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## Area soaks up needed rain

■ Daniel Bushman

While more moisture is needed, the snow and rain that arrived heading into the May long weekend provided a massive injection into what was a very dry region. With drought-like conditions across the prairies this spring including within the local area, the clouds finally opened up and the moisture arrived.

After experiencing temperatures above 30°C early on in the week, heading into May 21, a snowfall warning was issued by Environment and Climate Change Canada. That snow which fell in various parts of the province was then followed by rain during portions of the weekend and into Victoria Day. Moving north from Montana the spring rainstorm even prompted rainfall warnings for parts of west-central Saskatchewan May 24.

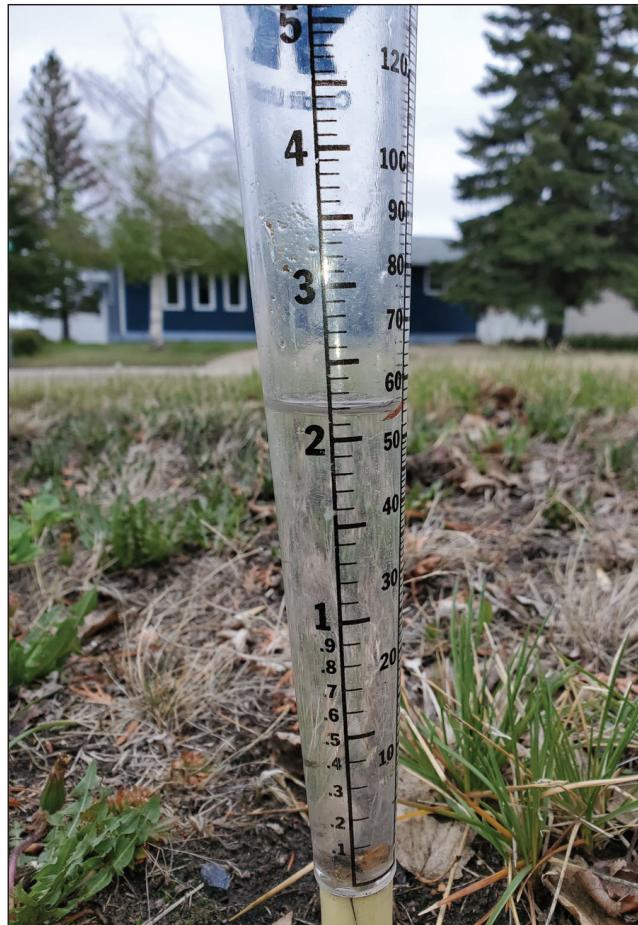
While data was unavailable from Environment and Climate Change Canada for Lanigan, resident Aron Renwick said his rain gauge hit 1.6 inches over the weekend and including May 24 it reached 2.2 inches.

Meanwhile, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada, Watrous accumulated at least 7.4 mm May 21, 25.9 mm May 24 and 3.3 mm May 25 for 36.6 mm or just about 1.5 inches.

The Last Mountain Lake Bird Sanctuary area received 9.7 mm May 21, 2.1 mm May 23, at least 26.7 mm of rain May 24 and 2.8 mm May 24 for a total of 41.3 mm or just over 1.6 inches.

As for other areas in the province, the following are 24 hour rainfall amounts in millimetres as of 4 p.m. May 24:

Sourced from Environment and Climate Change Canada observation network: Waseca 51.9, Rosetown 42.1, Scott 40.4, Moose Jaw 37.4, North Battleford 36.2, Spiritwood 35.4, Yellow Grass 33, Estevan 32.1, Outlook 32.1, Saskatoon 30.6, Indian Head 30.5, Meadow Lake 30.3, Weyburn 30.2, Elbow 27.6, and Regina 27.2. Sourced from Saskatchewan Fire observation network: Northwest of Spiritwood (Birch) 54.6 and Meadow Lake area (Divde) 36.1. Sourced from CoCoRahs as of 7 a.m. on May 24: Vibank 36.1, Craven 32.3, and Lumsden 32.0. Sourced from volunteer observation networks as of 8 a.m. May 24: Estevan 36.8, Fort Qu'Appelle 30.5, Strasbourg



After experiencing dry conditions this spring, snow and rain arrived heading into the May long weekend. The amount of moisture which varied in the local region was a welcome addition to the latter part of May. According to Lanigan resident Aron Renwick's rain gauge (left), Lanigan received around 2.2 inches as of May 24.

- left photo courtesy Aron Renwick, above photo by Daniel Bushman

May neared an end, the cold temperatures arriving a few days prior forcing frost warnings were not. When asked if the frost will hurt some of the seeded crops, Brown said it depends on the crop type and the environmental conditions.

"Wet soils, dew and rain can buffer against a frost to a certain degree compared to dry soils. Spring cereals can handle frosts as low as -6°C and the growing point remains below the soil surface until the three to five leaf stage so it has the ability to continue growing even if the first couple leaves die. New leaf growth usually appears in two to three days."

Brown continued by stating, "Canola can survive a light frost that doesn't damage the growing point, stage plays a factor as cotyledon is more susceptible than plants in the three to four leaf stage." Following the frost, Brown recommends assessing injury three to five days after and if the growing point is green, firm and not pinched off

(see back page: RAIN)



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# New minister at United Church in Lanigan

■ submitted by Barb Nickel  
Knox United Church in Lanigan

The United Church in Lanigan has a new minister. Student minister Frances Kitson not only arrived in the community from Vancouver during the winter months but all the while navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kitson went to the Vancouver School of Theology and received her Masters of Divinity, along with a Certificate from the Sauder School of Business and was also awarded the Frederick Buechner Prize for Excellence in Preaching.

In 2020, Frances Kitson was named as one of two Vancouver School of Theology's 2020 recipients of the Chancellor's Scholarship. These scholarships are the most prestigious and generous awards offered to VST students each year.

Kitson who is a native Vancouverite was taken by surprise when the call to ministry came after years working in theatre and construction. She previously served in candidate supply for United Church congregations in Kelowna, and spent a summer leading online worship for two Okanagan congregations. Honoured and delighted to receive the Chancellor's Scholarship, Frances dedicates its use to the

memory of her grandmother, Dr. Margaret Isabel Griffiths, who worked for the ordination of women in the Church of England.

We are so proud of Frances and her achievements and have enjoyed having her as part of the community of Lanigan.

Looking forward to getting to know the residents in Lanigan and the surrounding area, Frances said, "Moving from Vancouver to Lanigan in the middle of a Saskatchewan winter was quite a change! The sunshine was a welcome change, even when the weather forecast included a risk of frostbite for days in a row. The folks at Knox United are so generous and gave me such a warm welcome, and now that it's spring, I'm enjoying getting to know my neighbours (and their dogs). As the weather keeps warming up and more and more folks get vaccinated, I'm looking forward to getting to know even more people in town. Ministry is always rooted in relationship, and being in a small town offers a great chance to really put some roots down and build relationships outside the walls of the church. It also provides opportunity to collaborate with churches of other denominations, which doesn't always happen in the city! I am truly blessed to be here, and I'm grateful to the good people of Knox United and the former Nokomis United Churches for calling me."



