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## Ministry of Health committed to fully restoring services at Lanigan Hospital

■ *Daniel Bushman*

It has been nearly four months since emergency services partially resumed at Lanigan Hospital and while it was a move in the right direction, the community is hoping the hospital's services and staffing levels will return to what they once were. After a lengthy shutdown where some staff were redeployed and emergency services temporarily closed, nearly two years later and following a meeting where members of Lanigan Town Council met with government officials and Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), on May 9 emergency services partially resumed.

Since that time Lanigan Mayor Tony Mycock feels operations have gone fairly smoothly. "Staff from the hospital were happy to be back in Lanigan and provide the services to everybody. I know we had one day where they had to close because we didn't have a doctor but as far as disruptions, that was it."

Mycock has also been pleased that the lines of communication have remained open after the meeting in Regina back in April. "Since we met at the legislature to share about our situation, we have had more communication and being able to know what is going on and being able to communicate to residents has been a really positive thing."

Right now at the hospital in Lanigan, emergency services are available between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday while Lab and X-ray services are offered Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. People are still encouraged to call 9-1-1 or visit the emergency department at Humboldt District Health Complex, Wynyard Hospital or Watrous District Health Complex in the event of an after-hours emergency.

When asked if health care services would be fully restored in Lanigan, the Ministry of Health maintains it is committed to doing that. "Our commitment is to continue to work toward fully restoring emergency services in Lanigan as recruitment of staff to vacant positions permits. Current vacancies include Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses. Our government is actively looking at how we can bolster recruitment of health care professionals to stabilize services in rural communities like Lanigan, recognizing that some communities have been more challenging to recruit to than others."

Mycock thinks SHA is getting close on the recruitment side of things which would potentially allow the hospital to open some more things up. "We need to go back to the hospital running 24/7 and being available because I have no doubt that Lanigan will grow in the next few years. Having that hospital open is an attraction for people to come here and call our community their home."

The Ministry of Health stated it understands residents of Lanigan and other rural communities are rightfully concerned when the health care services they rely on are temporarily disrupted due to staffing challenges adding "... our government takes this issue very seriously, and we are actively working on solutions to address these issues."



After emergency services were partially resumed in May at the Lanigan Hospital following a lengthy shutdown, there is optimism that the services will be fully restored. According to the Ministry of

Health, it maintained it is committed to continue to work toward fully restoring emergency services in Lanigan as recruitment of staff to vacant positions permits.

- Advisor file photo

In an effort to help attract and retain doctors in the community, the Lanigan & District Ambulance Association (LDAA) recently made a substantial donation of \$620,000 to the Town of Lanigan to purchase 12 Maple Place for the purpose of providing potential housing for practicing doctors.

While Mycock noted there is still some work to do in the upcoming months to have the duplex ready, he said the Town of Lanigan was thrilled with the unexpected funds. "I think it will be a plus to be able to offer some housing to our doctors because it has been a sticking point in the past when we are trying to recruit them. There is a lot going on in Lanigan right now and houses are moving quickly so I think it is a huge asset that we have this property."

As for the help that residents of Lanigan have received over the past two years during the pandemic, Mycock was quick to mention how valuable health care workers and the local EMS have been. "I don't think any of us can thank our health care workers enough. They have been through some of the toughest times ever - we all have - but for them on the front lines, I can't thank them enough. They are going above and beyond working extra days filling in and keeping our hospitals running and need some help. When our hospital was closed I don't know what we would have done without the Lanigan &

District Ambulance. That was really the only alternative in an emergency situation to get to a hospital. They definitely need a big thank you as well because without them I don't know what we would have done."

As communities like Lanigan look to add health care staff and see emergency services fully restored, CUPE 5430, the largest health care union in the province has launched a public survey to find out the full extent the impact staffing shortages are having on health care providers and the communities they serve.

"People across Saskatchewan are struggling to access health care in a timely manner and in or around the communities they call home," said Bashir Jalloh, president of CUPE 5430 and a nuclear medicine technologist. "Dozens of communities are facing service disruptions, emergency room shutdowns, bed closures and service cuts. This survey will help us illustrate the scope of the problem and present clear solutions."

Jalloh said if people are concerned about the state of health care in their community, to fill out the survey. "Every single submission will show how serious the problem is and that the people of Saskatchewan are ready to stand up and take action."

To take the survey online, people can visit [www.cupe5430.ca](http://www.cupe5430.ca) and click the 'Rural Health Care Survey' image.

