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Lest We Forget

Members of the local Royal Canadian Legion Branch #143 along with dignitaries and guest speakers were in attendance at the Lanigan Legion Hall Nov. 11 as part of this year's Remembrance Day service. The service in Lanigan was once again streamed online via the Branch's Facebook page.
- screen images from Legion Branch #143's Facebook page



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On November 11, and every day,
we honour those who have served and
those who continue to serve our country.



Local area author aims to raise awareness through latest book

■ Daniel Bushman

Through immense dedication and research, learning about heartbreaking stories and being inspired by a friend and her family, local area author Amelia Legend's latest book, *The Other Boy*, takes aim at the seriousness of human trafficking in Canada. A labour of love while becoming the most difficult book for her to write, Legend graciously took some time out of her busy schedule to explain a bit about *The Other Boy*, the impact it has had on her own life and whether or not she is busy tackling another project.

When did you write *The Other Boy*?

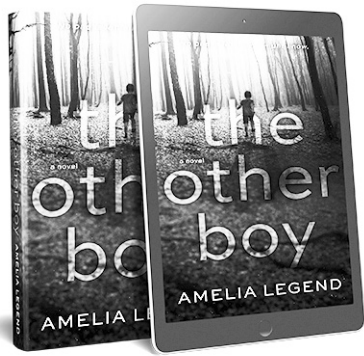
I wrote *The Other Boy* over a span of four and a half years. In these four years, I had my youngest two children and was busy with my growing family, but I was determined to put this story on the page and often wrote late into the night, and even during

nap times. However, this book is a substantial piece and the content took a great deal of research and interviews. *The Other Boy* took time and patience but I could not be happier with how the finished manuscript transformed my original vision, and brought these characters to life.

What is *The Other Boy* about for those who may not know?

The Other Boy follows the investigation of missing children in Kelowna, B.C. thought to have been victims of human trafficking. After a boy escapes captivity, inspectors believe they will finally find the ring hunting vulnerable children within their province. Little do they know, the traffickers not only exploit children but turns them into perpetrators, perpetuating a never-ending cycle of terror.

The Other Boy is a crime fiction, but also delves deeply into the psyche of trauma victims and the families of those who lose a loved one. This is a multifaceted novel that highlights the



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challenges of investigators, victims, and those left mourning the loss of these children while raising awareness of how pervasive this issue really is in Canada.

How did this book come about for you?

I began researching the topic of human trafficking in Canada when a friend of mine began raising awareness in our community on the issue, and raising money in the form of a 5K run. Eventually, my friend and her family became full-time missionaries with hopes of helping women escape human trafficking in Thailand.

My research was disturbing enough to give me nightmares, and this novel was born from those terrible dreams.

Why should people read *The Other Boy*?

I wrote *The Other Boy* with the hopes of conveying the epidemic that is human trafficking. Currently, laws against trafficking and sexual abuse of minors protect the privacy of perpetrators at the expense of the victims and have minimal sentences. Canada has some of the most lenient laws against sexual abuse of minors of any first world country. I want to make people aware, scared, and angry that the laws of our country have simply not caught up with technology, and people are taking advantage of our legal weaknesses.

These weaknesses are written into the novel.

Was this a tough book to write for you?

This novel was a labour of love and truly was the most difficult book for me to write (thus far) in my career due to the heartbreaking subject matter. I often cried while researching and writing certain scenes, you'll know them when you read them.

(see page eight: **THE OTHER BOY**)

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Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary Report

■ submitted by Adele Failler

The Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary met at the Heritage Centre at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, 2022 with nine members attending. The following are highlights of the meeting:

- The Saskatchewan Health Authority required the name of one main contact person from the auxiliary. This will be Velda Daelick.
- We applied for and were approved for a grant of \$1,000 from Sask Lotteries.

- Eight planters donated to the lodge by the auxiliary are in need of modifications to make watering more efficient. This will be done over the winter months and the planters once again placed at the lodge for residents to enjoy.
- The auxiliary will once again be purchasing Christmas gifts for residents of the lodge.
- A Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraiser for the auxiliary is planned for the end of this year. The auxiliary is very appreciative for the community's generous support in previous fundraising efforts.
- Dianne Bartel will remain as president and Adele Failler

will temporarily assume the duties of secretary.

- The auxiliary will meet again in the new year at the Lanigan Hospital Board Room.

The auxiliary to the Lanigan Union Hospital was formed in 1950. Their objective was and still is to support the hospital and lodge financially for the purpose of stated needs and to provide caring support through visitations. Since then, the auxiliary has operated continuously through the efforts of countless volunteers. New members are needed and always welcome. You can make a difference.

Lanigan & District Food Bank receives tremendous support

■ Daniel Bushman

Heading into the busiest time of the year for the Lanigan & District Food Bank, with a number of recent donations coming in, it has allowed the local food bank to continue to provide food hampers to its clients.

Following a substantial \$5,000 donation from the Jansen and District Kinsmen, President of the Lanigan & District Food Bank Jeanette Warrian said they are very grateful for the generous donation from the Kinsmen and a number of others.

Along with the funds given to the food bank by the Kinsmen, the non-profit organization also received a vehicle full of food and cash donations from a Jansen Food Bank drive during Halloween. "Young people

from Jansen canvassed the community during Oct. 31 and received great support by those in Jansen. The teens then brought a vehicle packed with items for the food bank and dropped them off along with some cash as well."