Frances Kitson (above) arrived in Lanigan from Vancouver during the middle of this past Saskatchewan winter. Kitson is the new minister at Knox United Church in Lanigan and has been enjoying her time in the area.

- photo submitted

## Local MP will not seek re-election

■ media release

Tom Lukiwski, Member of Parliament for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre-Lanigan announced he will not run in the next election.

Lukiwski was elected to Parliament in 2004 as the first candidate for the newly merged Conservative Party of Canada in the

Regina-Lumsden-Lake Centre constituency. He won that seat four times until federal constituencies were redistributed, after which he twice won the new

constituency of Moose Jaw-Lake Centre-Lanigan.

"The greatest honour of my life is serving the people of these two constituencies. Because I won narrowly the first time, I never forgot the lessons of the power of the people and the importance of earning and keeping their trust."

In his first election in 2004, Lukiwski won his seat, on recount, by only 122 votes. In 2019, his margin of victory grew to over 24,000 votes.

Throughout the Stephen Harper government, Lukiwski served as

Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leaders over a nine-year period. In both government and opposition, he served on numerous Parliamentary committees including serving as Chair of the Government Operations Committee from 2015-19.

Lukiwski says he is proud

to have helped many people in the constituency and to have participated in major changes at the national level.

"In addition to working for my constituents, passing Bill C-18, which eliminated the Canadian Wheat Board's

Single Desk marketing power on Aug. 1, 2012, is something I'm very proud of. This leadership by our government resulted in economic opportunities throughout my constituency that I see every day."

As for the reasons for his departure, Lukiwski simply said, "It's time."

"Seventeen years is a long time. This has been the greatest chapter of my life, but every chapter must end. It's time to bring in new blood to keep the Conservative cause strong in Moose Jaw-Lake Centre-Lanigan."

## Re-Opening Roadmap



Starting Sunday, May 30th, Step 1 of the Re-Opening Roadmap will come into effect

**STEP 1** *Sunday, May 30th*

- Restaurants and bars open, maximum 6 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
- Measures for youth and adult outdoor sports will be lifted
- All long-term care and personal care home residents may welcome 2 visitors at a time indoors and 4 visitors at a time outdoors

**STEP 2** *Sunday, June 20th*      **STEP 3** *To be determined*

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# Drake approves its budget

■ **Daniel Bushman**

Looking forward to seeing its water storage project completed, dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, and hoping for a more normal year in 2021, Drake Village Council approved its budget earlier this year.

Taking a look at the budget, since 2021 is a re-evaluation year, Drake Administrator Pierrette Woynarski said all land values decreased within the village by about 25 percent. "This has forced us to use the available tax tools to raise our mill rate slightly to get roughly the same revenues as in 2020. Some taxes have been raised slightly and some have remained the

same."

As for projects and purchases, Woynarski highlighted a couple of items on this year's agenda. "The water storage project we began under the ICIP Grant in 2020 is our only major project for 2021 and we hope to complete it in October. We also plan on purchasing a new riding mower this spring with the aid of the MEEP grant."

Drake Mayor Peter Nicholson is not only looking forward to seeing the water storage project wrap up but is hoping that things will start to return to a more normal as the province begins to reopen. "The pandemic has caused some problems with some supply and shipping delays as well as increased costs

for most products and materials. With our new administrator coming on in December of 2020 it has taken time for her to get up to speed with all the grants and federal and provincial programs that are in place and still available. As we move forward into summer and the rest of 2021, we are excited to have her on board."

Despite some of the issues involving delays and added costs for products and materials, Nicholson said all in all things are looking up for the village in 2021. "We also now have a Revitalization Committee that is looking at ways to beautify main street for this summer and the revitalization of the village park area in the near future."

# Province enters Step One of Re-Opening Roadmap; Step Two to commence June 20

■ **Daniel Bushman**

After attaining the Step One threshold of the province's Re-Opening Roadmap with more people receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, Saskatchewan will enter Step Two June 20 as that threshold was reached May 24.

Having to hit at least 70 percent first dose vaccinations in each of the three thresholds before advancing in the Re-Opening Roadmap, as of May 24, 76 percent of those over the age of 40 received their first dose (Step One), 70 percent of those 30+ received their first dose (Step Two) and 63 percent of those 18+ have received their first dose (Step Three). Once that 63 percent of those 18 and older reaches 70 percent, that will mark the third threshold which will occur three weeks after that percentage is attained.

As for the beginning of Step One of the Re-Opening Roadmap, that occurred May 30 as the following changes were made to public health orders:

- 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.

Along with the province officially moving into Step One May 30, the Government of Saskatchewan also announced that public health measures around outdoor sporting activities were eased as part of Step One instead of in Step Two which they were originally part of. However, easing of measures for indoor sports remains in Step Two of the Re-Opening Roadmap.

According to the provincial government, the adjustment was made due to the lowered risk of transmission of COVID-19 in outdoor settings along with the successful uptake in Saskatchewan's COVID-19 vaccination effort in reducing the transmission of the virus.

"Saskatchewan people have reduced the spread

of COVID-19 by getting vaccinated," Premier Scott Moe said. "So, the next time you drive by a field of happy kids playing softball or football or soccer, please know that you made that possible. Saskatchewan people are putting those kids back on to the field by doing their part, by rolling up their sleeves and sticking it to COVID."

Competition and game play for outdoor team sports can proceed with the following requirements as of May 30:

- Participants may not compete if they are feeling unwell;

- Players and coaches should be encouraged to screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to arriving to practice and play, using the self-assessment tool at

saskatchewan.ca/COVID19;

- League play is allowed to resume; however, tournaments are not permitted at this time. This will be revisited in Step Two of the Re-Opening Roadmap;

- No interprovincial travel. Teams competing in regional interprovincial leagues need to contact the Business Response Team prior to beginning play;

- Capacity must be in compliance with the public health order for public outdoor gatherings for each playing surface or game area. Public outdoor gatherings expanded to a limit of 150 people on May 30 as part of the Re-Opening Roadmap. Common areas, such as those where there are multiple playing surfaces, must also be

in compliance with gathering limits in the public health order;

- Individual and protective equipment should not be shared. When helmets and bats or other equipment are shared, cleaning and disinfecting must occur between each use;

- Commonly touched equipment used for game play (e.g. game ball, football) is routinely replaced or disinfected during the course of practice or play;

- Coaches, officials, umpires, referees and players who are not on the field are not required to wear masks outdoors under the public health order. However, masks may be worn if they are more

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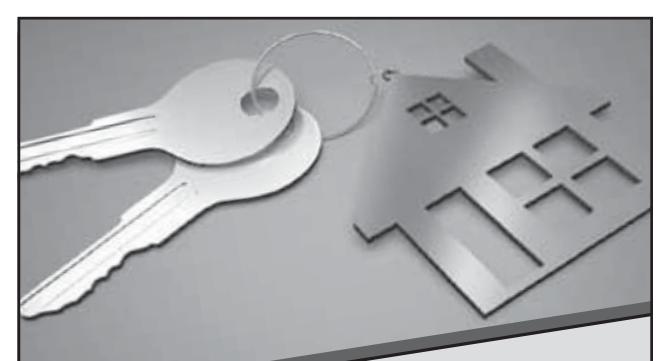
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## Solutions and Substitutions