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# Nutrien Lanigan Potash hosting annual firefighters' rodeo

## ■ media release

The Town of Lanigan will once again be filled with firefighters when Nutrien Lanigan hosts the Firefighters' Rodeo on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022. Teams will compete from Nutrien mines in Saskatchewan at Lanigan, Cory, Patience Lake, Allan, Rocanville, and Vanscoy Divisions, and the fire departments from the Town of Lanigan, and the City of Humboldt. This friendly competition will consist of seven events which will allow them to

demonstrate their skills and practice fire fighting techniques learned throughout the year.

The **Search and Rescue** event is set up in a simulated domestic/office setting. Team members approach the event dressed in street clothing and prepare to don the fire fighting gear. Team members will be blinded to simulate extremely smoky conditions and will search the building while wearing breathing apparatus. The team will take a charged hose line into the domestic setting to search for

and rescue victims. Team is judged on proficiency, method, effectiveness and safety.

In the **First Aid** event, competitors have 15 minutes to stabilize casualties from an accident scenario and arrange for transportation by ambulance.

In the **Fire Extinguishment** event, team members individually and in pairs tackle huge fires. They are judged on preparation and approach, method of application and extinguishment, retreat and type of chemical used.

The **Practical Skills** event will involve any situation that a firefighter may have to respond to, either industrial or in our communities. It will offer the teams a chance to showcase their skills and knowledge.

The **Burst Hose** event is held outside and teams must knock down targets with high-pressure water feeds in this timed event. One of the more popular spectator events is the **Challenge Relay** where teams compete against one another in forcible entry, victim drag, hose drag and

fire extinguishment. Finally, **Water Soccer** is an exciting round-robin event that concludes the competition.

This event provides an opportunity for emergency response personnel and members of local fire departments to hone their skills in a safe simulated environment.

This year's Nutrien Lanigan team is comprised of the following: Jeremy Palfy, Ashley Dufault, Kyle Moniuk, Scott Odelein, and Jory Vanthuyne. Coaches are Ford Leggott, Kyle Renwick and Jeff Morelli.

The public is invited to come out to support all competitors and acknowledge their tremendous contribution to our sites and to our local communities. The competition gets underway on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, starting at 8 a.m. All events take place in and around the Lanigan Recreation Complex. Admission is free and all ages are welcome.

Nutrien Rocanville earned the title of Overall Winner in the 2019 competition with Nutrien Allan taking Runner-Up honours.

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## Nutrien Lanigan will be hosting the

## Annual Firefighters' Rodeo

## Saturday, September 10, 2022

The competition begins with the First Aid, Search & Rescue, and Practical Skills events inside the Lanigan Recreation Complex at 8:00 a.m. The remaining events will take place on Downing Drive by the Lanigan Recreation Complex.

**Search & Rescue:** Team members search for and rescue victims in a domestic/office setting.

**First Aid:** Team members utilize their first aid proficiency in an accident setting.

**Fire Extinguishment:** Team members use safe procedures in putting out fires.

**Practical Skills:** Involves any situation that a firefighter may be called to respond to, whether it be industrial or in our communities.

**Burst Hose:** Team members demonstrate skill in connecting hoses and knocking down targets.

**Challenge Relay:** A fun event requiring strength and endurance.

**Water Soccer:** Team members use their skill and strength in this gruelling event.

Teams will come from Allan, Cory, Lanigan, Patience Lake, Rocanville and Vanscoy Nutrien mines as well as the Town of Lanigan and the City of Humboldt fire departments.



*Competing on the Nutrien Lanigan team:*

Jeremy Palfy  
Ashley Dufault  
Kyle Moniuk  
Scott Odelein

Jory Vanthuyne  
Jeff Morelli - F/A Coach  
Ford Leggott - Coach  
Kyle Renwick - Coach

**Everyone is invited to come out to watch and cheer for their favourite team!**

# School year underway at LES

■ **Daniel Bushman**

With the official start to school, students returned to classes Sept. 1 as staff at Lanigan Elementary School were eager to resume another year.

Principal of Lanigan Elementary School Janice

Fansher said leading up to the first day of classes, staff were working diligently in preparation. "During our first Collaboration Day, teaching staff participated in a professional development session that focused on the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education new direction

on assessment. There is an abundance of wonderful energy and student activities and athletic programs will be up and running for the new school year."

With covid restrictions currently lifted, Fansher also shared this is the

second year of the Pre-Kindergarten program at the school. "The wee ones, ages three to four will continue to join us four mornings a week."

While there were no renovations done to the building as a new school will be built in the near

future, Fansher said there are a few new and familiar faces around school. "This year, three teachers return who have been away. Also, we welcome two interns to our LES team! They will be with us until Christmas! In total, along with myself, we have 14 teaching staff and

eight educational assistants, one librarian and one secretary."

