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With the start of another school year it has also meant the beginning of football season. The Lanigan Lazers senior and junior tackle programs kicked off the year earlier this month as the senior group headed to Raymore while the junior

football contingent were in Watrous (pictured). The junior crew took part in a jamboree in Watrous Sept. 11 as the team faced other local area clubs. You can read more about the senior and junior Lazers on page 6. - photos by Daniel Bushman



Voters head to polls

■ Daniel Bushman

With a larger turnout during advance polls this year compared to the last federal general election, those who did not take part in advance voting will head to the polls across Canada Sept. 20.

According to Elections Canada, not only did more people utilize advance polls across the country compared to the 43rd general election but that was also the case within the local riding of Moose Jaw - Lake Centre - Lanigan.

The estimated preliminary numbers of voters at advance polls this year for the local riding according to Elections Canada was 13,717 compared to 10,264 during the previous federal election. According to overall preliminary figures for Canada, some 5.78 million electors voted at advance polls in this general election. With some polls potentially not reporting, Elections Canada stated the figures are estimates but are an 18.46 percent

increase from the 4,879,312 electors who voted in advance in the 2019 general election.

"I want to thank the electors who took advantage of advance polls for their patience and their help in making this a safe experience for everyone. I also want to thank the tens of thousands of election workers for making this possible," said Chief Electoral Officer Stéphane Perrault. "Canadians still have the opportunity to contribute to this great democratic exercise by voting on election day or by returning their special ballot before the Sept. 20 deadline."

Locally, six candidates are vying to become the Member of Parliament for Moose Jaw - Lake Centre - Lanigan. Those six candidates include (in alphabetical order by party name): Fraser Tolmie of the Conservative Party of Canada, Isaiah Hunter of the Green Party of Canada, Katelyn Zimmer of the Liberal Party of Canada, David Craig Townsend of the Maverick Party, Talon Regent of the New Democratic Party, and Chey Craik of the

People's Party of Canada.

During the previous election Oct. 21, 2019, according to Elections Canada, Conservative Party of Canada's Tom Lukiwski was elected as the local Member of Parliament with just over 71 percent of the votes. NDP candidate Talon Regent received 17 percent, the Liberal Party of Canada's Cecilia Melanson had 5.6 percent of the vote, Chey Craik of the People's Party of Canada accumulated 3.6 percent of the votes while Gillian Walker of the Green Party of Canada had 2.7 percent. There were just over 45,200 ballots cast with 44,984 valid ballots.

Heading into this year's election, nationally the Liberal Party had 155 seats followed by the Conservative Party with 119, the Bloc Québécois with 32, the NDP with 24, Independents have five and the Green Party has two.

According to CTV, with Elections Canada taking on a new series of public health measures, the cost for the 44th general election is estimated at \$610 million.



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COVID-19 measures announced by Sask. government

■ media release

The Government of Saskatchewan is announcing new measures to address health care capacity pressures caused by rising case rates, primarily driven by the unvaccinated population. Effective Friday, Sept. 17, an interim province-wide mandatory masking order was implemented for all indoor public spaces. Effective Oct. 1, a proof of vaccination or negative test requirement will be implemented for all provincial and crown employees. Also effective Oct. 1, a proof of vaccination or negative test requirement will be applied to several establishments, businesses and event venues.

Further details regarding these policies are outlined below.

Interim Provincial Mandatory Masking Order Effective Sept. 17

Effective Friday, Sept. 17, an interim public health order is in effect requiring the use of non-medical masks in all indoor public spaces in Saskatchewan. The order is targeted to be lifted in late October at which time a full proof of vaccination or negative test requirement will have been fully implemented for approximately three weeks.

Exempt from the masking order will be indoor youth athletics for those under the age of 18 while they are actively engaged in athletic activity. Masking in venues hosting youth athletics will remain required for general entry and exit into the facility, for athletes and spectators.

Information on masks and their use and what qualifies as an indoor public space will be available at <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/masks>.

Proof of Vaccination or Negative Test Requirements Effective Oct. 1

Effective Oct. 1, a proof of vaccination or negative test requirement will be implemented for all Government of Saskatchewan ministry, crown and agency employees. Employees of all Government of Saskatchewan ministries, crowns and agencies will be required to be fully vaccinated

with the COVID-19 vaccine by Oct. 1. Employees that do not provide proof of vaccination will be required to provide proof of a negative test result on a consistent basis. In conjunction with the Public Service Commission and Crown Investments Corporation, the Government of Saskatchewan will communicate the associated protocols to employees in the coming days. The Government of Saskatchewan is also encouraging other employers, including school divisions, to implement a similar proof of vaccination or negative-test requirement for employees in the workplace.

Effective Oct. 1 a provincial requirement for proof of vaccination or negative test will be implemented for public access to a list of establishments, businesses and event venues that bring groups of people together, including:

- Indoor dining at restaurants;
- Nightclubs, bars, taverns and other licensed establishments;
- Event and entertainment venues, including conference centres, casinos, movie theatres, concert venues, live-music venues, museums, and indoor facilities hosting ticketed sporting events;
- Indoor fitness centres, and gyms.

