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Remembering an iconic visit from Prince Philip

■ Daniel Bushman

As people from around the world mourned the passing of The Duke of Edinburgh who passed away April 9, 2021 at the age of 99, many from the local area also reminisced about a visit Prince Philip took to Last Mountain Lake Migratory Bird Sanctuary over 30 years ago.

An advocate for wildlife and wetlands as the President of the World Wildlife Fund, The Duke of Edinburgh's visit to Saskatchewan in June of 1987 left a lasting impact. Along with attending an international conference in Regina, Prince Philip visited a burrowing owl site east of Regina and flew to Last Mountain Lake Bird Sanctuary to celebrate the sanctuary's centennial while witnessing the signing of establishing the north end of the lake as a National Wildlife Area (NWA).

The history of the bird sanctuary east of Simpson runs deep as land was set aside by Canada's first prime minister Sir John A. Macdonald after learning waterfowl were common at the north end of Last Mountain Lake. Work was done in 1887 to ensure those lands would protect birds and through that, the bird sanctuary was established as the first in Canada and North America.

Commemorating the sanctuary's centennial in 1987 and viewing the historic NWA signing, Habitat Biologist for Canadian Wildlife Service between 1978 and 2009, Philip Taylor, remembers the day Prince Philip arrived to the area by helicopter. In fact, Taylor who was in charge of managing Saskatchewan's habitat program and sanctuaries was

instrumental in planning the ceremony which included The Duke of Edinburgh.

As the centennial approached, Taylor along with then Canadian Wildlife Service area manager Clint Jorgenson began thinking about what they could do to commemorate it. Planning to establish nature trails, a driving tour, a viewing tower and information kiosk, Taylor said, "We were working on having it designated as a national historic site, which it now is, but that still didn't tie together our ideas and thoughts about recognizing the centennial of establishing the bird sanctuary."

As work progressed and one thing led to another, Taylor connected with the World Wildlife Fund's Monte Hummel who mentioned Prince Philip was very interested in global conservation. With a special interest in Canada and being President of the World Wildlife Fund, a request was made to seek Prince Philip's attendance for the centennial and NWA signing. "Buckingham Palace came back and said, 'Yes the Prince is available and yes, the Prince is interested in coming.'"

Along with the opportunity to have Prince Philip attend the ceremony at Last Mountain Lake, a Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance was scheduled to be held in Saskatchewan at the same time. "This conference proposed for being held in Regina was agreed to and it was another reason for Prince Philip to come in his role as President of the World Wildlife Fund. That year Canada nominated 12.8 million hectares

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►Arriving by helicopter during the morning of June 5, 1987, Prince Philip was greeted by hundreds of people for a ceremony at the Last Mountain Lake Bird Sanctuary just east of Simpson. The event marked the sanctuary's centennial while The Duke of Edinburgh also witnessed the signing between the provincial and federal governments to establish a National Wildlife Area (NWA) at the north end of the lake. photos courtesy Kerry Hecker and Lois Vanthuylen/Canadian Wildlife Service



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Longtime correspondent passes along her pen and paper

■ Daniel Bushman

For more than two decades Florence Halvorson has been providing the news on behalf of the community of Colonsay. While Halvorson enjoyed being The Watrous Manitou's correspondent for Colonsay over that time, with plans of moving closer to family in Saskatoon, she felt it was time to let someone else take on the role.

"I really did enjoy doing it," said Halvorson over the phone from her home in Colonsay. "I counted on doing this every week and I'm going to miss it. I will still be around the community for a while though."

Born at Kandahar, Sask., Halvorson attended school there before her family moved a few more times including to the Govan area. After her schooling,

Florence worked at the O.K. Economy in Tisdale and it was there where she met her husband. Married in 1959, the Halvorsons would relocate to Colonsay in 1969 as Florence's husband worked at Central Canada Potash. The pair had two boys and later twin grandsons.

In Colonsay, over the years Halvorson worked at the Co-op then the TD Bank before it closed. After the bank's closure, Florence drove to Allan to work at the TD Bank there until her retirement.

Like with all of the correspondents who have generously submitted news to The Watrous Manitou over the years, on behalf of the newspaper, publisher Daniel Bushman said, "We sincerely appreciate Florence's willingness to provide our readers with news from Colonsay. While

the current pandemic has forced a lot of events including weekly card games to be put on hold, Florence's dedication to sending us news items was truly appreciated! We also appreciated her willingness to help us during our Christmas editions and wish her all the best in the future! Thank you Florence!"