Looking forward to a positive beginning, Fansher said, "It is wonderful to start our school year very close to normal and it has been a great start to our school year!"

## RCMP Report

### Incidents at Manitou Beach

Over the weekend of Aug. 27, 2022, Manitou Beach experienced the following incidents: culprit(s) broke into two storage sheds at the Manitou Beach Golf Course and stole several sets of golf clubs; culprits(s) damaged a speed limit sign, pulled out the algae warning signs on the beach, and removed the no pets allowed signs and reinstalled them backwards; and culprits(s) broke into three community Canada Post office boxes.

If you have information about these or any other crimes, please call the Watrous RCMP at 306-946-3316 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), through SaskTel Mobility at \*8477, text TIP206 plus your message to CRIMES (274637) or submit a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com) where you can also view information on other unsolved crimes.

### Mischief in Bruno and RM of Bayne

Humboldt/Lanigan RCMP are investigating recent incidents where numerous signs within the Town of Bruno and the Rural Municipality of Bayne had been damaged. The incidents are believed to have occurred sometime in the evening of Aug. 16, 2022 and/or the early morning hours of Aug. 17, 2022.

If you have information about this or any other crime, please contact Humboldt RCMP at 306-682-2535 or you may contact Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).

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### Single vehicle collision

At approximately 1:50 a.m., Punnichy RCMP responded to the report of a single vehicle collision along the 640 Grid road on the George Gordon First Nation. Upon arrival, police located a car rolled over in the ditch on the west side of the 640 Grid road. The driver of the car, a 16-year-old female passed away on scene. The passenger of the car, a 15-year-old female, was treated on scene by EMS for her injuries and transported to hospital by STARS Air Ambulance. Lestock EMS, Lestock Fire Department, STARS Air Ambulance, George Gordon First Nation Security, the Saskatchewan Coroner's Service, and an RCMP Collision Reconstructionist all attended and assisted on scene. No charges are expected to be laid.

### Floating boats to bison on the loose

At 6:16 a.m. Aug. 26, the Fort Qu'Appelle Detachment received a report of a boat floating along the north shore of Echo Lake with no people in it. Fort Qu'Appelle Fire Department recovered the boat. A few hours later the owner of the boat called the RCMP Detachment to report their boat stolen. Their description matched that of the recovered boat and arrangements were made to have it picked up by the owner.

Shortly after 6:30 a.m. Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP responded to several reports of at least 50 bison and calves loose on and crossing Hwy. 10 near the turnoff to Qu'Appelle. Two RCMP

officers arrived and the bison owners were already there. All the bison were already off the highway and being put back in their nearby pasture. Officers stayed on scene to help prevent them from going back onto the road. No collisions were reported to police.

### RCMP investigating fatal rollover

On Aug. 30, 2022 at approximately 12:30 p.m., Carrot River RCMP received a report of a single vehicle rollover on Hwy. 123, approximately 24 kilometres north of the junction with Hwy. 55.

There were six occupants in the vehicle. A 41-year-old male and a 38-year-old female, both from Cumberland House, passed away at the scene. Their families have been notified. The four other occupants were transported to hospital with injuries described as serious.

Carrot River RCMP continue to investigate with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

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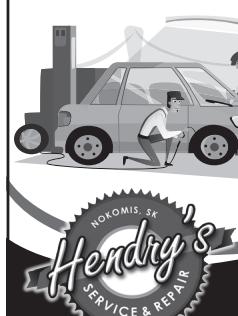
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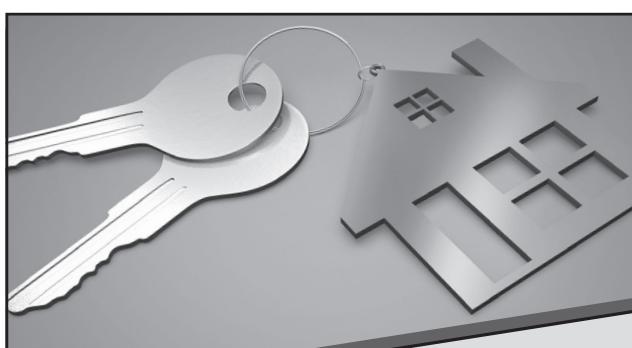
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# OPINIONS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Jansen

Louise Shannon

School started Sept. 1. Happy anniversary to Amanda and Skyler Jones and to Ralph and Char Schroeder who took a trip to Alaska.

Probably many people will be going to the Labour Day football game. Good luck Roughriders!

Most of us will be harvesting crops or gardens as the weather is hot.

Happy birthday to Laureen Hamilton, Dwayne Koshinsky, Howard Benson and Alvin Amendt.