Proof of vaccination will not be required for the following:

- Retail businesses, including grocery stores;
- Places of worship;
- Fast food restaurants offering takeout and delivery;
- Health care services, professional services, or personal services;
- Hotels or other lodging;
- Facilities hosting non-ticketed amateur sporting events, including youth athletics and recreational leagues;
- Business meetings and places of business closed to the general public, unless otherwise directed by the business or employer; and
- Private gatherings held at an indoor public residence.

Children under the age of 12 are exempt from the proof of vaccination or negative test requirement.

To facilitate verifiable proof of vaccination, Saskatchewan's verifiable vaccination record will be launched on the week of Sept. 20. Implementation of the proof of vaccination requirement on Oct. 1 will enable residents and facilities required to obtain proof of vaccination to download and become familiar with the provincial proof of vaccination verification platform. Details including instructional materials on how to download and utilize the platform will be shared by the Ministry of Health prior to the launch of the verifiable vaccination record.

Protocols regarding proof of negative test requirements are currently under development for those residents opting to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test, and will include the provision of documentation demonstrating proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid antigen test provided by a certified healthcare provider, including private providers of COVID-19 tests.

Expanded Access to Rapid-Antigen Tests for Self-Administration

The Government of Saskatchewan will be working to immediately expand widespread access to rapid-antigen tests for home-based self-administration screening. Widespread access to rapid-antigen tests for self-administration will provide residents with a screening tool as Saskatchewan experiences increased rates of COVID-19 transmission.

The Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement in conjunction with the Ministry of Health is working to procure and distribute rapid-antigen tests for widespread access. Residents will be able to obtain rapid-antigen tests for use as a self-administered screening tool from several locations operated by the Saskatchewan Health Authority and partner agencies. Locations will be published in the coming days as rapid-antigen tests are delivered.

Rapid-antigen tests are to be used only as a self-screening tool. The recommendation to seek PCR testing through the Saskatchewan Health Authority and stay home at the first sign of any symptoms will continue.

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RCMP Report

Wadena RCMP respond to fatal collision

Shortly before 4 p.m. Sept. 9, Wadena RCMP, EMS and Fire Services responded to a report of a collision on Hwy. 5, approximately two kilometres east of Wadena. Initial investigation indicates a westbound semi and an eastbound truck collided and the vehicles came to rest in opposite ditches.

The lone 65-year-old female driver of the truck (from the Wadena area) passed away at the scene. The lone 61-year-old male driver of the semi from the United States reported minor injuries.

The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of RCMP Collision Reconstruction. Hwy. 5 was closed and detoured during the investigation, but has since reopened.

Collision between school bus and semi

On Sept. 13 at 7 a.m., Delisle RCMP were dispatched to a collision between a school bus and a semi on Hwy. 7 westbound, at the intersection of Durham Road.

The driver of the bus and the driver of the semi were taken to hospital. The bus had no children on it.

Westbound traffic was rerouted around the collision via Avondale Road during the initial investigation.

An RCMP traffic reconstructionist is assisting Delisle RCMP with the investigation.

Collision near Snowden

On Sept. 10, 2021 at approximately 11:45 a.m., Nipawin RCMP were dispatched to a two vehicle collision on Hwy. 55 near Snowden.

Investigation has determined that a semi truck and a van collided. The adult male driver of the van was transported to hospital by STARS with serious injuries.

The driver and passenger of the semi were not seriously injured.

Hwy. 55 was closed for approximately 10 hours during initial investigation. Nipawin RCMP and an RCMP traffic reconstructionist continue to investigate.

Fatal collision north of Watson

On Sept. 12, 2021 at approximately 12:30 a.m., Melfort RCMP were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision on Hwy. 6, approximately 10 kilometres north of Watson.

Investigation has determined that a minivan collided with a truck towing a boat on a trailer. A 43-year-old male from Spalding was the driver and sole occupant of the minivan. A 42-year-old male from Melfort was driving the truck with one male passenger, a 35-year-old male from Pickerel Lake. All three passed away on scene.

Hwy. 6 was closed for several hours during the initial investigation. Melfort RCMP and a Saskatchewan RCMP traffic reconstructionist continue to investigate.

RCMP respond to suspicious vehicle in Maidstone

On Sept. 10, 2021 at 8:10 a.m., Maidstone RCMP responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the town of Maidstone. Members attended and located a grey SUV with two occupants inside and a white car with one female. Investigation determined both vehicles had been reported stolen.

The female in the car, Gabrielle Bell from Onion Lake, was arrested at the scene and charged with possession of stolen property, identify fraud and breaching a release order.

Officers activated their emergency equipment and attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the SUV. It left the area at a high rate of speed.

