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Undetected broken rail led to the 2019 crude oil train derailment and fire near Guernsey

■ **media release**

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) released its investigation report Oct. 5 into the derailment of a Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CP) freight train near Guernsey, Sask., which resulted in the release of 1.77 million litres of crude oil.

On Dec. 9, 2019, a CP crude oil unit train was travelling east on the Sutherland Subdivision when the crew observed a gap in the south rail approaching the Wolverine Road public passive crossing. As the head-end locomotive traversed the gap, a train-initiated emergency brake application occurred. Shortly after, crew members observed a large explosion behind them as the head-end locomotive and first car separated from the train. Subsequent inspection determined that 33 cars derailed, of which 20 tank cars had breached, and the released product ignited, resulting in a large pool fire that burned for nearly 24 hours. There were no injuries, and no evacuation was required.

The investigation determined that the south rail had likely failed under a previous train, causing an undetermined length of rail to break away and separate from the track and expose the rail ends. The condition of the track components (anchors, ties, and ballast) did not provide adequate resistance to the rail forces initiated by the cold weather at the time of the accident, which contributed to the breaking of the rail. Despite regular track visual inspections and ultrasonic rail flaw detection testing, which exceeded regulatory requirements, the broken rail went undetected before the arrival of the train.

Although the train was operated in accordance with the Rules Respecting Key Trains and Key Routes in place at the time of the occurrence, the train speed (44 m.p.h.) contributed to the number of cars that derailed, breached, and lost their product. If company risk assessments do not adequately consider increases in traffic tonnage, the use of heavier rail



cars, and the potential for more rapidly degrading track structure, regular track maintenance activities may no longer be sufficient to maintain track to the required standards, increasing the risk of track infrastructure failures that lead to rail accidents.

Following this accident and a second serious CP crude oil unit train derailment near Guernsey, Sask. on Feb. 6, 2020, the TSB issued rail safety advisories to Transport Canada (TC). In response, TC issued ministerial orders instructing the rail industry to revise the Rules Respecting Key Trains and Key

Routes, and Rules Respecting Track Safety. The rules were subsequently revised and now contain a number of safety improvements related to the operation of key trains and the inspection and maintenance of track infrastructure.

Since this occurrence, CP has implemented a number of safety measures including a wayside system for detecting rail breaks in non-signalled territory, such as the Sutherland Subdivision, increased its number of autonomous track geometry measuring systems, and upgraded the track infrastructure on the Sutherland Subdivision.

Following its investigation report, the Transportation Safety Board of Canada indicated the Dec. 9, 2019 derailment near Guernsey resulting in the release of 1.77 million litres of crude oil was the result of a gap in the rail. The south rail had likely failed under a previous train, causing an undetermined length of rail to break away and separate from the track, exposing the rail ends.

- file photo

Remembering and reflecting

Together with staff and students from Lanigan Elementary School and Lanigan Central High School, on Friday, Sept. 29, the group came together to recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. While the day was officially commemorated Saturday, Sept. 30, during the Friday event in Lanigan, local First Nations students, community members and other students representing the schools led the ceremony with traditional dance, stories and speeches. Held near the schools, the program was held to show respect and acknowledge the process of truth and reconciliation.

- photos and info courtesy Lanigan Elementary School



Local food bank thankful for continued support

■ **Daniel Bushman**

As many marked Thanksgiving this October, the Lanigan and District Food Bank also shared it has had much to be thankful for. Operating out of its location next to the post office at the Carlton Trail Mall in Lanigan, spokesperson for the local food bank, Kathy Williams, shared the non-profit organization received tremendous support through food and monetary donations in 2023.

"Our hampers have remained very stable over the past eight months despite a significant 30 percent increase of usage in the past month. With increasing food prices, this number will continue to rise."

Appreciating people who filled food bins with donations at the Co-op in Lanigan and in the local churches, Williams added the need for support remains both in Lanigan and outside of the community.

