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Harvest delayed due to rains but progress being made

■ Daniel Bushman

Despite recent rains at the end of August, some producers have been able to make progress with harvest across the province. After a very dry and hot summer, many farmers were able to get on the fields earlier than usual to begin harvest. While last week's rainfall delayed operations, according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report, harvest was well ahead of the five-year average for this time of year (36 percent complete as of Aug. 30 compared to the average of 22 percent).

Michael Brown, Crops Extension Specialist, Regional Services Branch, Ministry of Agriculture said even with the slowdown due to the rain, harvest should still finish earlier than normal. "A good chunk of the cereal grains and pulses are already done," noted Brown as August came to an end. "I've seen straight cut and swathed canola being taken off as early as last week."

However, in speaking with a number of producers this summer, Brown said it has been very dry in a lot of areas throughout Saskatchewan, hindering development in crops. "Very dry. I've talked with producers this summer that have farmed their land for over 40 years and this was the

first year they've seen some of their sloughs completely dry." Because of how dry conditions have been, as crops are coming off fields, Brown indicated there has been grade concerns with some grains testing lighter than a #1. "During canola development extreme heat can inhibit an enzyme going into the seed that prevents sprouting and I've heard of some pods having seeds sprouted inside but very sporadic and not enough to hurt grade fortunately."

As for the recent rains, while they halted those trying to get crops off fields and into bins, there is a bit of an exception. "For harvest it will be more of a hindrance except for clearing green out of canola. The enzyme used to clear chlorophyll out of the seed requires moisture so this can help lower any distinctly green in the sample. For any other crops the rain increases risk of sprouting especially if it is in swath. Moisture this late will benefit next year's crops and livestock producer's pastures, hayland, dugouts and sloughs."

According to the weekly Crop Report for the period of Aug. 24 to 30, 36 percent of the crop was in the bin, up from 29 percent. An additional 30 percent of the crop was swathed or ready to straight-cut.

The southwest region

continues to have the most progress in the province with 47 percent of the crop now combined. The southeast region has 42 percent combined, the west-central 36 percent, the east-central 25 percent, the northeast 34 percent and the northwest 21 percent.

The Ministry of Agriculture noted 99 percent of the winter wheat, 83 percent of the fall rye, 85 percent of the lentils, 84 percent of the field peas, 57 percent of the mustard, 40 percent of the durum, 11 percent of the chickpeas, 36 percent of the spring wheat and 11 percent of the canola has been combined. An additional 19 percent of the canola and 16 percent of the mustard is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Explaining there is still lots of moisture needed to allow the subsoil moisture a heavy recharge in most areas, Brown said if the rain can hold off until after harvest that would provide an ideal ending to a tough summer. That and a deep snowpack over winter with a slow melt in spring.

According to the weekly Crop Report, topsoil moisture conditions continue to improve in most areas due to cooler temperatures and recent rains. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as one percent surplus, 40 percent adequate, 34 percent



short and 25 percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as 28 percent adequate, 43 percent short and 29 percent very short.

For those heading back to the fields after the rains and noticing moisture is testing high, Brown said producers can find a fact sheet online to help determine when to run aeration to dry the grain (<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/agriculture-natural-resources-and-industry/agribusiness-farmers-and-ranchers/crops-and-irrigation/crop-guides-and-publications/natural-air-grain-drying>).

Meanwhile, on Aug. 30, Agriculture Minister David Marit announced details of the AgriRecovery program, now referred to as the 2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative. Producers were able to submit applications toward the Initiative Sept. 1, 2021.

(see page four: **HARVEST**)



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RCMP Report

Scammer in Watrous area

On Monday, Aug. 30 Watrous RCMP received two related calls about an individual driving a 1997 bright red Ford F-250 with a black hand painted tailgate and no visible licence plate. The driver had checked in the previous night to the Watrous Super 8 and left the following day without paying. That same morning the same individual checked into the Manitou Springs Resort and Mineral Spa using a debit card and claiming his sister had reserved a room there for him. While there, he billed two meals and numerous items from the gift shop to the room. Staff became suspicious in regards to the quick charges and asked him to attend the front counter with a credit card. The suspect then left the Spa and may be in the company of a female passenger.

Thanks to assistance from the public, on Aug. 31, 47-year-old Craig Gannon was located in Delisle and charged with two counts of obtaining food and lodging by fraudulent means.

Highway blocked after collision

On Aug. 30, 2021 at approximately 5:45 p.m. Warman/Martensville RCMP, along with Delisle Fire and Rescue, Medavie Health Services West and STARS, responded to a two vehicle collision on Hwy. 7, west of Delisle.

Investigation has determined that a grain-hauling semi and an SUV collided. The adult male driver of the SUV was transported to hospital via STARS with serious injuries. The driver of the semi was not injured.