It was reported to police that a male allegedly filled up a jerry can at a store and left it on the sidewalk in Maidstone. The SUV then came and picked it up and continued to evade police. Steven VU from Maidstone was arrested and charged with breaching a release order and aid and abet in flight.

During the investigation, officers located the SUV passenger walking in the town of Maidstone. Jeffrey Gervais from Maidstone was arrested and charged with possession of stolen property and obstruction.

The three attended court on Monday, Sept. 13. Gabrielle Bell was released while Steven VU and Jeffrey Gervais where adjourned. Gervais was scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 16, 2021. Steven VU is scheduled to appear Sept. 20, 2021.

The SUV was later recovered in Calgary, Alta. The investigation is ongoing.

The Maidstone RCMP would like to thank the public for their diligence and assisting police by reporting tips, which were a valuable asset to the investigation.

The Lion's Roar

■ submitted by Lion Oz Lutz

worthwhile service in recent years.

After almost a year of no meetings due to COVID, Lion president (again!) Aron welcomed the members back Thursday, Sept. 2. Our membership appeared to be excited to begin another year of service.

A major portion of our first meeting concerned itself with the campground especially what is required to meet our expectations. Some upgrades that will be made are new lighting, improving streets, new barbecues and tables, etc. The improvements will be concentrated on the most heavily used sites: the west loop and the pull-through sites.

We received a thank you from STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service). We have been supporters of this very

we will be promoting our "Super Board" again this year; it will cover four major sporting events: i) Baseball (World Series), ii) Football (Grey Cup); iii) Football (Super Bowl) and iv) Hockey (Stanley Cup). We will soon be offering this board for sale. We respectfully request your support.

In closing: And then there were nine! Goodbye and good luck to Craig Bartel who has resigned from our club. He has been an active and dedicated member for 28 years; he served in many areas and served willingly and unselfishly donated time away from his busy farming operation. We appreciate your service to our club; our wish for you is a better crop next year!

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Defining moments.

-an opinion column by Advisor editor Daniel Bushman

These are challenging times around the world, in our country, in our province and right at home. As we watch the pandemic sweep across the globe creating havoc, hardship, hate and even death, I think for a lot of people it is safe to say that by now you have either been directly affected by COVID-19 - getting it or knowing someone who has - or you have been brought into the vortex of what to believe or what not to believe.

As misinformation continues to run rampant, a fourth wave has swept upon us. Like the fourth wave, the negativity that is out there is also continuing to grow at a rapid pace. People are frustrated with each other, families are being ripped apart because one side believes they should be vaccinated while the other does not. Friends do not speak to each other any longer because of their beliefs towards the pandemic and more recently, people are protesting at hospitals - a place where health care staff are doing their best to keep people alive who have been affected by the pandemic.

Where is the love? Where is the compassion? Where is the kindness?

At the start of this pandemic a parade could have been held for all of those on the front lines, our health care workers fighting their hardest to ensure that people could be safe, could be cared for and could hopefully recover from COVID-19. Now many of those same health care workers fear going to work because they could be attacked by those protesting outside of hospitals or they are quitting because it is no longer worth it.

And it is not just them, it is others as well. Those who have been vaccinated are being attacked by anti-vaxxers while those who prefer not to take a vaccine are being ostracized for their decision. People who have gotten COVID are looked at differently whether they took

precautions or didn't and those trying to provide factual information about the pandemic are receiving hate and threats.

I get it, people are mad. People are also scared and people are dying. Right now there are many who are hurting because of how full the Intensive Care Units are in Saskatchewan and across the country. Surgeries are being postponed or cancelled and in some cases, families are left struggling because they are not allowed to be with loved ones who will pass away. There are many in the health care field who are exhausted and are doing their best to care for those who may not make it and yet still receive hate that is being fuelled by this pandemic.

Fear is also running rampant, anxiety is high and judging by Facebook and other social media posts, you would think a lot of people with no education in health care are apparently now educated doctors explaining what is right and what isn't.

I am being open and honest when I say this past year and a half has been hard for me as I am sure it has been for many of you. Believe me, I know how hard it can be. Seeing the devastation that COVID-19 can cause and its long-term effects, my heart breaks for those who have lost loved ones, who have or are experiencing the harsh effects of the pandemic physically, mentally and financially, and for those in the health care profession who are trying to do their best.

For myself and my wife, we felt it was important to be vaccinated but ultimately, what you feel is important for yourself, that is your decision. What I am here to share is since this pandemic started we have received letters to the editor regarding everything from conspiracy theories and statements seeking to back them up to strong disapproval toward those not wanting to get the vaccine, asking why hospitals should allow anti-vaxxers to occupy ICU beds.

As a writer, I appreciate the time and effort taken by each of those people who compiled their letters and information and sent them to us. However, at the end of the day our paper is not the platform for those. I recognize that our space for a letter to the editor is for opinion pieces and I appreciate that but with the pandemic being such a touchy subject to many and with so much negativity that it carries, I am not willing to create a weekly space dedicated to that. Scrolling through Facebook, Twitter and other social media channels, it is evident that those platforms provide ample space where views, beliefs and strong opinions on either side of the pandemic spectrum have been covered more than enough.

