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Emergency services to be offered seven days a week in Lanigan

■ *Daniel Bushman*

Through a lot of hard work and dedication, effective Oct. 22, emergency services at the Lanigan Hospital will be available seven days a week. Recruiting additional RNs to the facility in Lanigan, while emergency services hours will remain 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., the services will be available Monday through Sunday as opposed to just weekdays.

Director of Primary Health Care Integrated Rural Health for Lanigan and Watrous Holly Srochenski said being able to open seven days a week is a big first step in seeing the hospital move towards fully reopening in the future.

"We continue to recruit RNs and we are really hoping and being methodical in our reopening plan. We are really excited about the future in Lanigan. It will be three years in December since the hospital temporarily reduced services so it has been a long time but we are seeing movement on the recruitment front."

Srochenski shared the staff currently working in Lanigan at the hospital have been very dedicated to the community and by being able to add more RNs, it is one step to show the community everyone is really engaged and wanting to see the services reopen. "We are trying to move forward and trying to resume services in Lanigan."

As part of the upcoming changes, two additional RNs are coming on board and Srochenski noted through the Ministry of Health's Human Resource Action Plan, Lanigan has also been designated as one of the sites to receive RNs from the Philippines.

"As we bring additional RNs in we can look at expanding services. Our goal is to get back to 24/7 operations and it takes a lot of staff. With five RN positions currently filled, we are halfway there. With the RNs from the Philippines joining our team, there is opportunity to enhance and expand as we move along but it is really timing dependent."

Lanigan Mayor Tony Mycock said through meetings with Saskatchewan Health Authority, he was pleased to learn the hospital will be offering emergency services seven days a week. "It is really good news for Lanigan and our residents and we are really happy to hear how things are going."

Noting that it has been a long haul since the temporary closures were first implemented, Mycock added despite the changes over recent years, "we are thankful for the nurses and staff we have. I know they are very dedicated and want to see this open as much as everyone else does. I think our doctors are looking to seeing the facility being open further so they can utilize their skills and services."



With the ability to recruit more RNs, effective Oct. 22, the Lanigan Hospital will be offering emergency services seven days per week from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. as opposed to the current five. The goal is to

eventually return to being fully operational after experiencing temporary services due to staffing shortages.

- file photo

As emergency services move to seven days a week Oct. 22, Lab and X-ray services will continue to be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. With the changes coming shortly, Srochenski said, "I really want to thank the staff who have been here and have stepped up to keep our doors open for what we did have with the five day a week emergency services. We also appreciate the collaboration with the community when it comes to partnerships and accommodations, welcoming packages and things like that. I can't recruit staff myself, it really does take a community. I want to thank the Town of Lanigan and surrounding areas for their support and partnership moving forward."

Mycop said with a number of people utilizing the hospital's services when it is open, "it is just nice to know that people can access that when they need it. It is not fun

when you think something happens on a weekend and there is no hospital. Being open for seven days a week, it is nice to know that is available. We are also very thankful for our awesome staff at the Lanigan and District Ambulance and want to give a big thank you to the staff at the hospital for their hard work."

For people requiring emergency care in Lanigan after hours, Srochenski said they can utilize the hospital in Watrous, Humboldt, Wynyard or other nearby facilities until emergency services are able to fully resume 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Srochenski added the Ministry of Health's website does provide updates to its service disruptions at health care facilities in the province. "Before a community member goes on the road for care, they can check the site so they don't drive to a hospital just to find out it is closed."

Lanigan Farmers Market wraps up successful season

■ **Daniel Bushman**

With the weather cooperating for the most part during the summer and early fall, the Lanigan Farmers Market provided the perfect opportunity for vendors to sell their items and customers to purchase fresh produce.

Running July through September while marking its 12th season in 2023, organizer of the local market, Lisa Martens Bartel said, "I always enjoy the market season by being able to visit with my customers and community members. While it feels like crossing a finish line to have the market over for the season, I will miss the weekly connection to my community, and look forward to next year."