While Halvorson has decided to end her tenure as Colonsay's correspondent, Irene Gray has graciously taken Florence's pen and paper and will continue providing news to The Watrous Manitou.

Gray who has submitted items on behalf of Halvorson in the past said, "I am looking forward to taking on the role as the correspondent in Colonsay."

With a heart for helping people, Irene was born in Humboldt before growing

up in Watrous. Moving to Saskatoon in Gr. 9, she eventually returned to her rural roots, residing on a mixed farm with her husband Jim. The couple moved from the farm in 2003 to Colonsay and have been in the community ever since. Married 55 years, Irene worked with SaskPower for 30 years before retiring. Gray enjoys being able to garden and volunteers to take people to Saskatoon. She also tries to do whatever she can to help others.

If people would like to submit Colonsay news items or photos, they can contact Irene at 306-255-2775.

Bushman said, "On behalf of The Watrous Manitou, we are thrilled to welcome Irene as our correspondent from Colonsay. Thank you for your willingness to fill Florence's shoes and continue to provide our readers with news and timely items from Colonsay."

■ Daniel Bushman

As the COVID-19 transmission risk continued to rise in Saskatchewan and the seven-day average of daily new cases reached 271 as of Apr. 14, a couple of changes were implemented to the Public Health Order while the provincial government provided new guidelines for camps, parks and campgrounds and golf.

Public Health Order changes

The Chief Medical Health Officer announced amendments to the Public Health Order that effective Apr. 13, household bubbles are limited to immediate household members only for all of Saskatchewan. People who live alone and single parents of minor children are permitted to meet with one consistent household of less than five individuals. Co-parenting arrangements are permitted to continue. Caregivers, support personnel and tradespersons who are not a member of the

household are not included in the maximum number of people allowed in that household.

The new Public Health Order also included limits on worship gathering sizes to allow no more than 30 people effective 12:01, Friday, Apr. 16.

According to the provincial government, these Public Health Order measures are in effect until Apr. 26 and will be reviewed at that time.

As the Public Health Orders were changed Apr. 13, a few days prior on Apr. 9, new guidelines were implemented for child and youth day camps, parks and campgrounds and golf.

Child and Youth Day Camps

Online and virtual activities are still recommended; however, the guidelines for Child and Youth Day Camps have been updated. Where space is available, multiple groups of eight can participate in activities for sport, music, art, dance, drama and educational program day camps.

Parks and Campgrounds

This year, camping will open to 100 percent capacity for overnight stays and limited-term campsites. Park, playground and aquatic access will be permitted, while all events must comply with the current Public Health Order. Laundry services will also be permitted by following guidelines that include face coverings and maintaining physical distance.

Golf

Tee times will only be required to be a minimum of eight minutes apart - a change from 10 minutes at the end of last season. Tournaments are being permitted this season, but all awards and receptions must be done virtually at

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COVID-19 update

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Please visit www.rmusborne.ca for dust control policy details, including staking desired areas.

To be put on the list, please contact the office at **306-365-2924** or **rm310@sasktel.net** prior to Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

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Competition will close when the position is filled.

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those applicants being interviewed will be contacted.

MANITOU BEACH

Sue Alcock

Firstly, sincere condolences from all of us are extended to Norma Hutchinson and her family on the passing of Dorman last month. Dorman and Norma have had a long relationship with Manitou Beach as over the years they operated several businesses including the Little Brown Jug and the Chalet Pool.

Also we extend sincere condolences to the Allin family who recently lost Dollina at the age of 97. For many summers she enjoyed cottage life here.

As we watch COVID-19 variants of concern become more of a concern, all I can say is stay safe and healthy. Get well wishes to anyone ailing. May the vaccines flow well into many more arms very soon.

So we had more snow, a mild thaw and the mud returneth. Hopefully this moisture will be of benefit to the farmer's fields. Sloughs in the area are certainly dry and geese wondering where their ponds went! Juncos are happily scavenging under the bird feeders and the house finches have been colourful visitors.

Looking back through old photos I came across some taken here during the spring thaw of 2007 when huge slabs of ice damaged and dislodged kiddies playground toys along the lakeshore. That spring the lake flowed over the road that ran east out of the village and that road has been under water for several years now. I think that year was the start of our "water troubles".