While I know some of the hardships that have been

faced by many over this past year and a half, I truly do understand the frustration and in all honesty am in disbelief by a lot of actions and comments that have been made. But I also feel that it is during this incredibly difficult time that we as humans have an opportunity to try and show love, to try and show compassion and to try and be different in a positive way. I know that trying to show love and compassion to everyone is probably not a popular opinion right now, especially with the way things are going in our province. But for me in what I believe, in the Bible, Mark 12:31 says to love your neighbour as yourself. I know that for some that faith may not align with what you believe. Regardless of what each of us believes I feel there are times in our lives that I consider to be defining moments. We all have them, good or bad. Defining moments like maybe scoring a game winning goal or perhaps unfortunately failing a math test (I had a few of those). Or maybe getting married to your sweetheart. Whatever those defining moments have been or will be, they remain with you. I think right now in this pandemic, we are in a defining moment. It is a defining moment in the way in which we respond to this adversity.

Will we scream at each other because of the choices we made to get vaccinated or not? Will we stop talking to someone because we disagree with their theories on the pandemic? Will we berate someone for choosing to be vaccinated or not or to wear a mask or not? Will we ignore a family member or a friend for the beliefs they have, whether we feel they are right or wrong? How are we to respond?

It can certainly be hard to respond in a positive way, especially when you feel like you are being attacked or you are worried or afraid for what may come. It can also certainly be hard when a loved one has been affected directly by the pandemic. This time period is serious for a number of reasons and watching COVID-19 cases rise and ICU beds being occupied leaves me with an uneasy feeling of what is to come. But regardless of what is to come, these next days, weeks, and months will be defining moments for all of us.

So what should we be doing? What should I be doing? How can we turn a bad situation into something better? How can we show appreciation to those who are burning out and trying their best? How can we support one and another through the midst of this pandemic instead of fuelling the fire? I think it starts inside of each of us. We have the ability to create positive change. It's hard sometimes, I know. But I feel this is a defining moment and it is up to each of us.

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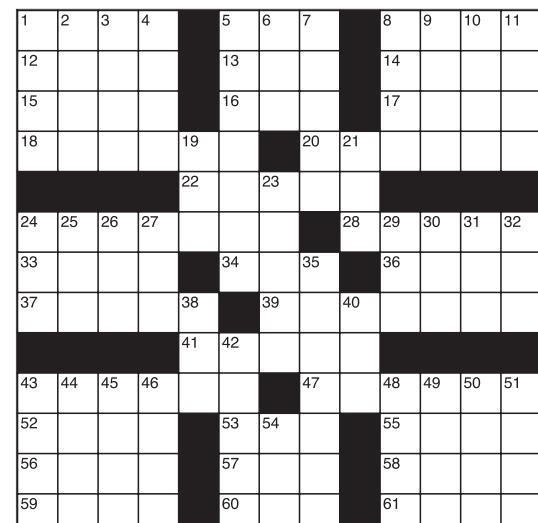
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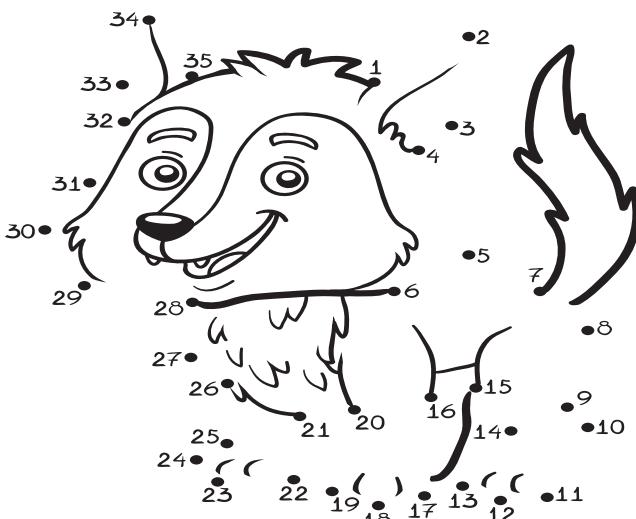
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Purple Plum Torte

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- large pinch of salt
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- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 2 large eggs
- 12 purple plums (smaller ones), halved and pitted
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

Directions:

Set oven to 350°F. Whisk together flour, baking powder and salt. In a larger bowl, cream butter and sugar until fluffy and light. Add eggs one at a time, beating well. Scrape sides of bowl after each addition. Add the dry ingredients and mix until just combined. Spoon batter into a nine inch spring-form pan lightly sprayed with cooking spray. Smooth the top. Place halved plums cut side down all over the batter, covering it. Sprinkle the top with lemon juice, then with cinnamon, and top with one to two tbsp. extra sugar. Bake until golden and a toothpick inserted into centre of cake comes out clean about 45 to 50 minutes. Do not insert toothpick through a plum. Cool on rack. This cake can be baked a day in advance as the plums release more juice as the cake sits, and it becomes very moist and delicious.