Held each Wednesday afternoon during the season at the Lanigan and District Heritage Centre, Martens Bartel recalled first launching the market in 2011 with a three week old baby. "Now that baby turned 12 and eagerly helps me hand out change, makes deliveries and helps on the farm."

Seeing the market grow for over a decade in Lanigan, as each new season has arrived, it provided a boost for the economy and those participating in it. "Local markets are important in rebuilding local food economies. They are a great place for small producers to bring their goods to their own community, offering fresher options than any grocery store can do. It is a great face-to-face shopping experience to know your baker or your grower. Plus it is a community building experience to connect the customer with the hard-working folks who grow or bake or make in their community."

It is that type of atmosphere that has aided in the market becoming a very welcoming and diverse place. "We had six vendors throughout this summer with five there most weeks. We also had some new vendors this year with several being market gardeners with fresh produce and frozen meats. We had some great bakers which included items like gluten free baking, local honey and there were also some various homemade crafts including quilted items, candles, stained glass and hand printed T-shirts."

Citing how friendly and accommodating the local Heritage Centre has been for the market to set up along Hwy. 16 in Lanigan, Martens Bartel said the site has provided a



Pictured above left: Lisa Martens Bartel at the Lanigan Farmers Market. Pictured below left: The Lanigan Farmers Market was part of the parade in both Lanigan and Nokomis this year. Pictured below right: Denise Bartel painted new highway signs for the local farmers market.
- photos courtesy Lisa Martens Bartel

great location for vendors. "We get lots of highway traffic in the summer months which boosts our sales. However, we count on many regular customers, who make the farmers market the place to go each week to do their shopping. We greatly appreciate all those folks who come out week after week to shop local. Often that support trickles into sales in other times of the year as vendors sell off their farms and

kitchens."

Now that the season has come to a conclusion, Martens Bartel said if people are still in need of produce or other items, she said, "If folks are looking for products on the off season, please don't be shy to reach out to the individual vendors or the Lanigan Farmers Market Facebook page, as we may still be able to get you what you need."

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RCMP Report

Humboldt/Lanigan/Watrous RCMP temporary amalgamation

Meetings have been held and conversations are ongoing with local leaders of Watrous, Humboldt, and surrounding areas regarding the temporary amalgamation of the Watrous and Humboldt detachments.

The RCMP's number one priority is the safety and security of the public and of its officers and when a policing need is identified, police work to address it. One example is staffing strategies, such as this collaboration between the Watrous and Humboldt detachments, which helps to ensure more officers are on duty at any given time to respond to calls for service.

RCMP do not provide specific resourcing numbers for officer safety reasons. At any given time, some of the officers can be unavailable – members can be on vacation, modified duties, parental leave, training or sick.

The Saskatchewan RCMP are committed to providing the most efficient and effective policing services possible.

Search warrant executed

Saskatchewan RCMP's Yorkton Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team executed a search warrant in Springside Oct. 6 as part of an ongoing trafficking investigation.

Officers located and seized approximately 198 grams of suspected cocaine, approximately 240 grams of suspected methamphetamine, approximately 40 pharmaceutical-style pills, trafficking paraphernalia, brass knuckles and a stun gun.

An adult male was arrested at the scene. Forty-four-year-old James Lloyd from Yorkton is charged with three counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2),

Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and two counts of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code. Saskatchewan RCMP's Yorkton Municipal General Investigation Section and Yorkton detachment assisted in this investigation.

Collision with moose west of Borden Bridge

At approximately 10:15 p.m. Oct. 6, Warman RCMP received a report of a wildlife collision on Hwy. 16, west of the Borden Bridge. Investigation determined a vehicle struck a moose. The adult male driver passed away at the scene. He has been identified as a 25-year-old from Edmonton. The adult female passenger was taken to hospital with injuries described as non-life-threatening. Traffic on Hwy. 16 was restricted during emergency response to this incident.

Collision near Darvin

At approximately 6:30 p.m. Oct. 7, White Butte RCMP received a report of a collision on Hwy. 48 near Darvin. Investigation determined a truck and a car collided. The drivers of both vehicles passed away at the scene.

