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Emergency services remain unchanged at hospital in Lanigan

■ **Daniel Bushman**

With a focus on seeing the hospital in Lanigan return to a full resumption of services, Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Town of Lanigan continue to work on recruiting registered nurses.

Director of Primary Health Care Integrated Rural Health for Lanigan and Watrous Holly Srochenski said while SHA has tried to attract RNs to the community, they have not been able to secure enough staff to fully resume emergency services.

"Unfortunately Lanigan remains at status quo," Srochenski shared. "Lanigan will remain at its current level of service for the unforeseeable future. We are still having a bit of staff turnover and have not been able to recruit the RNs we need to open services further."

Since partially resuming emergency services May 9, 2022 at Lanigan Hospital, they are available between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday while Lab and X-ray services are offered from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Srochenski said, "Efforts are being made to start services but we just don't have the human resources. SHA as always is still committed to reopening Lanigan when it is safe and reliable."

Hoping there would be positive results over the summer, Lanigan Mayor Tony Mycock understands the frustration of residents in the community. "Seeing our hospital return to a full resumption of services is a priority for the Town of

Lanigan."

Sharing he would be participating in a meeting with representatives from SHA in the near future, a disappointed Mycock hopes the situation will be resolved soon. "There is a lot of construction taking place right now, especially on the new school in town. What if something were to happen and an individual needed immediate care? We have two mines nearby and no emergency services after 7 p.m. and on weekends. Our local EMS have been doing a tremendous job but if they are called out and something happens, then it can create an unthinkable situation."

Also experiencing a temporary disruption (since Sept. 12, 2022) to its emergency services and the closure of inpatient beds, with the recent hiring of more RNs at nearby Watrous, starting Sept. 24, the services in that community will fully resume 24 hours a day, seven days a week and beds will reopen.

Srochenski said through a lot of work and creating a partnership between the Ministry of Health, their Health Human Resource Action Plan along with the human resources team and local leadership in Watrous, the contingent was successful in recruiting three full-time RNs to Watrous. "We had two RNs return to us and we were able to hire two casual staff. With that RN recruitment, we are at a point now where we have stable staffing to be able to reopen those services."

Mycock said, "I am really happy that Watrous is able to reopen but I



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don't understand why Lanigan remains unchanged after seeing our emergency services only partially resumed well over a year ago. I hope that we can see services return to our community as soon as possible. I sincerely appreciate all of those who have been working hard at our hospital and I hope that SHA can recruit more help as soon as possible."

While both Lanigan and Watrous each

to fully resume emergency services. That means emergency services remain available between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- Advisor file photo

have a full complement of physicians, with Watrous set to resume its services later this month, Srochenski said people needing care in Lanigan after hours will be able to utilize the hospital in Watrous, Humboldt or other nearby facilities until emergency services are able to fully resume in Lanigan. "People can access services wherever they choose to. If people need service they can access it in Watrous if they like."

Crop Report

■ **media release**

Producers have crossed the halfway point of harvest at 51 percent complete, according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for Aug. 29 to Sept. 4. This is up from 33 percent last week, ahead of the five-year average of 34 percent and the 10-year average of 33 percent.

The southwest continues to lead harvest progress at 81 percent complete. This includes an estimated three

percent of all crops being used as a feed source. Harvest in the west central region is also rapidly advancing with 60 percent of the crop in the bin. The southeast is close to the halfway point at 49 percent complete. The northwest has made significant progress and is now 21 percent complete.

Harvest progress was made in all crops. Harvesting of fall cereals are now completed, with lentils 91 percent and peas 92 percent complete. Significant progress was also made in all spring cereals, with durum leading at 73

percent harvested. This is followed by barley at 68 percent, spring wheat at 50 percent and oats at 36 percent. Seventy percent of triticale has been harvested, with 61 percent of the crop being used for feed. Mustard continues to lead the progress in oilseeds, with 68 percent of the crop in the bin, followed by canola at 23 percent, flax at 14 percent, and soybeans at 31 percent. Canaryseed and chickpeas are near the halfway mark, with 45 percent and 51 percent harvested respectfully.

(see back page: **CROPS**)

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Students return to school for another year

■ Daniel Bushman

Schools throughout the province including in Lanigan were buzzing with activity as students returned to classes Sept. 5. Following another summer season, it was back to school and a reminder for motorists to be careful as well.

