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Moisture arrives after concerns about dry conditions

■ **Daniel Bushman**

While some moisture arrived in the form of snow and rain as the May long weekend approached, a lack of moisture over the past few months has created very dry conditions in Saskatchewan.

Labelled as quite serious by Environment and Climate Change Canada's David Phillips, he added the drought-like conditions could very well become the big weather story of the year in Canada. "Some people are calling it a mega drought and I had a farmer email me from southwest Saskatchewan who has been farming for 65 years and collecting weather data for 45 and can't remember a drier six months than what he has had now."

Phillips said when it comes to precipitation accumulation dating back to the first of the year, Saskatchewan has less than 25 percent of what the province normally would have. Going back over the last 18 months, it is less than 50 percent of normal. "It is dry, there is no question."

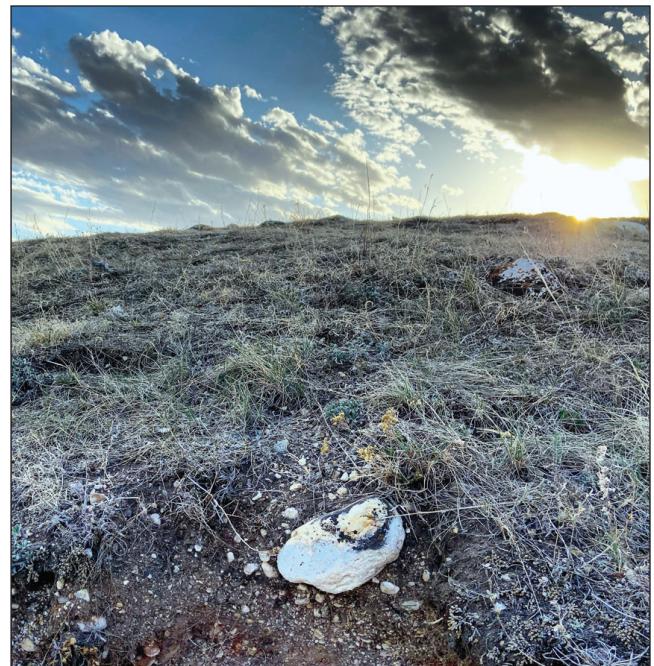
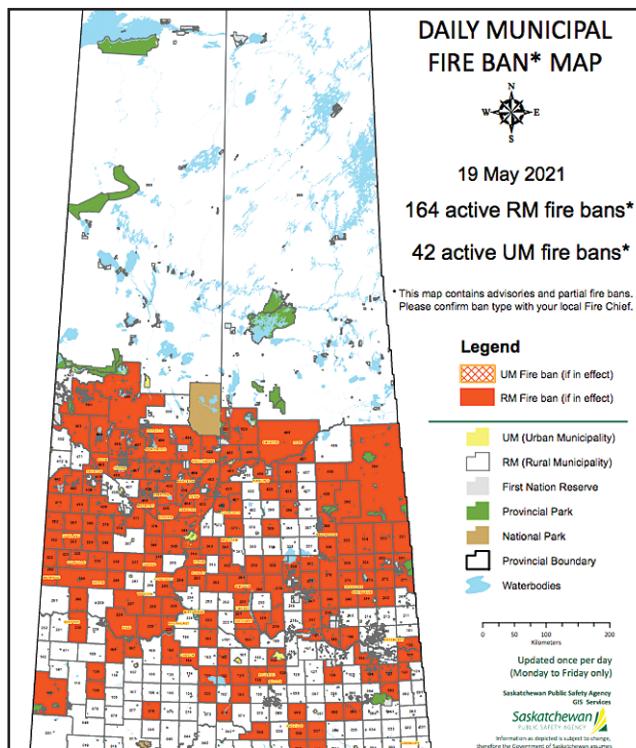
Having record breaking days of warm values last week did not help the situation as several places including the local area posted new highs including reaching 32°C; a number that was about 10 to 12°C warmer than normal. However, as the heat wave arrived, it was pushed out of the way later in the week as temperatures dropped. That also paved the way for the potential of moisture leading into the province's wettest part of the year.

With May, June, July and August accounting for over 60 percent of the annual precipitation in Saskatchewan, Phillips said, "If it is going to rain, these next four months is when it does rain."

"At least we are into that beginning of the wet season and June is your wettest month and there is hope that will bring some relief."

Weather records broken

With summer like temperatures, records throughout Saskatchewan were broken early last week. According to Environment and Climate Change Canada, at least 20 areas tied or set new daily maximum temperature records on May 17. Some of those included: Last Mountain Lake (Sanctuary) area with a new record of 31.5°C. The previous record of 27.0°C was set in 1988; Moose Jaw area with a new record of 31.9°C. The previous record was 31.7°C set in 1964; Saskatoon area with a new record of 32.6°C. The previous record was 30.6°C set in 1901; Swift Current area with a new record of 31.2°C. The previous record was 30.7°C set in 2006; Watrous area with a new record of 31.7°C. The previous record of 29.4°C was set



With conditions dry in Saskatchewan including within the local area, a number of fire bans have been implemented (left). Meanwhile, after breaking daily maximum temperature records early on in the week, snow arrived overnight Thursday in the area (below).

- above and below photo by Daniel Bushman, image from www.saskatchewan.ca



as well.

"They appear especially at this time of year if you get some sun baked surfaces. When there is lots of surface heating that bakes the surface like a tarmac or a field, it can absorb the heat and warm up."

With it being cool above the atmosphere and warm on the surface below that creates a rather unstable situation and Phillips said that can make for dust devils to spiral (see page nine: **DRY**)



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Local parks and campgrounds anticipating strong summer

■ **Daniel Bushman**

With a delayed opening in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and with many people wanting to get outdoors and enjoy the Saskatchewan summer, many campgrounds and parks are anticipating a very busy 2021 season. Unlike last year where parks and campgrounds were restricted to what they were able to do under Phase Two of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan, with COVID-19 vaccinations occurring and restrictions easing, this season could be much different.