A pancake breakfast fundraiser sponsored by Conexus Credit Union and Humboldt Lanigan Co-op also brought in a number of donations for the local food bank. "In addition to the pancake breakfast, Conexus Credit Union sold Good Buy to Hunger bags provided by the Co-op which also added to the overall amount for the food bank."

In conjunction with the recent fundraiser, Warrian stated Conexus is now doing a November food drive in memory of Kathy MacDonald. "A longtime

Conexus employee, Kathy served as treasurer of the Lanigan & District Food Bank from its inception until her health prevented her from continuing in 2021. People wanting to support the food drive can purchase Good Buy to Hunger bags at Conexus Credit Union provided by the local Co-op. They can also leave food and cash donations at the Lanigan Branch during the month of November."

With December approaching and the local food bank doing its Christmas hampers once again, Warrian said the timing of the donations is perfect. "We are sincerely grateful to all of those who have supported our food bank this year through donations, volunteering and holding various initiatives to raise



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funds or collect donations. With our Christmas hampers being packed in December, these funds will certainly be used to help with that."



RCMP Report

Warrant executed

La Ronge RCMP's General Investigation Section executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act warrant at a residence on Bird Place in Bell's Point, Sask. with the assistance of La Ronge RCMP officers. Nov. 3, they located and seized approximately 37 grams of cocaine, trafficking paraphernalia and a sum of cash.

Jayden Charles, 22, from Lac la Ronge Indian Band; Sarah McKenzie, 36, from La Ronge; and Janine Ratt, 32, from Bell's Point are each charged with one count, possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and one count, possession of property obtained by crime less than \$5,000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code (Information # 90472860). They will appear in

La Ronge Provincial Court on Jan. 9, 2023.

Multiple charges laid

La Ronge RCMP's General Investigation Section performed a traffic stop Nov. 4 on Jimmy Roberts Road in Bell's Point, Sask. The officers observed cannabis in plain view in the vehicle. The vehicle occupants were detained and officers located and seized approximately 67 grams of cocaine, a firearm, a machete and cannabis from the vehicle. Further investigation led to the officers executing a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act warrant at a hotel room in La Ronge. (see page seven: **RCMP**)

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uncomplICAteD - A Stroke Of Bad Luck



■ by Arlene Martin

A tear trickled down my cheek and the kind paramedic smiled reassuringly. I couldn't fathom the depth of what was happening to and around me. Randy hugged me, worry written on his tired face. When they asked if will he be following the ambulance, he said no. Maybe it seemed strange to them, but his secret was safe with me. I couldn't talk. Randy had COVID.

My arms and an ankle were punctured from attempts to start an IV. It was quickly decided to leave this to the staff at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon. The paramedics told me my ride would be smooth and quick. I was trying to answer many health-related questions. Unable to say anything coherent, she told me to just nod yes or no in reply. The paper from the blood pressure machine attached to me pooled its numbers in a pile near my shoulder. I listened to the shrill of the siren as we sped up and passed highway traffic. Tears. The thing I had dreaded all my adult life was happening. The attending doctor and the paramedics at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Humboldt, Saskatchewan, told me I was having a stroke. My right arm hanging limp and useless endorsed the diagnosis. I told myself medication would fix me up and hung on to that.

A swarm of medical people surrounded me when we arrived, and the waiting doctor introduced himself. He asked if I knew what was happening. With grunts and moans I answered the first of a series of questions that would plague me during my entire stay at the RUH Stroke Ward: "Do you know what happened to you?" (Stroke.) "Do you know where you are?" "Can you tell me how many fingers I am showing you?" "Can you tell me what I am holding in my hand?" (Pen.) Everything was moving so quickly. The paramedics told me that in minutes I would be in a room for a head cat-scan. It wasn't my first rodeo. I was familiar with that machine years ago when my Ear/Nose/Throat specialist decided an inside peek of my right ear might give clues to its deafness.

While being wheeled from there I saw the same medical people in serious discussion, huddled like football players wearing scrubs, around a series of pictures. The paramedics both

saying, "Well, Arlene. This is where we leave you. You are in good hands and the best place you could be." I tried to say thank you and the blonde attendant knowingly gave me that familiar hand-squeeze. I watched them walk away sensing a cold dark shadow of absolute aloneness, kin to abandonment. I tried to wipe warm tears with a hand that refused to move. At this point I don't remember when the IV went into my arm but I noticed it was there and abruptly someone was taking off my shirt and taping a heart monitor to my chest. I would wear it for the duration of my stay.

Familiar with hospital routines, flashbacks of 2017 and 2018 flickered dimly when I had both knees replaced. But this was so different. I was scared, but this fear was something else.

I had no concept of time, but it seemed I was alone in that space for a long while until someone pushed my narrow cot-like bed down many hallways of twists and turns. My destination was in a large room divided by curtains separating myself from others who had wretchedly found themselves also in emergency care. A nurse told me I must lay flat on my back and not move for the rest of the day. I thought of the Scoliosis and Degenerative spine disease in my back and the burning bursitis in my hips and hoped the recent cortisone injection would be effective. I haven't been able to lay flat without pain for years. My right arm grew heavier and in my head blackness was replacing thoughts and knowledge. The dripping of the suspended IV became my focus while attempting desperately to evoke numbers and the alphabet. Nothing. We had cats, we took care of strays. A glimmer of hope – what were their names? Darkness replied. I knew Scripture but that too was locked behind a steel door inside my head. I drifted in and out of sleep recognizing the familiar clout and nausea of migraine. I wanted to press the help button beside me but what use? I could not tell them I was sick.

