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New face to represent local area; Liberals take minority government

■ **Daniel Bushman**

As the majority of elected federal candidates will once again represent their ridings from across the country after the 44th general federal election was held, the local riding of Moose Jaw - Lake Centre - Lanigan will see a new face representing the area.

While the Liberal Party of Canada took another minority government, the Conservative Party once again swept Saskatchewan, taking all 14 seats. That meant that newcomer Fraser Tolmie who took over from Conservative Party MP Tom Lukiwski (who decided not to run again) will be representing Moose Jaw - Lake Centre - Lanigan.

Excited to watch the votes roll in during election night Sept. 20, Tolmie expressed a sense of relief after spending three months going through the nomination process to become the Conservative Party candidate before hitting the campaign trail shortly after. "I am trying to catch my breath but when I soak it all in, I am very excited and feel blessed to be able to represent this riding."

Heading into an election during a pandemic, the former mayor of Moose Jaw said he and his team were a bit concerned that the voter numbers might take a bit of a dip. "What we wanted to do was to get out into the riding and meet with people. Normally it is door knocking that you do going house to house but for this campaign, because it was harvest season, we were combine calling. We would go from field to field and stop and pull over and talk to people out in the fields who were combining. We were just getting our face out there and getting to know the communities and I think that really paid off."

Within the Moose Jaw - Lake Centre - Lanigan riding, with 99.5 percent of the polls reporting, voter turnout was in fact down with approximately 66.35 percent compared to 73.49 percent the last time a federal election was held. Preliminary data from Elections Canada also indicated there was a total of 39,420 votes cast, down from 43,273 votes in 2019. However, of those votes cast this year in the local riding, 24,012 or 60.9 percent went to Tolmie. The NDP's Talon Regent was second with 7,406 votes (18.8 percent) followed by the People's Party of Canada's Chey Craik with 4,592 votes (11.6 percent). The Liberal Party's Katelyn Zimmer had 2,351 votes (six percent) while the Maverick Party's David Craig Townsend had 634 votes (1.6 percent) and the Green Party's Isaiah Hunter had 425 votes (1.1 percent).



People headed to the polls as the 44th general federal election was held across Canada. While the outcome was similar to the previous election with the Liberal Party claiming a minority government, a new face will be representing the local riding of Moose Jaw - Lake Centre - Lanigan. Taking over from Conservative Party MP Tom Lukiwski who announced he would not seek another term, Conservative Party candidate Fraser Tolmie (pictured left) was elected to represent the local riding.

- photos by Daniel Bushman

In Saskatchewan, as was the case in 2019, the Conservative Party took all 14 ridings with 99.46 percent of the polls reporting. Preliminary Elections Canada data indicated a total of 291,677 of the 488,369 votes (59.7 percent) were cast for the Conservative Party while the NDP were second in the number of votes with 100,158 (20.5 percent). The NDP were followed by the Liberal Party with 50,019 (10.2 percent), the People's Party of Canada with 33,348 (6.8 percent), the Maverick Party with 7,066 (1.4 percent), and the Green Party with 5,408 (1.1 percent).

From a national standpoint, the overall results were fairly similar to the previous federal election in 2019 with the Liberal Party taking a minority government. After preliminary results

were released from Elections Canada following the Sept. 20 election, the Liberal Party of Canada took 158 seats (up from 155), the Conservative Party had 119 (no change), the Bloc Québécois had 34 (up from 32), the NDP had 25 (up from 24) and the Green Party had two (no change).

Adding advance polls and election day ballots, with 99.5 percent of polls reporting, according to Elections Canada, just over 16.2 million people or 59.44 percent of registered electors voted in 2021. That was down from the previous election where nearly 18 million Canadians took part in the voting process.

Despite a decrease in voter turnout and voting amidst a pandemic, once the ballots were tabulated, while the Liberal (see back page: **ELECTION**)

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RCMP Report

Bitcoin investment scam

In September Craik RCMP received a call of an Internet fraud scam regarding investing in Bitcoin. The victim was contacted through WhatsApp by what they thought was the Ameriprise Financial company. The victim was then conned into opening an account with mutualstockinvestment.com.