Following guidelines set out by the provincial government and Saskatchewan Health Authority, a handful of local parks and campgrounds were eager to begin the 2021 season. The Lanigan Advisor reached out to local parks and campgrounds to see how things were going and what each anticipates for this year. The following are the responses received before press time:

Lanigan Lions Campground - Manager Brad Huculak

When did the park open this year?

We opened the campground on May 1 with a small work bee and thankfully only minor issues to resolve.

Are there similar regulations to follow like last year?

We received no special guidelines from SHA during our inspection this time around.

What do you have for sites and amenities?

We have 36 sites including non-serviced, serviced bush, and pull-thru sites. We have a shower house with six individual shower/washroom units with one being wheelchair accessible.

Are you looking forward to the summer ahead?

We have been slow to start as is usually the case in May, but with the optimism and easing restrictions this summer, we hope to be providing many travellers a quiet and pleasant

rest stop throughout the season.

How did last year turn out with the pandemic and do you expect it to be similar this year?

We had a very slow year last year obviously as travel was so restricted.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The campground provides a service to travellers, but it also helps our Lions Club immensely. Money raised allows us to help make improvements that affect our community and local residents.

Manitou & District Regional Park - Kathy Bergen

When did the park open this year?

The Manitou & District Regional Park opened on May 1. The office was accepting reservation requests as of Apr. 19, but due to the colder April, staff could not open the office as planned. The volume was high, with 600 requests on the first day. The office staff dug in and by May long weekend, we planned to be caught up, or almost so.

How has it gone so far and is it quite busy, especially with the pandemic?

The park will be busy this summer. There are many people choosing camping over travelling farther afield. It has been noticeable how many first-time campers are interested in coming. Also there has been an increase in the number of people who want to stay longer periods of time, a month or several weeks.

Are there similar regulations to follow like last year?

The two biggest restrictions we were working under last year were no out of province people were allowed to camp and only alternating sites were in use until into the summer. This year we are accepting out of province reservations, and most sites are available. Payment forms exclude cash again this year, the camp kitchens are closed, masking is required in the washrooms, and no gatherings of more than 10 people in a site. If the provincial guidelines change, these policies could change.

Are there any changes this year compared to last year like renovations or new projects?

Last year the office closed the door and all business was conducted from the windows outfitted with plexiglass. That will remain the same. Last year we had a delivery system for firewood to reduce the number of times a bag was handled. That will not be in effect for this year, people must collect their firewood at the office again. A hand sanitizing station is by the woodshed door and staff can open the door with a hands-free system.

What do you have for sites and amenities?

The playground continues to be very popular, especially the zipline. We are trusting playground users to be responsible as far as physical distancing and hand sanitizing. We are a pet friendly park and are happy to have the new dog park so close for campers to enjoy.

Are you looking forward to the summer ahead?

With more and more people being vaccinated, hopefully the summer will be more enjoyable than last year. The office and all staff continue to follow COVID protocols and we feel confident the summer will be safe.

How did last year turn out with the pandemic and do you expect it to be similar this year?

Of course last year the numbers were down. The shutdown lasted until June and only every other site could be utilized into July. I expect the numbers to show a large increase, judging by the reservations in place.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The website manitouregional.com is where we post current information. For example, there is a fire ban as of this writing. We also post notices on our Facebook page. And of course, people are welcome to phone for information and reservations.

LeRoy Leisureland Regional Park - General Manager Delia Sussums

When did the sites open this year?

We have a number of sites that were rented last fall with most of them rented by the end of April. The last seasonal was just rented out a few days ago.

How has it gone so far and is it quite busy, especially with the pandemic?

We were quite busy last year and are looking very forward to a busy season this year. Staycations are popular this year.

Are there similar regulations to follow like last year?

At the moment yes, although we're looking forward to the different phases of the Re-open Saskatchewan plan.

Are there any changes this year compared to last year like renovations or new projects?

A few extra projects and some new staff.

What do you have for sites and amenities?

We have something for every member of the family. We have 36 campsites, 12 of which are seasonal, all with 30 amp power and water with a sani dump on site. Our swimming pool is sand bottomed with a large beach area and playground. There's beach volleyball, as well as a very scenic nine-hole golf course that crosses the stream on six of the holes. A fully-licensed clubhouse and restaurant along with ice cream and confectionery make it a great place for a staycation!

Are you looking forward to the summer ahead?

Most certainly. We're hoping to see some new faces as well as looking forward to seeing our regular visitors this year.

(see page six: **CAMPGROUNDS**)



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COVID-19 update for Lanigan

■ **Daniel Bushman**

As more people get vaccinated throughout Saskatchewan, many within local communities continue to try to curb the spread of COVID-19. As the number of positive cases has decreased as of late, there still remains the potential of COVID-19 spreading within the local region.

On May 20, Horizon School Division was made aware of COVID-19 diagnoses at Lanigan Elementary School. Families at the school were informed and Horizon was working closely with Public Health to assist in the contact tracing process.

At this time, Horizon School Division deemed it safe for students and staff to continue in-class learning, unless families have been informed otherwise. Further details cannot be provided, to maintain the privacy of the individuals involved.

Horizon stated, "We all have a shared responsibility to limit the spread of COVID-19. We thank Horizon's staff, students, and families for all their efforts to help mitigate the risks during this pandemic. We continue to require students and staff to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19. Horizon's detailed Re-Entering Horizon Plan can be found on horizonsd.ca, along with our new Administrative Procedure regarding Illness in Care, which details the process to be followed when a child experiences symptoms or illness while at school."

With kids ages 12 and up now able to receive a vaccine,

Saskatchewan Health Authority will begin administering COVID-19 vaccines in elementary and high schools across the province in June. Delivery dates are currently being finalized with local education officials. Once dates are confirmed, they will be communicated directly to parents through individual schools.