The driver of the truck has been identified as a 47-year-old male from Arkansas, USA. The driver of the car has been identified as a 22-year-old female from Kipling, Sask. Their families have been notified. The adult male passenger of the car was taken to hospital with injuries described as serious. Hwy. 48 was blocked during the initial investigation and response to this collision.

White Butte RCMP continues to investigate with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

Traffic stop at Chamberlain

Craik RCMP set up a traffic check stop on Hwy. 11 at Chamberlain to promote road safety during the Thanksgiving long weekend. Officers stopped 1,350 vehicles during the check stop, which ran from noon to 4 p.m.

Officers completed 23 impaired driving tests; 14 of the drivers tested positive for cannabis use and were issued roadside suspensions. Two suspended drivers were stopped and ticketed after trying to avoid the check stop. Their vehicles were all towed.

Officers issued seven tickets for infractions like speeding and using a phone while driving, and gave out 21 warnings.

Craik RCMP thanks SGI for assisting with this road safety initiative.

Saskatchewan RCMP participated in Operation Impact from Oct. 6 to 9. This national public awareness campaign, held each Thanksgiving weekend, focuses on eliminating behaviours that put drivers, passengers and other road users at risk: impaired driving due to alcohol, drugs or fatigue, as well as aggressive driving, distracted driving, and driving without a seat belt.

Single vehicle rollover north of Neilburg

At approximately 4:30 p.m. Oct. 9, Maidstone and Cut Knife RCMP responded to a single vehicle rollover on Hwy. 675, north of Neilburg. The adult male driver and sole occupant of the vehicle passed away at the scene. He has been identified as a 55-year-old male from the Lloydminster area.

Cut Knife RCMP continues to investigate with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist and the Saskatchewan Coroners Service.

Viscount

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Wow, what a fantastic Thanksgiving weekend we had this year. It all began by becoming great-grandparents for the seventh time, then we had the community garage sales. It was so great visiting with each person that stopped by. The weather was just awesome for the sales. Then we enjoyed our family Thanksgiving dinner and family visiting. It was a very busy but so enjoyable weekend. I hope everyone else was able to en-

joy their Thanksgiving weekend as much as we did.

The Viscount seniors are extremely happy with the turnout for the first breakfast that was held Saturday, Oct. 7. It was a great success and will continue Saturdays from 7:30 until 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 9, we enjoyed great games of pickleball at Viscount Central School.

There was no Blankets for Canada Thanksgiving Mon-

day but continued Monday, Oct. 16.

We have not got around to putting our Christmas lights up, which our oldest mentioned is better to do in October than wait until the snow and colder air comes. We will be doing that shortly.

Viscount Central School Scholastic Book Fair starts Oct. 18 at the school. It was so awesome to hear about the generous donation of sugar/nut free cereal that was gen-

erously donated by the Young Wildlife Federation to the Viscount Central School. This really helps the much needed breakfast program!

Fundraising is continuing by the Kindergarten, Gr. 1 and 2 classes for the outdoor learning space that has been started outside the school.

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

Jansen

Louise Shannon

Condolences to the family of Charles Wildeman who passed away recently. He is survived by his wife Virginia and two sons and their families.

The seniors will not be bowling until after the new year.

Celebrate library week Oct. 16. Find out what the library does for you.

Credit Union Day is Oct. 19.

Happy belated birthday to Marlin Kulchyski and to little Henry Pham.

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Last Mountain Lake National Wildlife Area hosts demonstration powwow

■ submitted by Kerry Hecker, Canadian Wildlife Service Environment and Climate Change Canada

On Sept. 7, 2023, Last Mountain Lake National Wildlife Area (LML NWA) had the great privilege to host a demonstration powwow put on by the Touchwood Agency Tribal Council (TATC). The Canadian Wildlife Service supported this Reconciliation event on Treaty 4 lands, at the headquarters of LML NWA. This was our second powwow together, and was even better than last year.