The scammer had the victim send money through Shakepay as this allowed the scammers to take the victim's investment money. The victim could go online and check their investment which would show that it was increasing very rapidly. The scammers then asked for the victim to pay a 20 percent commission on the investment. When the victim wanted to get their money back, the scammer said they needed to pay \$600 in US dollars. No investment money was ever returned to the victim.

Police are sending this out for information purposes and are asking if anyone else has

been scammed to call Craik RCMP to report the incident. If you have information related to this advisory please call 310-RCMP for immediate response, or you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Charges laid after methamphetamine found

On Sept. 14, 2021 at approximately 1:30 p.m., Humboldt RCMP officers were patrolling in the town of Bruno and observed a suspicious parked vehicle.

Officers approached the vehicle which had four occupants in it and observed a weapon in plain sight. The vehicle was subsequently searched. Officers located and seized 1.16 kg of suspected methamphetamine, 37.9 grams of suspected gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB), drug trafficking paraphernalia, as well as ammunition, brass knuckles and pepper spray.

The four occupants were arrested.

Trinity Mckenzie of Little Red River Cree Nation, is

charged with single counts of: possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; possession of property obtained by crime, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; obstruct police officer, Section 129(a), Criminal Code; fail to comply with probation order, Section 733.1(1), Criminal Code; and fail to comply with release order, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code.

McKenzie was also arrested on warrants from Saskatoon Police Service.

Tyra Ratt of La Ronge is charged with: one count, possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, possession of property obtained by crime, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; one count, obstruction, Section 129(1), Criminal Code; two counts, possession of a prohibited weapon, Section 91(2), Criminal Code; and two counts, fail to comply with release order, Section 145(5), Criminal Code.

Ratt was also arrested on warrants from Prince Albert Police Service and Saskatoon Police Service.

Victor Barios of Saskatoon is charged with single counts of: possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; possession of property obtained by crime, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; and possession of weapon contrary to order, Section 117.01(3), Criminal Code.

Lindsay Siemens of Saskatoon is charged with single counts of: possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; possession of property obtained by crime, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; and possession of weapon contrary to order, Section 117.01(3), Criminal Code.

RCMP investigate suspicious death

On Sept. 17, 2021 at approximately 8:30 a.m., Spiritwood RCMP received a report that a male had been shot at a residence on Pelican Lake First Nation.

Officers and EMS responded. A 54-year-old man from Golden, B.C. passed away at the scene. Saskatchewan RCMP's Major Crime Unit North is investigating with the assistance of Spiritwood RCMP and the Prince Albert Forensic Identification Section.

As a result of investigation, Walter Abbott of Pelican Lake First Nation was arrested on Sept. 17. He has been charged with one count of second degree murder, Section 235(1), Criminal Code. The victim and the accused are known to one another.

Abbott made his first court appearance on Sept. 20, 2021 in North Battleford Provincial Court.

La Ronge RCMP: 81 grams of suspected cocaine seized after search warrant executed

On Sept. 17, 2021, La Ronge RCMP General Investigation Section, with the assistance of La Ronge RCMP,

executed a search warrant at a residence on the 500 block of Elders Road in La Ronge.

Officers located and seized 81 grams of suspected cocaine, as well as cash and trafficking paraphernalia.

As a result of the investigation, officers arrested and charged two males.

Mohamed Mohamud and Dahir Mahamed, both from Toronto are each charged with: one count, possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and one count, possession of the proceeds of crime under \$5,000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code.

Both men were scheduled to appear in court in La Ronge on Sept. 20.

SGI traffic safety spotlight for August

In August, SGI put the dusty back roads in the spotlight to land a message about rural road safety.

Still, Saskatchewan law enforcement found drivers disobeying the rules on both paved and unpaved surfaces.

Last month, Saskatchewan police reported: 5,458 aggressive driving or speeding offences; 418 impaired driving offences (including 312 Criminal Code charges); 799 distracted driving offences (including 683 for cellphone use while driving); and 411 inappropriate or no seatbelt/child restraint offences.