Children in this age group will only receive the Pfizer brand of vaccine. SHA drive-thru, walk-in and booked appointments will be reduced during the school immunizations over the course of approximately three weeks to ensure this group is immunized prior to the end of the school year.

Pharmacy booked appointments will continue to be available to all eligible age categories.

Written consent will be required for all ages 12 to 17, primarily for tracking purposes, in case the child receives one dose at school and one elsewhere. There will only be one consent required for both doses. Parents are encouraged to talk directly with their children about consent and the importance of receiving their COVID vaccination.

Additional options are available for students who are home-schooled, for students who wish to access immunization sooner, or if parents wish to accompany their child to their appointment.

While immunizations taking place in schools are a few weeks away, an immunization clinic was held in Lanigan at the Town Hall May 21. Administering the Pfizer COVID-19

vaccine, the clinic which was held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. was open to anyone 12 years of age and older for first doses.

As of May 20, across the province 75 percent of those over the age of 40 have received their first dose. Sixty-eight percent of those 30+ have received their first dose. Sixty percent of those 18+ have received their first dose.

Following the May 21 immunization clinic, a drive-thru COVID-19 testing site is being held May 25 at the Lanigan Town Hall. Taking place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. people planning on being tested are required to attend with a form filled out for every person requesting testing. Residents going to the drive-thru clinic are asked to watch for traffic flow and to please stay in their vehicle. A form can be found on the Town of Lanigan's website: (www.town.lanigan.sk.ca).

As of May 20, in the Central East 1 mini zone which includes communities like Lanigan, Jansen, LeRoy, Humboldt, Drake, and Watrous there were 23 active cases. Provincially, as of May 20, there were 146 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the provincial total to 45,128 cases. There were a total of 42,821 recoveries and 1,785 cases were considered active.

As of May 20 there were 138 people in hospital with 112 people receiving inpatient care. Twenty-six people were in intensive care. The seven-day average of new COVID-19 case number was 169 (13.8 new cases per 100,000).

RCMP Report

Theft south of Liberty

Between May 6 and 7, 2021, culprit(s) entered into an unlocked farm Quonset, on the south outskirts of Liberty along Hwy. 2, and stole miscellaneous shop items.

If you have information about these or any other crimes, please call the Watrous RCMP at 306-946-3316 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), through SaskTel Mobility at *8477, text TIP206 plus your message to CRIMES (274637) or submit a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com where you can also view information on other unsolved crimes.

Over 7,100 speeding tickets issued

For the April Traffic Spotlight on speeding, police in Saskatchewan issued 7,165 speeding tickets. SGI stated there are 43,200 minutes in April, so that works out to an average of one speeding ticket written every six minutes (and

these numbers don't include tickets issued from photo speed enforcement).

Of the various 7,165 speeding tickets, SGI noted they included: 250 tickets for exceeding the limit by more than 35 km/h; 65 tickets for exceeding the limit by more than 50 km/h; 330 tickets for exceeding the limit in a school zone; 38 tickets for exceeding 60 km/h while passing highway workers; and 528 tickets for exceeding 60 km/h when passing an emergency vehicle or tow truck at roadside with lights flashing.

Tickets for all of those offences are more expensive

than regular speeding tickets, and carry additional demerit points.

Other numbers from the April Traffic Spotlight reported by law enforcement include: 456 impaired

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WHEREAS, the members of Emergency Medical Services Teams engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of Emergency Medical Services providers by designating Paramedic Services Week.

THEREFORE, I, Tony Mycock, Mayor of the Town of Lanigan do hereby proclaim the week of May 23rd - 29th, 2021 as

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I encourage the community to observe this week with thoughts of front line EMS workers during this challenging time of social distancing.

Tony Mycock, Mayor • Town of Lanigan

Better Newspapers Competition winners announced

After being named a top three finalist in nine categories as part of the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association Better Newspapers Competition Premier and General Excellence Awards, the Lanigan Advisor and The Watrous Manitou took home a combined two first place awards, a pair of seconds, and five third place finishes.

With the Better Newspapers Competition Award winners announced during an online awards presentation May 17, the Lanigan Advisor was the recipient of three third place finishes which included:

- in the Best News Story of the Year category, Daniel Bushman's story on the train derailment near Guernsey took home third place;
- in the Best Educational Coverage Post Secondary Education category, Daniel's story on Jansen's Emily Kosinsky being named a Canada West All-Star also earned a third place finish; and
- in the Best Wildlife Photo category, Bushman received third place for his photo of a fuzzy owllet.

For The Watrous Manitou, the paper collected two firsts, a pair of seconds and two thirds. Those included:

- in the Best Educational Coverage K-12 category, Bushman's story on WHS teacher Barry Croshaw receiving the highest honour from SHSAA placed first;
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■ by Arlene Martin

I told him to go to bed and I'd wait up and watch for Stormy's return to the garden doors when he decided to conclude his outside adventures. Randy had a long day that started early, sand blasting, then painting the rust areas on the undercarriage of our older diesel pickup.

Once an outside cat, Stormy still enjoys strolling our yard, often ignoring the 5 p.m. curfew our indoor moggies mostly mind.

As Randy trudged down the hallway to the bedroom, remote in hand, I flipped through the television stations and settled down to watch the latest episode of The Incredible Dr. Pol. I can't say I remember the ending and if the distressed mother cow was able to deliver a healthy calf because as what usually happens when I settle snug in my recliner, I fell asleep. All was quiet in our little house on the prairie except for the night traffic on the nearby busy highway. Because of my hearing disability we engage Closed Caption on our television and I usually watch and 'listen' in mute mode. But that evening as much as I tried to stay awake, the stillness and serenity of the evening lulled me into slumber land. My mug of tea untouched beside me, our calico, Brandy, found my lap and the other moggies were sound asleep inside the warm beds of their multilevel cat skyscraper.