— tips from Reena Nerbas

**Dear Reena,**  
I have many bottles of nail polish that I am unable to open. I have tried running them under hot water and using pliers, but still I am unable to twist the top off or pry them open. It is very frustrating. Any suggestions would be very much appreciated. Marsha

**Dear Marsha,**

Dried nail polish acts like regular glue, making lids stick and difficult to open. Begin by wrapping a rubber band around the bottle. Submerge the bottle in hot water for five minutes. Twist

the bottle cap until it opens. If you do not have a rubber band you may want to wear rubber gloves while you twist the bottle lid. Once open, use a cotton swab and nail polish remover to clean the area around the opening of the bottle. Next coat the opening with petroleum jelly (Vaseline) to prevent the lid from becoming stuck in the future. Close the lid.

**Dear Reena,**

I have a huge ant hill in my garden. How can I get rid of it? Penny

**Dear Penny,**

One option is to sprinkle the ant hill with tea tree oil, next pour boiling water onto the hill or sprinkle the hill with a combination of one cup Borax and two tablespoons icing sugar, if there are no pets or small children in the area. Cornmeal sprinkled onto ant hills is a safer alternative when pets or children are around.

### Feedback from smart contributors

#### Re: storing potatoes

The onions in Anne's potato box are causing the potatoes to sprout. Garlic will also affect potatoes in this way. Shirley

#### Re: storing potatoes

To the person who stores her potatoes in the pantry in a wooden box with onions on the bottom. Never store onions and potatoes together. Onions give off a gas that accelerates sprouting in potatoes. Also, storing potatoes in the cold temperature of your refrigerator will turn its starch into sugar more quickly so that you will be left with a sweet, gritty potato. Laurie

*Note: Every user assumes all risks of injury or damage resulting from the implementation of any suggestions in this column. Test all products on an inconspicuous area first.*

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## uncompliCATED - Love Is Patient



■ by Arlene Martin

Mother had a bad day. I wish I could remember the details but it was a long time ago. I do remember standing in the living room looking into the kitchen when father came in the house after a long day riding his cab-less Allis-Chalmers tractor in a dusty field. A tall man, silhouetted by the light from the entrance door, he gave mother absolute attention listening to her go on about all the things that went wrong. Mother always took life in stride so it surprised me to hear her proclaim and complain. He had an odd stance and I wondered why he held his left arm behind him. When the room was silent he looked at mother with his typical devotion and fondness, took a long breath, then told her he was sorry her day was frustrating. It was then he revealed what he was hiding behind him. As he brought his arm forward both mother and I gasped. His hand was wrapped tightly in a bright red bloody rag and he calmly said, "I had a bit of an accident." As mother led him to the kitchen sink, he noticed me and most likely the frightened look on his daughter's face. He responded with a gentle smile and flashed one of his familiar winks. Unwrapping his hand, I heard mother's reaction, "Roy, this is very

deep. You're going to need stitches. What on earth happened?" As this incident has recently come to light, believe me I have been pulling a muscle trying to remember his response but all that I can recall is his tender tranquil nature. A hardworking down-to-earth farmer, always busy repairing equipment, tending livestock and getting crops planted and harvested, he just smiled at her and said he didn't have time for that. He trusted her doctoring and quietly commented just do her best, clean it up then bandage it as well as she could. In the process he did remark how delicious supper was smelling.

It is one of many great memories of my parents. As I was thinking of this particular incident and how loving they were to one another, the following came to mind:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."\*

Today there are many different editions of the Bible and those who read and study it have their personal preference. This memory reminds me that my dad walked through life quiet and gentle and indeed was my personal living edition.

*\*Scriptures from the Holy Bible, New International Version 1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

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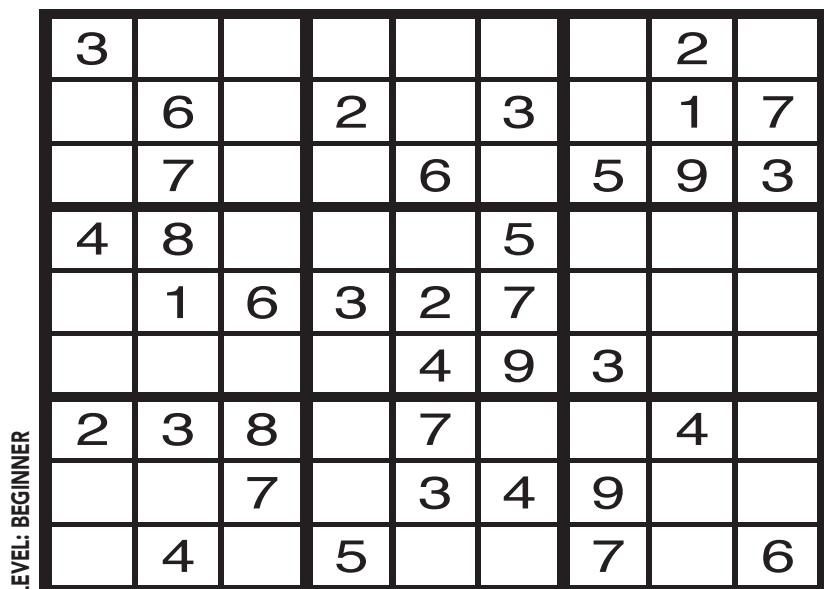
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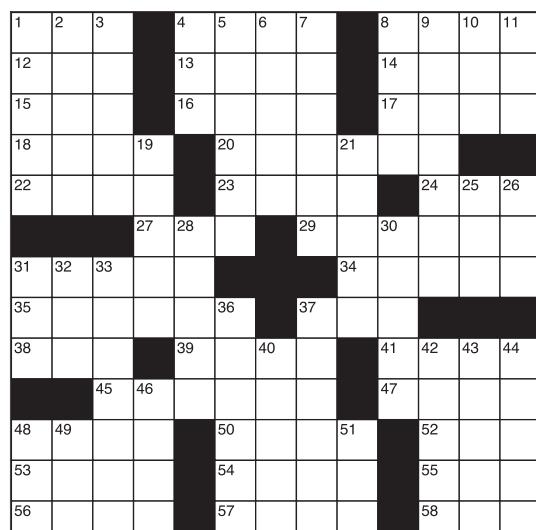
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## Pizza buns or cinnamon buns

### Bread maker recipe

1 2/3 cup warm water  
2 tbsp. dry milk powder  
2 tbsp. sugar  
2 tbsp. softened shortening or butter  
4 1/2 cups flour  
2 tbsp. ground flax seed (optional)

In bread machine place these ingredients in order suggested by your machine. Select dough setting, check after five minutes of mixing to see if you need to add another tablespoon of flour or water if needed.