Lazers have successful weekend of football

■ **Daniel Bushman**

Looking to start the season 1-0, the Lanigan Lazers six-man senior high school football team opened the year on the road with a big victory. Facing the Raymore Rebels Sept. 10, head coach of the Lazers Ryan Wilson said after an interrupted 2020 season due to the pandemic, everyone was excited to be back in action.

In the opening quarter, Wilson explained both clubs sought field position with each receiving opportunities to get into the end zone. Wanting to get off on the right foot, the visiting Lazers capitalized first with Jace Wildeman hauling in a pass from Copeland Balion who crossed into the end zone. With an added two point conversion by Balion, Lanigan took an 8-0 advantage. After some back and forth between the two teams in the first quarter, Wilson said the Rebels were able to pin the Lazers deep with two minutes remaining. A holding penalty in the end zone resulted in a safety being awarded to Raymore and it gave them their first points of the game.

With an 8-2 lead heading into quarter two, the tailback for the Lazers, Carson Kulchyski was able to put six more points on the scoreboard after adding the team's second touchdown of the game. A missed convert had the blue and gold ahead 14-2. Then with only 53 seconds left in the half, Wilson said Raymore was able to get closer as Avery Flahr scored a major. Adding a single on the extra attempt, once the half arrived it was 14-9 Lanigan.

Entering the second half, the Lazers were able to keep the Rebels at bay as Lanigan's defence forced Raymore deep in their end. Pinning its opponents back and not allowing them to score opened the door for the Lazers to put some points on the board.

The team did just that as Kulchyski scored a touchdown at 8:29 of the third quarter and an added convert by Balion provided a cushion for the visitors.

Lanigan continued to press and Wilson said thanks to some open field running by Kacen Hyra, a third quarter punt return was taken over the goal line. While the convert was unsuccessful, the following drive by Lanigan's offence saw the team march to the end zone once more for another six points. The additional convert gave the Lazers a 35-9 lead by the end of three quarters.

In the final stanza and trying to run down the clock, the Lazers scored another major, this time with a pass to Wildeman at 8:12 of the quarter. Balion added two points and the lead grew to 43-9. Wilson remarked the Rebels pressed later in the quarter scoring a major while adding a convert. With the score showing 43-17, Lanigan responded with the fourth major of the night from Kulchyski. With an unsuccessful convert attempt following Kulchyski's touchdown, the blue and gold sat with a 49-17 lead. That total would hold up and at the final whistle, Lanigan took the win and went 1-0 to begin the season.

With the victory a pleased Wilson said the team had a bye this past week and will be at home Sept. 24 against Preeceville.

Meanwhile, following the victory Friday, Wilson said the junior Lazers continued that successful momentum on Saturday, Sept. 11 at a junior jamboree in Watrous. "The team had a solid two hour practice in the morning and excellent play in two mini games in the afternoon. The "little" offence put up most of the scoring, and the "big" defence gave up no points. With nine out of 14 players in Gr. 7 and 12 out of 14 players in their first season, they looked impressive!"



Along with the senior high school football team, The junior contingent took part in a jamboree in Watrous Sept. 11 against local area teams.

-photos by Daniel Bushman



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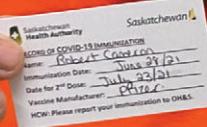
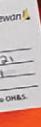
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Golfers swing for success at districts

■ **Daniel Bushman**

On a nice Tuesday in September golfers competing within Horizon Central Athletic Association teed off at Manitou Beach Golf Club as part of the senior golf districts. This year Bruno's Dallen Jule took first on the male side carding a score of 83. On the female side, Watson's Hailey Chegus won with a score of 89.

Locally a number of golfers competed in this year's senior golf event Sept. 14 and the results are as follows with the schools each represented according to Horizon:

On the male side,

Carson Anderson of Watrous placed fourth as a result of a playoff hole with a 90; Ethan Gray of Lanigan placed eighth with a 95; Luke Prouse of Lanigan and Tai Beischer of Watrous tied for 10th, each recording 100; Ryland Freeman of Imperial placed 13th with a 103; Rhett Bryksa of Lanigan placed 17th with a 108; Jace Wildeman of Lanigan placed 22nd with a 116; Jody Williams of Imperial placed 26th with a 121; Preston Van Damme of Imperial placed 28th with a 124; and Nathan Pratchler of Imperial placed 30th

with a 140.

On the female side, Jensen Kelly of Imperial placed second with a 99; Kaelin Hardy of Watrous placed third with a 100; Haiven Thomas of Watrous placed seventh at 127; and Geri Lon Valdesimo of LeRoy placed eighth at 134.

The top four finishers in the male and female events advance to the SHSAA Provincial Championship in Rosthern Sept. 24 and 25. Each golfer will have the opportunity to play for provincial gold, and the top four from each will also compete as the HCAA team in the team event.