THUMP, THUMP, THUMP! THUMP! THUMP, THUMP! The noise roused me. The wall clock said 1:10 a.m. THUMP! THUMP! THUMP! I looked around the room. Our felines were asleep, some opening an indifferent green eye, then going

back to their kitty dreams. The lamplight on the deck caught movement by the garden door. THUMP, THUMP, THUMP! A little face was staring at me. There was the wayward cat, Stormy, on his hind legs, his front paws vigorously hammering the glass on the door. I believe he flashed a smile when I finally saw him. Brandy jumped from my lap as I wearily rose to open the door. The 12-year-old gray cat almost knocked me over, gratitude resonating in loud purrs. I sat on my recliner and he burrowed into my neck. He was wet so I knew while I snoozed a small rain shower had blessed the parched prairie. Wrapping his front paws around my neck, he pushed his little head to my deaf ear, the vibrations rippling through his small body, indicated he was still purring gratitude and love. In a few minutes he scampered off to the food station for the supper he'd missed, then those little feet pattered down the hallway to his snug little bed atop the dryer in the laundry room.

Time for me to climb into my bed and finish my sleep. A little shadow followed me down the darkened hallway, then waited for me to get in my sleeping position. Brandy does this every night and I am never sure whether she feels she is protecting me or if she thinks I am watching over her. Safe and sound, through the window, I see the trees whipping and bending in a wind gathering momentum. I hoped for more rain. My thoughts and heart replay the thought I have almost every night – wishing I could walk into every animal shelter and ask to see the one who has been confined there the longest. In this reoccurring pipe-dream I am holding a grateful, admiring furry old soul, one elderly, wan, deaf and arthritic like myself - but so happy to be wanted, rescued and loved.

I fall asleep, Stormy warm and safe thinking how great it is to have a warm home and with those who love us. It's all so uncompliCATED.

And I believe Stormy and myself both know there's a sermon in here someplace.

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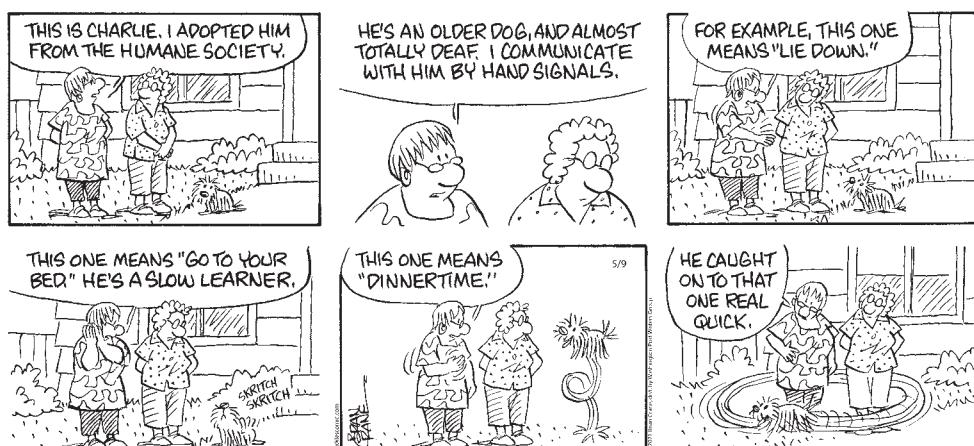
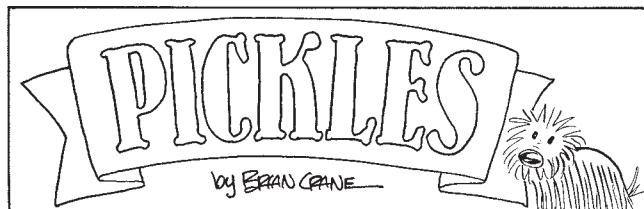
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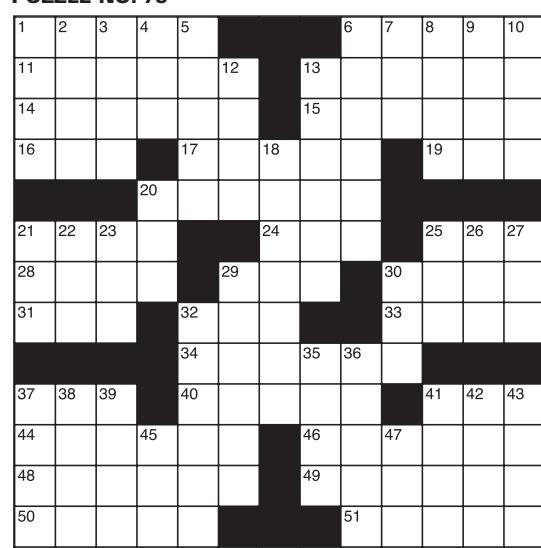
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- Tint
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“Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky”

Chocolate Peanut Butter Swirl Cake

Ingredients:

1 box chocolate cake mix
1 1/4 cups water
1/2 cup sour cream (light works in this recipe)
3 eggs
1 brick cream cheese (light works in this recipe)
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/4 cup milk

Directions:

Beat cake mix, water, sour cream and two eggs for two minutes. Spray a 9 x 13 pan with cooking spray. Pour batter into pan. Beat cream cheese, remaining egg, sugar, peanut butter and milk until smooth. Drop by tablespoons over batter and swirl into cake with a knife. Bake at 350°F for 35 to 40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into middle of cake comes out clean. Cool on wire rack and store leftovers in the fridge.

(from page two: **CAMPGROUNDS**)**How did last year turn out with the pandemic and do you expect it to be similar this year?**

Last year went quite well and we're expecting that this year will be about the same or hopefully better.

Last Mountain Regional Park - Administrator Melanie Rich

When did the sites open this year?

Seasonal camping started on May 1 and daily camping started May 15.

How has it gone so far and is it quite busy, especially with the pandemic?

So far this year there have been quite a number of cabin owners and seasonal campers at the park. From the end of June until close to mid-August the campground will be very busy with limited sites and nightly camping available. Right now there are only limited spots available for swimming lessons so 2021 is looking to be a very busy one!