In small skillet saute the following

1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup sliced mushrooms  
1 cup chopped green and red pepper  
1 tbsp. olive oil

Saute until tender, cool until bread maker dough is done. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface, divide in half and let rest five minutes.

Roll each half into a 10 x 16 inch rectangle, spread with 1/3 cup pizza sauce. Top with onion mixture, 1 cup chopped pepperoni or ham, and 1/2 to 2/3 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (any cheese works), and add a sprinkling of sliced olives (optional). Roll up each rectangle and pinch the edges closed. Slice each into 12 equal slices. I put mine on parchment lined cookie sheets so if the cheese melts out it doesn't harden and burn. Sprinkle with some Parmesan cheese. Let rise about 30 minutes. Bake at 375°F for 18 to 21 minutes. I often make one roll of pizza buns and one roll of cinnamon buns. For the cinnamon buns, spread dough with softened butter, cover with brown sugar and sprinkle with cinnamon. Roll up, pinch edges and cut into 12 slices. Again, I use parchment lined sheets to bake these.

(from page three: **ROADMAP**)

comfortable with that layer of protection;

- No shaking hands, high-fives, etc.;
- Spectators not from the same household should maintain two metres of physical distancing;

• Spectators must remain in designated areas. Masks are not required to be worn outdoors under the public health order, but they may be worn if spectators are more comfortable with that layer of protection;

• Hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN) or soap and water handwashing stations should be available for participants and spectators;

- No sharing of water bottles;

• Public washrooms, when available, are cleaned and disinfected regularly, and soap and water or hand sanitizer is available; and

• Contact information of the coaches, officials and players should be recorded by the

home team and maintained in order to assist with contact tracing for 30 days in the case of a confirmed case of COVID-19.

While Step One is now underway, with over 70 percent of people 30 and older vaccinated with their first dose, Step Two begins Sunday, June 20 - three weeks after Step One.

In Step Two, public health measures will 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;

- Long-term care and personal care home residents may have up to four visitors indoors and nine visitors outdoors;

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

- 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.

Moe thanked Saskatchewan people for doing their part and getting vaccinated.

"The reason we are able to do this, to lift these restrictions, is because Saskatchewan

people are getting vaccinated," Moe said. "And the vaccines are working. Vaccines are driving down case numbers and hospitalizations and making Saskatchewan safer."

Every Saskatchewan resident age 12 and older is now eligible to receive their first dose of vaccine. Moe urged everyone who has not done so already to get their first shot as soon as possible.

"When we get to 70 percent of our entire adult population vaccinated, we can move to Step Three and remove almost all of the remaining public health orders," Moe said. "So let's keep going. Please keep doing everything you are doing to protect yourself and those around you. Keep following the public health orders. And keep sticking it to COVID. When it's your turn, get your first shot, get your second shot, and let's get things reopened and have a great Saskatchewan summer."

## RCMP Report

### **Multiple charges laid**

On May 18 at 3:50 a.m., Nipawin RCMP was called to a residence on the 100 block of Seymour Street for a complaint of an assault. Upon arrival, officers were met by an individual holding a firearm. He then discarded the firearm and retreated into the residence.

Officers contained the residence, then called occupants out and arrested them. One male was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The loaded sawed-off firearm, as well as three other illegally-possessed firearms were seized from the residence.

Later on May 18, at approximately 6:40 a.m., Nipawin RCMP received a secondary and separate call of a break and enter at that same residence. Officers arrested two men after a brief foot chase.

The following individuals were charged in relation to these incidents:

Travis Trites from Nipawin: one count, Aggravated Assault, Section 268(2), Criminal Code; two counts, Possession of a Firearm while Prohibited, Section 117.01(3), Criminal Code; two counts, Possession of a Firearm without Valid Licence, Section 92(3)(a), Criminal Code; two counts, Unsafe Storage of a Firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; and one count, Fail to Comply with Release Order, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code.

Brennan Carriere from Cumberland House: one count, Aggravated Assault, Section 268(2), Criminal Code; one count, Discarding a Loaded Firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Possess Prohibited Weapon Without Having a Licence, Section 91(3), Criminal Code; one count, Possession of Prohibited Weapon, Section 95(2), Criminal Code; one count, Resist Arrest, Section 129(a), Criminal Code; and one count, Fail to Comply with Release Order, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code.

Brian Pelly from Nipawin: one count, Aggravated Assault, Section 268(2), Criminal Code.

Alvin Thomas from Cumberland House: one count, Break and Enter, Section 348(1)(b), Criminal Code; one count, Resist Arrest, Section 129(a), Criminal Code; one count, Fail to Comply with Release Order, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code; one count, Obstruct Public Officer, Section 129(a), Criminal Code; one count, Identity Fraud, Section 403(1)(b), Criminal Code; and one count, Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), Section 4(1), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Adam Settee from Cumberland House: one count, Break and Enter, Section 348(1)(b), Criminal Code; one count, Resist arrest, Section 129(a), Criminal Code; and one count, Fail to Comply with Probation Order, Section 733.1(1), Criminal Code.

### **Assault charge laid after stabbing**

On Sunday, May 23 at approximately 8:30 a.m., Cumberland House RCMP responded to a call that an adult female was stabbed at a residence on Cook Avenue in Cumberland House.

Officers attended the residence where the victim was being treated by EMS. She was transported to hospital for treatment of her injuries.

As a result of investigation, officers then attended a separate residence on Cook Avenue and arrested a female in relation to this incident.

Payton Crate of Cumberland House is charged with the following: one count, Aggravated Assault, Section 268(2), Criminal Code; one count, Possession of Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code; and one count, Fail to Comply with Release Order Condition, Section 145(5), Criminal Code.

### **Charges laid after man hit by vehicle**

Around 11:35 p.m. on May 23, Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP responded to a call of an adult male hit by a vehicle in Pasqua First Nation. An adult male was located injured at a residence. He was transported to hospital for treatment of injuries. An

adult female was arrested inside the same residence in relation to this incident.

As a result of investigation, Laurenda Khanapace is charged with: one count, impaired operation of a vehicle causing bodily harm, section 320.14(2) of the Criminal Code; one count, aggravated assault, section 268 of the Criminal code; one count, dangerous driving causing bodily harm, section 320.13(2) of the Criminal Code; one count, impaired operation of a vehicle, section 320.14(1)(a) of the Criminal Code; one count, Impaired operation exceeding eight milligrams, section 320.14(1)(b) of the Criminal Code; and one count, assault with a weapon, section 267(a) of the Criminal Code.

### **Long weekend check stop leads to charges**

On Friday, May 21 at approximately 7:30 p.m., Greenwater RCMP was conducting a traffic check stop at the junction of Hwy. 35 and Hwy. 249 in Archerwill. A vehicle was stopped and officers determined the driver had an outstanding warrant for his arrest out of the Rose Valley RCMP Detachment.

A search of the vehicle revealed 61 grams of cocaine, 72 grams of methamphetamine, 12 grams of heroin, and a sum of Canadian currency. The driver was also assessed for impairment by an officer trained in Standard Field Sobriety Testing, and was subsequently issued a 72-hour roadside driver's licence suspension.