"A Beyond Borders food bank conference held in Lloydminster brought food banks from Saskatchewan and Alberta together to share resources, education, awareness and fellowship. It was during this event where we learned food

insecurity is very real in our communities with some food banks struggling to even supply a meager hamper."

With a priority on helping people while keeping food banks operating, Williams said a pair of initiatives were brought forward from the conference and will be utilized in Lanigan. They included:

- End Period Poverty - "We would supply period products to our patrons and local schools."

- SPCA Pet Food Bank - "We have received free pet food from the SPCA to offer our patrons for their pet or pets. Family pets are so loved and needed and often the owner goes without to feed their pet. As long as we are able to receive free pet food, we will continue this initiative."

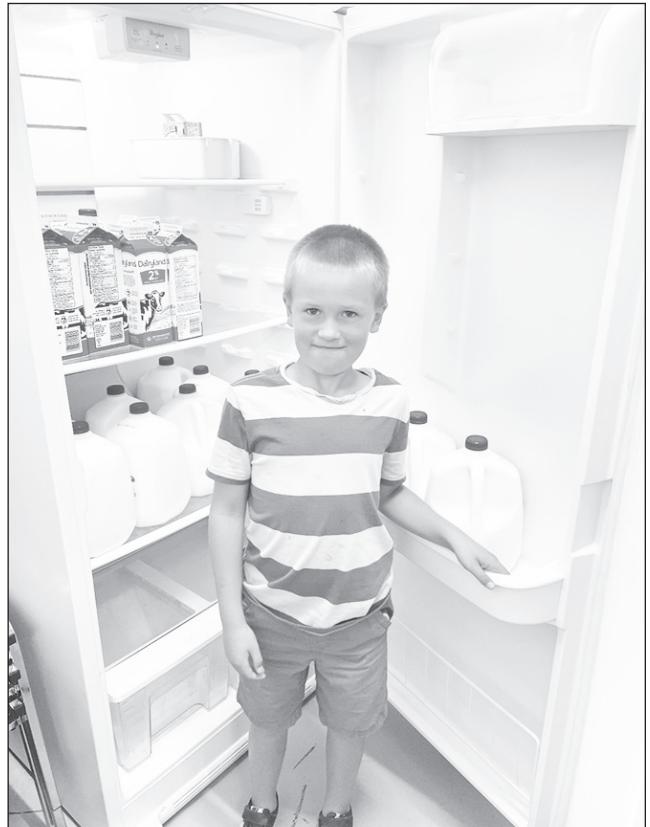
In addition to the pair of ideas being implemented at the local food bank, since moving into the space next to the post office, Williams said they have continued to tweak it, adding a potato bin and more shelving. That also means donations are always welcome like fresh produce or meat. "Private donations are certainly accepted and wild game is graciously accepted but



Pictured above: Gwen Nakoneshy's granddaughters Abby Nakoneshy and Grace Pearce packing hampers. Pictured right: Lukas Creary, Kathy Williams' grandson lending a hand. Pictured above right: Lukas helping Val Koshinsky pack hampers.

- photos courtesy Kathy Williams

must be processed in a certified processing plant. Monetary donations are always accepted and can be mailed to: Lanigan and District Food Bank, Box 307 in Lanigan, Sask. S0K 2M0. We also accept e-Transfers and if people have questions, concerns, or want to make arrangements



for donations, they can call 306-360-7778 and leave a message. We are so grateful, not only during this Thanksgiving season but throughout the year, to people who make our food bank prosperous. We sincerely appreciate your continued and very generous support."

SaskEnergy bill decrease approved

■ **media release**

Going into the winter season, SaskEnergy customers will be paying less on their monthly natural gas bills.

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NE 25-36-23 W2 EXT 0	139013063	193.28	16.39	209.67
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Dated this 3rd day of October, 2023
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RCMP Report

Search warrant executed

Ahtahkakoop/Shellbrook RCMP executed a search warrant Sept. 26 at a residence in Holbein as part of an ongoing illegal firearm investigation.