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Off-leash dog park opens at Manitou Beach

■ **Daniel Bushman**

With an opportunity for dogs to have a large outdoor space to exercise off-leash and the chance to utilize some terrain at the Resort Village of Manitou Beach, a local group joined forces to create the community's first-ever off-leash dog park. After a lot of planning and hard work, the park officially launched in July.

Having pets and their owners using the space on a frequent basis since it first opened, on behalf of the Off-Leash Dog Park Committee, Kaylee Guist graciously took some time to share about the park and how things have been going so far.

When did the dog park first open?

The park officially opened July 5th. Resort Village of Manitou Beach staff and volunteers installed the fence posts in the fall, and the fencing and gates were installed in the spring.

How has it been going so far?

The dog park has been well-received and has a good amount of daily use. Patrons appreciate the variety of terrain and the natural landscape. Overall, there seems to be a lot of enthusiasm from dog owners about having an off-leash designated space.

For those who do not know about the dog park, what is it all about?

That is a great question since some people may be unfamiliar with dog parks in general. Dog parks are naturalized spaces where dogs are permitted to be off-leash while under the supervision of their owner. Dog parks allow

both owner and dog to enjoy exercise while socializing with others.

The perimeter of the fencing is approximately two thousand feet. There is a well-worn path along the inside of the fence where most patrons walk, as well as some paths being trodden among the trees and shrubs in the lower part of the park.

The park is open to community members and visitors alike!

Why did the committee decide to create the dog park and when did that idea first come about?

This project initially started with a well-received Facebook post asking if there was interest in an off-leash dog park. The online discussion led to the formation of the Off-Leash Committee, who then submitted a proposal to the council of Manitou Beach and received approval at council's next meeting.

Was it a costly venture to undertake?

The largest component of the dog park is the fencing, and the material was not costly as it was donated to the Resort Village of Manitou Beach by BHP. Hiring someone to install the fencing would have been a substantial expense, so we are grateful that the village generously allocated their time, manpower, and equipment to get the fencing in place.

Can the park be used anytime?

People and their dogs are welcome to use the park at any time.

Is there a cost to use it?

There is no fee to use the park, we just ask that you clean up after your pets, respect other park patrons, and follow the rules posted by the entrance.

For those using the park, what are some rules to follow?

Some of the most pertinent rules are: pick up after your

The park is located on village property east of the Community Hall and south of the lookout point on the walking trail. We chose this location because it has a mix of rugged and level ground. The higher ground by the main entrance is fairly even and is best suited for small or elderly dogs. The rugged terrain further down the valley provides a challenge for larger, more active dogs.

How unique and important do you feel it is to have a dog park like this at Manitou Beach?

Off-leash parks are very common in urban settings but are not often seen in rural or beach communities, so it does seem quite unique!

The off-leash dog park benefits the beach community in multiple ways, such as creating another space that allows community members to gather and socialize. The park also creates a safe space for owners and dogs to exercise outdoors, which may result in better compliance regarding leashing bylaws outside of the park.

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Where is it located at Manitou Beach?



After a considerable amount of planning, hard work and dedication, a group came together to open an off-leash dog park. Located at the Resort Village of Manitou Beach, the community's first-ever off-leash dog park is situated east of the

Community Hall and south of the lookout point on the walking trail. Pictured above are the committee members at the park (left to right): Kaylee Guist, Marie Schmidt, Jessica Richardson, and Marcie Seymour.

- photo courtesy Kaylee Guist

Who have been instrumental in getting this park off the ground?

There are too many to mention them all by name, especially because we had volunteers from the community help install the fencing.

The council of Manitou Beach and the village staff have played a large role because they generously allocated time and resources to get the park up and running. The council has also allocated revenue from their pet licences to the dog park.

The members of the Off-Leash Committee initiated

the project and look forward to continuing to work on developing the park. The committee consists of Marie Schmidt, Jessica Richardson, Marcie Seymour, Kaylee Guist, Robb LaRochelle (council liaison), and Poppy Peterson (council liaison).

Is there anything else that you would like to add?

We sincerely appreciate everyone who has visited the park and provided feedback! If you are interested in donating to the park or helping out in any way, please reach out to a committee member or find us on Facebook @ manitoubeachdogpark

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Jansen

Louise Shannon

Monday is voting day and I hope everyone goes to the hall to cast their ballot.

Congratulations to Kazra Klinger for winning a high school scholarship sponsored by the Kinsmen and Kinettes of Jansen. She will be furthering her education.

Youth bowling will be starting Sept. 22 at

the bowling alley in Jansen. Adult bowling will be later.

Happy birthday to Hudson Boe who turns eight. Happy birthday to Kail Klinger, Terry Renz, Dave Renwick and Kyle Renwick.

I hope everyone is feeling well and working hard on the harvest.