As a result of this incident, Brett Holte of Hendon has been charged with the following: one count, Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (Methamphetamine), Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (Cocaine), Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, Possession of Schedule 1 Drug (Heroin), Section 4(1), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; and one count, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Less than \$5,000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code.

Holte made his first court appearance on May 25, 2021 in Yorkton.

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# Nutrien Lanigan an important contributor in feeding the world

■ **Daniel Bushman**

Playing a critical role in feeding the future, especially during a pandemic, Nutrien Lanigan has not only been a substantial contributor in helping growers around the world increase food production in a sustainable manner but the company continues to produce and deliver its product safely.

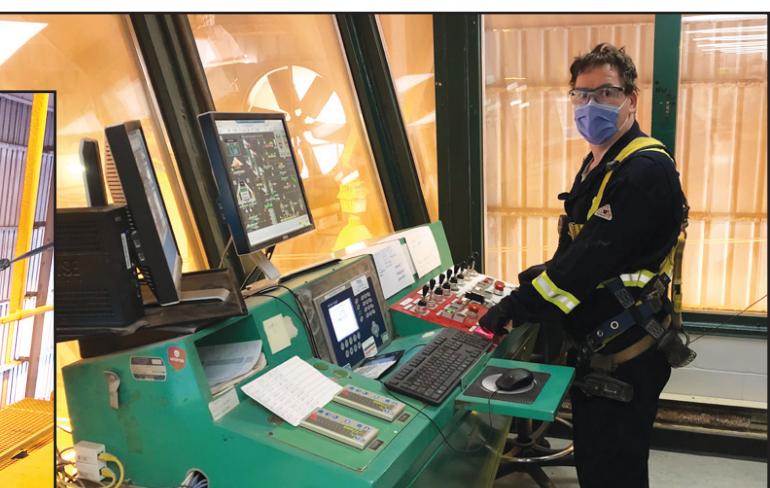
With Nutrien as a whole producing and distributing approximately 25 million tonnes of potash, nitrogen and phosphate products for agricultural, industrial and feeding customers globally, Nutrien Lanigan remains a big part of that. Nutrien estimated that China led the way in terms of fertilizer consumption in 2019 followed by India, the United States, Brazil, Pakistan, Indonesia and Canada.

In order for Nutrien Lanigan to be able to help contribute on a global scale, you have to travel more than 1,000 metres below the earth's surface to reach the raw ore. Located near Guernsey and with tunnels spanning a wide area, borers from the Nutrien Lanigan mine secure the raw ore from underground walls and then the ore is sent to the surface for milling. Once above ground, the mill operations begin transforming the raw ore to be plant ready fertilizer.

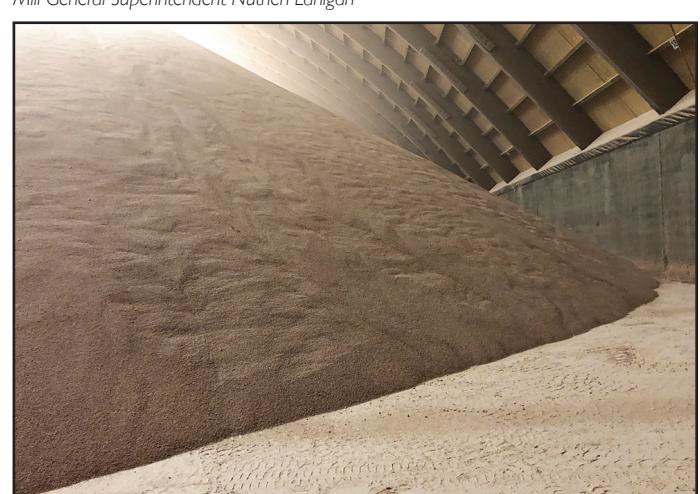
Through crushing and cleaning, flotation and drying and sizing and compaction, once finished the product is then sent to one of three storage facilities at the Nutrien Lanigan site where it is eventually reclaimed and loaded into railcars and distributed to buyers across the globe.

Shipping out three products, a granular (which is the biggest), a standard, and lastly suspension (which is the finer material), each is distributed to different parts of the world. The granular size is typically used in North America because of its similar size to blend with other fertilizers like phosphates and nitrogens. The standard and suspension sizes typically go overseas to places like Indonesia and China.

With Nutrien Lanigan's operational capability in 2020 be-



Pictured above: loadout operator. Pictured left: closing lids on a railcar after being filled with product at Nutrien Lanigan. Pictured below: inside one of the product storage facilities. - photos courtesy Dale Stangeland/ Mill General Superintendent Nutrien Lanigan



ing 2.3 million tonnes of potash, keeping a close eye on ensuring the product meets appropriate standards before being shipped out is Mill General Superintendent (see page eight: **NUTRIEN**)

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Dale Stangeland.

Coming from the Nutrien Rocanville Division to Lanigan in 2015, Stangeland has been involved within the potash industry since 2005. After arriving at Nutrien Lanigan, being able to see the product loaded into railcars and shipped to all corners of the world has been a rewarding experience for Stangeland. "You think about this is going literally all over the world to China, India and all of those countries in southeast Asia, it is exciting. We are doing our part to feed the world."

Describing how the product reaches the railcars before it is shipped via Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway, Stangeland said Nutrien Lanigan has three storage buildings with a total capacity of 300,000 tonnes. "As we produce the product, we store it in there and then as we load it, we reclaim the product from the storage buildings to be loaded into railcars. We transport the solid product on belts from the storage buildings and then we perform some rescreening to remove any dust and lumps."

After the rescreening process is completed, from there the product is loaded into the railcars. "Each railcar is weighed on a track scale and loaded to the proper weight. You bring the product in above the railcars, load it into a bin and then the right amount is put into each railcar."

Stangeland said each car can hold roughly 100 metric tonnes

and depending on market demand, he estimated that 80 to 90 railcars are loaded on average per day. On some days, depending on market demand, up to 140 railcars can be loaded.

Once the units are filled, samples are taken and that material is sent to an on-site lab where the grade and size is inspected. A lab technician runs analysis on the proper grade and Stangeland said it has to meet a minimum standard before the cars can be sent from the site. "Most of our product has to be greater than 60 percent K2O. We won't ship it if it doesn't meet the grade or size and we will then have to off load and reprocess



Pictured left: inside the lab at Nutrien Lanigan where product is tested to ensure proper grade and quality.

- photo courtesy Dale Stangeland/  
Mill General Superintendent  
Nutrien Lanigan

if necessary."

The whole operation of seeing the product reclaimed and sent out takes a large team since the railcars are loaded seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The group is comprised of three lab technicians who primarily analyze the samples and four shift technicians who collect samples and take them to the lab. In addition there are 16 operators, four crews of four people plus supervisors at the loadout area. "Because we run operations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, we require a number of people to keep things going. They all take pride in what they are doing and do whatever it takes to safely keep our process flowing smoothly."

Of the three products Nutrien Lanigan produces, typically in a year Stangeland estimated 55 percent is granular, 30 percent standard and the remaining 15 percent suspension. "Those numbers can fluctuate, depending on the market."