In September, SGI is focused on impaired driving, along with school safety, speeding and pedestrians. This month's message is tailored to young adults, who are reminded to always make safe choices. A decision you make today has the potential to impact the rest of your life. There is zero-tolerance for drugs or alcohol for all new drivers, ie. anyone 21 and under, or still in the Graduated Driver Licensing program.

PICU at children's hospital admitting adults under 40

■ media release

As part of Saskatchewan Health Authority's (SHA's) focus on balancing health system capacity province-wide, the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Jim Pattison Children's Hospital (JPCH) in Saskatoon will temporarily accept selected adults up to age 40 less a day.

The change is effective immediately and will ensure as many patients as possible receive appropriate levels of care. Adult patients requiring

an ICU bed will be considered for admission to JPCH. Patients are selected jointly through a clinical review by the adult critical care physicians (intensivists) and the pediatric intensivist. Pediatric patients will continue to receive and be prioritized for critical care within the province's PICU at the JPCH; no pediatric patients will be displaced.

"Critical care capacity is under strain and all avenues of support need to be explored to so we can continue to care for extremely ill patients," said Dr. Susan Shaw, Chief Medical Officer, SHA.

The decision was made in consultation with adult and pediatric critical care stakeholders.

The move is part of a larger SHA surge plan announced Sept. 17 to prepare for a growing number of COVID patients throughout the health system. The PICU will now be prepared to surge to a total



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of 18 critical care beds, including six additional "flex" beds, for both pediatric patients as well as selected adult patients. Staffing plans have been developed and continue to be secured for the additional beds, much of which will come through service slowdowns.

A similar strategy which saw the age of admission at JPCH temporarily raised to 30 years of age less a day was employed during the second wave of the pandemic, in February 2021.

"In the early stages of the pandemic response the PICU and full JPCH team quickly looked for ways we could sup-

port the provincial pandemic response while keeping focus on the children and families we served. Our PICU team has the skills and expertise to expand our services to a select group of the adult population, taking pressure off of the greater system. We have been thoughtful in building our surge plan, keeping children the priority and in simulating our responses to adult care," said Dr. Tanya Holt, Division Head, Pediatric Intensive Care and Pediatric Transport for the SHA.

The SHA's normal intensive care unit (ICU) capacity is 79 beds distributed at facilities in Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Yorkton, Swift Current and North Bat-

tleford. To increase ICU capacity, the SHA has also added 22 surge beds in Saskatoon, Regina, Yorkton, North Battleford and Swift Current. As of 12:45 p.m., Sept. 21, 78 of the 101 available ICU beds were full and two adult COVID infectious patients had been admitted to JPCH.

"We'd like to thank the patients and families affected by this change for their patience and support. We'd also like to thank all the staff impacted by this decision for their dedication to providing care under the most challenging of circumstances," said Dr. Paul Hayes, Area Department Lead, Adult Critical Care for the SHA. "Working together, as an entire province, is the only way to see us through this difficult time."

Viscount

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Sept. 17, we drove to Coronach, Sask. to celebrate our daughter's outdoor wedding. The ceremony was held on the beautiful Coronach Golf Course as safely as possible. Right after the ceremony they each picked up a club and drove a ball, then jumped on the golf cart that was decorated with wedding decorations. The weather was awesome for the day making the cooling of the evening very enjoyable. On the way down I never noticed that the trees had turned to fall colours, but on the way home Sept. 19, everything seemed to have turned into the beautiful colours of fall. So pretty.

The Viscount Recreation Board hosted its annual street dance Aug. 7 raising \$15,620.94 to put towards the Viscount Community Centre expenses. Kings and Renegades put on an amazing performance. Approximately 540 people attended the event. The Viscount Recreation Board really appreciated all the community volunteers who helped make this event a great success!

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Thank you to all who helped make this week's Viscount news possible. Have a great week, try and stay safe as possible.

Plunkett

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We wish the school students a good year and hope no one gets sick.