Viscount

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

I took this picture Sept. 9 at 7:17 a.m. in Viscount. The sky looked so pretty.

I am looking forward to October when Blankets for Canada should be starting up, community garage sales should be on, Thanksgiving and then Halloween.

Not much new for the Viscount news this week. Friday, Sept. 10, the Preeceville Panthers won over the Viscount Vikings with a score of 39 to 12.



- photo submitted by Sandra Reid

Book published by local area residents a real hit

■ **Daniel Bushman**

What first started out as a prank has not only brought smiles to the faces of those who read it but the book, 'Flowman and the Magic Mullet' has been growing in popularity ever since. Written and illustrated by Watrous area residents Konn and Emily Hawkes, the pair recently released their first book and were thrilled with how it has been received.

Watching the book's popularity take off since it was released earlier this summer, Emily and Konn graciously spared some time during harvest to share about Flowman and the Magic Mullet and how it came to be. **How and why did you come up with Flowman and the Magic Mullet and what do you hope readers take away from it?**

Emily: The funny thing is that this book started out as a prank. As many things do, when Konn is involved.

Konn: Most people who know me, know I'm never one to shy away from an opportunity to prank somebody. When we lived in Washington, DC, I played rec hockey with a guy named Greg Lowman. Greg had the sweetest head of hockey hair you could imagine and some may say, I am still a little jealous, haha. The guys all envied Greg's flow and the girls adored it...rightfully so. I ended up giving him the nickname "The Hair," and it kind of stuck.

Greg "The Hair" Lowman is now co-founder of HockeyHair Co., along with my buddies Jamie Allard and Rich Dizzino. HockeyHair specializes in the "science of flow technology" and offers a plethora of cleverly marketed hair products and apparel, like 'Celly Gelly strong hold gel,' 'Sin Bin Shampoo,' 'Off Ice Conditioner,' and 'All Swedish Matte Finnish Flex Hold Paste.'

So one day after being married to my wife for over 15 years, and just then realizing she could draw, I asked her if we could write a book about Greg Lowman's hair and so 'Flowman and the Magic Mullet' was born. We never told Greg we were writing this book about him, and he didn't actually find out until we sent him a hardcopy in the mail, haha.

We had no idea that this book would take off like it has. Had we known that, I probably would have chosen a better author picture for the back of the book. I was channeling my inner Flowman that day.

Emily: This book was written for adults just as much as it was for the kids. The main goal of this ridiculous book was to make people laugh, so I hope we accomplished that. **How has the response been since the book was released?**

Emily: The response to Flowman has been amazing! We want to thank everyone who has supported the book, we are blown away by the number of requests we've received for copies, both here in Canada and in the US. **Emily you also illustrated the book, was that fun to do?**

Emily: Yes, I really had fun with this book. When I was a kid I used to draw all of the time. I had every how-to drawing book under the sun. My favourites were always the ones that showed you how to draw cartoons.

How long did a project like this take to come together?

Emily: This project took about two years to complete as we worked on it in our spare time.

Is this the first book you have written?

Emily: Yes, this is our first real book. Unless you count the book I wrote in third grade about a horse who dies while giving birth, pretty intense material for a third grader, hahaha. My mom saved the book and I still have it to this day, haha.

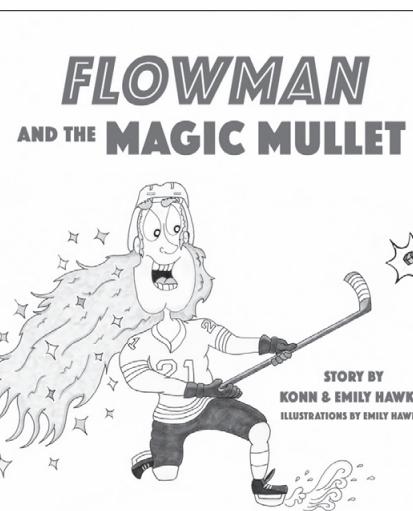
Could you share a bit about the book for those who may not know what it is about?

Flowman and the Magic Mullet is a rhyming picture book about a young hockey player who's superstitions get the best of him.

When unforeseen circumstances cause Greg Flowman to lose his precious hair, he grasps onto the idea that his mullet is magic, and that without it, his "game" will suffer tremendously. As Flowman grows up and matures, he refuses to cut his hair. Until one day the unthinkable happens, and Flowman's hair gets cut off by a hockey skate during the biggest game of the year. What ever will he do without his Magic Mullet? Will Flowman overcome his fears and self-doubt on the ice to lead his team to victory? You'll have to read this 'hairrowing' tale to find out.

Where can people buy your book?

Emily: For those who live in the Watrous area, hardcover books can be purchased by contacting Konn or myself. They will also be available at (the Lanigan Advisor's office in Watrous) and in the town of Simpson at



Local area residents Emily and Konn Hawkes have written and illustrated Flowman and the Magic Mullet. - photos courtesy Emily Hawkes

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For those who may not know you, could you tell me a bit about yourselves?