## Plunkett

Deloris Wilson (Sutherland) • 306-944-4852

Taira Credgeur from Toronto is home visiting her parents Dennis and Leona.

Sympathy to the family of Elsie Maynard who recently passed away. She was from the Plunkett area.

Janet Schlosser is moving back to her farm.

Dennis and Leona have their grandchildren visiting them. They all attended their grandmother's birthday party.

The power was off for 12 hours because the wind blew a tree on the line.

Congratulations to Ron and Marlene Belkie of Saskatoon on their wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 20.

Ed and Elaine Drachenberg of Humboldt were invited to Saskatoon to the car show with his homemade car.

Get well to anyone ill or in the hospital.

## Viscount

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Well, it is time to start up with all the clubs, registrations and meetings have started. Soon Blankets for Canada and Book Club will be starting. If you have any questions or donations of yarn or squares for Blankets for Canada please contact Evelina at 306-944-4820.

We have done a fair bit of travelling this summer in Saskatchewan. I have to say I am loving the new highways and the new passing lanes. I am busy with getting ready for the Oct. 1 fall garage sales. I am looking forward to them and hopefully the weather is good.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather.

I hope you feel better soon.

Have a great week!

## uncompliCATED - Mrs. Martin was somewhat of an unorthodox Sunday School teacher but the kids loved her sword swallowing act



■ by Arlene Martin

Back in the day, I taught a senior youth Sunday School class. The church we attended had a vacancy in this department and after giving it careful/prayerful consideration; I decided I just might be able to do it. About five years into it, I realized it was one of the most challenging, though also one of the most rewarding things I ever did. I was thinking about those special days and a former beautiful Sunday School teacher I loved. The cutout paper images she used on a black flannel board fascinated me and made her Bible stories come to life. She will forever be just how I remember her from those weekly Sunday mornings so very long ago. I wish she could read this now. I know it would bring a smile to her face and heart knowing how fondly she is remembered. Of course, as a young impressionable girl back in the late '50s – certain things about Mrs. Muller are indelible: her black patent pumps, her patterned pink and black dresses, classy pearls and pink sweaters. This soft-spoken kind, gentle lady was beautiful to me on both the outside and the inside. She made me feel safe and the world seemed a better place for the things she said and taught.

Fast forward forty plus years found me arguing with a church committee about teaching a large teenage class. More of a maverick than textbook advocate, I did not see myself as teacher material and teenagers are scary individuals. Honesty rocks; they can see clear through hypocrisy. So armed with this knowledge and wisdom garnered from raising sons, I accepted.

My material and the things I said, did and lived would be scrutinized and held accountable. Like Mrs. Muller, I had to have a good relationship with the Author of the Book I taught from. All good. I decided they would be my teacher and I would love them, listen and learn. With that mindset I developed an enjoyable relationship and felt a deep sense of sadness as over time, one by one, they graduated and moved on. They were MY KIDS, my lovable motley crew of impressionable angels and demons in number often beyond the mid-twenties. The discussions were challenging and spiritu-

ally enlightening. I felt a sense of triumph watching their youthful minds question, grasp and claim the 'Faith of Our Fathers' theologies and truths for themselves.

Every March, with Randy's help and permission from the town, we would set aside a Sunday morning and enjoy a hot-dog roast in the town's wintry picnic ground. As we trudged through the snow and gathered around a campfire, the old hymn, "How Great Thou Art," resonated in my psyche. One thing I knew about teens – they liked a change of scenery and disliked stuffy and boring. We looked forward each year to a fun, spiritual time under a beautiful blue prairie canopy. I still smile at the year one of my students decided to turn up the excitement notch and buried firecrackers inside some of the marshmallows. Although really startled, Randy and I laughed with the rest of them when they exploded over the campfire, but I did make specific mention of him in our closing prayer. Raising sons prepared me for that moment and I believe laughter is an important teaching tool. It was part of my mission statement that they recognize humour as a gift, faith as their strength – both so paramount for navigating through their unchartered days and years ahead.

My heart told me when it was time to move on and the silence screamed in that room and in my spirit after telling them it was my last Sunday. Closing the door for the last time was sad, tears blurred my eyes and wounded my heart on the way home and for a long long time after.

Still, even today the images and memories are all happy ones. It was the once upon a time before cellphones and Google and I pulled a muscle to come up with 'Question of the week.' Something totally unrelated to Biblical things – and those who had the answer correct after having a week to ponder it, caught a small inexpensive toy or sweet treat as I flung it in the winners direction. Several of the amusing questions concerned how many students can fit into Randy's new Chevy extended cab. It wasn't rocket science to a group of teens that this is where being the smallest, counted. Also, with the happy consensus of a beautiful obliging soul, one question required an array of answers: "What's in Mrs. Reid's handbag?" (The winner was a young fellow who added what the others omitted: "Lint!")