Hwy. 7 was closed for several hours while a forensic collision reconstructionist attended the scene. It has since reopened.

Increased presence at campground at Meadow Lake

RCMP Major Crime Unit South is investigating after a firearms-related incident at Lions Park campground in Meadow Lake.

At 2:44 p.m. Aug. 30, Meadow Lake RCMP received

multiple reports of a firearm discharged at the Lions Park campground.

A 34-year-old female from Flying Dust First Nation was located deceased outside a camper trailer in the campground area.

A 34-year-old male from Thunderchild First Nation was located deceased by apparent suicide inside the same camper trailer when police arrived.

Initial investigation has determined this is considered a homicide-suicide that is domestic in nature. Autopsies will take place in Saskatoon.

An adult female known to the deceased individuals was also injured during this incident. She was transported to hospital for treatment of what was described as a minor injury and has since been released.

Investigators have since determined at 2:10 p.m. Aug. 30, Meadow Lake RCMP received a request for a wellness check on the same 34-year-old female from an individual concerned about her. Police officers were making inquiries related to this request when the separate complaints of the firearm discharged were reported.

The RCMP Major Crime Unit South will be investigating the circumstances of the deaths, in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Coroners Service, Meadow Lake RCMP and North Battleford Forensic Identification Services.

Police are not seeking additional suspects in regards to this incident and we do not anticipate having further updates related to the investigation as no charges will be laid.

Man resuscitated with Naloxone

On Aug. 30, 2021 at approximately 12:45 p.m., Meadow Lake RCMP were dispatched to a call of an unconscious, non-breathing male in a community in their detachment area.

Upon arrival, an officer found an adult male exhibiting symptoms of an opioid overdose. The officer administered his RCMP-issued Naloxone and began CPR on the male, who regained consciousness shortly after. The officer continued first aid until EMS arrived.

The male is expected to recover.

“This is a great example of what can happen when someone recognizes the symptoms of an overdose and calls for emergency assistance. Emergency responders, including the RCMP, are trained to provide immediate care when they arrive at the scene of an overdose emergency,” said S/ Sgt. Ryan How from the Meadow Lake RCMP Detachment.

Aug. 31 was International Overdose Awareness Day, a global campaign to end overdose while remembering, without stigma, its victims. Part of those efforts is sharing the fact that Naloxone saves lives. Naloxone, also known as Narcan, quickly counters the effects of an opioid overdose. Saskatchewan RCMP officers carry Naloxone as part of their standard kit and are trained to administer it.

If you or someone you love is at risk of opioid overdose, consider keeping Naloxone on hand. It can be purchased at many Saskatchewan pharmacies and is available through the Province of Saskatchewan’s Take Home Naloxone Program.

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uncomplICATed - White Sand Hills ON THE PRAIRIE??!!



by Arlene Martin

It was like the heavens opened up on the prairie and rained and pelted the earth with sand. Mounds, slopes and dunes of sand! Beautiful sand, the kind you like to feel on your shoeless feet as cool sapphire waters graze your toes along a squishy sparkly shoreline. But in this case – there was no water, no beach just shifting hills of shimmering bleached sand.

Everyone knew it would be a long drive and the five of us piled comfy in our not-so-new Chevy suburban before 8 a.m. anxious for adventure and family time together. What am I talking about? We drove for almost six hours to arrive at our destination: The Great Sand Hills Ecological-Reserve, these little known about sand dunes. We’ve wanted to see that place in southwest Saskatchewan for many years and finally decided no more putting it off. There is still so much about our beautiful rectangular province that we aren’t familiar with and where we were going that sunny August afternoon is truly a geographical anomaly. Total distance from our little house on the prairie is about a five hour drive. We took the scenic route and at the busy town of Davidson, we enjoyed breakfast (take-out, of course) at a very busy Tim Hortons! On our way again we crossed a pretty stream by ferry.

Always on the lookout for old abandoned buildings, our kids were not disappointed. The prairie landscape is dotted by crumbling schools, farm yards, churches and other buildings. We even found a large cement ‘cube’ – the vault of a very old bank standing alone shadowed by beautiful rolling green and gold hills.

When we reached The Great Sand Hills near the little town of Sceptre, the few cars in the parking lot had Alberta licence plates and more Albertans kept arriving. The entire area was sprinkled with sagebrush and prickly cactus. What we saw did not disappoint – truly it was a desert like wonderland! Sprawling hills of white sand! My kids even spotted wild horses from



their vantage point atop the peak of a dune.

A bit of research explained that these dunes are created by the strong winds and are relentlessly moving, shifting and changing by weather and seasons.

A small grassy hill topped by a large intriguing wooden arch caught my eye and I discovered the many shapes attached to it were cowboy boots. I learned later it was erected by the former John Both featuring his and his family’s boots as “a cowboy’s way to show his appreciation and love for life.”