About 400 school children were bused in from local schools and Regina. Also invited were members of the Day Star First Nation (FN), Kawacatoose FN, Muscowekwan FN, and George Gordon FN (comprising the TATC), CWS staff and the general public. In all, about 600 people attended.

An early morning pipe ceremony set the day and event in the right direction.

The powwow was started off with short speeches as to the significance of the day and the event, a message of truth and (see page eight: **POWWOW**)

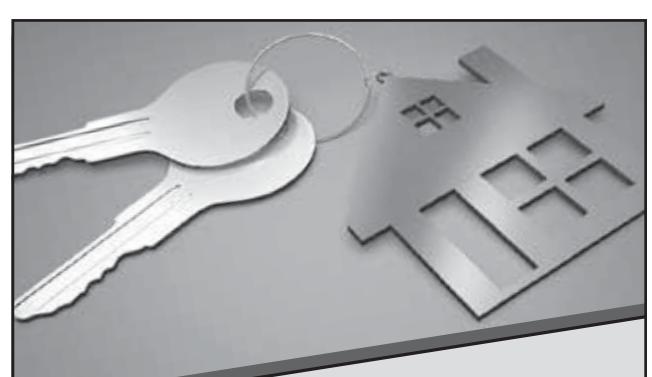
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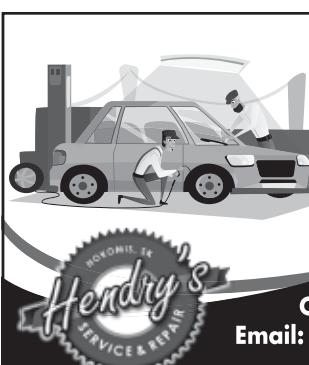
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It's All About Me



Pass The Salt
A spiritual column
by Pastor
Greg Dermody

I came across this Martin Luther quote about the Bible: "The Scriptures are like a cradle. When you come up to the cradle do you look at the cradle or the baby within?" We can appreciate a well-crafted cradle as well as plain serviceable rocking box, but we really want to see the babe within.

The Scriptures are a vehicle given by God to us. They stand on their own and can point to God, yet they can also be easily abused for our own ends. We are all quite capable of putting our own agenda and perceived needs ahead of what God is calling us to. That is the ultimate

battle of sin; selfishness. The devil told Adam and Eve that they would become like God, a subtle but powerful lie. To let the scriptures speak to our lives requires an intentional intimacy with their source. The scriptures are said to be God breathed, God's communication to us for a purpose. Our struggle of sin and self is not necessarily a deal breaker. Psalm 69:5 reads: "you know my folly, O God; my guilt is not hidden from you." God knows just who we are, and still desires friendship with us. Jesus Himself said "you have your heads in your bibles constantly because you think you'll find eternal life there, but you miss the forest for the trees. These scriptures are all about me." (John 5:39 MSG).

So, there we are, as we go to the Bible it must be with a certain vulnerability and honesty. The God who knows our very folly and our guilt still wants to communicate with us! Not just through this 2,000+ year old collection of writings, but in real time as God the Holy Spirit introduces us to the

uncompliCATED - It's all in the mix



■ by Arlene Martin

It was fall 2002 and we had a mouse in the house. Obviously evading our house cats, the little critter found its way into the pantry. With the intent of making easy-peasy pancakes for supper, I discovered the mini-monster inside a box of pancake mix. The sight of it detonated my most hair-raising scream and woke hubby asleep in his recliner. Feet spinning and barely touching the linoleum, he charged into the kitchen.

As he was saying "how can this be" - the white-coated field mouse popped its head out looking for an escape. Quickly Randy moved it over the kitchen sink and the rodent, masquerading in white pancake flour, sky-dived into the sink leaving a white trail as it began running in circles. Attempting to grab it, Southpaw yelled at me to fetch his work gloves. The feisty rodent stood upright on its back legs, articulating mouse-size snarling and hissing threats. Grasping the critter he headed to the front door then stopped. In astonishment I watched the squirming mouse drop from his glove, bounce a couple times on the floor and then hastily scamper to safety under the cupboard.