Plunkett folks send their deepest sympathy to Margaret Millsap on the passing of her younger sister in Saskatoon.

Visiting us were Gary and Frances Grisdale of Porcupine Plain. They were at Manitou Beach camping with the Sam's Club.

Several folks enjoyed the flea market at The Drive-In at Manitou Beach.

Gary and Linda Whitehead were away to Vancouver, B.C. visiting family.

Visiting us were Stan and Irene Giddings and Lorie Giddings of Saskatoon and Moris.

Also down visiting with relatives was Jane Kennedy of Red Deer, Alta.

Combining has been going well. We get a surprise

shower occasionally.

Ken has been busy trapping raccoons and so far he has caught 11 of them.

Ed and Elaine Drachenberg of Humboldt were away to Winnipeg.

A Plunkett town meeting was held.

A new house has been built on the McWillie farm and it looks great.

Good luck goes out to everyone in the hospital home lottery.

The ladies are busy putting garden produce away and our men are digging potatoes. We do not have a good crop of them this year. Our lawns are looking great.

Get well wishes go out to anyone ill and in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Anyone having any news, please phone me at 306-944-4852. Thank you.

■ media release

Relatively warm, dry conditions allowed farmers to make good harvest progress according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for Sept. 14 to 20. Farmers with crop still in the field are hoping for these conditions to continue until harvest is complete, while farmers who have completed harvest are hoping for rain to rejuvenate topsoil and subsoil moisture before winter.

Eighty-nine percent of the crop is currently in the bin, up from 74 percent and well ahead of the five-year average of 63 percent for this time of year. An additional seven percent of the crop is swathed or ready to straight-cut, this is mostly canola and flax waiting to be harvested.

Harvest is most advanced in the southwest region, where

94 percent of the crop is now combined. The southeast region has 92 percent combined and the west-central 89 percent. The east-central region has 84 percent combined, the northeast 90 percent and the northwest 77 percent.

Ninety-nine percent of lentils, 99 percent of field peas, 97 percent of durum, 89 percent of barley, 94 percent of spring wheat, 93 percent of

chickpeas, 80 percent of oats, 80 percent of canola and 64 percent of flax has now been combined. An additional 15 percent of canola is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Many areas of the province did not receive rainfall; the most rainfall received was 10 mm in the Macklin area. Other parts of the province received small amounts of rain ranging between one mm to five mm, which will do very little to maintain or replenish the topsoil moisture.

Provincial cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 25 percent adequate, 46 percent short and 29 percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as 16 percent adequate, 40 percent short and 44 percent very short. These conditions have declined across the province due to strong winds and a lack of rain.

The majority of crop damage was due to wind, frost, waterfowl, wildlife and lack of moisture. The Ministry of Agriculture would like to remind producers that Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) provides compensation for damage caused by wildlife through the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program; you do not need to be an existing Crop Insur-



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ance customer to file a claim. If you do experience wildlife damage, please report it immediately by visiting the SCIC website or calling 1-888-935-0000.

Pasture conditions are rated as seven percent good, 29 percent fair, 41 percent poor and 23 percent very poor. Conditions vary across the province, with the southeast and east central regions in fair-to-good condition due to recent rainfall that helped re-

juvenate pasture grass.

Farmers are busy wrapping up harvest, hauling bales, moving cattle, hauling water and post-harvest field activities such as herbicide application.

Several reports indicate that farmers are holding off planting winter cereals due to low topsoil moisture.

With harvest underway in Saskatchewan, the Ministry of Agriculture wants to remind producers to exercise caution and remain safe.