I didn’t see it, but our son mentioned watching an enormous beetle when he was exploring the massive sandy rifts. I can sleep at night knowing I wasn’t privy to it and also the different types of snakes that call the Sand Hills home, even small rattle snakes. (Ick.)

A long journey ahead of us, we left after several hours and taking a detour for another prairie anomaly, The Loop, where the Saskatchewan River loops between Alberta and Saskatchewan. More cactus and sagebrush and deep steep drop-off cliffs overlooking a winding river as far as the eye can see! Viewing it by sunset was incredibly breathtaking.

It was a full and long day and the lights of home and my wait-

ing bed never looked more inviting. As I type these words, I am remembering details because everything was overwhelming for one day. I am thinking about those white sand hills many First Nations still call a special place - how their cultural beliefs suggest this is where their spirits live after death. I still hear the whispering of leaves as we ate our delicious sandwich lunch in an old picnic area framed by huge sprawling timeworn poplar trees. We spent seventeen hours travelling and my family was concerned about “mama’s bad back!” But I’d do it again in a heartbeat – both Randy and myself. Saskatchewan has so many natural attractions that beckon and call all nature lovers to come see, COME SEE.

I am already planning next summer’s trip, if our elderly Chevy Suburban and my old ailing crooked spine are both still up and running. We haven’t seen The Big Muddy Badlands Outlaw Caves, The Dark Sky Preserve or The Limestone Crevices. Mostly there’s a spot calling my name and I can’t wait to mention it to my family. In a year hopefully, stay tuned as I tell you about a place eerily called The Valley of 1,000 Devils!

(Pictures and more on my blog, uncomplICATed. Remember, to find it just type uncomplicated and my name!)

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(from front page: **HARVEST**)

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 will be up to \$100 per breeding female equivalent in inventory as of Dec. 31, 2021.

“We are here to support livestock producers during this difficult time,” Marit said. “We have worked efficiently to solidify initiative details and understand producers need financial assistance to help offset costs associated with herd management decisions.”

Eligible livestock for the Initiative include Canadian-owned female beef and dairy cattle, bison, elk, sheep or goats that are bred or intended to be bred. The number of open

replacement females that can be considered eligible livestock is 15 percent of the total number of bred females.

Earlier in August, Marit announced \$119 million in direct support for drought-affected livestock producers under the AgriRecovery program. AgriRecovery is part of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership agreement, with funding shared on a 60-40 federal-provincial basis.

The 2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative will provide financial relief to help offset the extraordinary costs livestock producers face related to the current drought, with a per head payment on female breeding livestock.

Further details on the Initiative and applications will be available on the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation’s website, www.scic.ca.

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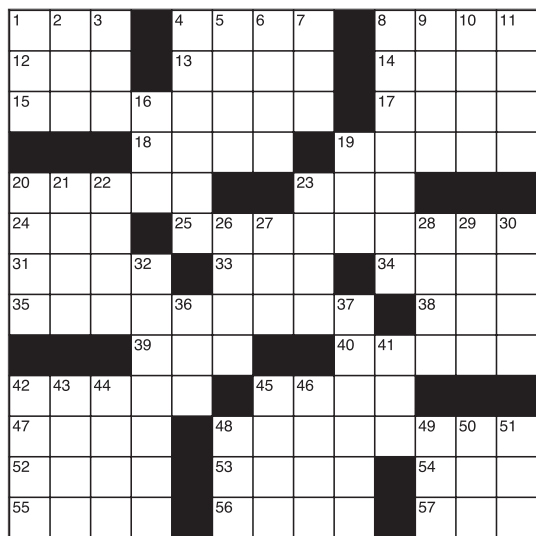
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21. Not early
22. Above
23. Curved roof
26. Strait-laced
27. Shack
28. Bugle call
29. Write text
30. Derby
32. Posed
36. Slurp
37. Lives
41. Burnt wood
42. Downy
43. Three voices
44. Count
45. Seltzer
46. Holler
48. Bakery purchase
49. Piercing tool
50. Island garland
51. Guided

- ACROSS**

1. Bungle
4. Steak, e.g.
8. Regard
12. Farewell, for short
13. Beg
14. Conform to
15. Drink
17. Shoe part
18. Smaller amount
19. Road sign
20. Pack animal
23. Appropriate
24. Cookie grain
25. Cover, as a couch
31. Potent particle
33. Molasses spirit
34. Voila!
35. Put in the bank
38. Flick
39. Fade
40. Trash
42. Soak, as tea
45. Does, e.g.
47. Verbal
48. Billiard parlor: 2 wds.
52. Discharge
53. Fan's hero
54. Little
55. Related
56. Munches
57. Cap
- DOWN**