I would learn later that I had an Ischemic stroke. Because it occurred while I was sleeping, I didn't experience that sudden pop or the pain that others describe when it happens. I have a recognition of awakening, wondering why I sounded strange, but I was tired and fell back to sleep. My stroke was caused by Atrial fibrillation (Afib or AF) – a type of irregular heart rhythm. My heart suddenly beat very quickly forming a clot that travelled to an artery in my neck, then to my brain.

In retrospect there were several instances that I prefer to call miraculous. The night of my stroke I fell asleep on our sofa. At 5:30 I awoke, feeling somewhat 'off' and staggered to the bathroom. I thought my right arm was numb from sleeping in a

wrong position. Had I slept in the spare bedroom (Randy having COVID, I was keeping my distance) – he would not have seen me and I would have collapsed back into bed. But notice me he did because I am not an early riser. I tried to tell him there was something wrong with my arm but was gobsmacked by the bizarre noise coming from my mouth. I couldn't talk! For an instant he assumed I was just messing around. Comprehension, like a gut-punch struck him and he yelled, "You are having a stroke. I'll get the truck!"

I also believe it was miracle that I didn't get COVID. It scared me because the winter of 2009 I was critically sick for three months with H1N1. But I was COVID free and FREE to begin my treatment and stroke recovery process.

Instinct told me a migraine was inevitable. I had nothing to eat or drink for over eighteen hours nor had I been to a bathroom. With the first rapid wave of retching my son swooped into action placing me on my side, yelling for help. Cleaned up and wearing another identical gown dangling with ribbons and ties, I went for my final 'bed' ride to the stroke ward. The atmosphere was surprisingly welcoming and warm. I heard the sweet sounds of laughter, camaraderie and caring among the staff. Migraine medication was added to the IV and when my son left, I slept.

I had no idea of time but when I awoke the hallway was dark and quiet and so was the room I shared with two other patients. The migraine was blessedly gone. I never quit trying to pry open that heavy steel door to regain anything cognitive. When it cracked open the name Benny resounded. Benny was our sweet little cat who passed away last winter. But it was momentous and suddenly everything I'd been through burst through that door. Reality was brutal – there would be no magic bullet. The life I'd known and enjoyed was gone. Once again I attempted the alphabet, and I could actually say it. I added corresponding words and moved on to the names of our cats. Light was permeating the darkness and the abyss was not just replaced, it was embellished with Scripture. My right arm was hesitant and felt like it was stubbornly asleep, but I was able to slowly move it at will, clenching the fingers open and closed.

I had to remember to only swallow on my left side. The first evening on the ward taking my medication, I didn't do that, and I choked, gasping loudly. I have no idea how that pretty nurse leaped high onto my bed behind me, (she had invisible wings and a shiny halo) – but calling for assistance, her arms were around me expertly demonstrating her Heimlich skills.

It wasn't pretty teaching my right arm and hand to eat and drink and I had flashbacks of my children sitting in their high-chairs, feeding themselves. Day and night I reached for the top of the bed-frame and with my lethargic right arm, pulled myself towards it while silently repeating words, names and sentences. It was exhausting. Though I sounded inebriated, words began to become somewhat intelligible. Every morning with excitement I asked a nurse, "Can you understand me?" The answer was a joyful YES, I CAN UNDERSTAND YOU.

With my new unpolished clumsy 'accent' – I talked to everyone lacing my words with gratitude. I thanked the technicians who regularly came for my 'blood'. I thanked the kitchen staff for bringing my meal trays, I thanked the cleaning staff for cleaning 'MY' room, the nurses, my doctor – but mostly in the darkness of that hospital room, I thanked God.

The stroke team consisting of my doctor, nurses and speech/physical/occupational therapists told me my progress was exceptional. Before I was told I could go home, I had an ultrasound of my heart and another CT scan of my noggin. Randy, wonderfully COVID liberated, and our son made the snowy almost two-hour drive to fetch me. I was ecstatic and left with affectionate hugs and good wishes from all the nursing staff.

At home Randy hadn't moved or touched anything and with a sense of eeriness my laptop was open as I'd left it, my last blog entry awaiting one more read before publishing. The GUIDE-POSTS magazine I'd been reading, still on the same page, was spread on the kitchen table beside my coffee mug. It all seemed surreal – a blatant reminder of the night I went to sleep and

(see back page: **ARLENE**)

Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

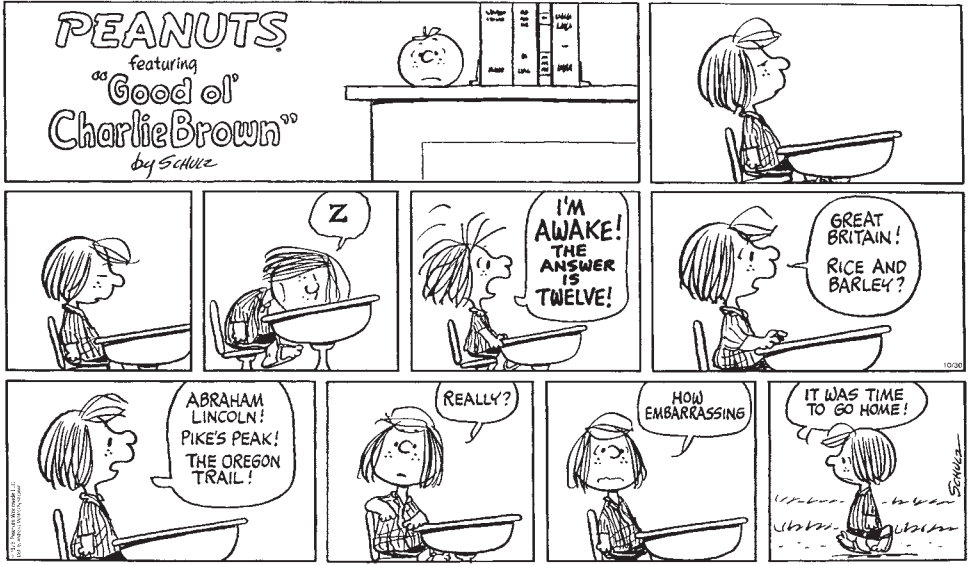
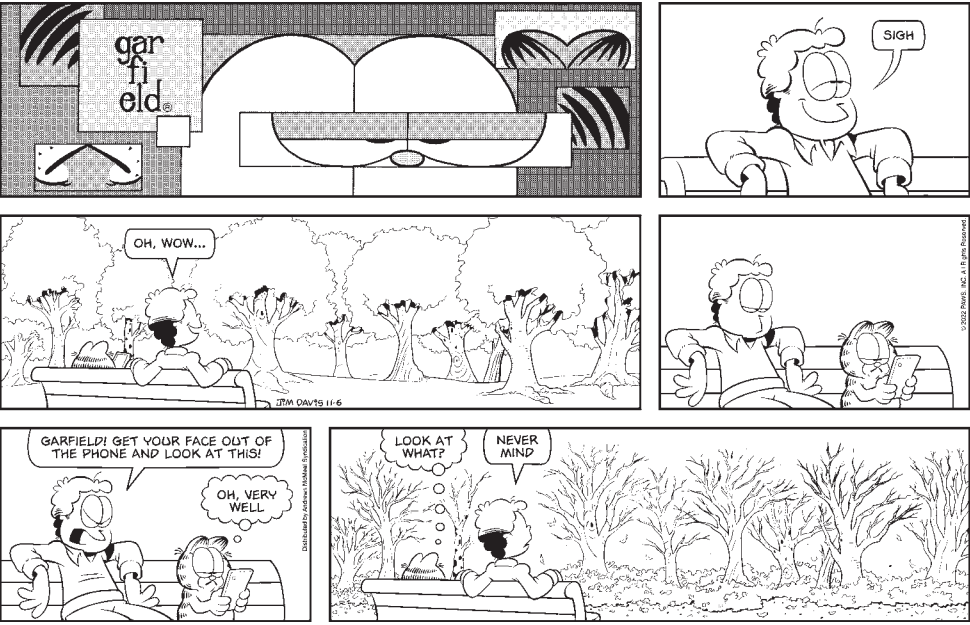
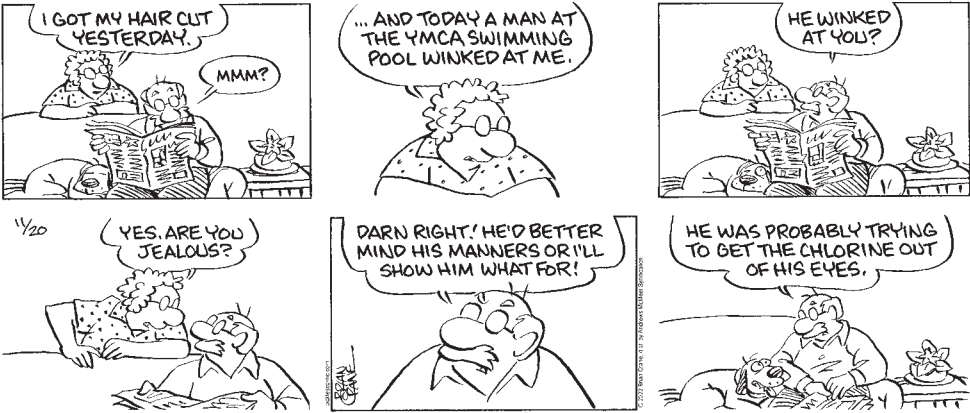
Creamy Onion Dip

Ingredients:
Great for veggies or crackers
1 large sweet onion, chopped fine
1 minced garlic clove
1 tbsp. olive oil
¼ cup thinly sliced green onion
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
⅛ tsp. cayenne pepper
¾ cup sour cream
¾ cup mayonnaise
½ cup whipped cream cheese

Directions:
This recipe works best with full fat cream, mayo and cream cheese. Light fat works

okay, but fat free does not turn out the best. Saute the finely chopped onion and garlic in the oil for about one to two minutes. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook for about eight minutes or until the onions begin to caramelize and turn light brown. Add the green onions, salt and pepper and cayenne. Cook and stir for about two to three more minutes. Remove from heat, cool to room temp - about 20 minutes. In mixing bowl, combine the sour cream, mayo and cream cheese until smooth. I usually beat the cream cheese a bit first if I am using brick cream cheese, then add the mayo and sour cream. Stir in the onion mixture, pour into serving dish, cover and refrigerate for about an hour. Serve with your choice of veggies, bread or crackers.