Are there similar regulations to follow like last year?

Many of our restrictions were lifted near the end of June last year in terms of camping, playgrounds, and shower facilities. This year we have been participating in webinars that are being held in conjunction with Sask. Parks and Recreation and the Sask. Business Response Team for guidance and updates on regulations. We will also be following the province's Re-Opening Roadmap. Since we have a pool at the park, swimming lessons and public swimming will also be taking place this year and will run with the same restrictions as last year.

Are there any changes this year compared to last year like renovations or new projects?

When COVID-19 hit last year the decision was made to put a halt on planning any new projects. Due to a generous donation the park received last year we are proceed-

ing with some outdoor pool renovations by adding a shade structure for lifeguards and pool patrons.

What do you have for sites and amenities?

The park has 114 campsites and 100 privately owned cabins. We have an outdoor pool, a nine-hole sand green golf course, and a beach area with a playground at the beach. There are also playgrounds throughout the cottage area and we have a concession, sand volleyball court, boat launch, filleting shack, a hall available for functions (which was used before the pandemic), and bird watching. We provide five sets of swimming lessons over the course of seven weeks and a youth recreation program.

Are you looking forward to the summer ahead?

Last year was filled with so many unknowns and uncertainties. This year we are looking forward to the 2021 season with optimism and enthusiasm! Hopefully we can put the difficult winter behind us and enjoy the summer.

How did last year turn out with the pandemic and do you expect it to be similar this year?

Last year our season ended up better than we were expecting. We ended up being quite busy in July and August at the pool and in the campground. However, our overall revenues were down and part of that was being unable to hold fundraisers. This year again we will not be holding Canada Day celebrations but will instead be holding a Facebook auction in June to raise funds for capital projects within the park.

Etters Beach - Resort Village of Etters Beach Clerk Denise Brecht

When did the sites open this year?

The sites opened up May 15.

How has it gone so far and is it quite busy, especially with the pandemic?

Things have been running as well as can

be expected. A few minor water leaks upon initial water turn on and more fallen/broken trees than normal – but generally an all around good start up.

Are there similar regulations to follow like last year?

Right now, disinfecting/cleaning guidelines as well as public gatherings limitations are much the same as last year. This year there was no limiting to every other campsite at the onset of opening (it was okay to open all campsites right from the start date) which makes things much easier.

Are there any changes this year compared to last year like renovations or new projects?

We have a new council as of October of last year so this will be the first summer of overseeing the campground for the new council. An extension to the boat launch is in the works. Water levels are very low, but that should help facilitate that project.

What do you have for sites and amenities?

We have 28 seasonal sites, 14 serviced sites and 20 unserviced sites. We have two sets of bathrooms and one shower house (with two showers). We have a playground a fish filleting station and a boat launch and dock.

Are you looking forward to the summer ahead?

If I measure by the amount of phone calls I have received about site bookings, people are definitely looking forward to the camping season. With the dry conditions, there is currently provincial campground fire restrictions in place, which affect the Etters Beach campground, but hopefully we get some much needed rain soon and that will help keep the fire bans to a minimum over the summer and will help get the crops growing.

How did last year turn out with the pandemic and do you expect it to be similar this year?

Surprisingly, last year turned out to be better than expected. With the 'every other' campsite regulation at start up of 2020 things could have been tough for all campgrounds but I think with no concerts, theatres, limited recreational sports, etc. families looked for camping as a holiday or outing and bookings were generally good for the 2020 season.

Painted Rock Campground near Colonsay - Owner Bryan Wall

When did the sites open this year?

We opened the third week of April and are fully operational.

How has it gone so far and is it quite busy, especially with the pandemic?

It's been a great start to the year. We are looking forward to more restrictions being lifted and being able to welcome more travellers. It will be nice when the border opens and we once again have American travellers. **Are there similar regulations to follow like last year?**

Like in all aspects of life, COVID protocols are in place here as well. Extra disinfecting of touch points, masking and physical distancing are just some of the ways we are working to keep people safe.

Are there any changes this year compared to last year like renovations or new projects?

As far as infrastructure, there are no major changes from last year.

What do you have for sites and amenities?

We have 20 sites with water and power and three of those sites also have sewer hook-up. We have nice, clean washrooms and free, hot showers. A sani dump station is also available. We hope to add additional full service sites by the end of the summer.

Are you looking forward to the summer ahead?

We are excited for the summer ahead!

How did last year turn out with the pandemic and do you expect it to be similar this year?

If the last month is any indication of things to come, we expect this summer to be better than last summer. For starters, campgrounds were allowed to open as usual, whereas last year they couldn't open until June 1.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

We are excited to be part of the local area. Whether you're looking for a campground close to home to try out your unit before a big road trip, or are working in the area and need a place to stay short term, we are the campground for you. We are a child and pet friendly facility.

Imperial Campground - Town of Imperial Administrator Joslin Freeman

When did the sites open this year?

The sites opened up two weeks ago with the first camper rolling in for three nights.

How has it gone so far and is it quite busy, especially with the pandemic?

The campground stays quite full all summer long. We have a few regulars that like to stay for a month or two at a time. People enjoy the quietness of the town as well as being close to Etters Beach and Manitou Beach.

Are there similar regulations to follow like last year?

As far as a camping experience, nothing is really different, the town has increased disinfecting of the shower house. All sites are open.

Are there any changes this year compared to last year like renovations or new projects?

Nothing too major, the 100 km winds this past winter ripped off the lattice on the camp kitchen so it has been removed and for now will just remain open.

What do you have for sites and amenities?

There are five fully serviced sites. There is a single use shower house. It is accessed with a code.

Are you looking forward to the summer ahead?

Summer is always a great time of year to get outside and enjoy the fresh air, after the long winter in a pandemic it will be refreshing.

How did last year turn out with the pandemic and do you expect it to be similar this year?

