatchewan RCMP's Forensic Identification Services, Police Dog Services, the Saskatchewan Coroners Service and a forensic anthropologist.

In March 2022, investigators enlisted the assistance of a forensic genealogy firm. Using DNA, the experts were able to determine the deceased individual had closely-related relatives in the Red Deer, Alta. area.

Further investigation by Major Crimes determined the remains likely belonged to a woman from Red Deer, who was last seen there in January 2021. She had not been reported missing to police. In January 2023, Saskatchewan RCMP Forensic Identification Services conclusively determined the human remains belong to Kassandra Jorquera, who would have been 27 years old at the time of her death. Her family has been notified.

Major Crimes continues to investigate the circumstances of Kassandra's death, which investigators have determined is suspicious in nature.

Investigators want to speak with anyone who has information about Kassandra's death, or has knowledge of her activities in and around January 2021. Kassandra often frequented Red Deer and is known to have been there in January 2021. She also visited Grande Prairie periodically. Her connection to Saskatchewan is unknown at this time.



Investigators released her photo and description to help advance this investigation. Kassandra was approximately 5'5" and 110 lbs. She had shoulder-length dark brown hair and brown eyes. Her family describes her as having "beautiful" teeth.

"Since February 2021, we've worked diligently to identify the person located deceased. We now know it's Kassandra. Our work continues: we need to retrace all of her steps in January 2021," said Sgt. Ryan Boogaard from Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes. "I know it was some time ago, but we're asking people – particularly in the Red Deer area – to take a look at her picture and think back. Did you know Kassandra? Did you speak with her or encounter her in the weeks after New Year's 2021? You may have a piece of the puzzle that will help us determine what happened to her in those final weeks of her life."

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RCMP assisting communities affected by wildfires

During the second week of May, a group of officers from Saskatchewan RCMP's Tactical Support Group travelled to Alberta to assist Alberta RCMP as fires threatened communities in the province's northwest region. RCMP officers patrolled in and around evacuated communities to provide police visibility and deter criminal activity. They returned from duties in Alberta late during that week.

Over the May 12th weekend, a wildfire southeast of Dillon led to the full evacuation of the communities of Buffalo River Dene Nation, St. George's Hill and Michel Village, and of vulnerable residents in Buffalo Narrows. Visibility on the roads in the area has been poor due to smoke, and Buffalo Narrows RCMP accompanied buses carrying evacuees until they were out of the affected area. Hwy. 155, between Buffalo Narrows and Ile a la Crosse, was closed May 15 and Ile a la Crosse RCMP were assisting with redirecting traffic. Officers were proactively patrolling evacuated communities to ensure they remain safe and secure. Both Buffalo Narrows and Ile a la Crosse RCMP continue to monitor the fire and are in frequent contact with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) and community leadership.

Hot, dry conditions continued moving into the long weekend and Saskatchewan RCMP urged everyone to be mindful of current fire bans. Be cautious if you do light a fire for camping or cooking, if you are disposing of cigarettes or if you are driving or parking any type of vehicle off-road.

RCMP respond to assault

At approximately 8:45 a.m., Loon Lake RCMP received a report of an assault near a clinic on Ministikwan Lake Cree Nation. Investigation determined a female, who was armed with a knife, assaulted an adult male, who was treated by EMS at the scene for injuries described as non-life-threatening. The female remained at the scene and was not allowing people to access the clinic. Officers immediately responded and located the female, who was distraught and not cooperating with attempts to bring her into custody without risk to the safety of herself, officers and bystanders. An officer deployed a conducted energy device and she was then safely taken into custody and assessed by medical personnel.

As a result of investigation, the 34-year-old female was charged with: one count, aggravated assault, Section 268, Criminal Code; one count, assault on police officer with weapon, Section 270.01(2), Criminal Code; one count, assault with weapon, Section 267(a), Criminal Code; and one count, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code. She will make her next court appearance in Loon Lake on July 27, 2023.