Just for Fun



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg November 27, 2022

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1 Puerto ____
5 Places where Cubans hang out?
14 Prayer leader on the minbar
15 Response to an affectionate signoff
16 Mother horse
17 Newspaper figure who works with pundits
18 Waterbird with a long neck
19 Dream sleep initials
20 Pool table rock
21 Meat in a Monte Cristo sandwich
22 Take out for security reasons
25 Best-selling Canadian artist Celine
26 Its state animal is beaver
28 Female koala
29 Vegan butter source
30 Spills the beans
31 "A ____ coincidence!"
32 Regarding
33 Blew away
36 Raised, as livestock
39 Bandstand volume boosters
40 Rubbernecks
44 Have a bug

DOWN
45 Cindy Crawford, to Kaia Gerber
46 Change positions often
47 Challenge for a jr.
49 Bad news for an employee
51 It might be crude
52 Subject matter
54 Actress Gretchen whose surname appears in "etymology"
55 Tribe in northeastern Arizona
56 "That belongs to someone else"
59 Well versed in
60 Caribbean music ensembles
61 Email or text status
62 Throw away
63 Sneaker brand featured in "Dirty Dancing"

ACROSS
6 Statement after some deliberation
7 HS diploma substitute
8 Positive vote
9 Curtain supports
10 Play with Lego bricks
11 Reaches, as a goal
12 Eradicate
13 Kia SUV
15 TikTok star Gray
22 "Dress for Less" clothing chain
23 Toe woes
24 ____ off (miffed)
27 Happy
31 "Slumberland" star Jason
32 Tiny amount of gel
34 ____ down (pack firmly)
35 Award quartet for Jennifer Hudson

DOWN
36 Protestant denomination
37 Creamy Italian dish made with arborio
38 Ticks away
41 Exuberant shout
42 Water feature in a certain Japanese garden
43 Broken fingers' supports
46 Verne who's the most translated French author
48 Pitchfork parts
50 ____ Nast Traveler
53 Fizzy brown beverage
55 Ear covering?
57 "Rat in the Kitchen" network
58 ____ tai

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TO SUDOKU AND
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Themeless Sunday 18 by Zhouqin Burnikel

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Pirates take aim at new season

■ Daniel Bushman

Looking forward to dropping the puck on the 2022-‘23 Long Lake Hockey League season, the Lanigan Pirates hit the road to begin the year against Davidson before returning home to face Watrous.

Meeting the Cyclones Nov. 9, Mack Shields got the call in net for Lanigan while it was Mark Zoerb at the other end. In the first period, Davidson struck on the power play with 17:58 left to make it 1-0. The Cyclones then added two more, one with 16:10 to play and another with 6:29 left and it was 3-0 through 20 minutes.

In the second, Lanigan was held off the score sheet while Davidson connected on its fourth of the game, this time from Tory Allan with 14:12 remaining. With 31 seconds left in the period, Hunter Wall put the Cyclones up by five heading into the final

stanza. In period three, Davidson connected once more while the Pirates tallied with 1:16 left in the contest. Scoring the team’s first goal of the season was Brandon Scheidl from Josh Bly and Zack Garrett to break Zoerb’s shutout bid.

That would be it though as the Pirates fell 6-1 in Davidson. Looking to find the win column, Lanigan was on home ice Nov. 12 against Watrous. Facing the Winterhawks, Shields was once again in net and stood tall through the first 20 minutes to keep the game scoreless. Following an early goal in period two by the Winterhawks, Shields kept his team in the game as the two clubs headed into the third with the score 1-0. In period three, Lanigan continued to press and with time running out, the Pirates brought Shields to the bench for the extra attacker. Looking to get the equalizer, Lanigan was unable to score and

after an empty-netter with 55 seconds remaining, Watrous would take a 2-0 win despite being outshot 42-27.

With its record 0-2, the Pirates take on the Cyclones at home Nov. 23 before heading to Foam Lake Nov. 25 and then returning back to Lanigan to host Drake Nov. 26.

On the team this year includes: Mack Shields, Wade Morrow, Gabe Zerbin, Shane Thompson, Ethan Gray, Rylan Brookbank, Colby Harmsworth, Zack Garrett, Graham Gove, Branden Scheidl, Josh Bly, Chris Dodd, Mitch Girolami, Dayden Dvernichuk, Korwin Shewchuk, Cody Herr, Trey Daelick, Riley Funk, Shane Sherban, Hayden Francis, Carter Lamont, Patrick Tran, Jace Wilderan, and Nick Shumlanski. Coaching this year is Nic Dvernichuk, assistant coach is Brent Psovsky and manager is Justin Lamoureux.

Local volleyball teams advance to provincials

■ Daniel Bushman

Not only have a number of talented volleyball teams from the local area found success during a run to provincials, but for some of them, they moved one step closer at becoming one of the best teams in Saskatchewan.