Now folks I need your memories – I also have photos of a parade here for Canada Day but what year? The Red Hatters group was in the parade if that helps jog memories and a sign being carried wishes Canada "Happy Birthday". Anyone else have photos of the parade. The ones I have were taken by the late Elmer Mierau, he was kind enough to give them to me.

Going back further in time to 1933 it was noted in The Watrous Manitou that in December someone drove across the sandbar at the east end of the lake and a "new" road made! Presumably the lake was frozen to give "extra" width to the bar. Next year there was chitchat about petitioning the Minister of Highways to develop the sandbar into a road so that travel to north of the lake would be shortened. A few years later, in October 1937, The Watrous Manitou reported that Poplar Park and district farmers were filling in the gap in the sandbar. It was noted that the RMs and provincial government had failed to do this work. As the gravel was very loose it would not be safe for sometime, until the gravel packed down. Was the sandbar always in existence as a consequence of glacial work? Or was it created by mankind? Me thinks glacial work via the Watrous spillway but I really have no idea. Your thoughts please?

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Plunkett folks send their deepest sympathy to Gizella (Frank) Toth of Watrous, formerly of Plunkett, on the passing of her sister-in-law Rose Marie Hordos, aged 84 years, of Cupar Nursing Home. She lived in Lanigan for several years before that.

Plunkett folks also send sympathy to the family of Roy Dawes of Chilliwack, B.C. on his recent passing at the age of 94 years old.

Curling fans enjoyed the men's world curling in Cal-

gary. The Alberta team did great. It also sounds like the world ladies curling will also be held in Calgary.

Congratulations to Myrna Fleischhaker who was elected from the three folks. Those who ran were Della Dukart, Mark Clavelle and Myrna Fleischhaker who had 22 votes.

Several folks have received their vaccine.

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

VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Wow to all the little storms we have been having. Hopefully they are done! It would be so nice to get out into the yard even just for a coffee. Which yes, we could still do but looking forward to not putting on jackets or winter footwear.

Looks pretty quiet around Viscount. I am assuming that it probably is the same in any town you go to nowadays. We became proud great-grandparents to our fourth great-grandchild, a boy, during the Easter break. Unfortunately, we have to wait to go see him, but we have seen pictures of him. So adorable!

I am looking forward to someday having some sports or just local news for the readers. I am also looking forward to the May long weekend for the community garage sales. I have spent the winter downsizing and I actually enjoyed it.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Stay safe and enjoy the spring weather when it decides to come around. If you have any news please let me know, thank you.

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll

RM OF WREFORD NO. 280

Notice is hereby given that the *assessment roll* for the R.M. of Wreford No. 280 for the year 2021 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the following days: Wednesday to Friday, until Friday June 11, 2021.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against their assessment is required to file a notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$200.00 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful, by June 11, 2021, with:

Aileen Swenson
Secretary of the Board of Revision
R.M. of Wreford No. 280
Box 99, Nokomis, SK, S0G 3R0

Dated this 12th day of April, 2021.
Melanie Rich, Assessor

A Celebration of Music

■ submitted by Joanne Andrews
Watrous & District Music Festival Member

Watrous & District Music Festival is pleased to announce that we are hosting a virtual Celebration of Music Apr. 26 to 29. This will be available for online viewing for anyone to watch during these dates.

The conventional music festival was not an option for us this year so we decided the Celebration of Music would help keep the joy of music alive for Watrous and area this year.

We are thrilled with the number of musicians and vocalists that have registered and are excited to be able to include 16 piano students, seven vocal students, two violin students as well as one recorder player. In total, there will be 44 pieces included in our performance.

The Watrous & District Music Festival Committee felt strongly that we should continue to perform and uplift the spirit of our communities. People will be able to view the performances on the Watrous & District Music Festival Facebook page.

We would also like to acknowledge and extend our appreciation to the music teachers for their diligence in teaching during this difficult period. We also graciously appreciate the students for eagerly participating in this special event and their parents for their ongoing encouragement and to Lee Bells and his students from Winston High School for their expertise in editing and assembling the videos for our show.

The Watrous Music Festival Committee looks forward to seeing everyone at our regular festival next year, Apr. 10 to 14, 2022!

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Opinion

Regina experience a wake-up call for us to make it right



A message from Dr. John Froh, pandemic physician lead, SHA COVID-19 Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)

Famed homebuilding contractor and TV personality Mike Holmes has a philosophy: Make it Right.