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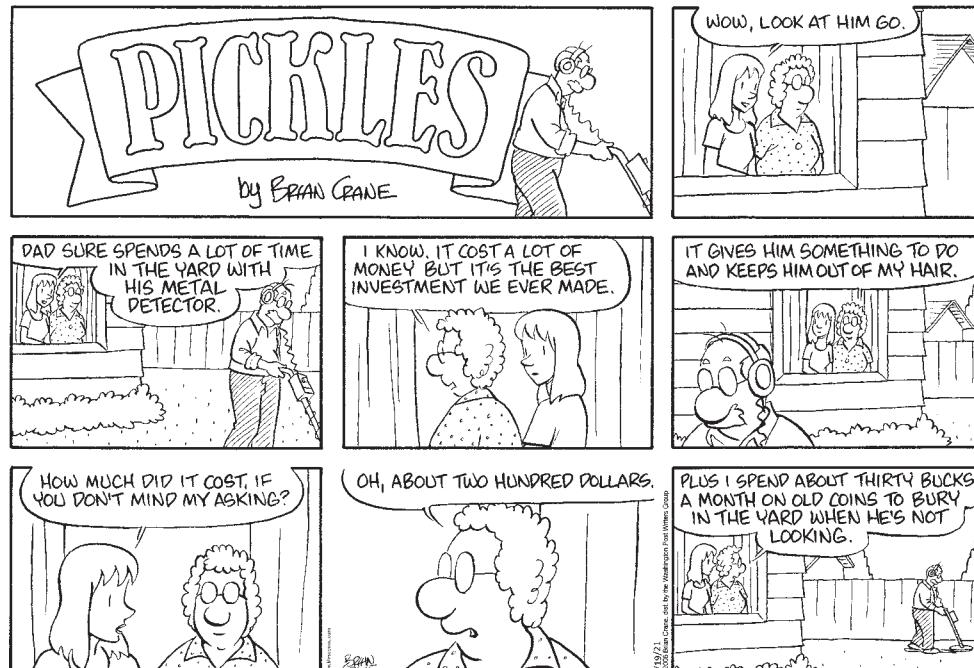
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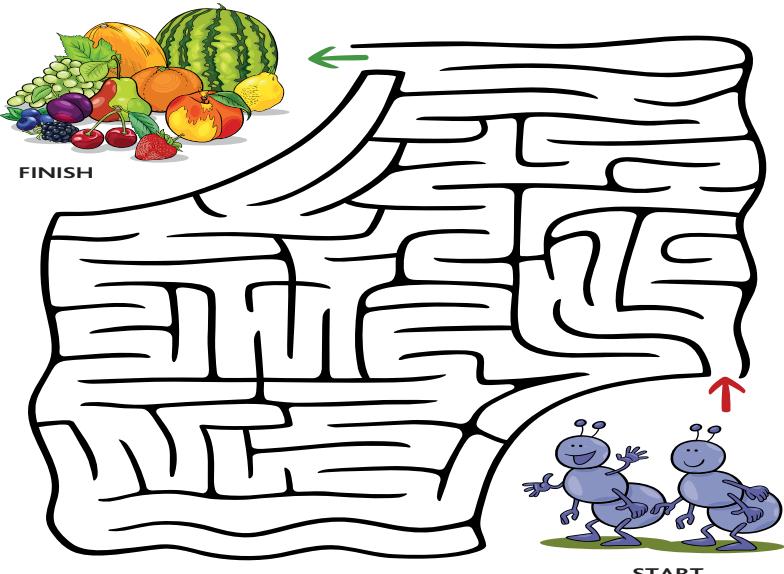
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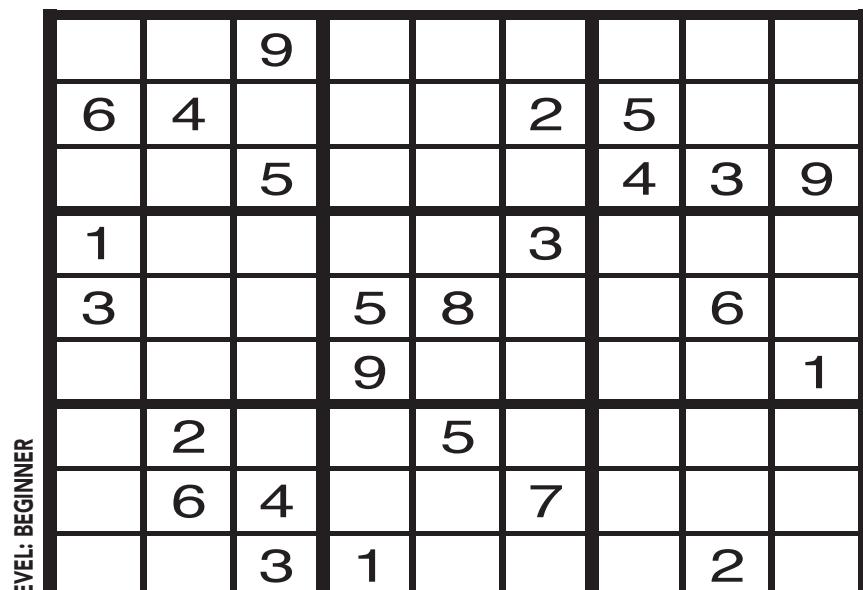
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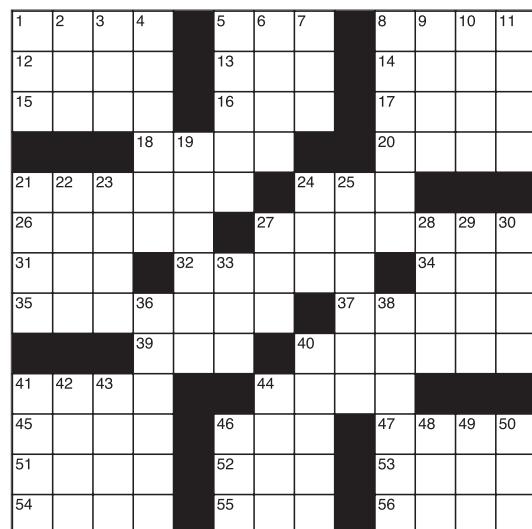