Advancing from Conference to Regional play in senior girls action were Allan and LeRoy in 1A Girls and Lanigan and Watrous in 3A Girls. Seeking a top three finish to advance to provincials, the four took aim at finding success early on.

For Lanigan and Watrous, they headed to Regionals at Rosthern JC Nov. 12. In Rosthern, both clubs finished first in their respective pools with Lanigan beating Creighton and Dalmeny in straight sets and Watrous defeating Osler VCA and Rosthern JC, also in straight sets.

In the playoffs, Lanigan beat Rosthern JC 25-15 and 25-17 while Watrous lost to Dalmeny in the semifinal 25-16 and 25-22. Lanigan then beat Dalmeny 25-11 and 25-16 to claim the Regional title while Watrous defeated Rosthern JC in the third place game 25-17 and 25-17.

With both teams finishing in the top three, the pair advanced to provincials in Macklin Nov. 18 and 19. Lanigan was put in Pool A with Carnduff, Briercrest, Maple Creek and Macklin while Watrous was entered into Pool B with Kipling, Oxbow, Dalmeny, and Unity.

Also looking to keep their momentum going, Allan and LeRoy headed to Rose Valley



The Lanigan Lasers senior girls volleyball team was one of three local area teams who were scheduled to compete in provincials over the weekend. - file photo

Nov. 12 in Regional 1A Girls competition. In Pool A, Allan lost to Debden two sets to one while LeRoy defeated Vonda in two straight sets. Meeting Rose Valley, Allan lost in two sets while LeRoy beat Bellevue in a pair of straight sets.

With Allan finishing 0-2, their season came to an end while LeRoy (2-0) advanced to the playoffs. In its first game, LeRoy beat Debden in two sets to move to the final against Rose Valley. In that matchup, Rose Valley beat LeRoy in a pair of sets to take the Regional title. Finishing second, LeRoy still advanced to provincial play Nov. 18 and 19 in Rose Valley and Wadena. LeRoy was slotted into Pool B with Edam, Wawota, Plenty and Kyle.

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Wow, the months seem to be flying by.

It is so nice being able to attend things like craft and trade shows, Christmas concerts, family gatherings, etc. I am keeping my fingers crossed that it stays this way.

Remembrance Day Service was held at Viscount Central School Nov. 9.

Monday, Nov. 14, six ladies joined together at the Viscount library to join squares together to make beautiful and colourful blankets. We enjoyed great conversations, tea and snacks. We are always in need of 8" x 8" crochet or knitted squares. Also we would love to take any yarn you might have laying around and do not know what to do with. Please contact Evelina at 306-944-4820.

Best wishes to anyone who might be under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week.

Do you have news to share? Please let me know 306-227-1193 or elr.slr@sasktel.net.

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Our sympathy to Marian Nelson of Viscount on the passing of Elwood. Also sympathy to Judy Normandeau on the passing of her husband Donald.

David and Lyla Muench and family members returned home from a European cruise.

Tanis Crawford of Meadow Lake is away with her classmate to Egypt for special learning. Our winter snowstorm arrived early and the snowblowers were out.

Men's and women's curling was in Calgary for the Continental Cup. Get well to anyone ill and in the hospital. We wish them well.

Jansen

Louise Shannon

This past weekend was a busy one as many people were in Regina for the Grey Cup.

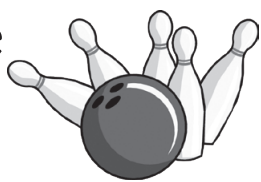
It is Black Friday this week in honour of Thanksgiving in the USA. We should get some good deals at the stores.

Our library is collecting winter mitts, socks and other things for people who are in need. Carol is still serving coffee at the library.

Shamrock Exteriors insulated and sided my house. It should be warmer.

Happy birthday to Rick Eichorst, Wanda Kinzel and Cecelia Schroeder.

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Monday Mens
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MHS: Dwayne Koshinsky, 239
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MHS: Ernie Lang, 196
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(from page three: **RCMP**)

Officers located and seized a loaded handgun, a small amount of pharmaceutical pills not believed to be prescribed to the room occupants and a sum of cash.

As a result, 70-year-old Jeffery Giest from Creighton is charged with: one count, possession for the purpose of trafficking (cocaine), Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, possession (Schedule III), Section 4(1), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; two counts, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code; two counts, possession of a firearm/prohibited weapon knowing possession unauthorized, Section 92(3)(a), Criminal Code; one count, unsafe storage of a firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle,

Section 94(2), Criminal Code; one count, possession of a restricted firearm without licence/registration, Section 95(2), Criminal Code; three counts, weapons possession contrary to order and fail to surrender authorization, Section 117.01(3), Criminal Code; and one count, possession of weapon obtained by crime, Section 96(23), Criminal Code.

Giest also was ticketed for having cannabis in a vehicle.

Giest has been remanded into custody until his next appearance in La Ronge Provincial Court on Nov. 21, 2022.