Last year our sites were full most of the summer, we anticipate this summer will be very similar.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Life is better in flip flops!

Provincial parks see uptick in reservations

As local area parks and campgrounds gear up for a busy 2021, according to the provincial government, Saskatchewan Provincial Parks' annual campsite reservation launch saw a total of 43,566 nightly, group and seasonal campsite reservations made during the 2021 reservation launch.

With more than 43,500 reservations, that was an increase of 110 percent compared to the 2020 bookings (only 50 percent of sites were available due to COVID restrictions) and an increase of 65 percent compared to the 2019 bookings.

"This April, a new campsite reservation system was released," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "With nearly 44,000 campsite reservations made during launch, the new system successfully managed a very large volume of users and transactions at once and minimized the time customers spent waiting in a queue. Many campers were able to successfully secure a site this season."

Provincial park campgrounds officially opened May 20.



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Lanigan Dance Dynamics has incredible season despite navigating through pandemic

■ submitted by Lindi Stroeder
Lanigan Dance Dynamics

Lanigan Dance Dynamics participated in a Saskatchewan Wide Virtual Dance Competition May 7 to 9, 2021. Dance City Productions out of Saskatoon hosted the event with dance studios from Lanigan, Prince Albert, Humboldt, Macklin, Saskatoon, Aberdeen, Assiniboia, Birch Hills, Borden, Shellbrook, Cupar, Langham and North Battleford in attendance.

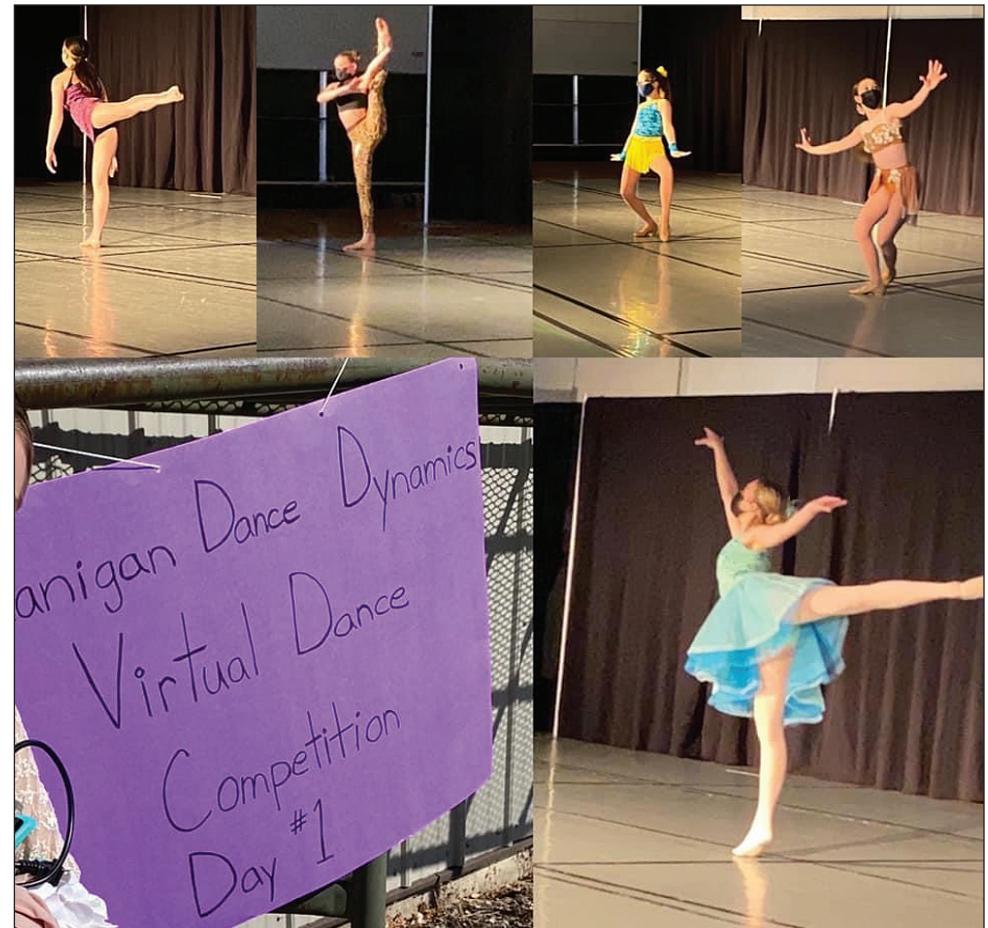
The dancers that competed from the Lanigan studio ranged in age from five to 17, with five different groups and approximately 30 dancers competing. Several individual and group categories placed in the top three with 16 of our groups receiving a gold mark, and six receiving a silver mark throughout the competition.

This competition hosted what they called "Maximum Elite Performance" where each studio was able to submit one dance to compete against each other for the honour of "Best Group Performance" in the competition as well as a group award of \$2,000. Lanigan Dance Dynamics chose their senior jazz group, "I'm A Brass Band" as their selection of choreography for the competition.

In their other selections of contemporary and lyrical, the group had received distinction marks of 94 and 93 respectively.



Pictured above left: graduating dancers Jaycee Sperling and Megan Fisher. Pictured above right: Virtual Competition Recording Day.



- photos courtesy Lindi Stroeder

With the announcement being withheld until the end of the competition, both students and teachers were nervous they had made the wrong selection to enter.

After watching very strong tap, hip hop, contemporary and lyrical numbers from the other clubs, our "I'm A Brass Band", a very unique and authentic jazz number, was considered a favourite by the judges and ended up winning the Maximum Elite

Performance Award and our little Lanigan Club took home the overall performance award and \$2,000.

Lanigan Dance Dynamics would like to wish their senior graduating dancers, Megan Fisher and Jaycee Sperling luck in all their future endeavours.

They will be truly missed in our upcoming dance season.

Although this was not the dance season we typically enjoy, it was a pleasure to both dancers and parents to be able to watch them perform from the comfort of home on our TVs and computer screens.