At the heart of this philosophy is a commitment to build homes the right way, not just to meet the bare minimum building code requirements.

Building codes are there to set a floor for safety not a ceiling. Holmes' Make It Right philosophy insists that homeowners should work with their contractor to build to higher standards to ensure they get a home that is truly safe and high quality for the long term.

So it should be with our public health orders. They set a minimum standard. Saskatchewan residents can and should build a strategy that provides maximum health and safety protection for themselves and the family and friends around them. That means limiting your bubble to your household, staying home and working from home whenever you can, wearing a mask in public, washing your hands regularly and getting a vaccine when it's your turn.

The other parallel with home building is the need to learn and adapt. Building codes are updated periodically to reflect the latest evidence on safety. These changes are often sparked by a sad or unfortunate incident, like a house fire that points to needed changes in building materials or uses.

Similarly, the evidence and science around COVID continues to evolve. Like a fire that sparks a building code change, we cannot look at what's happening in Regina and surrounding area with the fast spread of COVID Variants of Concern and pretend it can only happen there.

All of us around Saskatchewan must strengthen our own strategies as a result. The Variant circulating in Saskatchewan transmits faster and puts more people in hospital than the regular strain of COVID. It tells us that our household COVID bubble should probably be a COVID fortress.

In February 2019, Holmes was quoted in a CBC news article in the aftermath of a fire in Halifax that took the lives of seven people and pointed to potential changes required in the national building code: "We tend to not pay attention to things until there is a catastrophe," he said. "This should be a wake-up call that we need to take things more seriously."

The continuing momentum of our COVID immunization program brings us hope that we will not always have to build a fortress to protect ourselves. But until then, we need to use the escalating situation in Regina and area as our own wake-up call. When building your bubble and creating your strategy for fighting COVID, follow Mike Holmes' philosophy and Make it Right.

Dr. John Froh is an emergency, trauma and transport physician who practices in Saskatoon where he lives with his family. He is also a pandemic physician lead in SHA's COVID-19 Emergency Operations Centre.

The message appeared on Saskatchewan Health Authority's website Apr. 3, 2021.



Tips from Reena Nerbas

Dear Mandy,

One option is to sew the extra button onto the inside label of the garment. Some people tape the extra button onto the blank side of a business card. Label the business card with which garment the button matches. Then the business card is put inside of a book-style business card holder that they have specifically set apart for spare garment buttons.

Dear Reena,

Do you think it is necessary to change a furnace filter more than once each year? Mike

Dear Mike,

Changing a furnace filter only once a year increases the odds of reducing the life of your furnace. It is good practice to change the filter every one to three months, and more often if you hold it up to the light and cannot see through it. Some things to consider: do you have pets? If so, change the filter more often. Also, what kind of filters are you using? It is recommended that homeowners change standard fibreglass filters monthly.

Dear Reena,

Can you please give me a simple recipe for homemade garlic butter? Thanks, Gwen

Dear Gwen,

For the easiest garlic butter recipe stir together one cup softened butter with one tablespoon garlic

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

Many of the jackets and suits that I buy are sold with an extra button. Apart from storing the button in the jacket pocket, do you have any suggestions as to how to organize apparel buttons without losing them? Mandy

powder, but for 'Garlic Butter with a Kick' try the following recipe. Into a bowl stir together one cup softened butter, one tablespoon minced garlic, one teaspoon garlic salt, one-quarter cup grated Parmesan cheese, one teaspoon Italian seasoning salt, one-quarter teaspoon black pepper and half a teaspoon paprika. Spread on bread before toasting. Store remainder in a sealed container in the fridge.

Give these hints a try!

This tip came from a woman that I was chatting with in a waiting room. Her six-year-old daughter's sneakers looked brand new and so I asked her what her secret is. She washes more than her car at the local wand-type car wash, taking along filthy sneakers, boots, and the mat outside her front door. Sounds like a quick and easy solution after hiking muddy trails. I will definitely try it this summer! Submitted by: Jan

I usually clean our stainless steel sinks with a sprinkle of dishwasher powder on a damp cloth, but instead I decided to try non-gel toothpaste and it does an even better job. Any cheap toothpaste should work. Happy spring! Jan

If you accidentally seal an envelope and need to open it, stick it in the freezer for an hour and it will open. Submitted by: Ruth

The simplest way to raise indentations in a carpet is to place a very damp colourfast facecloth, folded many times, over the spot overnight and voila! Saves rubbing anything foreign into the carpet. Submitted by: Allan

Note: Every user assumes all risks of injury or damage resulting from the implementation of any suggestions in this column. Test all products on an inconspicuous area first.