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Even with a pandemic, those numbers have remained consistent and production continues to push ahead as Stangeland said the company has experienced no real major impacts. "We have been able to operate but certainly we have made changes like wearing masks, doing extra cleaning, social distancing, and we have put up barriers in our lunch rooms. We have taken a lot of steps and the pandemic has had minimal impact on operations with all the steps we have put in place."

Despite navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic and with the majority of potash produced in Canada shipped to other countries, Nutrien Lanigan General Manager Rob Jackson emphasized offering a quality product is integral. "When we are talking product quality, I know Nutrien Lanigan is highly regarded. I am pretty proud of that and we are also able to support our communities by making a good product, being good stewards of our resources and there are a lot of offshoot businesses in the area so it is nice to help support all of that and make it a strong community. It is an exciting time for Nutrien Lanigan and even after mining for over 50 years we are still getting great ideas from our employees for improvements and it shows in our improved performance over the last number of years."

With around 485 employees averaging 13 years



Pictured: inside one of Nutrien Lanigan's storage facilities.  
- photo courtesy Dale Stangeland/Mill General Superintendent Nutrien Lanigan

of service at Nutrien Lanigan, Jackson said people are proud to work for the company and it shows. "Part of the reason they stay is it allows them to provide for their family, live in the community and a lot are still tied quite close to family farms and homesteads. We do have a number that commute from Saskatoon and are quite happy to make that trip to work here. I think it shows that people want to

be a part of something bigger and are proud of what we do."

Stangeland agrees and said, "I have thoroughly enjoyed working at Nutrien Lanigan. We have a good group of people to work with. They are dedicated, hard-working people and bring positive attitudes. It has been a great place to come to work and I look forward to interacting with all the people here."

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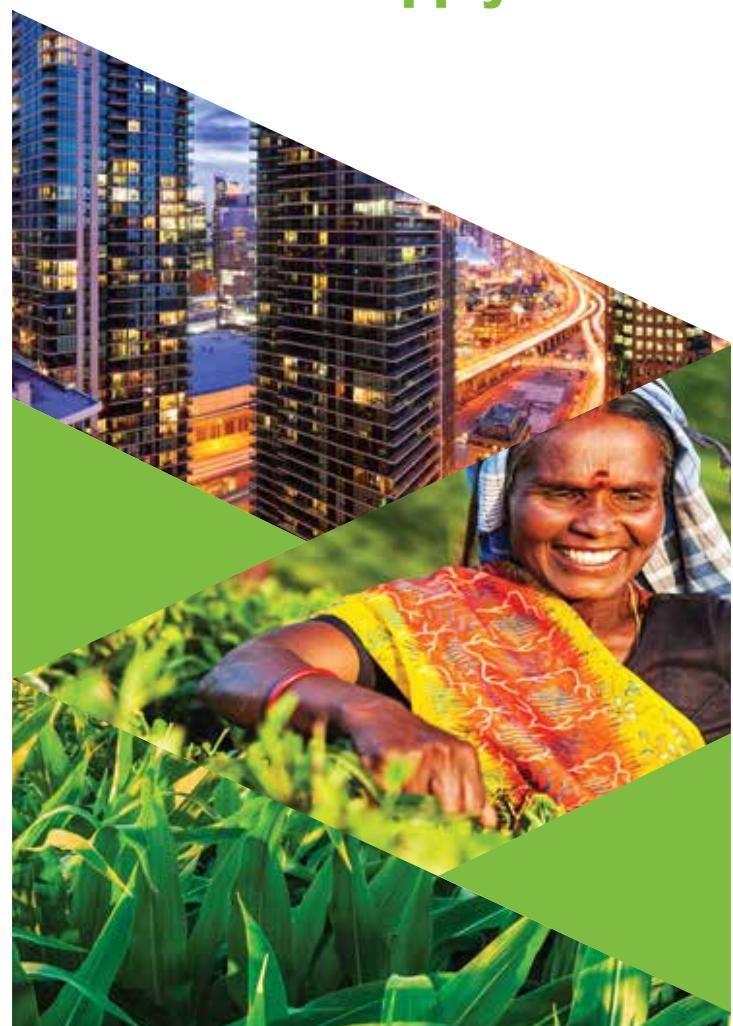
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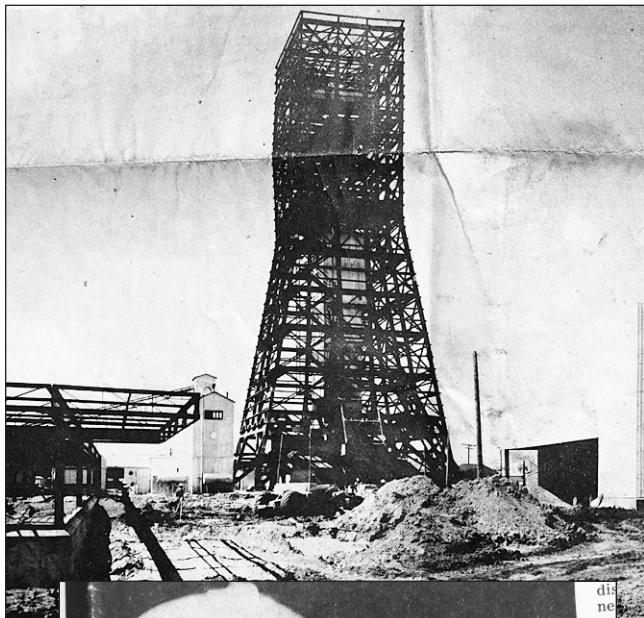
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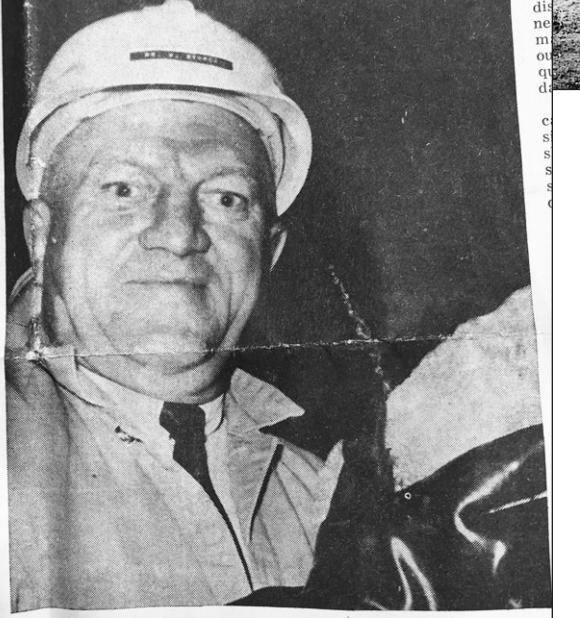
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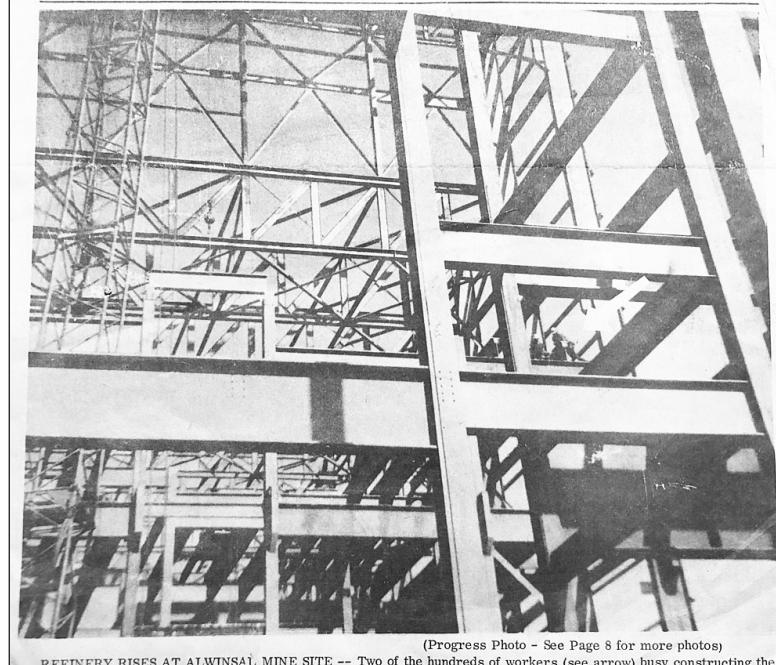
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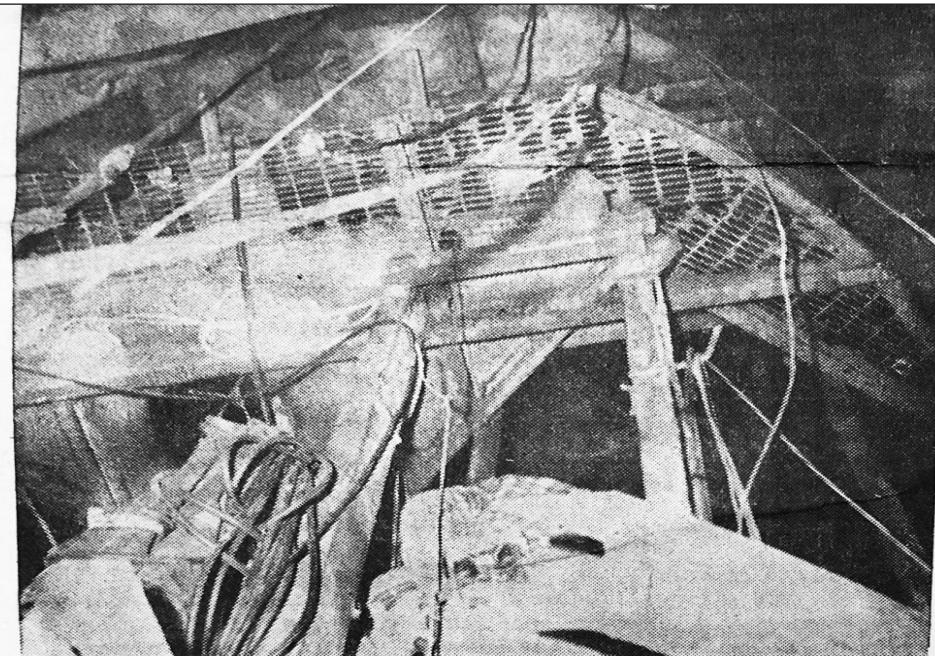