Officers located and seized three long guns, a handgun with a loaded magazine, approximately 28 grams of crack cocaine and drug trafficking paraphernalia.

An adult male was arrested at the residence.

Thirty-two-year-old Jon Jonasson from Holbein is charged with: four counts, unauthorized possession of a firearm, Section 91(3), Criminal Code; and one count, unlicensed possession of a restricted weapon, Section 95(2), Criminal Code.

Saskatchewan RCMP's Critical Incident Response Team, Prince Albert General Investigation Section, Prince Albert Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team, Prince Albert Crime Reduction Team, as well as Prince Albert Police Service's STRT assisted in this ongoing investigation.

RCMP reminding people to secure firearms and

ammunition during hunting season

Hunting season has started and Saskatchewan RCMP detachments are starting to get reports of stolen firearms, ammunition and other related items. This past week, a duck hunter in the central Saskatchewan area left a vehicle parked while hunting and returned to find a shotgun, shotgun shells and binoculars missing from his truck.

Saskatchewan RCMP reminds hunters:

- Never leave firearms unattended in a vehicle, especially overnight. Even if they are out of sight within the vehicle, other hunting equipment can signal the potential presence of a gun and a thief may be willing to break in to check.
- Only bring as many firearms as you are willing to carry with you to hunt. Do not leave guns at a camp/blind when you are not around.
- Always use trigger locks and secure firearms cases with some type of locking mechanism.
- Remember, it is illegal to have a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

SaskTel launches 5G on over 40 cell sites across province

■ media release

SaskTel announced Oct. 4 it recently launched 5G on over 40 additional cell sites serving communities and highway corridors across the province. This latest expansion which includes Lanigan, Allan, Humboldt, and Wynyard, among others, is part of SaskTel's ongoing initiative to deliver next-generation and hyper-fast wireless connectivity to residents and businesses throughout Saskatchewan.

"Our government recognizes how important advanced communication networks and technologies have become to the success of our people and province as a whole," said Dustin Duncan, Minister Responsible for SaskTel. "The significant investments being made by SaskTel in 5G and fibre technologies will help strengthen the networks we rely on and ensure Saskatchewan remains one of the most well connected regions in the country."

Currently, SaskTel's 5G network can deliver data speeds of up to 1.2 Gigabits per second (Gbps), and as it matures the network will provide significantly faster speeds. Other future benefits of 5G will include massive network capacity and ultra-low latency, all of which will enable new use cases for emerging wireless technologies that will be the foundation that next-generation innovations will be built upon.

"We recognize the true potential of 5G and are tirelessly working to bring this new and powerful technology to our customers across the province," said Charlene Gavel, SaskTel President and CEO. "With this latest expansion, we are thrilled that more of our customers across the province will now be able to connect to each other and the world faster than ever before."

SaskTel's rollout of 5G will revolutionize connectivity across the province, especially in rural areas. Delivering incredible data speeds, 5G will help bridge the digital divide by providing residents with the capability to connect to the world faster than ever before. 5G will also support technological advancements in remote healthcare, online learning, agriculture, transportation, as well as other services and industries that are important to the economic prosperity and overall quality of life in rural Saskatchewan.

The continued expansion of its 5G and fibre networks are a direct result of SaskTel's commitment to invest more than \$1.6 billion of capital across Saskatchewan over the next five years.

In order to connect to its 5G network, SaskTel customers need to be within a 5G coverage area, have a 5G capable device that is certified for use on the SaskTel 5G network, and subscribe to a 5G compatible wireless plan.

Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary Report

■ submitted by Adele Failler

The Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary met on Oct. 2, 2023. The following are highlights of the meeting:

Nine new engraved plates have been added to the Memorial Plaque located in the entrance to the Lanigan Integrated Facility, commemorating the contributions of Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary members who passed away.

The Auxiliary is working on upgrading the entrance to the Lodge with financial assistance from the Lois Krieger memorial donation.