Lanigan Dance Dynamics success this season is just another notch in the belt of success that has been achieved by the club. We could not do this without the brilliant choreography and instruction of our teachers, Brittney Mooney and Andrea Fontaine.

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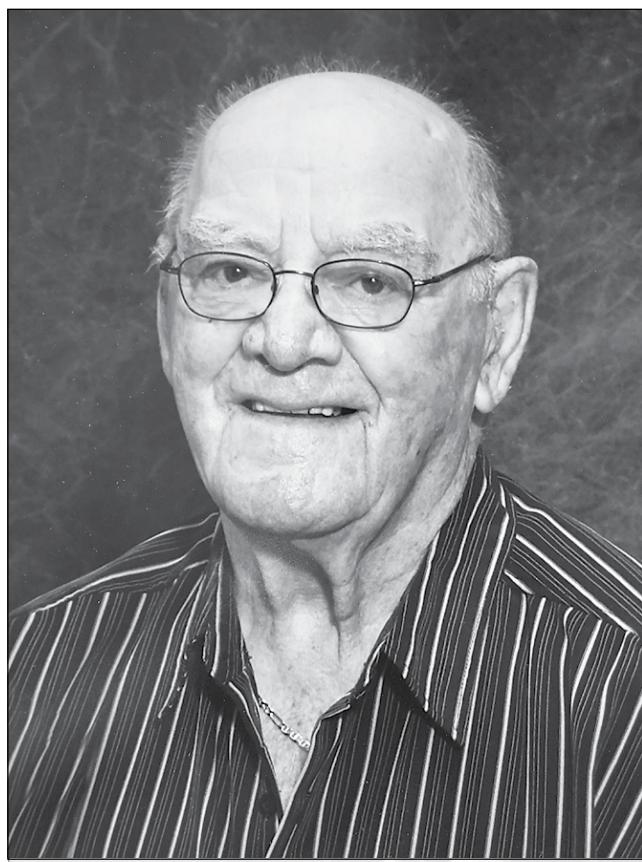


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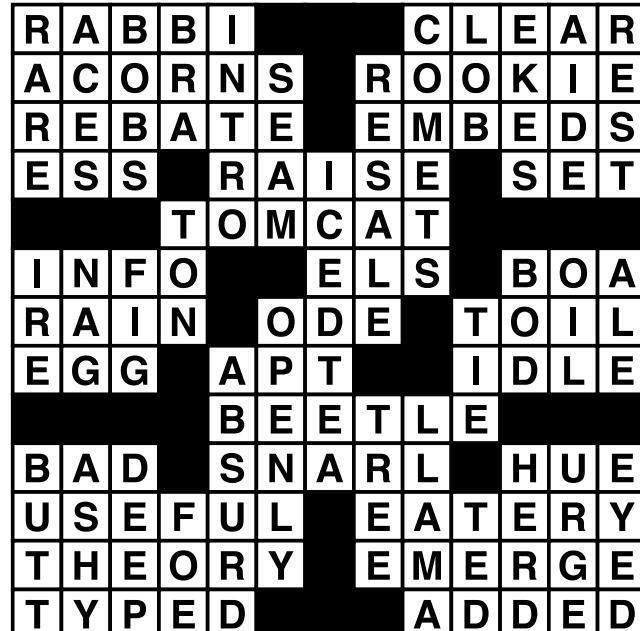
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onto the scene. "On the prairies they can be a good size. They vary from a half a metre to about 10 metres wide and can be a few metres high to I've heard reports of 1,000 metres high. It can circulate clockwise or counterclockwise and can appear generally in the early afternoon during the heat of the day. The sun really bakes the ground, the air rises and then there is inflow of cooler air at the surface to where that air has risen, almost like a little vortex."

While they usually are not sustainable, Phillips noted they look like tornadoes but are not really the same thing. "Tornadoes begin as a rotating cloud while these things begin at the surface and go up to a certain height and then are finished."

With a few more sightings of dust devils this year, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada a tornado was also reported. At approximately 12:25 p.m. May 12 a brief tornado was observed about 10 kms northwest of Saskatoon. Environment and Climate Change Canada indicated there were no reports of damage and the tornado was given a preliminary rating of EF0.

Considered a landspout tornado, Environment and Climate Change Canada stated that it was generated by weak rotation under rapidly growing clouds or weak thunderstorms. Landspout tornadoes do not usually cause significant damage but can still be dangerous as they can topple trees, damage roofs, or toss debris a short distance.

Crop conditions

Trying to deal with the elements, the lack of moisture has allowed producers to get on the fields and in turn pushed seeding progress well-ahead of the five-year average.

According to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for May 11 to 17, producers made tremendous progress with 74 percent of the 2021 crop seeded. That bests the five-year average of 48 percent for this time of year.

Overall, 82 percent of the crop has been seeded in the southwest region. Seventy-nine percent has been seeded in the southeast, 77 percent seeded in both the west-central and northwest regions and 63 percent seeded in the east-central and northeast regions.

There was scattered rainfall in the province with the Tisdale area receiving the highest amount at 25 mm thanks to a thunderstorm. The Christopher Lake area received 13 mm and the Pelly area received 10 mm.

Limited precipitation and warm windy conditions throughout the province have further reduced topsoil moisture conditions. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as zero percent surplus, 20 percent adequate, 48 percent short and 32 percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as zero percent surplus, 13 percent adequate, 36 percent short and 50 percent very short.

According to the Crop Report, some farmers halted seeding canola while they waited for rain in the forecast. Others have opted to seed wheat or other cereals instead. Very little spraying is happening in the province due to low weed emergence and strong winds making for poor spraying conditions. For many parts of the province where precipitation has been very low, crop germination has been poor and patchy.