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ACROSS

- 1. Antlered deer
- 5. Fearful wonder
- 8. Load
- 12. Brave person
- 13. Trim, as a lawn
- 14. Sheltered nook
- 15. Thanksgiving dish
- 16. Mine shipment
- 17. Back end
- 18. Desert floor
- 20. Land surrounded by water
- 21. Exhausting
- 24. Soda
- 26. Change to fit
- 27. Gamblers
- 31. Floral wreath
- 32. Appear as a ghost
- 34. Contest
- 35. Most peaceful
- 37. Occurrence
- 39. Unruly kid
- 40. Sips
- 41. Current measures, for short
- 44. Fair: hyph.
- 45. Golfer's target
- 46. That dude
- 47. Tosses
- 48. Bloodhound's clue
- 52. Prior to, in poetry
- 53. Nobleman
- 54. Evergreen shrubs
- 55. Married
- 56. Waiter's aid

DOWN

- 1. Reserved
- 2. Iced
- 3. Branch
- 4. Busybody
- 5. Between
- 6. Part of a sentence
- 7. Female sheep
- 8. Handwriting

FOR ANSWERS
TO SUDOKU AND
CROSSWORD,
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- 9. On one's
- 10. Egg-shaped
- 11. "Wish You Here"
- 19. Song of praise
- 21. Fine powder
- 22. Hunch
- 23. Fence
- 24. Corral
- 25. Aquatic mammals
- 27. Except
- 28. Kitchen hot box
- 29. Skating arena
- 30. Tennis-game units
- 33. Certain snake
- 36. Stingy people
- 38. Purple flower
- 40. Having an arched ceiling
- 41. Sailor's call
- 42. A la
- 43. Farm implement
- 44. Regal form of address
- 46. Chop down
- 48. Rowing device
- 49. Bikini top
- 50. Tricky

Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky



“Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky”

Cheesesteak Sandwiches

Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp. butter
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 1 medium green pepper, thinly sliced
- 8 ounces of mushrooms, cleaned and chopped
- 1 pound of steak, thinly sliced
- 8 ounces of shredded cheese (we love provolone in these)
- 4 hoagie rolls
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. In skillet melt butter, add onion, pepper, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. black pepper. Cook for 15 minutes over medium heat stirring often, until onion and pepper are soft. Remove to bowl. Turn heat to medium high, add mushrooms, stir and cook until they are browned. Put the mushrooms in the bowl with the onions and peppers. Add half the steak slices to the pan, cook about one minute on each side then place in bowl and cook remainder of steak. Put everything back into the skillet, arranging so all ingredients are evenly placed in pan. Top with the cheeses. Fill each of the hoagie buns with 1/4 of the mixture, wrap the rolls in foil and place on cookie sheet. Bake in oven for 15 minutes.