Those days, lessons and recollections, are cherished and enjoyed by this old Sunday School teacher many times over.

I often wish I could compare stories with Mrs. Muller. She would especially love to hear about the exploding marshmallows.

## Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky



### Zucchini Parmesan Chips (low carb)

**Ingredients:**  
small zucchini  
salt and pepper  
basil or oregano  
Parmesan cheese

#### Directions:

Line your baking sheet with parchment paper. Thinly slice as many zucchini as will fit on the parchment paper

(I use a mandolin slicer so the slices are all the same thickness). They can be touching each other but I like mine to have a tiny bit of space between them. Sprinkle lightly with salt, pepper and basil or oregano flakes. Spoon Parmesan cheese on top. Bake at 425°F for about 18 minutes. Makes as many as you like! Eat as is or dip them in low carb spaghetti or marinara sauce. We love them plain.

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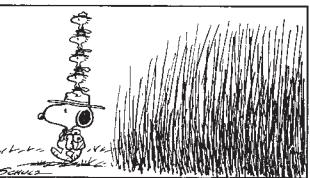
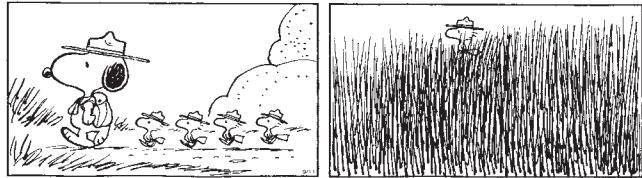
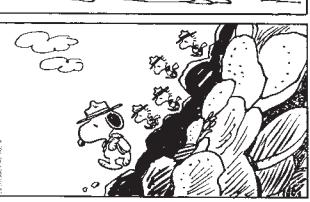
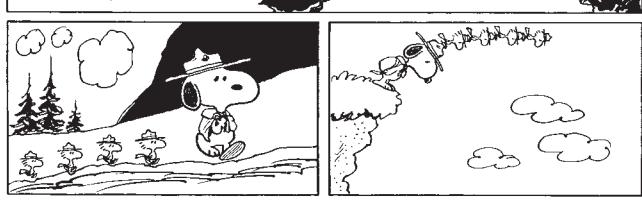
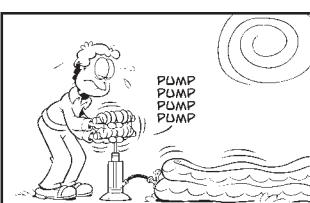
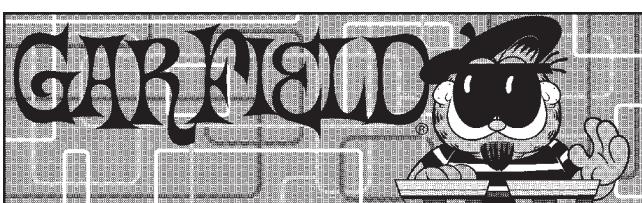
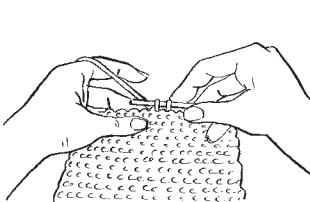
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# Just for Fun



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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2					7							
			4		6	5						
	1	4			6							
3		1	4			2						
	7			8	1							
7	3	1										
	3					1						
	4	8	9			7						

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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg August 21, 2022

### ACROSS

1 The 'gram  
6 \_\_\_ lift (accessibility option in a multilevel home)  
11 No amateur  
14 Magnate  
15 With a flavorful crust, maybe  
17 Define the extent of, as a project  
18 In a precarious position  
19 "Sure"  
20 Fends (off)  
22 Crops with altered DNA  
23 Greek T  
25 Silicon Valley exec  
26 Place to get a blowout  
28 "You seem awfully confident!"  
31 More disrespectful  
32 Fondant-filled Cadbury treats  
36 Heart chart: Abbr.  
37 Singer Rita  
39 Very long time  
40 Futbol cheer  
41 "Does anyone really know?"  
44 Lake on the California-Nevada border  
46 "It'll be a tall order"  
48 Abyss

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# Deputy Prime Minister visits Mosaic Colonsay

■ **Daniel Bushman**

An opportunity to see how potash is mined, sharing about the importance of the industry and connecting with people of Saskatchewan, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, Chrystia Freeland recently toured Mosaic Colonsay. Along with the Aug. 24 visit to the potash mine, Freeland also stopped in Saskatoon before heading west to her home province of Alberta.