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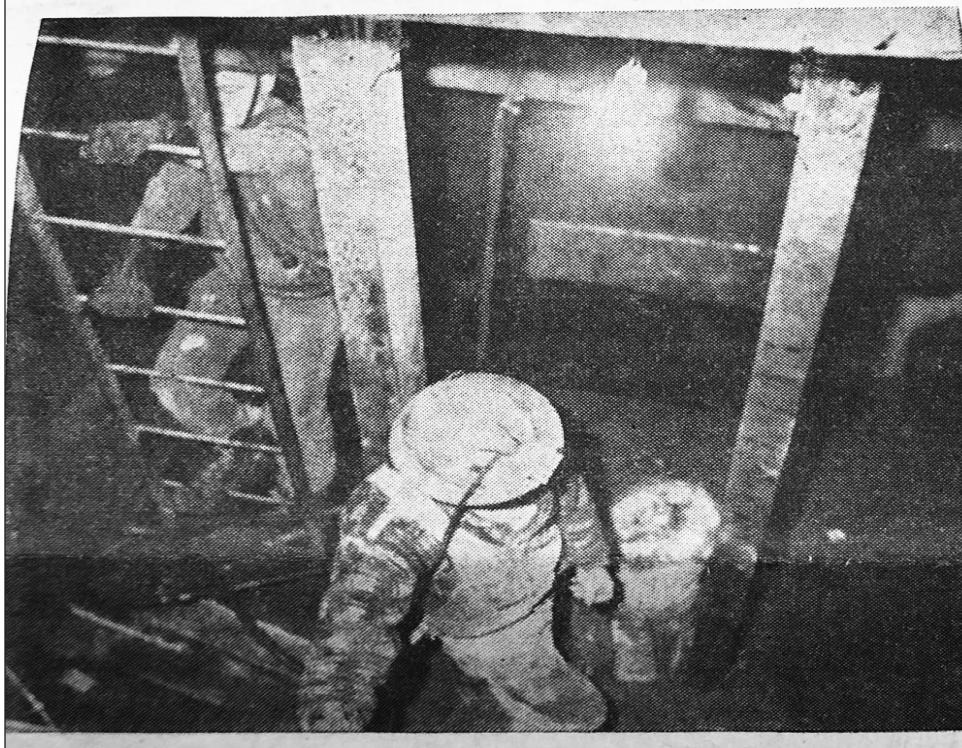
Peter Dueck travelled down the new cylindrical shaft at the Alwinsal Potash mine Thursday. He holds a piece of the shiny potash ore for the camera. —Progress photo.



(Progress Photo - See Page 8 for more photos)  
REFINERY RISES AT ALWINSAL MINE SITE -- Two of the hundreds of workers (see arrow) busy constructing the refinery and other surface buildings at the Alwinsal Potash of Canada Limited Sarcee mine site, can be seen in the picture above. The 12-storey refinery structure is being built by Dominion Bridge of Candia out of Whinnipeg. The surface facilities of the mine will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000,000. The total project is valued at \$55 million.



This picture of the shaft was taken looking up. Workmen in the foreground are welding steel.