uncompliCATED - "I will cherish all the friendship I was fortunate to find, All love and all the laughter in the place I leave behind. All these good things will go with me. They will make my spirit glow. And that light will shine forever in the next place that I go."*



■ by Arlene Martin

Autumn was mother's favourite season. Mine also. I feel like I am inside a scenic painting enjoying the stunning warm colours of trees and fields and vivid September sapphire sky. Though she's been gone almost thirty years, fall always makes me feel especially close to her. She died at the beginning of the Christmas season and it was hard to make sense of the timing. Plans were in

place to celebrate my parents' 50th wedding anniversary and it was also her birthday. Canada Post was flinging a

potpourri of anniversary, sympathy, Christmas and birth-

day cards into father's mailbox.

It seemed cruel. For almost three decades she was a

busy Avon lady and the day of her death a box of Avon

requiring receipts and delivering arrived in the mail.

It took soul-searching and time for me to sort it all out questioning the mortal agony of important milestones and meaningful high points. I figured out the things important and relevant to us, don't hold the same merit and significance to God. He loves us but his celestial agenda is different - non-human and all-knowing. We have itineraries, schedules, agendas, dates - but Heaven is free of all that. I concluded that only today matters and what I do with it: am I rude, am I kind, am I encouraging, do I apologize when my psyche says I need to. Do I blame others, do I take accountability - is my reach too short to help others, do I smile or look rushed and irritated. Do I compliment or criticize? All that trumps events and plans and reminds me that my voyage on this beautiful blue planet is short.

My heart aches for my friends struggling with loss, anxiety, depression, illness, loneliness, fear and anything that puts a chokehold on the heart. Heartbreak and hopelessness is an obscure heavy cloak. I am often surrounded by many of these hiding hurting hearts. I think Heaven drops hints that sometimes I am too busy with other things, mostly self-centered and irrelevant, that cloud my vision.

Of course people need clocks and calendars, but more importantly - humans need a smile, forgiveness, empathy, encouragement, acceptance, hand on the shoulder and generosity. These are what I believe frees our humanness to love and sincerely appreciate others. It occurs to me that judgement needs to be removed so love can do what it was created to do.

Mother knew these things and the way she lived proved it. She embraced even strangers like family and her laugh was quick and easy. I wish I could talk to her about the pandemic for I know she would have words of wisdom and comfort. I also know that she would chastise me when I take my life too seriously. I believe I heard her radiant laughter moments ago. This morning when I slid my feet into my waiting comfy slippers, one was wet inside. Brandy, my little aging calico who sleeps on me every night, saved me the bother of cleaning my bedroom floor. Instead, she puked neatly in my right slipper.

My cue, a startling reminder on this beautiful sparkling September day - for Heaven's sake, Arlene - tread softly.

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LCHS junior girls volleyball team serving up success

■ **Daniel Bushman**

Looking forward to setting up a fun and competitive season, the Lanigan Central High School junior girls volleyball team has been eager to hit the court. Already part of a pair of tournaments, the contingent consisting of 11 players is taking aim at a couple more tournaments along with league play before the season comes to a close.

With the team consisting of: Montana Kulchyski, Cally Morningstar, Reese Stroeder, Bryer Renwick, Keira Cardinal, Laurenne Ewert, Faith Friesen, Cara Knudsen, Kya Wildeman, Arella Ewert and Marly Dumanski, head coach Barb Klapak said they hosted a home tournament Sept. 11.