A grant from Sask. Lotteries was received and will be used to purchase various items for Lodge residents (games, magazines, etc.).

Auxiliary volunteers baked cakes and assisted with serving cake with strawberries and whipped cream at a Mother's Day/Father's Day event on June 9.

The Auxiliary will meet again on Nov. 6.

The Auxiliary operates through donations and the efforts of volunteers. New members are needed in order for this group to continue the valuable assistance provided to the Lanigan Integrated Facility. If you are interested in becoming a member please reach out to Dianne Bartel or any Auxiliary member.

Jansen

Louise Shannon

Orange Shirt Day was held last week to remember children lost at residential schools. A program was held at the church.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Remember the people who died or got healed of the disease.

Fall is the time for fowl

suppers all around. Ours is Oct. 21.

Happy birthday to Cindy Zerbin, Jennelle Schindel, Jenaya Eichorst and Poppy Pham on her second birthday.

Happy anniversary to Dennis and Carol Neugebauer and Myles and Connie Wildeman.

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Your Good Pleasure



Pass The Salt

A spiritual column
by Pastor
Greg Dermody

What gives you pleasure? I'm thinking about those moments when something gives you joy, a sense of peace and profound contentment.

One of those for me is flying a kite. To see that little speck soaring in the air, catching the currents, watching it float and feeling the tug of the string in my hand is a great delight to my heart. We had a black lab at one time, when I got out his leash, that crowbar tail would be just a thumping with anticipation at the pleasure of a walk, hopefully getting out in the field, leash free, running flat out.

There is a line from the movie Chariots of Fire, a biography of Eric Liddell, who while preparing to be a missionary to China, ran for Great Britain in the 1924 Olympics. Asked why he ran, and why he delayed going overseas to serve God to run in the Olympics he said; "I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast! And when I run I feel his pleasure." Eric found pleasure in embracing how God designed him.

I'm no runner, but I ride. When I am out on my motorcycle, I feel the wind, being close to nature, and pleasure in the presence of God the creator.

What gives you pleasure? Think with me for a moment of that which brings a flood of peace and contentment into your life.

Did you know the Bible speaks of what brings God pleasure? The first book of the Bible, Genesis, recounts that the act of Creating this world gave God pleasure. After each day of Creation "and God saw it was good". The Hebrew word 'good' carries a sense of deep pleasure and contentment.

Matthew's Gospel relates a time when Jesus was speaking of John the Baptist, pointing out how many had rejected John's message that the Kingdom of Heaven was near so they should repent and prepare. They thought that John was too radical in His lifestyle and message. Jesus said that it should be so obvious, but many people did not want to listen. He praised His Father who had hidden the message of the Kingdom from the so-called wise, and revealed it to little children, which was to the Father's good pleasure. God delights in revealing His Kingdom to those, who like little children, are eager and sincere to engage, to discover. The weight of the world can be a heavy load, we may find that we do not get pleasure in life like we once had, yet still desire. It is in this context that Jesus gives His invitation to the weary and burdened, to take His yoke and find rest for our souls. He said His yoke is easy and His burden is light. (Matthew 11).

Jesus invites us into the good pleasure of God. God is pleased to reveal Himself to you as you sincerely seek Him, discover the salvation of Jesus and so enter into a journey of faith.

I was made by God for a purpose, He made me to worship Him, and when I give myself to Him, I feel His pleasure.

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-Frances Havergal



■ by Arlene Martin

knew it, all began.

Years ago when my father-in-law arrived home from Arizona to Saskatchewan by air ambulance, his appearance was shocking. The last time we saw him, he flashed a big grin for both he and my mother-in-law were joining the thousands of 'Canadian Snow Birds' heading south escaping a harsh prairie winter. Months later, he was discovered by a security guard after collapsing from a severe stroke in a shopping mall. That was how the end of life as he

About a week later though gravely ill, he was diagnosed stable enough to make the flight to City Hospital in Saskatoon. In time he recovered to have a very disadvantaged quality of life. He suffered weakness, numbness, confusion, emotional distress, and disabling paralysis on his right side and the inability to speak. It would be not long after sorting through this we would have to return from the hospital and tell him his sweetheart of 50 years lost her battle to cancer.