Emily: Konn grew up on a farm outside Watrous. As many Canadians do, he was on skates from the time he could stand. He eventually went on to play for the Melfort Mustangs of the SJHL. He was then recruited and fortunate enough to receive a D-1 hockey scholarship from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut. That is where we met. I am originally from the state of New Hampshire and went to Sacred Heart to study

Psychology. I ended up getting a work study job to help pay for some of my schooling and it just so happened to be for the hockey team.

Konn: We lived in Washington, DC for a number of years. I worked for the Canadian Embassy in the Culture and Outreach department and Ems worked in Events and Administration for a think tank called the Bipartisan Policy Center. We were in DC for close to eight years and then we made the joint decision to make the move back to Watrous so that I could start farming again.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Emily: We do have a couple more children's books in the works. One is another hockey book and then the other we think will really resonate with some folks here at home, as it is based on a true story.

Konn: Yeah, that book will take a bit more time to release as we are wanting to make sure we capture every detail of the story just perfectly. All we can tell you is that there are some local farmers and a cow involved.

Harvest rolling ahead in Sask.

■ **media release**

Producers continued to make quick progress in their harvest operations according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for Sept. 7 to 13. Seventy-four percent of the

crop has been combined, up from 56 percent and well ahead of the five-year average of 50 percent for this time of year. An additional 17 percent of the crop is swathed or ready to straight-cut. Warm and dry weather is desired to continue drying down crops

and allow harvest to continue without delay.

Harvest is most advanced in the southwest region, where 85 percent of the crop is in the bin. The southeast has 81 percent combined, the west-central 79 percent, the east-central 63 percent, the northeast 69 percent and the northwest 57 percent.

Ninety-nine percent of lentils, 98 percent of field peas, 86 percent of mustard, 82 percent of barley, 89 percent of durum, 83 percent of spring wheat, 54 percent of canola and 25 percent of flax has now been combined. An additional 34 percent of canola is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Durum grades are being estimated as 27 percent 1 CW, 34 percent 2 CW, 28 percent 3 CW and eleven percent 4 and 5 CW. Pea grades are estimated as 25 percent 1

CAN, 62 percent 2 CAN, 12 percent 3 CAN and one percent Sample grade. Lentil grades are estimated to be 20 percent 1 CAN, 62 percent 2 CAN, 15 percent 3 CAN and three percent Sample grade.

Most of the province received very little to no rainfall. The Shaunavon and Gull Lake areas received the

highest amount of rain with 15 mm. Topsoil moisture conditions in the province continue to deteriorate due to strong winds and minimal rainfall. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 36 percent adequate, 38 percent short and 26 percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as 21 percent adequate, 44 percent short and 35 percent very short.

The majority of crop damage was due to hail, wind (see back page: **CROPS**)

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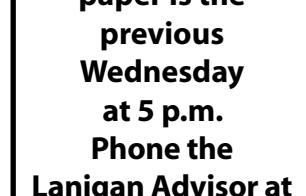
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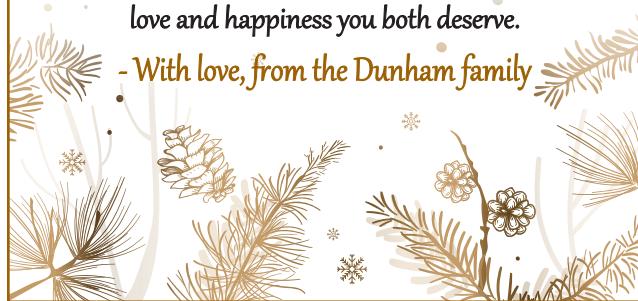
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(from page eight: **CROPS**)

and dry conditions. Frost was recorded in one RM in the northwest region; damage will vary depending on the temperature and duration of the frost as well as the stage of the crop. At this point in the season, the damage will likely be minimal as most crops are matured enough to withstand a minimal frost. Wind has continued to blow swaths and shell out crops. There were also reports of damage caused by wildlife and waterfowl.

Producers are busy combining, swathing, hauling bales and moving cattle. Post-harvest activities are well underway where harvest has finished up and producers hope the weather holds out so that fall herbicide and fertilizer applications can be carried out without issue.

With harvest underway in Saskatchewan, the Ministry of



- photos courtesy Jamie Regin

Agriculture wants to remind producers to exercise caution and remain safe.

As of Sept. 1, the AgriRecovery program, now referred to as the 2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative, is accepting producer applications. The initiative will consist of two payments totaling up to \$200/head for cattle, with adjustments based on animal unit equivalents for other livestock. The initial payment will provide producers with \$100 per breeding female equivalent in inventory as of Aug. 1, 2021. Secondary payments of up to \$100 per breeding female in inventory as of Dec. 31, 2021, will be made to producers who have incurred additional costs to retain the animals. Producers with questions can call the initiative's dedicated toll-free number at 1-844-723-1211 or directly by email.

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