RCMP respond to vehicle pedestrian collision

At approximately 11:45 p.m. May 13, Spiritwood RCMP

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received a report of a vehicle-pedestrian collision at the intersection of Hwy. 24 and 945. The pedestrian, a 37-year-old male from Pelican Lake First Nation, passed away at the scene. His family has been notified. The driver of the vehicle remained at the scene of the collision. No charges have been laid. Spiritwood RCMP continue to investigate with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

Punnichy and Southey RCMP warn the public of dangerous illicit drugs circulating in the area

Officers have responded to numerous suspected overdoses in the past few weeks – including two fatal incidents, one in each detachment area. Preliminary investigation suggests fentanyl may have been involved in these incidents, but this cannot be confirmed until the results of a toxicology have been complete by the Saskatchewan Coroners Service. The investigations are still ongoing.

"If you choose to use, we are urging you to be cautious – use small amounts and don't use alone. For anyone in this affected area, we need you to ask yourself – do you know what to do if someone around you overdoses?" said Sgt. Kim Stewart from the Southey RCMP. "Recognizing the signs and knowing what to do could potentially save someone's life. When someone overdoses, their breathing may be slow, weak, or even stop. They may make gurgling or choking sounds and their lips or fingernails may turn blue. They may be dizzy, confused or seem exhausted. If you see these signs, call 911 immediately."

She adds that the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act provides some legal protection for individuals who seek emergency help during an overdose, including the person experiencing an overdose.

"We also want residents in the area to consider keeping naloxone on hand," said S/Sgt. Curtis Pelzer from the Punnichy RCMP. "It's a fast-acting drug used to temporarily reverse the effects of overdoses caused by opioids. It's not hard to administer, either. Emergency responders carry it, as do frontline RCMP officers. But did you know you can, too?"

The Government of Saskatchewan offers a 'take home naloxone' kit available free of charge, as well as take-home fentanyl and benzodiazepine drug checking strips. Find out where you can get them here. Naloxone is also available for purchase at many pharmacies in the province.

If you'd like help quitting drugs, or if you have a loved one suffering from drug addiction, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/addictions or call the Province of Saskatchewan's HealthLine at 811 for information on support and services.

Getting dangerous illicit drugs off the street continues to be a top priority for the Saskatchewan RCMP. If you have information about drug trafficking in your area, you can report it to your local detachment by calling 310-RCMP. Information can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

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Heritage Centre opens for season following generous donations

■ submitted by Dorothy Smale
Lanigan and District Heritage Association

The Lanigan and District Heritage Association is pleased to announce that the Heritage Centre is open for the season until Aug. 30, 2023. Our hours of operation are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. seven days a week. For the months of July and August the Centre will be open until 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

We have hired two students to work full time at the Centre and they look forward to showing you around all of our exhibits. We are able to hire these students for the summer months with the financial aid of government grants from Canada Summer Jobs, Young Canada Works and the Museums Association, as well as donations from



- photo courtesy Dorothy Smale

Nutrien Potash and private donations. Please stop by and let them show you around.

We are looking forward to a busy and successful season.

On May 9, 2023 we were privileged to have Jack and Mardelle Robson

visit the Heritage Centre and present us with a copy of the book entitled "The Book of Saskatchewan Grain Elevators". This book is the result of many years of work by Jack and Mardelle Robson, Warren Iverson and Trudy Janssens. The book contains 1,400 images of Saskatchewan elevators, alphabetically displayed, from Abbey to Zenon Park. It is a tribute to the historical value of the "Saskatchewan Grain Elevators".

Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky



Quick Cherry Parfait Desserts

Ingredients:

1 cup whipping cream
3 tbsp. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
dash salt
1 cup sour cream
1 can cherry pie filling

Directions:

Whip cream until soft peaks form, gradually add sugar, vanilla and salt. Beat until stiff peaks form. Fold in sour cream. Spoon half of the cherry pie filling into parfait glasses (or a medium straight sided bowl). Top with half of the cream mixture. Repeat layers. Top with any reserved cherries to garnish if you like. Any pie filling can be used, cherry is our favourite, but blueberry or lemon is also very good.