"You let it go," I yelled, "What did you do that for?" Looking at his fingers he explained, "Because the darn thing was biting me clear through my glove!"

living Word. This can be somewhat intimidating, yet as we trust in God and ask Him to reveal His great love and care for us: we will find peace, growth and hope. So look in the cradle,

I quickly retrieved five mouse traps and several long sticky rat boards arranging them in a neat row at the base of the cupboard. Minutes later we glimpsed teeny black beady eyes under the dishwasher and it darted my direction. I jumped on the nearest chair. However it came to an abrupt stop as miniature feet stuck to the adhesive surface of a rat board. Quickly Randy lifted the panel and set it on the front step then stepped back in the house for his jacket and boots. I began the dismal task of cleaning and sterilizing the pantry and its contents. From the window I noticed our good friend and neighbour coming down our drive in his black pick-up.

Sticking his feet into work boots, Randy met his farming buddy at the door. "What's wrong with your cat," Dennis asked, "It's running around with something big stuck to its face."

Our calico, Scoutie, thinking it was the easiest hunt - found the mouse before Southpaw made it out the door. With a glue board twice her size entirely covering her face, mouse clenched tightly between fangs, she was stumbling and staggering blindly around the yard. Randy caught up to her and lifted the sticky white board and she dangled midair. Finders-keepers also applies in the animal world and Scout wasn't going to let go of her easy find. Randy attempted to shake her free but her face was stuck firmly, jaw clenched around the mouse who, as humans like to say, was caught between a rock and a hard place. Lifting it higher, he shook the board with more gusto but cat and mouse were quite rigidly attached. Finally with gentle, persuasive assistance the little calico tumbled to the ground minus her snack, facial fur and whiskers.

Later when I asked Southpaw if he still wanted pancakes for supper, he suggested we go to town for a burger.

take a tour by asking God to reveal Himself and guide you in this discovery of the one it's really about: Jesus, His words to you, and His invitation to life.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The following is an open letter to the Honourable Minister of Trade and Export Development Jeremy Harrison regarding rural economic development funding:

The Last Mountain Economic Development Alliance (LMEDA) has been taking initial steps to bring together our resources to promote and develop our local and regional economies. LMEDA's membership is currently made up of the towns of Strasbourg, Govan, Nokomis, and the village of Semans.

Through our goal setting process with SEDA we have come to realize that your office has no funding or initiatives available for the economic development of rural Saskatchewan towns.

Our membership looks to your office for support - ultimately leadership - in providing financial investment for economic development in our region. Securing your support is essential to realizing our region's ambitions for local economic growth, leveraging

recent opportunities like Broadband Fibre access and the BHP Jansen Lake construction project. This funding is pivotal for transforming our local economy through increased local expenditures.

As local authorities, we are duty-bound to maintain and deliver core services to our ratepayers. Together we provide for safe drinking water, effluent management, safe roads, and collection of waste to name a few keystone services. Regardless of scale (urban/rural: city/town/village) these core services are the foundation to all day-to-day life and operations throughout the province, from the cafe to the cabinet table.

With this fundamental role in mind, why do rural Manitobans and Albertans enjoy hundreds of millions and billions, respectively, for rural economic development when rural communities here in Saskatchewan have nothing?

How can the Saskatchewan Party promote an economy that works for "everyone" when it clearly has no interest

in rural funding for economic development?

How do we attract business partners to help in this work without leadership from our government?

How are we going to

work together to get the necessary funding in place?

Funding to help incubate new businesses, exploit available commercial property sales for new industry, and help build the 1,000 new homes BHP

needs to operate here in the province?

The disparity between Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan is not only embarrassing, it is costing our communities and region

dearly both today and for future generations.

Respectfully,
David Mark
Chair of Last Mountain
Economic Development
Alliance (LMEDA)



Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Homemade Pudding

Ingredients:

4 cups milk
4 tbsp. cornstarch
1/4 tsp. salt
3/4 cup sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
1/2 tsp. vanilla

Directions:

Bring three cups of milk to a boil in a saucepan. Mix remaining cup of milk with cornstarch, sugar, eggs and salt. Use this mixture to thicken the pudding, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add vanilla.