Fire bans

Throughout the province a number of fire bans remain in effect. According to the Saskatchewan Daily Municipal Fire Ban map, as of May 19, a total of 164 active RM fire bans were in effect while 42 active Urban Municipality fire bans were implemented (either advisories or partial bans). Those included the local area as a number of RMs and Urban Municipalities kept their bans in place from earlier this month.

With conditions so dry, a state of emergency was

declared by the City of Prince Albert last Monday after a fire continued to grow northeast of the community. According to news reports the wildfire started around 2:30 p.m. May 19 in the RM of Buckland and high winds pushed it across city boundaries.

The City of Prince Albert said as of 4:30 p.m. May 18 the fire continued to grow in size and was approximately 40 square kilometres. The City registered 75 evacuated households as of May 19 and several roads in the vicinity around the fire were closed.

As of 8:30 a.m. May 20, the fire Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) reported the Cloverdale Fire as contained. Evacuees in the City of Prince Albert and RM of Buckland were able to return home. Evacuees that returned home were on a precautionary evacuation alert and should be prepared to leave on short notice when advised.

SaskPower said the fire also caused significant damage to a major transmission line. With the fire active, the company said they were working to carry out repairs as soon as possible; however, many impacted customers were likely to remain without power until Wednesday at the earliest.

Phillips said the massive fire near Prince Albert is also an indication that the dry conditions mixed with strong winds is not just taking place on fields. "This is (also) a forest fire issue, domestic and industrial water issue and even for recreation and tourism."

Phillips said what is needed for the whole economy in Saskatchewan is a slow motion, percolating three day rain that doesn't rain hard but rains throughout. "That is the soaking rain that can get down to where the seed is and really bring a lot of smiles to people's faces and improve the outlook dramatically."

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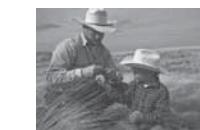
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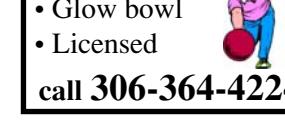
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Louise Shannon

Last week was Nurses Week in Saskatchewan. A special thank you to our hardworking nurse Val Kosinsky.

This is tick season and while I have not seen any, watch your pets.

I have seen many wild ani-

mals in my yard. There were seven deer and they moved further downtown. Marla Moss was pretty excited when a doe gave birth in her yard.

had a long winter.

I hope Ruth Ewen had a happy birthday on the 18th. She was 99 years of age. Hard to believe!

Happy birthday to Brandon Arnst, Cade Krieger, Teegan Krieger and Willie Krieger.

It usually rains on the Victoria Day weekend. Let us hope that holds true. People will be camping because we

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Farmers are busy seeding and picking stones.

Folks are busy gardening and doing yard work.

Visiting us was my daughter Linda and her husband Trevor from Saskatoon.

Plunkett folks welcome any new folks who have moved to town.

A good rain is what everyone is wishing

for. The upcoming summer forecast is for hot dry weather and little rain.

Get well wishes go out to Irene Giddings who is in St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon.

Get well goes out to anyone ill and in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Anyone having any news, please phone me at 306-944-4852. Thank you kindly.

tion. A fast and gripping read!

On a regular basis, Blankets for Canada receives beautiful knitted and crocheted squares from many volunteers. At home, some of the ladies are putting the squares together to make a blanket and others are crocheting a border around them. In time, when we have about 15 to 20 finished blankets, they will be delivered to any number of shelters in the city of Saskatoon and else-

where. Blunt). In brief, the plot is about an on-off recovering alcoholic who aimlessly rides a train to London every day after losing her job and her marriage. What she sees gazing out the window will change everything. This novel is classified as a thriller, suspense and psychological fic-

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For the month of May we sure have seen different weather. I am hoping, as well as everyone else, for moisture and warmth.

Viscount library's latest Book Club choice is The Girl on the Train written by Paula Hawkins, copyright 2014 (2016 film, starring Emily

Pet of the Week





Rupert
Rupert is a 13 year old tri-coloured beagle who lives in Watrous with the McLean family. He loves playing and sleeping. Rupert's favourite thing to do in the summer is eat peas off the vine from the garden.

- photo courtesy Cindy McLean





Would you like your pet featured as our Pet of the Week in the Lanigan Advisor and our sister paper, The Watrous Manitou? Email us a photo of your pet along with a brief description to twmadvisornews@gmail.com and we will do our best to include it in the papers and on our websites.

where. For more information, please call Evelina at 306-944-4820. We appreciate all of you out there who keep working

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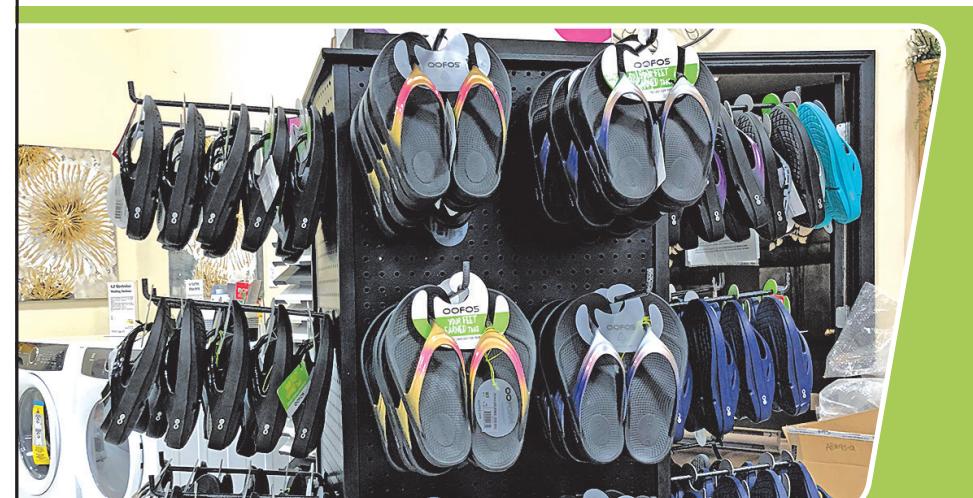
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