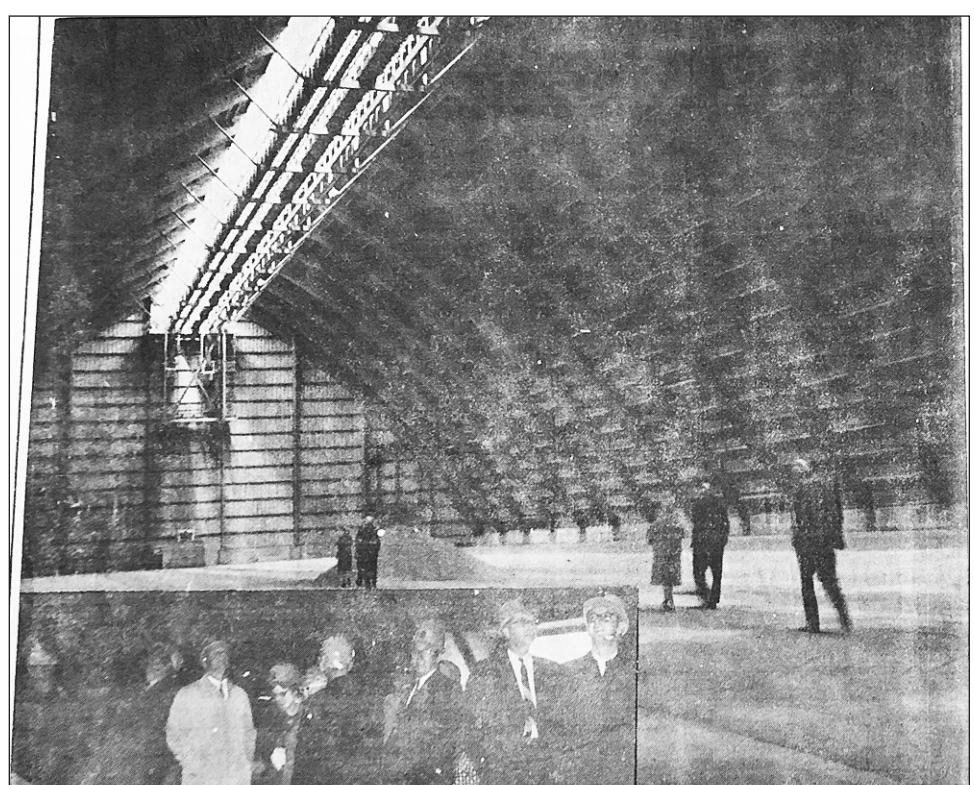


Workmen going deeper than 3200 feet have to descend by ladder to the 3288-ft. level.



**Welder working on ventilation system**

A welder at the 3200-ft. level of the shaft at the Alwinsal Potash of Canada Ltd. mine is busy working on the steel section which will run up the centre of the shaft. Fresh air will be sent down one side and the other side will be an exhaust system. —Progress photo.



MLAs of Saskatchewan and Speakers of the House from Alberta and Manitoba visited the Alwinsal site Friday. The picture shows interior of the commercial storage building and the first refined potash. In the inset, from left are, J. F. Snedker, speaker in the Saskatchewan legislature; unknown:

E. R. Olson, general manager of Alwinsal; Mrs. Percy Schmeiser; Mrs. J. Charlebois; Austin Forsyth; J. H. Bilton, Speaker of the Manitoba legislature; Clarence Estey, Minister of Municipal Affairs; and Don MacLennan, MLA - Last Mountain. —Progress photos.

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# Jansen

Louise Shannon

We got a billion dollar rain as they said on the radio. I am a little behind on the garden but now that the frost is over I can set the plants out.

Condolences to my daughter-in-law Sandra and her sister Carey on the passing of their father Dennis McDermid in B.C.

Congratulations to all the graduates this year.

Happy birthday to Estelle Jansen on May 20 and to Theo Shannon.

Happy birthday for the first week of June to Angel Liebrecht, Bostyn Daelick, Tynell Mack, Terry Lynch and Lisa Schroeder Johnson.

Get well wishes to those who have been unwell the last while.

# Plunkett

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Visiting here were Sharon Dunbar and her sister Vi from Linden, Alta. They had been to Winnipeg and drove a lady friend's car there and on their way back home stopped in town where they had lived for nine years to visit some friends. They were at Lyle and Wendy Phillips and also there were Dennis and Leona Credgeur and Sylvia Duke. Then they stopped in to visit us for a short while. They were heading for Sharon's son who lives in Saskatoon for supper. They said that their parents are both living and are going to be married 75 years this summer. They are in a nursing home.

Recently visiting Marge Haynes in Lanigan over the weekend was her son Daryl Haynes of Calgary.

Everyone is waiting patiently for their second shot in the arm.

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

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# Viscount

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Welcome to the Viscount news. This is the first time that we have had to cancel a garage sale. We were forecasted snow, but I kept thinking that it would miss us. I was wrong. We woke up Friday, May 21 and of course opened the blinds and there it was, snow! Really nice for moisture, along with the rain we received.

The orioles sure liked eating that day. It was amazing. We needed to fill our food dish a few times that weekend.

Saturday, May 22, we had the Viscount community yard sales. Due to the weather condi-

tions we had seven sales around town. It was a great day with lots of visiting, masks were worn and sanitizer was used. Even though we cancelled on Friday, Saturday turned out to be an awesome day. So glad we went ahead with them.

Sunday, we decided to go camping for a night. It was a great day and evening for it. We headed back home Monday due to a lot of much needed rain.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week, stay safe and enjoy all the time you can outside.



This picture was taken during the morning of May 21, 2021.  
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(from front page: **RAIN**)

the plant will recover. He also noted it may take up to 10 days to show regrowth depending on environmental conditions.

Flax is also susceptible like canola according to the Crops Extension Specialist as the cotyledons emerge above ground but it can still tolerate a frost around -3°C. "Once past the two leaf stage and hardened off it can tolerate temperatures as low as -8°C for a short time. Peas and lentils have good frost tolerance and can withstand temperatures in the -4°C to -6°C range and even if the frost kills the plant it has the ability to regrow from one of the scale nodes. Keep in mind this will delay maturity as you're basically hitting the reset button on that plant."

Brown said for those who were hit with a frost, wait at least 48 to 72 hours to check for damage and regrowth. "Frost damage isn't always immediately visible and that time frame allows for some regrowth and a more accurate assessment can be made. If temperatures are cool, plant growth will slow down and it will take longer to see regrowth."

As producers assess the damage, if any from the May frost, Brown added while the area received a nice dose of rain, more moisture would be welcome. "We will want more rain in the coming weeks for sure but right now I'd like to see some warmer temperatures and sun so these crops can get a good establishment. Canola seed treatments will only have activity for three weeks and may potentially stretch to four weeks after seeding. We want to see those

plants reach the three to four leaf stage to no longer be vulnerable to economic levels of flea beetle damage."

As far as how things are going in the fields, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for May 18 to 24, even with the rain, producers were still able to seed throughout all regions. Eighty-six percent of the crop was seeded in Saskatchewan, which is ahead of the five-year average of 77 percent for this time of year. Recent rains will greatly improve crop germination and emergence in many parts of the province that were delayed due to dry conditions.

The southwest region is the farthest along with 91 percent of the crop seeded. Eighty-nine percent has been seeded in the west-central, 87 percent seeded in the northwest, 86 percent seeded in the southeast, 85 percent seeded in the northeast and lastly, 77 percent seeded in the east-central region of the province.

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According to the Crop Report, earlier seeded crops have started to show good emergence, but cool night time temperatures have slowed growth in some areas.



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