1. Subside
2. Bread type
3. Gun a motor
4. Dresser
5. Notable periods
6. Caviar
7. Admission price
8. Most curious
9. Clarinet's cousin
10. Reveal
11. Saw
16. Shade provider
19. Actor
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**FOR ANSWERS
TO SUDOKU AND
CROSSWORD,
SEE PAGE 12**

For the
up-and-coming artist



Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Pumpkin Pudding

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 6 tbsp. sugar
- 1 3/4 cups milk (skim milk works fine)
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- dash of salt
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg

Directions:

Mix egg and milk in a small bowl and set aside. Mix sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan. Slowly stir in the egg and milk mixture, over medium heat stirring constantly. Bring to boil and cook one minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Combine remaining ingredients in a bowl and mix well, gradually add pumpkin mixture to pan whisking constantly until well blended. Return pan to medium heat and cook 3 to 4 minutes longer stirring constantly. Remove from heat and pour into serving bowls, refrigerate until chilled. Serve with whipped cream or whipped topping.

Remembering the past through The Book of Saskatchewan Grain Elevators

■ Daniel Bushman

It was a place where producers from all over the area would gather and for decades was an iconic structure across the Prairies. However, for those large wooden elevators, in recent years they have become just a memory. But thanks to a pair of local residents, those memories have been preserved and a few weeks ago, unveiled in ‘The Book of Saskatchewan Grain Elevators.’

Containing 1,140 different elevator sites and 1,400 photos from across Saskatchewan, Lanigan’s Jack Robson said the whole idea for the book was essentially three decades in the making. “This book is an extension of photographing and soliciting elevator photos from all over Saskatchewan. When I first started capturing elevators with my camera, the goal was to document every site that had an elevator at one time in Saskatchewan. Through many, many kilometres I travelled with my wife Mardelle Craven-Robson who documented the images and with thousands of phone calls, we were able to get all of them with the exception of about 15.”

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decades, elevators have since dwindled from over 3,000 wooden structures in Saskatchewan (according to an article published May 17, 2020 in the Globe and Mail) to just 427 as of September 2018. Despite the number of elevators decreasing, what started out as a hobby over 30 years ago for Robson eventually turned into a treasure trove of historic images.

Along with the help of his wife Mardelle, Jack also credits the co-operation from a number of Saskatchewan residents, RMs, community administrators, politicians, the Saskatchewan Archives, the U of S Archives, and many friends who were able to help ensure he and Mardelle were able to discover as many of the landmarks as possible.

Compiling all of the images, the Robsons were soon approached about making a book. Jack and Mardelle joined forces with friends and publishers Trudy Janssens and Warren Iverson (who also had a hand in providing some of the photos for the project the Robsons were unable to get) and began taking orders from family and friends.

Once word got out about the book, Robson said people were calling from all over the province. Deciding to go forward with the project, the first run through Mister Print in Saskatoon was just recently completed and Robson said they have already sold 300 books and are taking orders for a second run.

“We were so happy with how it turned out,” said a pleased Robson who has been feverishly signing and delivering the books along with Mardelle. “We have another list started for the second printing and have also heard from people who have phoned back after getting their copy and were thrilled with it. It is heartwarming to hear and Trudy did an awesome job with the layout and getting it together.”

While Robson shared the project is not a money making

venture, he added being able to take in the experience of snapping photos of elevators over the years and having them preserved in a book has been a thrill. “We travelled across the province and Mardelle documented everything. We visited with many people over the years while we took pictures and more recently, for some of the elevators we weren’t able to capture, it was the people who sent us many photographs or provided leads to help us to find those photographs for the book that I really appreciated. How kind Saskatchewan people were and how enthused Saskatchewan people were to send us the photographs that they did. It was that Saskatchewan hospitality and when they found out what we were doing they would buy into the project and helped us out. It was heartwarming.”

Like many youngsters who grew up on a farm in Saskatchewan, Jack remembers heading to the grain elevator in Jansen. “Elevators were just something that was a part of life because in earlier years you had to get the grain tested for moisture before you could combine. There was always the hustle and bustle around the elevators.”

Robson recalled instances where if there had not been a quota for a long time a lineup of trucks would form outside the elevator. “There was a lot of visiting while you were waiting and I remember the dockage was always something that was talked about. Those elevators always marked our towns and you could tell driving down the highway if there was another town coming up. Now without those elevators, that is not there anymore. They were a big part of life and the camaraderie that went along with them.”

Wanting to help reignite a few memories amongst others who look at the book, Robson hopes they will enjoy viewing all of the different images of elevators spanning across Saskatchewan.

(see page seven: **ELEVATORS**)



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(from page six: **ELEVATORS**)

Containing 191 colour pages, 'The Book of Saskatchewan Grain Elevators,' features 1,140 different elevator sites, 1,400 photos and retails for \$100. The book can be purchased at the Lanigan Advisor and The Watrous Manitou office at 309 Main Street in Watrous or Robson said people can also contact him or Mardelle at 306-365-2004.