Jansen

Louise Shannon

It is very dry. We could use a good rain so my vegetables will grow.

We need to send get well greetings to a few people in Jansen who are very sick.

Many things were closed Monday of the long weekend. Many people were camping.

Happy birthday to Brandon Arnst, Teagen Klinger, Cade Krieger and Willie Krieger.



Enjoyable evening

A full Lanigan Library welcomed Humboldt author Terry Brown as part of an evening reading. Held May 2, Brown, who has written 'Blowing in the Wind: Ghost Towns on the Saskatchewan Grid' shared about his unique book while visiting with those in attendance. In search of ghost towns in Saskatchewan, Brown has put over 10,000 kilometres on grid roads across the province. Discovering 137 listed ghost towns and documenting the areas in his book, Brown figured there is likely closer to 150 in Saskatchewan. With the author compiling over 10,000 images of many of the uninhabited settlements and villages, Vivian Schmiede at the Lanigan Library said the author reading was very informative and interesting. Schmiede added Brown has a second book, 'Blowing in the Wind: Graveyards' and will be back in October to share about his latest work.

- photos courtesy Vivian Schmiede



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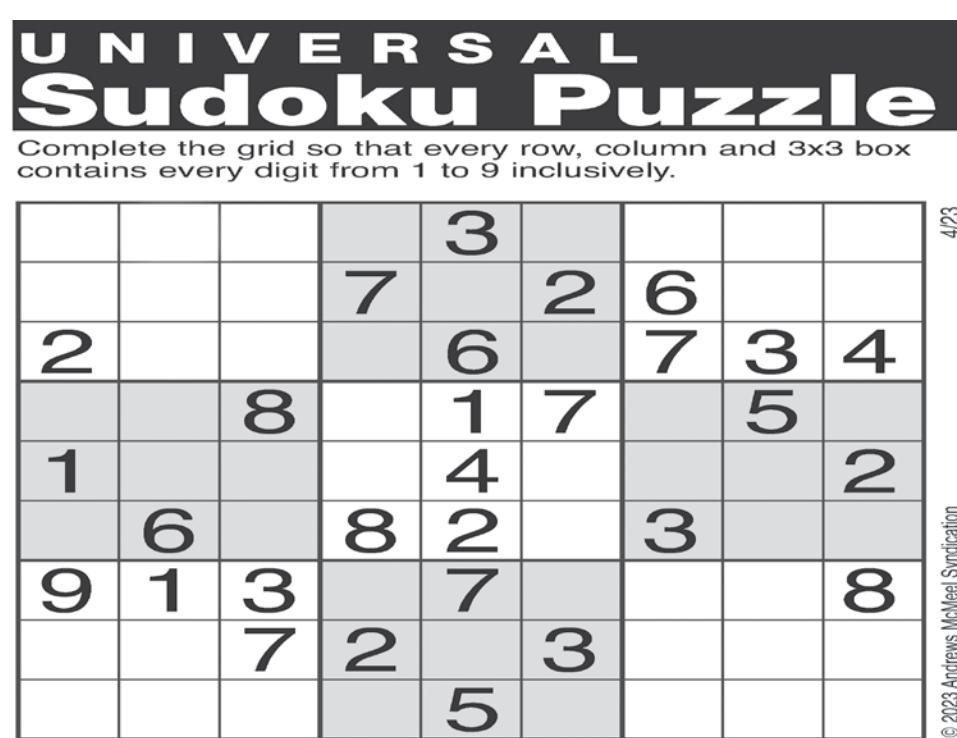
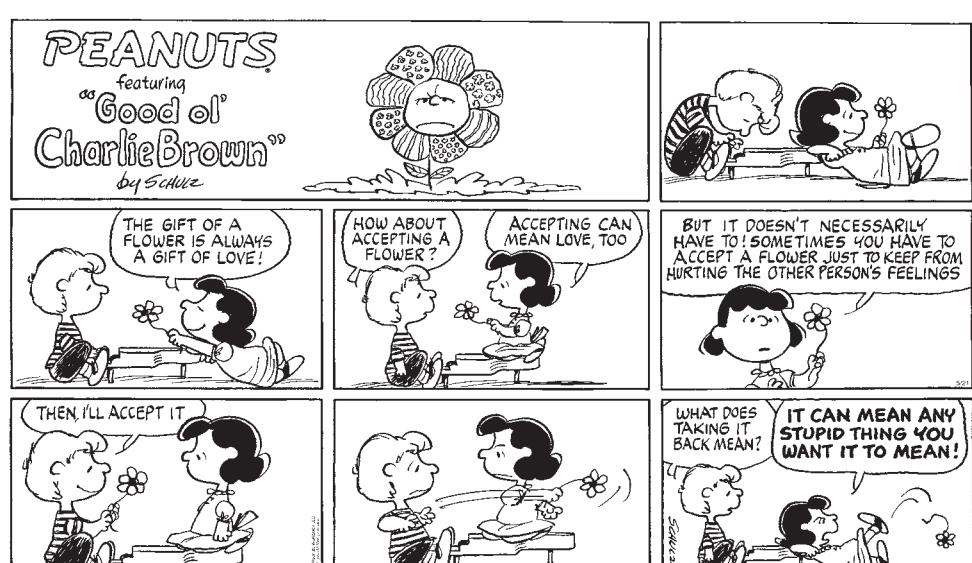
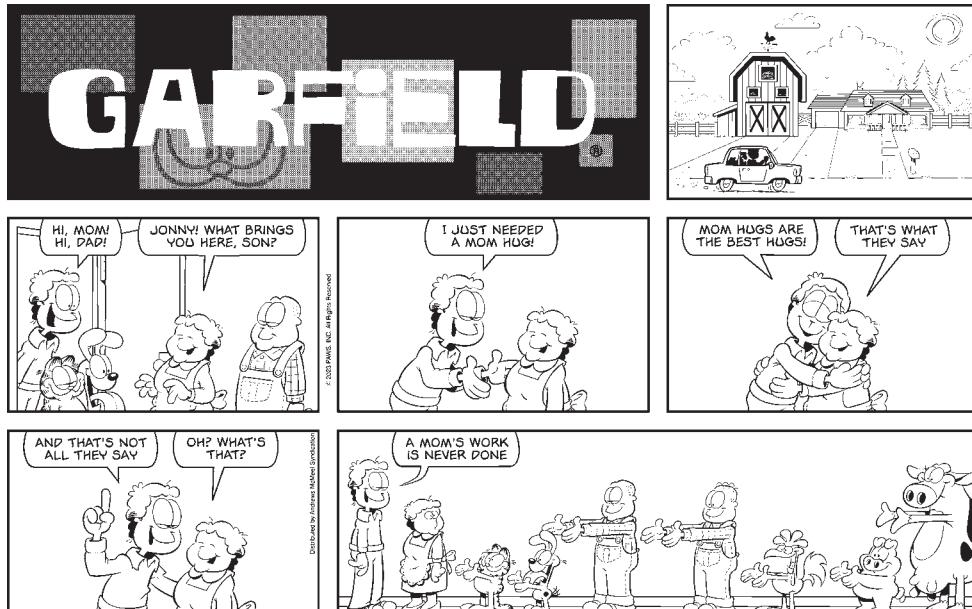
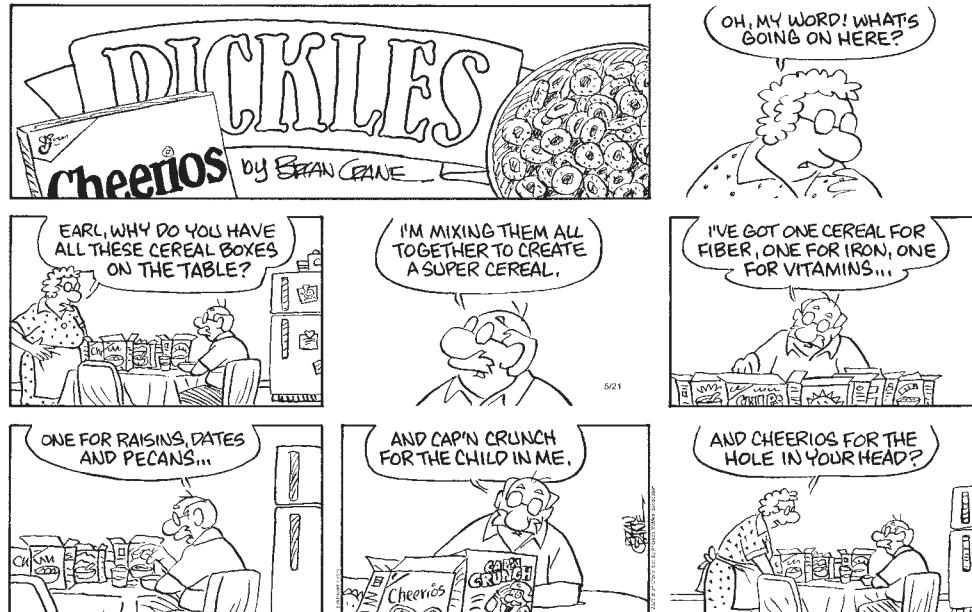
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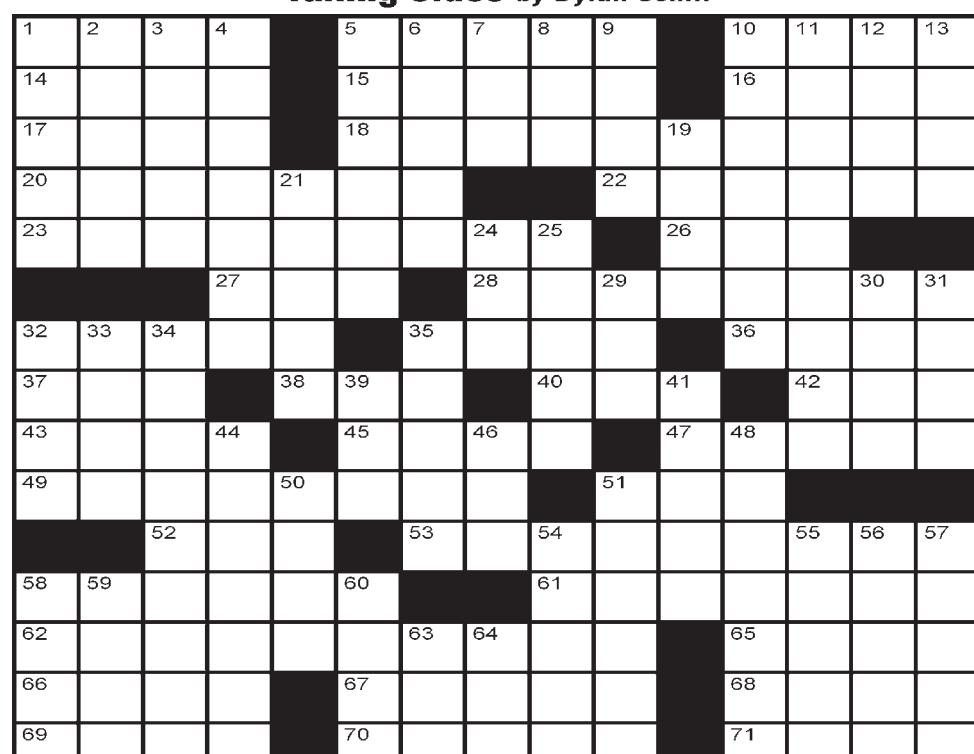
- 1 Sport with irons
- 5 Top story?
- 10 "Star Wars" enemy group
- 14 Abbr. on a works cited page
- 15 Capital of Tibet
- 16 Texter's "I think..."
- 17 "How awful!"
- 18 *Type of bed (Hint: In each starred clue's answer, ignore a dish)
- 20 Place for a foosball table
- 22 Liquid from an almond or cashew
- 23 *Cooking vessel
- 26 Title for MLK
- 27 Vietnamese holiday celebrated with banh chung
- 28 *Tired
- 32 Hold tightly
- 35 Nailed, as a test
- 36 Winter coat?
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- 61 Turkiye's place
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- 70 Gets one's feet wet?
- 71 Say no to DOWN
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- 32 Shoe with Jibbitz decorations
- 33 She married Jacob
- 34 Local station in a TV network
- 35 Temporary, like a committee
- 39 Fire remnant
- 41 "The Facts of Life" girl
- 44 Cuddled, in a way
- 46 "When will u b here?"
- 48 Freed from restraint
- 50 Addition results
- 51 Has faith in
- 54 Black tea: County"
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- 56 Insult
- 57 Beyond mean
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- 59 "Let's shake on it!"
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TO SUDOKU AND
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Taking Sides by Dylan Schiff