Appreciating the staff at Mosaic Colonsay for taking time to show her what they do, Freeland thanked those within the potash industry for the contributions made to Canada and around the world. "People producing potash in Saskatchewan are feeding the world. That is not an exaggeration. Canada is the world's largest producer and exporter of potash—32 percent of the world's total in 2020. Farmers around the world depend on our potash, on the potash you see right there. And that means millions and millions of people depend on the work that is being done, right now, to eat."

Noting how Canada and specifically Saskatchewan are reliable leaders and world leaders when it comes to potash production, during a time of global unrest, Freeland said, "The world can depend on us and the world can also know that the potash they buy from Canada meets the very highest standards—the highest democratic standards, the highest environmental standards."

"And it isn't just potash. Canada exported more than \$82 billion worth of agricultural and food products last year. That means thousands and thousands and thousands of great, valuable jobs for Canadians, and it means millions of people around the world eat every day because of

the work we are doing."

While Freeland did not make any new announcements relating to the potash and agriculture sectors, she did highlight how the federal government announced a Canada Growth Fund in its April budget to attract funds in private capital to support the growth of industries like agriculture. She also touched on committing \$1.5 billion to help producers adopt sustainable practices and technologies and explained how critical minerals are to massive global industries.

"We are so lucky that Canada is so rich in natural resources; that we have such an abundance of the critical minerals and metals that Canada and our allies need to produce everything from fertilizer to phones to electric vehicles. And as a province that is a global leader in potash and uranium production, and an emerging producer of more than 20 critical minerals, this means huge economic opportunities for Saskatchewan."

Because of the importance of critical minerals, the Deputy Prime Minister shared the federal government set aside up to \$3.8 billion as part of its spring budget to implement Canada's first Critical Minerals Strategy, aimed at helping the economy grow. The plan includes doubling the Mineral Exploration Tax Credit to 30 percent which Freeland stated will provide an incentive for more businesses to invest in Saskatchewan.

"I know how important industries like mining and agriculture are to the economies of western Canada. I know how much it means to have places like this one; businesses like this that provide great jobs with a great community and a really good living for people. And I want to say to the great people I have met today—to the great



## Taking a tour

Making a stop in Saskatchewan, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada Chrystia Freeland visited Mosaic Colonsay Aug. 24. Freeland spent time talking about the successes and challenges within the potash industry.

-photo credit: Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, Twitter



people all across Saskatchewan—that our government is absolutely committed to jobs, to economic growth, and to being a partner for workers and businesses across Saskatchewan."

Pleased to welcome Freeland to Mosaic Colonsay, on the potash company's Facebook page, it stated, "It was our great pleasure to host the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland on Wednesday at our Colonsay site. The day consisted of engaging discussions around the successes and challenges of the potash industry in Saskatchewan, and a site tour where the Colonsay team gave the group a firsthand look at how potash is mined. We finished our day together with a refreshed appreciation for what potash means not just to the province of Saskatchewan, but to Canada and the rest of the world."

Before wrapping up her brief tour in Saskatchewan, after visiting the potash mine near Colonsay, Freeland headed to Saskatoon where she met with Mayor Charlie Clark and being the same day as Ukrainian Independence Day, visited

Baba's Closet, an organization supporting Ukrainian families.

"Saskatchewan and the Prairies and Ukraine have a long shared history—Ukrainian immigrants helped settle this province more than a century ago. And I know that Ukrainian-Canadian culture and traditions are a part of life for so many people here . . . I am really grateful to the people of Saskatchewan for welcoming them so warmly. And you know, when I got off the plane in Saskatoon last night, one of the first things I saw was a blue and yellow flag. I think the people seeking refuge here will have taken great comfort from that. So thank you very much, really. It means a lot."

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# Unique opportunity taking place at NWA

■ **Daniel Bushman**

With a chance to partner in the spirit of reconciliation while offering an opportunity to witness a powerful demonstration, the Touchwood Agency Tribal Council along with members of the Last Mountain Lake National Wildlife Area (NWA) are welcoming the public to take in a demonstration powwow.

Held Sept. 9, Environment and Climate Change Canada expert Kerry Hecker said people can attend the powwow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "We are honoured that the Touchwood Bands are trusting us with supporting them to put on a powwow. It is a lot of work and effort for them to put this together and it is quite an opportunity right in our backyard. We are pleased they want to do that here and really appreciate them extending this generosity."

With ample parking, a food truck on site and the demonstration free to attend, Hecker explained why people should stop by and check it out. "If you have ever been curious about First Nations culture, especially the Cree and Saulteaux - the bands on the Treaty 4 lands close to and including where we live now, this is an excellent opportunity. They are putting this on in the spirit of reconciliation for us all to share experiences and learn together. It is going to be good fun."