"This project was really a team effort by Mardelle, myself, Trudy, Warren and Mister Print in Saskatoon. I hope people will enjoy looking at the photos as much as I enjoyed taking them."



Pictured (left to right): Warren Iverson, Trudy Janssens, Lyle Boulton, manager of Mister Print, Mardelle and Jack Robson.

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Harvest is underway throughout the local area. Erin Evenson submitted the top left photo of her kids watching harvest. Denise Sundquist submitted the below right photos taken before much needed rain. Also in the picture included three generations of farmers on their fifth generation farm. Calvin and Cathy Sather submitted the far left photo combining canola Aug. 30. The top right photo comes courtesy of Amanda McArthur. And the middle photos are from Paula Halstead of Corbin's first combine ride and harvest and Erica eager for her first ride of the season with Paula's husband Shane. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos for this year's Harvest Edition!



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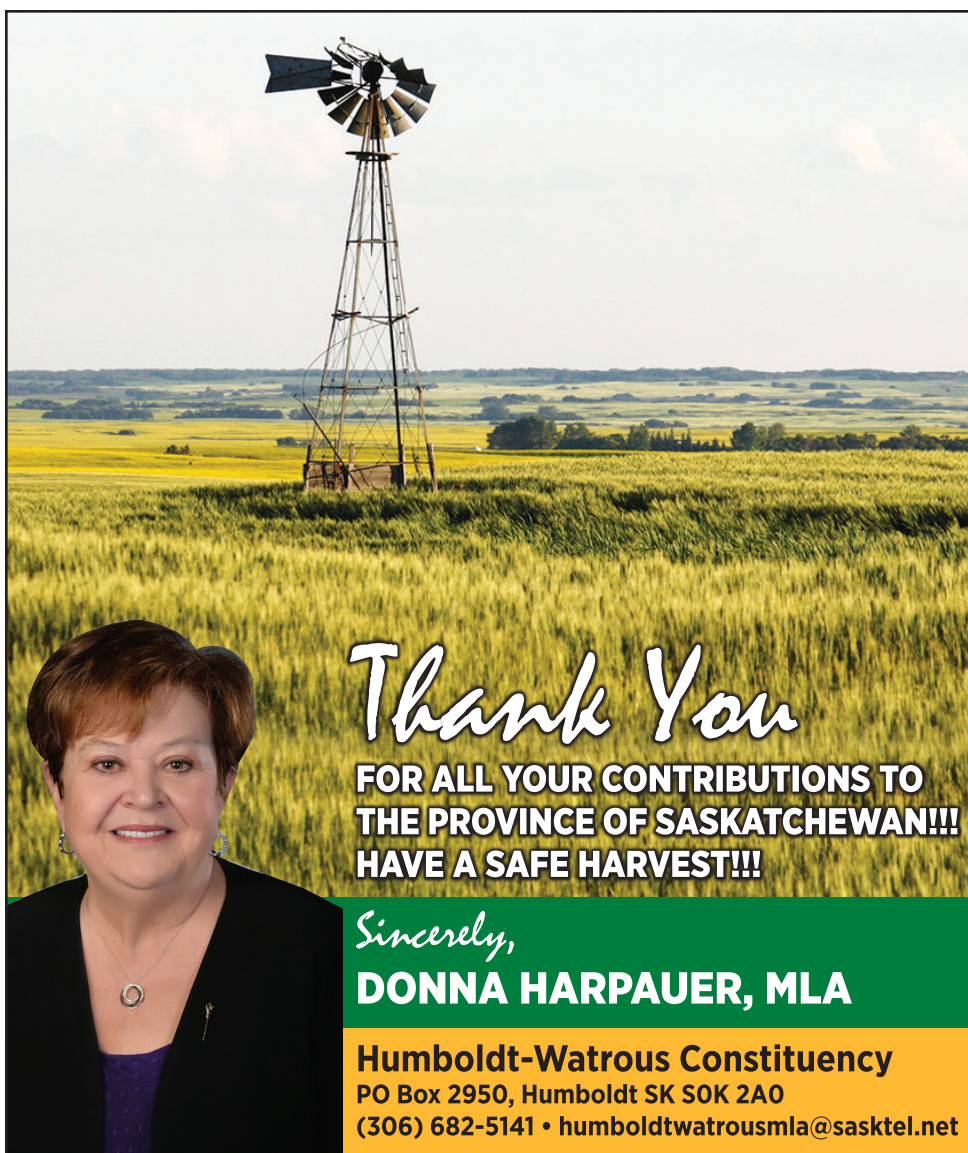
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Minding your mental health during the busy seasons

■ submitted by Lesley Kelly, Farmer and Co-Founder of the Do More Agriculture Foundation

Farming can be both a rewarding and demanding occupation where farmers experience highs and lows and mounting stress. Everyone feels stress and

there can be lots of negative stress on the farm, including ongoing unhealthy family or employee dynamics, debt loads, long hours, and

unexpected interruptions. But there is also good stress that fuels and motivates us.