I visited him every day. He tried to communicate, to tell me stories but his words tumbled out in garbled bursts of gobble-gook. One morning when I stopped in to see him, he looked deep in thought. Years earlier, he would have been able to tell me where and what, but that day he struggled to tell me something poignant. He was an officer in the American navy and I clearly remember my mother-in-law telling me that he could never articulate what he saw when his ship arrived only days after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He carried that silently for years. But that day, as he sat looking out the front window, he reached for my hand. I sat attentive, praying fervidly that I could discern what he so badly wanted to convey. It was no use and I gave up trying to translate and repeat what I thought he was saying. We were both frustrated. I knew he was silently screaming inside his trapped mind where words betrayed him. I reached for his hand and with both of his big farm hands in mine, I looked at him and repeated

what I often said during those times, "It's okay, dad. I love you. I love you for what you are trying to tell me and forgive me because I can't understand."

Tears welled in his huge blue eyes and I kissed his cheek. This wasn't the first time we'd had this conversation. In time we both came to appreciate when words can't be expressed or understood, love speaks. I wish today I could tell him thanks for all he taught me without saying a word.

I feel sad when I see and listen to those who don't realize that speech, like life itself, is a gift. Simply said they are the ones who don't let love get a word in edge-ways.

As the years have passed since my father-in-law's stroke, and now as I approach the first anniversary of my own, I find myself reflecting on those moments when words failed us both. Back then in the midst of my caregiving journey, I often held him close and we both understood that love transcends language.

Little did I realize that two decades later, I would face a similar struggle, though with a different outcome. My speech mostly returned, my strength almost renewed, but insight of his battle grew immeasurably. I now comprehend the silent frustrations and the triumphant moments that come with each step towards recovery.

A stroke, I learned, is a sudden storm that can strike anyone, anywhere. It cares not for age or circumstance. It reminds us of the fragility of life and the boundless reservoirs of strength within us.

Through it all, I've come to believe that sometimes, our greatest communication is not through words, but through actions fueled by love and empathy. It's a lesson I carry with me every day, a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of compassion.

To you, my friend, facing your own storm, I offer this: hold on, have hope, and know that you are not alone. Ever know that in the face of adversity, love will always find a way to speak.

As I write these words my spirit felt a warm and gentle familiar squeeze. Someone in Heaven just added his loving touch of approval!

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Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Pumpkin Cookies

Ingredients:

1/2 cup butter at room temperature
1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/4 cup molasses
1 egg
1 cup pumpkin puree
2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. ground cloves
1/2 cup milk

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375°F. Cream butter and

sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in the molasses and the egg. Stir in the pumpkin. In a separate bowl mix together the flour, baking soda and spices. Stir into the creamed mixture along with the milk. Do not overmix - mix only until combined. Drop cookie dough by teaspoons onto greased baking sheets. I line my sheets with parchment paper instead. Bake for about 12 minutes until set. Cool on sheets for two minutes, then remove to racks to finish cooling. When cooled, you can top with cream cheese icing if you like or just dust with icing sugar. Makes about three dozen cookies. I like to freeze these, then when thawed ice the bottom of one cookie with cream cheese icing, top with another cookie.