At Lanigan Central High School, Principal Jeff Stroeder shared the staff was really looking forward to the 2023-‘24 school year. As part of that, Stroeder indicated enrolment is up and there is a full slate of extracurricular opportunities ready for the students. “Our staff has stayed the same this year but all are eagerly awaiting our students.”

The LCHS principal added the school will play host to pre-district golf in the coming weeks while some of the sports teams started competing over the weekend.

Along with kids headed back to classes, SGI reminds motorists to be aware when driving in school zones. With September’s Traffic Safety Spotlight on school zones, there can be a lot going on with students walking to and from schools, getting off the bus, being dropped off by a parent,

playing in the school yard and crossing at the crosswalk.

“Reducing your speed gives you more time to react and prevent a collision,” said SGI President and CEO Penny McCune. “Excited kids may not always be paying attention to vehicle traffic, so expect the unexpected and drive slowly and carefully.”

School zone speed limits and hours differ in each municipality, so drivers are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the rules in their community and obey the posted signs.

SGI said speeding in school zones will land drivers a failing grade – and a hefty fine. For example, getting caught driving 20 km/h over the posted limit results in a \$310 ticket (and the cost of that ticket increases the faster you go). Drivers will also receive three demerit points under the Safe Driver Recognition program.

“Police officers all too often see the tragic consequences of driver inattention. As children in our communities return to school, we urge drivers to be alert, follow the rules, slow down and use extra caution in school zones. Not only will this keep kids safe, it will keep us from having to write you an expensive ticket,” said Regina Police Service Traffic Safety Unit Sgt. Mark Golaiy.

SGI noted when school buses are stopped with amber lights flashing, drivers should slow down and ensure kids are not about to pop out from the bus before passing. Avoid U-turns in school zones; some municipalities have by-laws that prohibit them.

“School divisions ask all communities in the province to pay close attention to safety as our school zones get busier,” said Saskatchewan School Boards Association President Jaimie Smith-Windsor. “We encourage motorists and everyone using roads and walkways to show care for staff and students.”



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RCMP Report

RCMP respond to robbery

At approximately 1:50 a.m. Aug. 29, Maidstone RCMP received a report of a robbery. Investigation determined the victim was driving on Hwy. 16 near Bresaylor. The victim approached a parked vehicle with its hazard lights on and a female flagged them down. The victim stopped their vehicle, and a male came from the ditch and pointed a firearm at them. The victim was able to escape and call police, and did not report any physical injuries to police.

Officers immediately responded. With the assistance of Saskatchewan RCMP Police Dog Services, a male and a female were arrested after a short search of the area. A small amount of methamphetamine was located during their arrest.

Twenty-four-year-old Crystal Semaganis and 30-year-old Durrell Bearsears, both from Little Pine First Nation, are charged with: one count, robbery, Section 344, Criminal Code; one count, pointing a firearm, Section 87(2), Criminal Code; and one count, possession of methamphetamine, Section 4(1), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Bearsears is also charged with one count, possession of

a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code.

RCMP receive report of missing man

At approximately 4 p.m. Aug. 29 Creighton RCMP received a report of a missing elderly male who had been picking berries on trails along Hwy. 106. Creighton RCMP officers arrived on scene when a distant yelling was heard and began searching the wooded area on foot. An unmanned aircraft was launched in efforts to assist officers and was able to successfully locate the individual – hovering above until the officers on the ground could make contact. Flin Flon RCMP officers attended with ATVs, bringing the individual back to safety at approximately 8 p.m. The male was evaluated by EMS on scene but was not taken to hospital. Creighton RCMP wants to thank those individuals with the Ministry of Highways and Saskatchewan Highway Patrol who assisted in ensuring the male was located and confirmed safe.

RCMP respond to vehicle rollover

At approximately 1 p.m. Sept. 1, Estevan RCMP received a report of a single vehicle rollover on Hwy. 18, just west

of Outram. Officers immediately responded. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, a fuel truck, passed away at the scene. He has been identified as a 60-year-old male from Montmartre. His family has been notified. Estevan RCMP continue to investigate with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

RCMP respond to residence

At approximately 6 a.m. Sept. 2, Buffalo Narrows RCMP executed a search warrant at a residence on Green Avenue in Buffalo Narrows, as part of an ongoing investigation. A search of the residence resulted in the seizure of approximately 29 grams of crack cocaine, a sum of cash and drug trafficking paraphernalia.

Two occupants of the residence were arrested at the scene. Renee Aubichon, 49, and Colleen Kiezie, 42, both of Buffalo Narrows, are each charged with one count of trafficking cocaine, Section 5(1), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and one count, possession of property obtained by crime less than or equal to \$5,000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code. Both Renee Aubichon and Colleen Kiezie are scheduled to appear in court in Buffalo Narrows.