What is stress?

According to the Canadian

Association of Mental Health, stress is a normal response to situational pressures or demands and is part of everyday life. Often referred to as “fight or flight,” stress causes our bodies to release hormones which make our blood pressure, heart rate and blood sugar levels rise. A nearly constant state of stress, or chronic stress can lead to mental health problems and medical issues.

Is all stress harmful and negative?

A small amount of stress can be good for us because it gives us that boost of adrenaline that motivates us to accomplish tasks. We see

good stress on the farm like the last push of getting the crop planted or seeded before a rain comes or helping a heifer birth a healthy calf.

When stress becomes harmful

When stress becomes overwhelming and prolonged without the opportunity to recover, it can be harmful and risks for mental health problems and medical problems increase. Long term stress increases the risk of mental health problems such as anxiety, depression, substance abuse problems, sleep problems. Stress also increases the risk of medical problems like muscle tension, chronic headaches, weakened immune systems, high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Recognizing signs and symptoms of stress

Physical

- Headaches
- Chest pain
- Beating heart
- Grinding/clenching teeth

Emotional

- Difficulty controlling emotions
- Increased irritability or angry blow-ups
- Frustration
- Depressed
- Impatient
- Low self-esteem
- Suicidal thoughts
- Change in diet and sleeping habits
- Substance use increase
- Lack of concentration
- Forgetfulness
- Procrastination
- Withdrawing from others and activities
- Trouble adapting to changing situations

Because stress is a normal part of life, everyone experiences it. However, the frequency, duration and intensity will be different for each person and therefore, how each person manages their stress will be different too. Here are some quick tips that you can do in your office or cab of the tractor to help manage stress:

- Talk it out with a friend: Having supportive people in your life is the key to stress management. This may mean reaching out to your existing network or expanding your network by joining an organization, attending a support group or obtaining professional help.
- Talk yourself through it: Sometimes calling a friend is not an option. If this is the case, talking calmly and positively to yourself can be the next best thing. Tell yourself why you are stressed out, what you have to do to complete the task at hand, and most importantly, that everything will be okay. (see page 11: **SEASONS**)

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You are always stronger than you know

■ submitted by Lesley Kelly

When I was about seven, I stepped on a nail while I was running outside the Renown hall as my dad and neighbours were doing some renovations. Wearing sandals, my foot didn't stand a chance and the nail went right through it. I screamed and my dad came over, picked me up, carried me to his truck and held my hand all the way to the Watrous hospital. While he was driving he said, "Your foot will hurt but you're stronger than you realize Lesley."

When I went through

my first boy heartbreak as a teenager, my dad was the first one I ran to. He hugged me as I cried on his shoulder, patted my head and said, "Your heart will hurt but you're stronger than you realize Lesley."

The day I tried the grain cart for the first time on the farm, I was overly nervous and way out of my comfort zone. I didn't understand hand signals, the guys had to repeat things to me multiple times, I was slow and held up the team and I busted a couple shear pins. My dad said when I got back to the yard that night: "Your confidence may hurt,

but you're stronger than you realize Lesley."

The day we got the news that my dad only had a few days left in this world, as tears streamed down our faces in the hospital, I told him I didn't know how I was going to live without him. He paused, turned to me and said, "It's going to hurt for a bit but you are stronger than you realize Lesley."

My dad helped me redefine strength and helped me realize the strength I always had in me. Unfortunately, my dad, Garnet Martin, who was born, lived his life in Watrous and was so proud to

be part of this community, lost his two year battle with cancer this past July. This has been a hard year for many of us, through a pandemic, life loss and crop loss because of the drought but I'm repeating his words continually to help get us through and passing it on like he did:

Please remember, you are always stronger than you know.

Believe it. Know it. Trust it.

(Originally posted on High Heels and Canola Field's Facebook and Instagram pages)



- photo courtesy Lesley Kelly

(from page 10: **SEASONS**)

• Breathing: Just focusing on your breathing or changing the way you breathe can make a big difference to your overall stress level. Breathing techniques can calm your body and your brain in just a few minutes. While there are many breathing exercises, a few simple ones include:

1. Breathe in through your nose and watch your belly fill with air. Count slowly to three as you inhale. Hold for one second and then slowly breathe out through your nose as you count to three again.

2. Breathe in through your nose and imagine inhaling peaceful, calm air. Imagine that air spreading through your body. As you exhale, imagine you're breathing out stress and tension.

• Listen to music: Listening to calming music or music you enjoy can have a very relaxing and positive effect on the body.