Variations:

For coconut cream add 1/2 cup coconut and 1 tbsp. butter when you remove from the heat.

For chocolate cream pudding add 1/4 cup cocoa to the cornstarch mixture, blending it well.

I then put the puddings into individual serving containers with lids and let cool in the fridge with the lids on.

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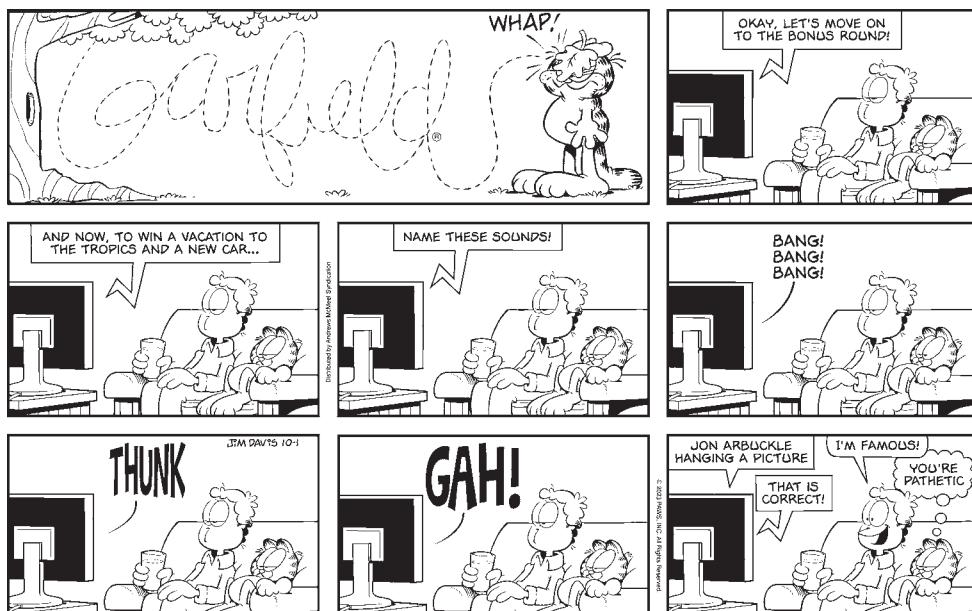
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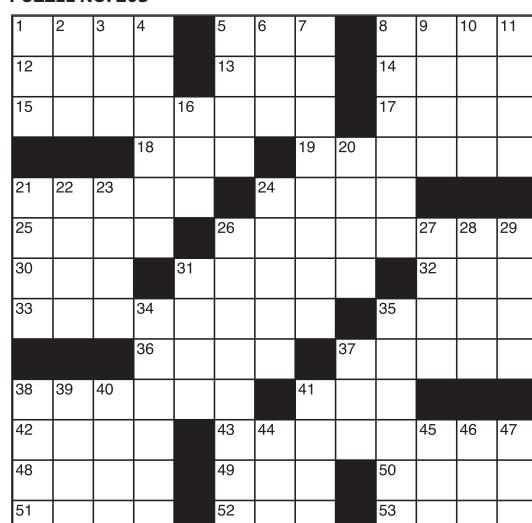
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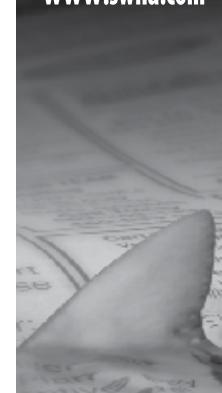
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A highlight was the Ceremonial Red and Orange Jingle Dress Dance to commemorate Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (red), and Residential School Survivors (orange). Orange shirts were prevalent in the audience, to commemorate the start of the school year and the residential school experience that so many First Nations kids endured.

Minnie's Grill and Tiffany's food truck gave us a taste of Cree and Saulteaux powwow food. Deep fried bannock was the star of the show, split to cradle cheese-topped burgers, or smothered in taco toppings.

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