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The families of the late Ruth Wildeman would like to thank all those who expressed their condolences and shared their fond memories of our mother. Thank you for the contributions to the Lanigan Heritage Association and Trinity Lutheran Church in her memory. We were truly honoured for those who were able to travel near or far to attend her service and your fellowship that allowed us to visit with each of you after. Mom was smiling on us all as we gathered in her memory. Special thanks for the compassionate and expert arrangements provided by Malinoski & Danyluk Funeral Home, Pastor George Hind for officiating at Mom's service, the Lutheran Ladies for the wonderful lunch, the delicious home-style catered supper provided by Arlene and Ken Ewen, the beautiful flower arrangements provided by J & K Petal and Paints, Bev Stephan our organist, Natalie Lohman for all her work on the bulletins, Dustin Failler for the cemetery services, and all those who supported the service and our families.

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Viscount seniors held their AGM election and there is now a new board. They are going to be having coffee, bagels, muffins and toast available six mornings a week. Monday afternoons they will be open for pool or darts. Closed on Sundays. New members are always welcome!

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week! Thank you to all who helped make this week's news possible.

submitted by Sheri/Viscount Archery Club

The indoor archery season wrapped up the weekend of Apr. 15 and 16 in Prince Albert.

Timberland Bowbenders of Prince Albert hosted the JOP Championship on Saturday and the Saskatchewan Archery Association Indoor Target Provincials on Sunday.

Viscount Archery Club had 10 JOP members compete in the JOP Championship. Jacob earned a silver medal and Carl brought home the gold medal from this event. Well done guys!

On Sunday, 11 members attended the provincial target event. Viscount was very well represented. Bernie and Kenny earned gold medals in their categories. Jacob set a new provincial record and a gold medal. Willem and Ryker brought home bronze medals. Carl earned a silver medal. Dylan B and Bailey B



broke the provincial records and took home gold medals. Congratulations, good shooting!

The JOP members enjoyed a Nerf war for their windup followed by ice cream and annual awards. Rookie of the year - Zachary, most improved - Gage, most coachable - Ryker, best attitude - Grace, sportsmanship - Bailey, competitive spirit - Carl, most helpful - Wayde, sharpshooter - Jacob and Leadership - Dylan Y.

We appreciate our coaches Bernie and Jacob for all the time they put into helping the young archers.

Have a great summer!



- photos by Sheri/Viscount Archery Club



(from front page: **ASPEN**)

“Following our technical studies and consultations with stakeholders, rightsholders and Indigenous groups, we’ve submitted the initial project description to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. We’ve also started the process of looking for an engineer, procure, construct (EPC) partner to design and build the power station. We expect construction to begin in 2024 and for the power station to be fully constructed in 2027.”

As part of the first stage of Plan, Define and Consult, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada has invited the public to review on the summary of the Initial Project Description and provide feedback related to

the proposed project. Comments must be submitted by May 25, 2023 and can be done online by visiting the project home page on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (reference number 84525). The summary of the Initial Project Description is also available on the Registry. Participants who wish to provide their input in a different format can contact the Agency by writing to Aspen@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada is also making funding available to help the public and Indigenous groups participate in the impact assessment process for this project. Applications received by May 27, 2023 will be considered.



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