Held right across from the headquarters of the NWA located between Simpson and Nokomis, a signing ceremony between Last Mountain Lake NWA and the Touchwood Bands will commence the event. Hecker said the signing will essentially affirm treaty rights and welcome the members of the four bands to come back to the wildlife area. Following that, the powwow demonstration will get underway featuring different dance styles. "Most of them are firmly rooted in the Prairie traditions like a chicken (prairie chicken) dance, a grass dance, and quite a few other styles. There is also both traditional and fancy dancing as well like the jingle dress dancing."

In addition to the demonstration, Hecker said there will be at least two round dances where those in attendance can join in and dance to the beat of the drum. "I have participated in one before and it is quite an awesome opportunity."

People can also respectfully watch the drum groups as they perform during the Friday event. "If you have ever wondered what the drum groups look like, how they sing and how it works, people can come watch and listen."

At the end of the powwow spectators will be gifted with a small keepsake or trinket in an effort to show generosity and inclusion.

Working with the Touchwood Agency Tribal Council for the past five years, more recently the Last Mountain Lake NWA received a federal contribution to support the tribal council's travel and efforts to reconnect with the federally protected area. Along with having the group perform a powwow, Hecker shared another reason the NWA wanted to grow their partnership was to further deepen their knowledge of the area and its heritage. "We are redoing our interpretive pavilion. Previous material talked about how the Cree and Saulteaux used to be here. In actuality they remain here, and never left. We wanted to correct this misinformation so we reached out to get



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### ■ media release

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“Today’s outstanding July 2022 building permit numbers are just another sign of Saskatchewan’s continued growth and economic strength,” Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Saskatchewan has one of the most competitive business envi-

ronments in all of Canada, and we will continue to create jobs and opportunities for the people of Saskatchewan.”

Compared to June 2022, Saskatchewan also showed strong growth with an increase of 28.2 percent (seasonally adjusted), the second highest increase among the provinces.

Both residential and non-residential building permits had significant growth over last year, increasing 86.7 percent and 85.9 percent, respectively, during that period.

Saskatchewan has continued to rank highly among the provinces in a number of recent key economic indi-

cators, including June 2022 wholesale trade numbers, which grew by 64.8 percent year-over-year, the highest growth among the provinces and by 14.9 percent month-to-month, the second highest among the provinces. Investment in building construction numbers for June 2022 also saw Saskatchewan first among the provinces with an increase of 63 percent year-over-year, and 17.6 percent month-to-month. Saskatchewan also was second in both urban housing starts and merchandise exports in June 2022, with year-over-year increases of 35.6 percent and 57.3 percent, respectively.

## First Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal Ceremony held in Regina

### ■ media release

Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty presented the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Saskatchewan) to 70 recipients in Regina Aug. 30.

“This medal allows us to honour Her Majesty’s commitment to service and pay tribute to Saskatchewan citizens who have devoted their time and effort to serving others in Canada, Saskatchewan and their communities,” Mirasty said. “I look forward to participating in medal ceremonies across the province as we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee year.”

This commemorative medal was created to celebrate the 70th anniversary year of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth’s accession to the throne and is the focus of the Government of Saskatchewan’s Jubilee year celebrations. Several ceremonies will be held throughout

Saskatchewan during the Platinum Jubilee year, honouring significant contributions and achievements of Saskatchewanians.

“Today’s ceremony is the first of many that will allow us to recognize the people of this great province,” Premier Scott Moe said. “Saskatchewan people are truly remarkable, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to thank them for their dedication to our province and its communities.”

A total of 7,000 medals will be awarded throughout the Platinum Jubilee year, which ends on Feb. 5, 2023. The Government of Saskatchewan has partnered with several organizations to distribute the medals to recipients across the province.

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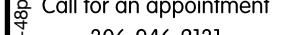
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# Watrous Home Hardware Building Centre to host Community Tree Plant to restore flooded golf course

## ■ media release

Watrous Home Hardware Building Centre and Tree Canada are celebrating 30 years of partnership by rolling up their sleeves to host a tree plant at Young Golf and Country Club on Sept. 7. The golf course, a popular community space run by volunteers, was hit by flooding in recent years and the tree plant event aims to restore some of the beauty and trees lost during the flooding.

This is the fifth year Watrous Home Hardware Building Centre has participated in Home Hardware's Community Tree Plant. This year, they are one of 30 Home stores across the country taking part in tree planting initiatives to celebrate 30 years of partnership between Home Hardware Stores Limited and Tree Canada.