RCMP locate vehicle blocking Hwy. 2

At approximately 6:20 a.m., Nov. 6, La Ronge RCMP were conducting proactive patrols when they located a vehicle blocking Hwy. 2. Officers stopped to check on the (see back page: **RCMP**)

2021 was the most expensive year ever for Saskatchewan farmers

■ media release

Saskatchewan farmers experienced their most expensive year ever for crop and livestock production as farm cash expenses exceeded \$11.5 billion – 11 percent higher than 2020 and the largest year-over-year increase since 2012, according to the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS).

At the APAS's fall District Meetings, representatives expressed concern about the lack of price transparency and supply certainty for critical farm inputs such as fertilizer, fuel, seed, and chemicals.

"In our meetings across the province, the rising cost of production is the biggest concern voiced by producers," APAS President Ian Boxall stated. "We also heard about shortages of fertilizer this fall and pesticides throughout the summer. The lack of availability and price volatility in these markets has created a lot of uncertainty that we don't want to experience again in 2023."

Cost of production inflation creates added risk for producers. In 2021, Saskatchewan farmers spent \$2.67 billion on fertilizer purchases alone, which made up 24 percent of cash operating expenses and exceeded the previous year's fertilizer purchases by 30 percent. Since 2019, glyphosate has increased 62 percent, fuel is up 52

percent, and the price for urea increased 112 percent since May 2019, and anhydrous ammonia is up 113 percent.

"These inputs are critical for food production at a time when the world needs Saskatchewan's agricultural products. Let's start the discussion now to make sure we are doing everything we can to ensure these inputs are available and farmers have the information they need to make informed purchase decisions," stated Boxall.

"We know that inflation and the cost of living is a major concern right now for everyone. At the same time, costs are especially volatile for essential farm inputs which make up a huge portion of farm costs," Boxall continued. "The lack of transparency on what's causing these price spikes is very concerning and requires further investigation. Western Canada is a major producer of nitrogen fertilizer, and farmers have longstanding concerns about retail prices for domestically produced fertilizer being set at international market levels with freight from overseas locations added to retail prices in Saskatchewan."

Boxall noted that the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture is scheduled to begin studying retail food pricing later this fall and into 2023, and that APAS would like some of the focus to be on the factors driving cost increases for fertilizer, fuel, and other critical farm inputs.

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Christmas with The Willie Sons

■ media release

Featuring a blend of country, bluegrass, gospel and Christmas music, The Willie Sons will be centre stage for an afternoon performance at the Watrous Civic Centre Dec. 4. Along with a Christmas performance by The Willie

Sons, people will also have the opportunity to take in a silent auction and Christmas baking sale sponsored by the Watrous United Church. Comprised of Reed Willison, Brendan Varcoe, Alf Epp, and Tyler Bergen, The Willie Sons all hail from the Saskatoon area, each bringing

a wide variety of professional experience. Willison (guitar/lead vocals), a singer/songwriter who contributes the bulk of material to the group, together with Varcoe (upright bass/5 string banjo), a veteran musician of the '80s rock era, balance their styles with the

more contemporary leanings of Bergen (guitar/vocals) and the well-established folk and bluegrass playing of Epp (mandolin/vocals). The result is a category-stretching blend of country, bluegrass, and gospel intended to entertain, embrace, and uplift. The Willie Sons' live

performances are dynamic, energetic, and highly entertaining, as brotherly relationships on stage create a warm, inviting atmosphere for audience members. In addition to the songs by Willison and Bergen, The Willie Sons perform several covers, plus new

arrangements of familiar gospel and bluegrass songs. Jobs and families have kept the band to a small touring schedule, but with three full length albums including their newly released project, Christmas with The Willie Sons, they are eager to see what the future holds.

(from page two: **THE OTHER BOY**)

My husband and family were concerned by my inability to sleep after writing, but I honestly believe that this novel was meant to be written. **Of the books you've written, where does this project rank for you?** This was my first adult fiction, and my first crime fiction. Crime fiction is intense and fast-paced and I enjoy writing about subjects I am passionate about. The Other Boy is my favourite book released thus far; however, my next crime fiction is equally intense and will not be finished until the end of next year. **When did The Other Boy officially release and where can people buy it?** It released Dec. 15, 2021. The Other Boy is sold exclusively

on Amazon, both paperback and kindle versions are available. There will also be copies available to purchase at The Watrous Manitou and Lanigan Advisor office in Watrous. **Are you planning on writing more books?** My next novel, Secrets Between Trees, will be handed over to my editor next month but will not be finished with edits until next year. **Is there anything else you would like to add?** Here is the synopsis of The Other Boy: "No one is left alive—until now." Inspector Rousseau and his team follow the trail of pedophiles hunting children within Canada. They have been tracking the same trafficking ring, following missing children, but never once have they found so much evidence in one location. All because of one boy, Dillon. The boy who escaped. The

boy who found his way home. The boy who has seen and experienced what no one should ever have to live through. Leslie Richardson lost all hope of her son returning alive. All she can do is wait for answers and closure. But when her son, Dillon, finally returns to her, nothing is what it seems, leaving Leslie with more questions than answers. Dillon is not the same boy who was taken seven years prior. Investigating missing children is not for everyone, certainly not for those too naive to see the devil waiting within the shadows. No one wants to believe in the devil, not even when he's looking right at you. People don't want to see, don't want to know the truth regarding human trafficking. Evil is the only word to describe such an epidemic. Monstrous evil. And that is the evil they are determined to hunt.