Going undefeated against Watrous 1, Watrous 2, Lanigan Elementary and Wynyard, Klapak said, "The team had some great rallies that showed some amazing digs, hits, and serves! However, the best part in



- photos courtesy Barb Klapak

my mind was seeing all of the smiles and excitement from the girls who were able to play the game they love. The smiles did not stop on the court as parents, grandparents, siblings, LCHS staff members and all of the spectators in attendance were so thrilled to be back in the gym watching the girls play!"

Following the team's success at home, the Lazers travelled to Watrous Sept. 18 where they were part of a six team tournament. "The girls continued their great play as

a team and captured first in their pool, going on to win the tournament with another Lanigan and Watrous final. It was two strong volleyball communities once again battling it out on the court!"

Taking a pair of first place finishes in two tournaments,



Fall has officially arrived and it started with a beautiful first day Sept. 22.

- photo by Daniel Bushman

Klapak said the girls will continue to build off of their early season momentum as they were scheduled to travel to Wynyard Sept. 25 for a five team tournament and then will head off to Moose Jaw Oct. 1 and 2 for a two day tournament.

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Party won the most seats, overall it was the Conservative Party receiving the most number of votes according to Elections Canada with just over 5.5 million (33.8 percent) compared to just over 5.2 million (32.4 percent) that the Liberal Party garnered. The NDP were third overall in total votes with just over 2.8 million (17.7 percent).

Hoping to see a change in power with the Conservatives taking on the role of government, Tolmie said he was disappointed the Liberal Party remained in power but was quick to note there is still a job to do. "We need to focus on governance and we need to focus on representation and I am going to use these next coming months to learn the ropes and find my way through and try and be able to bring our story to Ottawa as opposed to Ottawa bringing its story to here."

Despite being the official opposition, with a few days to reflect on being voted in as the representative for the local riding, Tolmie said he is looking forward to the opportunity. Scheduled to fly out Sept. 26 to begin orientation training and setting up his office in Ottawa, Tolmie said, "I am excited about it and would also like to get it out of the way so I can really get to the meat and potatoes of this job, which is getting to know the constituents more and be able to represent them. Hopefully I can bring some common sense and a good perspective from our riding to Ottawa."

Students participate in Student Vote Canada

As people headed to the polls to vote for who they wanted to represent them in Ottawa, more than 750,000 elementary and high school students across the country participated in Student Vote Canada, coinciding with the 2021 federal election.

After learning about democracy and elections, researching the parties and platforms, and debating the future of the country, students cast their ballots for the official candidates

running in their school's electoral district. In total, 769,049 votes were reported from 5,674 schools, with results reported from all 338 federal electoral districts. Those results according to Student Vote Canada included:

- The Liberal Party won 116 seats and 24 percent of the popular vote, forming a minority government. Justin Trudeau won in his seat in the riding of Papineau, Que.

- The NDP won 106 seats and took 29 percent of the popular vote, forming the official opposition. Jagmeet Singh won his seat in the riding of Burnaby South, B.C.

- The Conservative Party won 92 seats and 25 percent of the popular vote. Erin O'Toole won his seat in the riding of Durham, Ont.

- The Bloc Québécois won 20 seats and took two percent of the popular vote. Yves-François Blanchet lost his seat in the riding of Beloeil—Chambly, Que.

- The Green Party won three seats and 10 percent of the popular vote. Annamie Paul lost her seat in the riding of Toronto Centre, Ont.

In Saskatchewan, 31,507 students participated in Student Vote Canada 2021 and of the 14 seats up for grabs in the province, the Conservatives took 10 while the NDP won four.

Locally, 2,951 votes from 47 registered schools showed the Moose Jaw - Lake Centre - Lanigan seat went to Conservative Fraser Tolmie as he had 1,214 votes while second went to Talon Regent of the NDP who had 778 and third was Chey Craik of the PPC with 330. The top result from local area schools included: Colonsay school - Fraser Tolmie received 20 out of 42 votes; Lanigan Elementary School - Isaiah Hunter received nine out of 14 votes; Nokomis School - Fraser Tolmie received six out of nine votes; Watrous Elementary School - Talon Regent and Fraser Tolmie each received 11 votes out of 30; and Winston High School - Talon Regent received five out of 12 votes.

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