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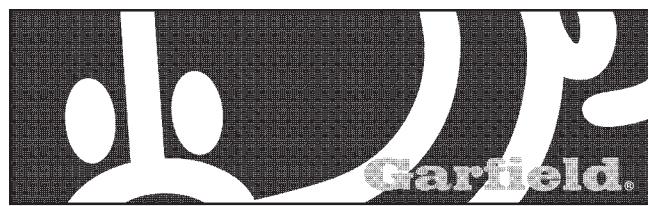
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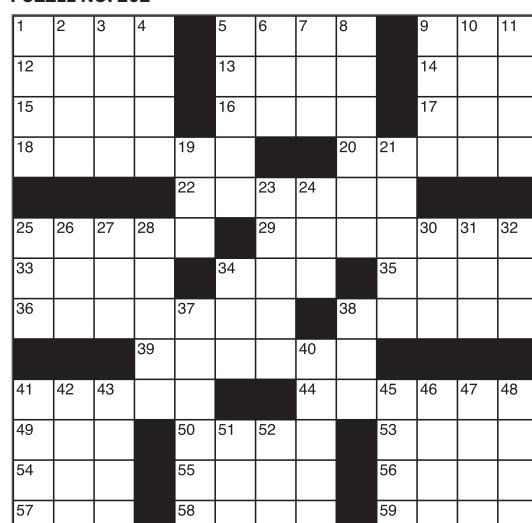
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Our REACT waste carts have been delivered in Viscount. This will be another new thing for us to learn how to use. It seems a person can learn something new all the time.

Pickleball continues at VCS. We enjoy approximately two hours a night twice a week.

Monday, Oct. 2, busy as bees, seven ladies worked steadily making blankets at the Viscount library. We get right down to business getting all we need from the storage room and spreading it out on the big table. We chat about which colour yarn to use for joining the squares, add our labels once the blankets have been finished with a crocheted border, then hold them up for scrutiny and admiration too. It is lots of fun! Do come join us even if just for a cup of tea. Call Evelina 306-281-8196 for more information.

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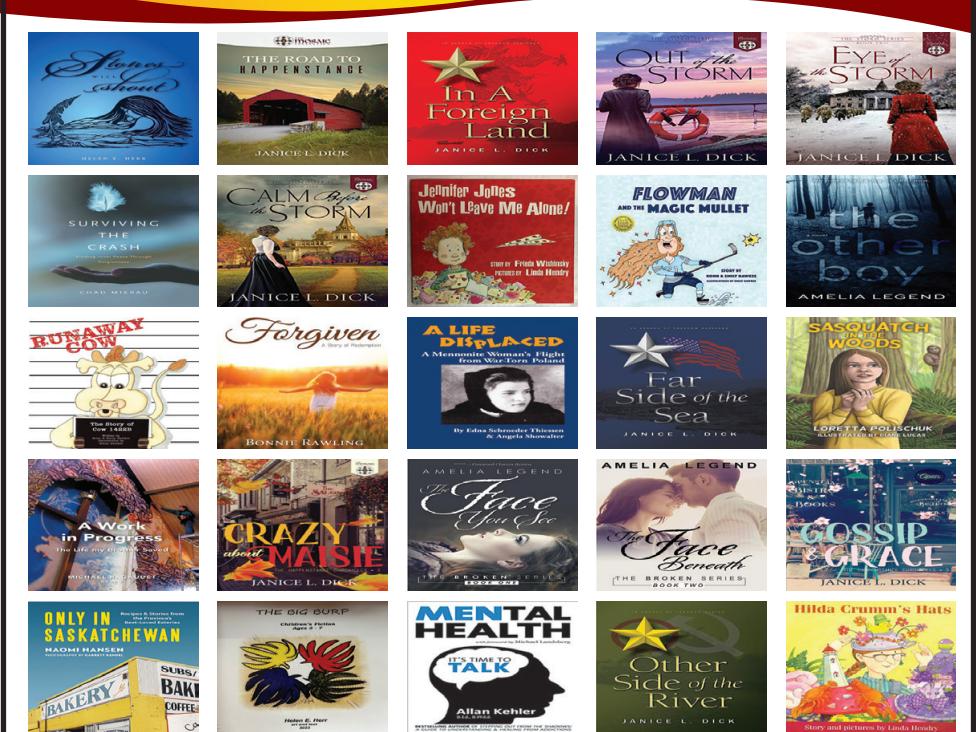
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