• Take a walk: Exercise is a fantastic stress reliever that can work in minutes. Taking a walk allows you to enjoy a change of scenery and a break which can help you get into a different frame of mind. It can be as easy as walking around the tractor a few times to ease your stress level.

• Write it down: While recording what you are stressed about is one approach, another is jotting down what you would like to get accomplished and prioritize, or what you're grateful for. Your phone can be a great tool. You can also do this through voice notes and keep messages, ideas, thoughts and lists on our phone.

Certain habits can promote resilience to stress, as well as increase overall wellness. It's also important to create

a lifestyle that will help you ward off stress and deal with challenges in a healthy way. Eating a balanced diet, making time for leisure activities, prioritizing exercise and sleep, and reassessing your to-do list can all help. Finding the best stress relief strategies may take some experimenting and practice. But it's important to keep looking for tools that will help you manage life's inevitable ups and downs in a healthy way. Keeping stress at a manageable level is important for your overall well-being.

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This article first appeared on The Do More Agriculture Foundation's website September 18, 2020.

Sask. deficit up after providing support due to drought

■ media release

Saskatchewan's deficit is up \$126.5 million due to significant agricultural support of over \$700 million to address wide-spread drought conditions.

Higher expenses are offset somewhat by increased revenue from higher than expected oil and potash prices and from higher federal transfers.

The result is a forecast 2021-'22 deficit of \$2.74 billion at first quarter.

"Recent commitments to help our farmers through the emerging drought, has affected the province's fiscal situation," Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said. "However, higher oil and potash prices and increased federal transfers have helped to combat the increase in the projected deficit."

Revenue is forecast to increase from budget by about \$757 million (5.2 percent). About \$360 million of this revenue increase is from non-renewable resources-primarily due to higher oil and potash prices.

Federal transfers are also up by about \$401 million from budget, including almost \$132 million for early learning and child care, about \$124 million for Saskatchewan's share of the Helping Our Health Systems Recover program and about \$63 million in one-time top-up funding for the Canada Community-Building Fund.

Total expense is up about \$884 million

(5.2 percent) from budget. Nearly \$707 million of that forecast increase is due to pressures in the agriculture sector and includes higher crop insurance expense of about \$588 million (bringing the total crop insurance indemnity forecast to \$1.1 billion this year), as well as \$119 million to help producers maintain breeding stock and address the high costs they face due to drought conditions.

According to private-sector forecasters, Saskatchewan's real GDP is now expected to grow by 5.6 percent in 2021 and by 3.8 percent in 2022.

"A number of our other key economic indicators have also shown improvement since budget, and Saskatchewan continues to have the second-highest overall credit rating among Canadian provinces," Harpauer said. "We are pleased that the major rating agencies continue to have confidence in our government's fiscal and budgetary approach as we respond to the significant challenges posed by drought and by the global COVID-19 pandemic."

Saskatchewan also has the lowest net debt to GDP among the provinces at Mar. 31, 2021.

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Viscount

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■ submitted by Sheri Yaworski, JOP and Membership Coordinator
Viscount Archery Club

was very well represented at the Saskatchewan Archery Association Outdoor Target

and Field Archery Provincials held in Regina Aug. 21 and 22, 2021.
Saturday, Aug. 21, five Viscount Archery Club members competed in the Outdoor Target Provincials. This event

brought archers from all over the province to compete and consisted of two 720 rounds (72 arrows each round). All five of the Viscount archers placed in the medals. Kenny Neinaber earned the gold medal in Master Men Compound. Wilem Bothma took

home the gold medal in Senior Men Hunter. Cadet Men Compound: Wayde Yaworski won gold, Carl Bothma with silver and Dylan Yaworski taking the bronze medal.
Saskatchewan Archery Association Field Archery Provincials were held Aug. 22 in

the nonstop rain. Four members of the Viscount Archery Club competed in this event. Field archery consists of archers moving along a course of varied elevation and terrain to stations where they shoot at target faces of different sizes depending on the various distances. After a wet and challenging day, Viscount Archery Club members all brought home medals. Wilem Bothma took home the gold medal for Senior Men Hunter. On the podium for Cadet Men Compound: Wayde Yaworski won gold, Carl Bothma received silver and Dylan Yaworski with bronze.
For more information about the Viscount Archery Club, please contact viscount.archery@gmail.com or contact us through our Facebook page.



- photos courtesy Sheri Yaworski

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Well our Saskatchewan Roughriders had a great game in Regina. I hope they can keep it up.
A large crowd attended the flea market at the Manitou Beach drive-in.
We were recently visiting

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We recently received three-quarters of an inch of rain.
Irene Bird of Saskatoon has been moved to Watrous nursing home. She is a sister

to Frieda McWillie of Watrous.
Ken and Inez Wilson of Saskatoon were recently in Plunkett visiting his mom and Ken Sutherland.
Dennis and Leona Credgeur had their grandchildren here and took them back home to Meadow Lake. They were down to see their grandmother and celebrate her 92nd birthday.
Visiting Elaine Anderson were her son Jason and family from Whitehorse, Yukon.
The gardens are keeping us busy putting away garden veggies and making pickles.
Combining was well underway and now it decided to rain and slow things down.