Viscount

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

I tried my best at getting a picture of the blue moon (pictured). It was a few interesting evenings to go outside and look at the moon.

Just had to turn my calendar over to September, kind of slow, must come with all the inside work in our home I have been doing.

The smoke smell is horrible. It makes one feel for the people living closer to the fire and for all of the hardworking firefighters out there as well as for those who have lost all they have. Just horrible. It would be so nice to see about a weeks worth of rain all over where it is so desperately needed.

School started, Blankets for Canada is starting, pickleball is starting, etc. The beautiful yellow, orange, brown, and green leaves are falling. It is such a beautiful colourful time of the

year.

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!



Pictures were taken Aug. 30, 2023 at 10:14 p.m.

- photos submitted by Sandra Reid

Jansen

Louise Shannon

Condolences to Irene Briske and family on the death of Ken Briske. Ken was raised on the farm near Jansen and later worked at Jansen Services. He is survived by his wife Irene and children Aron, Colin and Susan and their children. Funeral service

was held Friday, Sept. 8 in Jansen.

The Lutheran church has a new minister starting in September. A barbecue celebration was held Sunday, Sept. 10.

Happy birthday to Andy Daugherty and Myles Wildeman.

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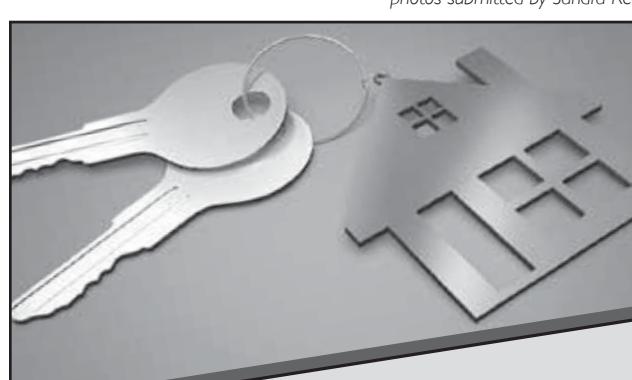
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Hear For You



Pass The Salt
A spiritual column
by Pastor
Greg Dermody

I made a typo in a Facebook comment not so long ago, typing 'hear' for 'here'. A friend commented: "Did you hear that Greg?" A common typo spell checkers don't always flag. We say to friends and neighbours in crisis: 'If you need anything, I am here for you.' We say it because we don't know what else to say, and we suspect words may not be helpful in a time of grief or crisis. I am here for you. People will say later that the significance was not due to your actions but your presence.

My chaplaincy training focuses a lot on the ministry of presence. The practice of just being with someone in their time of need, sitting, listening – hear for you. They may not need or want to talk, but to know that you are there is a great comfort and security to them – here for you.

God calls us to listen. "Be still and know that I am God." We can extend our presence to God – here for you. This includes our actions as well as our ministry on behalf of God's Kingdom, and it refers to a deeper relationship – hear for you. To wait on God means to be here for God, to be present with God and allow God to be present with us. "Draw near to me and I will draw near to you." (James 4:8). This is an invitation to enter into 'here for you'. It is an invitation for our commitment to be "hear for you."

To quiet our hearts before God is not an abandonment of who we are, it is not an emptying of our identity. It is a focus and release of our self to God. God created us for relationship and desires relationship with us. The best image is that of a child that is weaned, resting on its mother's breast. (Psalm 131:2). Gone is the search and striving for nourishment and comfort, there is a peace and contentment in presence. A peaceful and secure 'here for you', 'here with you'.

May you know the presence of God here for you and present yourself to the God who is hear for you.

Ministerial Message

Soul Status

■ by Dennis Kresier, Layperson
Last Mountain Anglican Parish

Throughout our total history on earth, there is a word that has always intrigued us, myself included. That is the word, "SOUL." In the Holy scriptures this word is mentioned repeatedly from Genesis to Revelations.

There are many connotations mentioned in various situations. It is mostly used as a noun. What is it really? What does it mean in its reference? Does it refer to life, a being, a spirit, a state

of mind and body, or something else?