“We are excited to lend a helping hand and work with our neighbours in the community of Young to regreen their golf course and recreation centre,” said Ken Bushman, on behalf of Watrous Home Hardware Building Centre. “We are proud to be one of 30 Home stores across the country participating in this year’s Home Grown: 30

Years of Planting at Home campaign which marks such an important milestone for Home Hardware and Tree Canada.”

Hardware has had across so many Canadian communities is immeasurable. Not only has it been a catalyst to getting so many kids and community members involved in beautifying their communities, it also inspired people and organizations within our network to get involved,” said Nicole Hurtubise, CEO, Tree Canada. “Since 1992, Tree Canada and Home Hardware have worked together to



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plant and maintain trees in local communities across the country, creating a lasting legacy for present and future generations. We’re thrilled to be celebrating the longevity of what has been an incredible, 30-year relationship.”

Home Hardware Community Tree Plants are traditionally held in September around National Tree Day - the Wednesday of National Forest Week.

## Crop Report

### ■ media release

Producers worked hard to advance harvest before rain arrived and caused delays. That is according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for Aug. 23 to 28. Harvest progress is now at 23 percent, up from 16 percent and just behind the five-year average of 26 percent. The southwest and west-central regions are the furthest advanced in their operations and some producers have reported they are close to finishing.

The southwest has 67 percent of the crop now combined. The west-central region has completed 36 percent, the southeast 16 percent, the east-central nine percent, the northwest six percent and the northeast four percent.

Sixty-six percent of the winter wheat, 62 percent of the fall rye, 74 percent of the lentils, 66 percent of the field peas, 46 percent of the mustard, 51 percent of the durum, 16 percent of the spring wheat and eight percent of the canola has now been combined. An additional 21 percent of the canola and 13 percent of the mustard is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Much of the province received rain this past week. Most areas in the southwest and west-central received very minimal amounts, while the other regions received enough heavy rain to lodge crops and further delay harvest. The Lake Lenore area received 92 mm, the Tisdale area 75 mm, the Foam Lake area 35 mm, the Mossbank area 23 mm and the Shaunavon area 10 mm. Rain will further delay crop maturity in areas where the crop is still very green. Producers in the driest areas of the province welcome the moisture, even if it means they must halt their harvest activities for a short period.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as two percent surplus, 55 percent adequate, 15 percent short and 18 percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as two percent surplus, 50 percent adequate, 28 percent short and 20 percent very short.

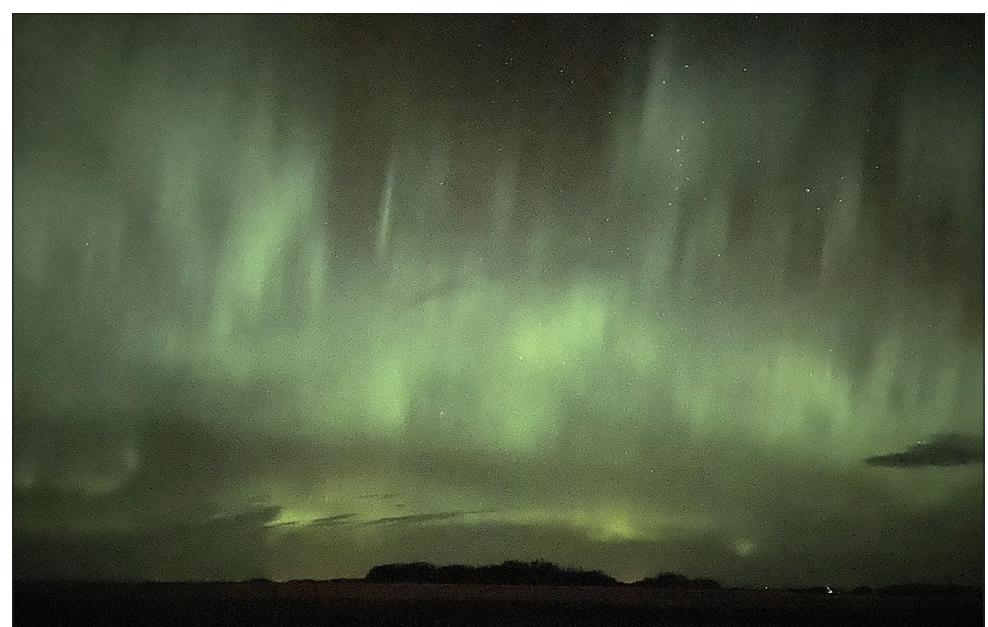
Most crop damage this past week was due to heavy rain, minor hail, strong winds and insects. The lodged crops could see quality downgrading and possible yield loss.

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During a beautiful August night, the aurora borealis were dancing above.

- photos by Daniel Bushman