Investment to support housing for human trafficking victims

■ media release

The Province of Saskatchewan announced it is providing \$150,000 to Hope Restored Canada to deliver services to victims of human trafficking.

This funding, for a one-year pilot, will be invested in secure housing, counselling, treatment and life skills

programs at Hope Restored Canada's safe house in Saskatoon.

"This announcement is the culmination of several months of work with Hope Restored and part of our government's ongoing commitment to create a safe, stable environment for victims of trafficking," Minister of Justice and Attorney General Bronwyn Eyre said. "The hope is that it will help victims heal from trauma inflicted by their traffickers, and that they will obtain the support they need to rebuild their lives." Since 2015, Hope Restored Canada has offered public education and services to victims of human trafficking. In November 2019, it opened a safe house in Saskatoon. The holistic program offers survivors safe accommodations and individualized programming. Since opening, Hope Restored has supported 50 participants. Earlier this year, the government brought into

force The Protection from Human Trafficking Act, which enables victims of human trafficking to seek protection orders against traffickers and individuals who are trafficked to initiate civil lawsuits against their traffickers. The legislation also enhances the ability of police to seek search warrants to locate victims of human trafficking. "Human trafficking doesn't just hurt those who are being trafficked, it hurts their family, their friends, their communities, and our entire province," Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Christine Tell said. "Through this funding and our support for programs like the Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team, we are doing everything we can to make Saskatchewan an unwelcome place for human traffickers." The Saskatchewan Trafficking and Response Team, which was announced in the fall of 2021, is a specialized intelligence-led

enforcement team dedicated to addressing illegal weapons, drugs and human trafficking. "Addressing human trafficking is an important aspect of reducing violence against women and girls and helping to build safer communities across the province," Minister Responsible for the Status of Women Laura Ross said. "I am pleased this funding will go towards the crucial services Hope Restored provides for women looking to break the cycle of exploitation." "This funding provides critical one-time support to continue to operate Hope Restored Canada. We are the only program in Saskatchewan with such a mandate and are grateful that the Saskatchewan Government recognizes the positive impact Hope Restored Canada continues to make in our communities," Board Chair for Hope Restored Canada Dailene Kells said. "These funds will help sexually exploited or trafficked participants to heal and turn their lives around."

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(from page four: **ARLENE**)

when I awoke – I couldn’t talk.

I am recovering at home and my family and friends tell me I am making remarkable, inspiring progress. I am ever so tired and not without moments of frustration and discouragement. For the remainder of my days I have to log my blood pressure readings and religiously take my new medications. Writing this while it is still new and fresh has been one of my most difficult challenges. It has taken many days and nights haunted with remembering. Words that used to come so easily, evade me and I am grateful for the back space key and thesaurus. I still have a long arduous journey ahead and learning to think each word through before uttering it, takes a lot of energy. I feel left in this space between my old life and my new one but every morning I look in the mirror and remind myself that God, indeed, loves my new crooked smile.

Anyone can have a stroke and it happens in an instant. I know personally there is no way to prepare for one. I used to tell myself that if I should ever have a stroke, I hope I wake up in Eternity. I faced my worst fear and the little stone I had in my slingshot, toppled my Goliath.

The first morning I woke in my own bed a happy and excited Randy greeted me, “You won’t believe this, Arlene, but guess who is here? I didn’t want to wake you so I took a picture!” I was astounded at the images on his camera. A tuxedo cat outside our front door, his face in a bowl of kibble, was definitely Blackie, our 14-year-old cat who disappeared from our farm in July.

Blackie can’t tell us where he was for four-plus months, but his sudden appearance fortifies my faith that God knew all the time. I believe his homecoming paralleled mine because Heaven wanted me to know I was always on God’s watch. I don’t know why I lived to write my story (someday I will TELL it) – but this I know without a doubt, life is not easy, but it’s beautiful. The cry, though often faint inside each beating heart, is a resonant CAN YOU UNDERSTAND ME?

There was no misunderstanding the Scripture that burst like sunshine through my obscurity. It continues to leave me thunderstruck: “You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You . . .” ~Isaiah 26:3, New King James

Please take care of yourself.
-Love, Arlene

(from page seven: **RCMP**)

vehicle, which had two occupants in it. The officers observed open liquor and the occupants were arrested. Further investigation led to the seizure of 13 grams of cocaine, eight grams of psilocybin, 81 grams of dried cannabis, three firearms, rounds of ammunition and a sum of cash. Nora Charles, 26, of Sucker River and Stephen McKenzie, 36, of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, are each charged with: two counts, possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, authorized possession of a firearm, Section 91(3), Criminal Code; three counts, possession of a firearm/ammunition in a motor vehicle, Section 94(2), Criminal Code; three counts, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code; one count, possession for the purpose of distributing, Section 9(2), Cannabis Act; and one count, possession of cannabis for the purpose of selling, Section 10(2), Cannabis Act.

McKenzie is also charged with one count, possession of property obtained by crime less than \$5,000, Section 354(1) (a), Criminal Code and was ticketed for driving without a licence. Charles was ticketed for having open alcohol in a vehicle.

McKenzie is scheduled to appear in La Ronge Provincial Court on Nov. 23, 2022. Charles is scheduled to appear in La Ronge Provincial Court on Nov. 28, 2022.

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