At times it can be quite perplexing. In Genesis chapter 2, we have the story of the beginning of mankind in the Garden of Eden. Here we read the account of God making man out of the dust of the ground, breathing into his nostrils the breath of life, and states that, "Man became a living soul." This works for me! We believe that the soul is the part of us

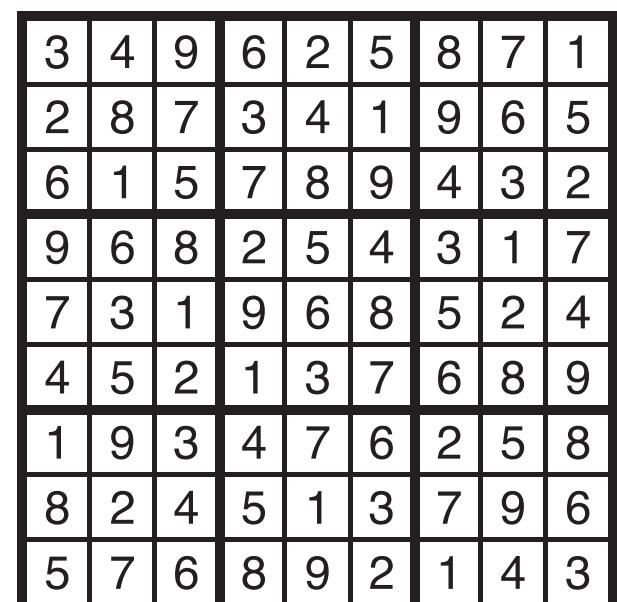
that never dies, even after we pass on. The soul cannot be killed or destroyed.

Matthew 10:28 tells us not to fear those who can kill our body but who cannot kill the soul. Rather, we are to fear Him who can destroy both our body "and" soul in hell. Again in Matthew 16: 26 Jesus says, "What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul, or what can he give in exchange for his soul?" This suggests that at sometime there will be a reckoning coming to each of us regard-

ing our soul.

Many years ago a short poem was written about the soul and our care for it. It states, "To everyone there opens a way, ways, and the way. The high soul climbs the high way, and the low soul gropes the low, and in between on the misty flats, the rest drift to and fro. "But, to everyone there opens a high way and a low, and EVERYONE DECIDES the WAY his SOUL shall GO! What is the status of your soul? Which way are you heading?

Solutions to this week's crossword and sudoko on page five:



Look What's Cooking by
Laura Novecosky

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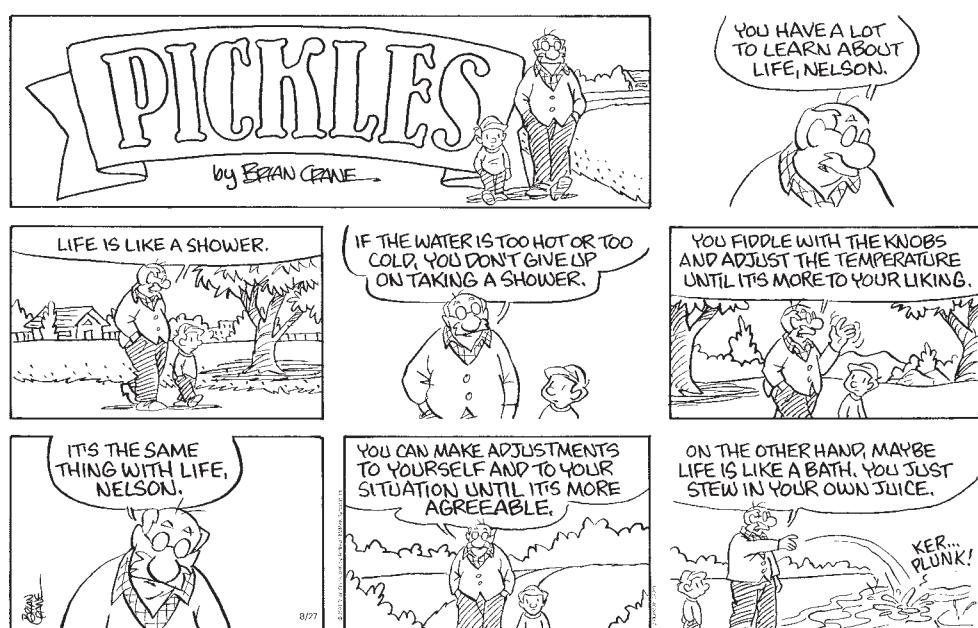