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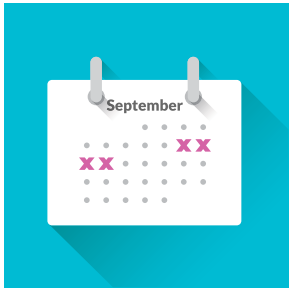
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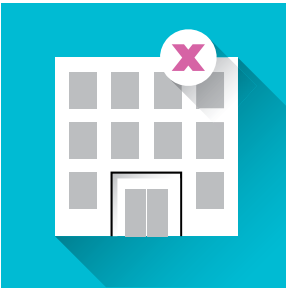
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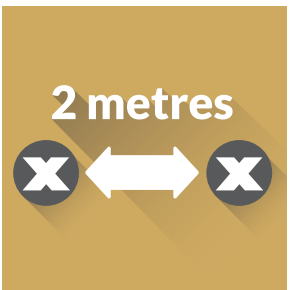
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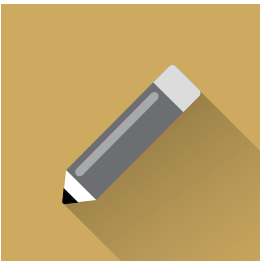


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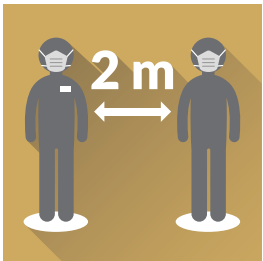
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Practice physical distancing by staying at least two metres away from voters and poll workers

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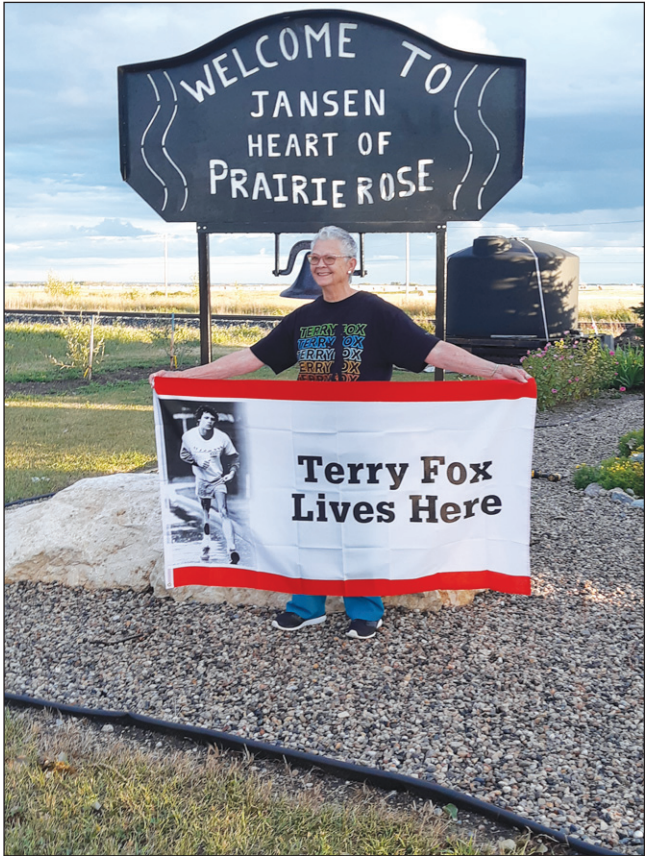
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For a second year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Terry Fox Run which has previously been hosted in Jansen will not occur this year. If people would still like to contribute to the worthy cause or take part, participants can once again register online for the Virtual Terry Fox Run. One Day. Your Way, which will take place Sept. 19, 2021 (www.terryfox.org/run). For those wishing to donate they can also go online to www.terryfox.org. As past and current participants of the annual run, we greatly appreciated the support we have received over the years including last year when the Jansen Community Bloomers group purchased a Terry Lives Here Flag in honour of the 40th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run. Pictured with the flag last year was longtime participant and supporter of the Terry Fox Run in Jansen, Vorgeen Wacker.

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It sounds like the children had a good time at the library Aug. 31. Now it is back to school for the year.

Visiting Linda Paetsch were Debra and Stephanie Weiss.

Linda attended a wedding in Humboldt for Willie Birss and Jess Niekamp. Willie is the son of the former Margaret Paetsch, Linda's daughter.

There was a nice birthday party for Laureen Hamilton.

Happy birthday to Dwayne Koshinsky, Howard Benson and Andy Daughtery.

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