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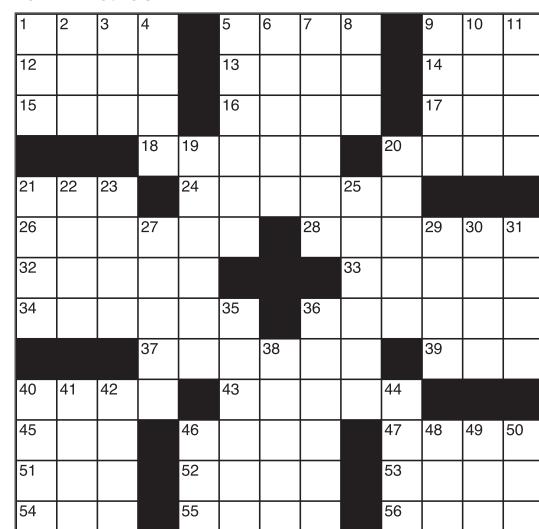
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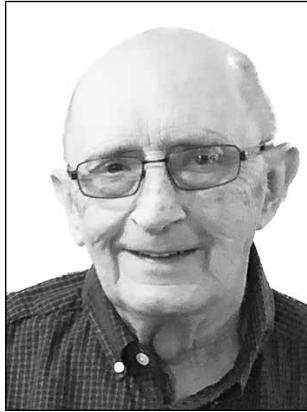
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NOTICES AND CLASSIFIEDS

OBITUARY



BRISKE, Kenneth "Ken"

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Kenneth Briske, 77 years of age from Lanigan, Saskatchewan on Thursday, August 31, 2023, at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon.

Ken was born on March 11, 1946, in Wynyard, Saskatchewan. He was a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin

and friend.

He started his schooling at Prairie Rose, went onto Horton,

Jansen and then finished his education in Lanigan. Upon completing school, Ken headed for the city of Winnipeg to work for the T. Eaton Company. This was quite a change for a farm boy. When April came, he left and headed back to the farm. Shortly after, he briefly worked at the Lanigan Potash mine. Ken began farming with his father in 1968 and also started a cattle herd. In 1970, Ken married Irene Leggott and went on to have three children. In 1982, Ken took over the family farm. Ken was very active in the Jansen & District Kinsmen Club. He served one year as Deputy Governor in zone 3 from 1984-1985. He helped with the construction of the bowling alley and the first of July fireworks. Ken farmed until 1998. He then rented out the land and began working for Jansen Services before retiring in December 2015. In 2017, Ken and Irene moved into Lanigan. He enjoyed visiting with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren which he was very proud of. He also enjoyed

travelling to Mexico and making trips to Alberta. In 2012, he travelled to Australia where his son Colin was living at the time and gave him an extensive tour of Western Australia.

Ken is survived by his loving wife Irene, his son Aron (Kristie Tempel-Briske), granddaughter Jordynn (Regan Dupperon), great-grandchildren Caroline, Benjamin and Theodore, daughter Susan (Jeff Lemire), grandchildren Vivianne and Louis, son Colin (Vicki Venedam), brother Bob (Lori) and niece Heather, and was predeceased by his parents Adolph and Cecelia.

A Celebration of Ken's life was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2023 at the Jansen Community Hall.

Memorial donations may be made to the Telemiracle Foundation (2217C Hanselman Court, Saskatoon, SK S7L 6A8)

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(from front page: **CROPS**)

The diverse growing conditions across the province this year are apparent as producers are seeing varying yields for all crop types.

The drought conditions experienced in the southwest have led to yield averages well below the provincial averages. Meanwhile, the moisture received in the northeast has led to above average yields. Hard Red Spring Wheat is provincially estimated at 42 bu/ac, durum yields are estimated at 23 bu/ac, and barley is estimated at 53 bu/ac. Canola is estimated to yield 31 bu/ac, while mustard is estimated at 599 lbs/ac. Lentils are estimated to yield 1,058 lbs/ac, chickpeas at 1,071 lbs/ac, and peas at 30 bu/ac.

Pockets of moisture moved across the province with the Kelliher area receiving the most rain at 44 mm.

Regionally, the southeast received the most moisture, with the Corning area reporting 41 mm of rainfall. Cropland topsoil moisture remains relatively unchanged, with 36 percent having adequate moisture, 39 percent is short and 25 percent is very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture increased with 29 percent having adequate moisture, 40 percent is short and 31 percent is very short.

Grasshoppers remain the primary concern for producers while gophers remain an issue and waterfowl have returned to the northern fields. Regions that received rain are concerned with sooty molds resulting in downgrading of standing crops. Producers are busy swathing and combining, while also hauling feed and water for cattle. Some producers have brought cattle home for the winter and have begun feeding them.



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