Reena Nerbas is a popular motivational presenter for large and small groups; check out her website: reena.ca. Ask a question or share a tip at reena.ca



Neighbourly advice according to Ed

A spiritual column by contributor Raymond Maher www.accordingtoed.com

Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, likes to say that filling something too full does not matter, as long as it is not an overflow of whiskey in the glass or gasoline in the gas tank. Spilling coffee over the edges of your cup or filling it too full might be just a sleepy reaction to the morning in Ed's view.

Could it be that we may not stop at full when it comes to Easter Sunday or Christmas Day? Could we be overloading the cup of

Stop at full. Don't overflow the cup.

our mind or heart with too many extra details of our situations? Maybe Easter Sunday is like a coffee that spills over the edges of our cups because we have added too much cream to it.

It is not hard to go beyond enough or full. I may not stop at enough food but take a second helping even though I risk overeating. Many folks are never content that they have enough money but are convinced that they will never overflow their money. How many children feel they have too many Easter eggs?

When do we stop at full? Does it take something extreme to get us aware we are in over our heads? A backed-up sewer may be too much for us to handle on our own, giving us overflowing stress until we can get it corrected. We may have lots of concerns not as urgent as a backed-up sewer, but when various problems are added together, we may have more

cares than we can handle.

David Collins writes, "Overload is anything more than my mind can process, and my heart can embrace. It is life spilling over the edges of my capacity. The spillage is out of my control."

The pandemic has everyone feeling out of control and the spillage of sickness and death keep slapping us in the face, even as the vaccines become a reality to more and more people. The COVID-19 virus and its variants have added to an overload of stress, which adds to each person's uncertainties, cares and concerns.

The disciples were in an overload of guilt, cares and stress as the day of Jesus' resurrection arrived. Jesus had told them when he was alive, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28) They could not come to Jesus for help, for he was dead and

in his tomb. They ran away when Jesus was arrested. One of their own had betrayed Jesus for money. Peter had followed Jesus when he was arrested only to deny knowing Jesus three times before others. The disciples were hiding behind locked doors, afraid the authorities might next put them to death. Women had reported to them that Jesus' tomb was empty! Jesus was alive from the dead!

Their words did not seem possible to the disciples. They had lost their confidence in Jesus. They felt alone and overwhelmed about their today and their tomorrow.

In the evening, Jesus appeared to his disciples, showing them that he was alive from the dead. He wanted them to be at peace. They needed to believe He was alive and that he was their peace and confidence forever and ever. Easter is our fullness of truth and peace. Rejoice, Jesus Lives!

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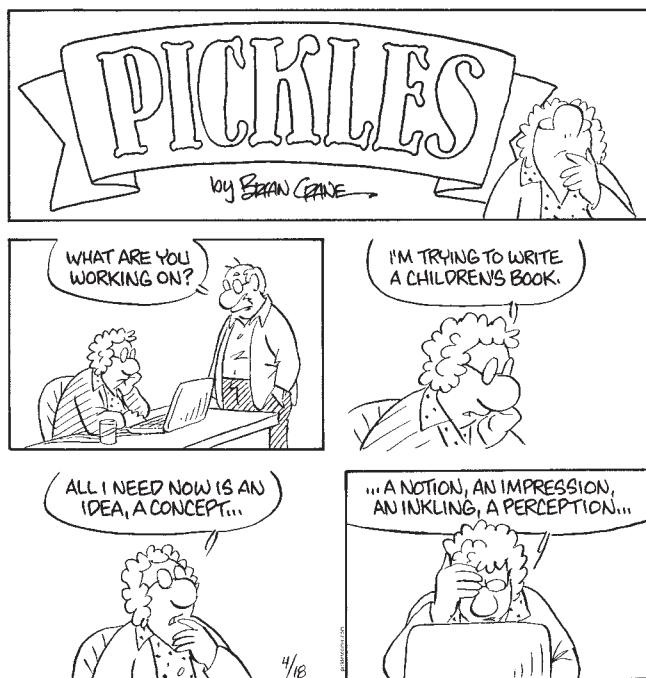
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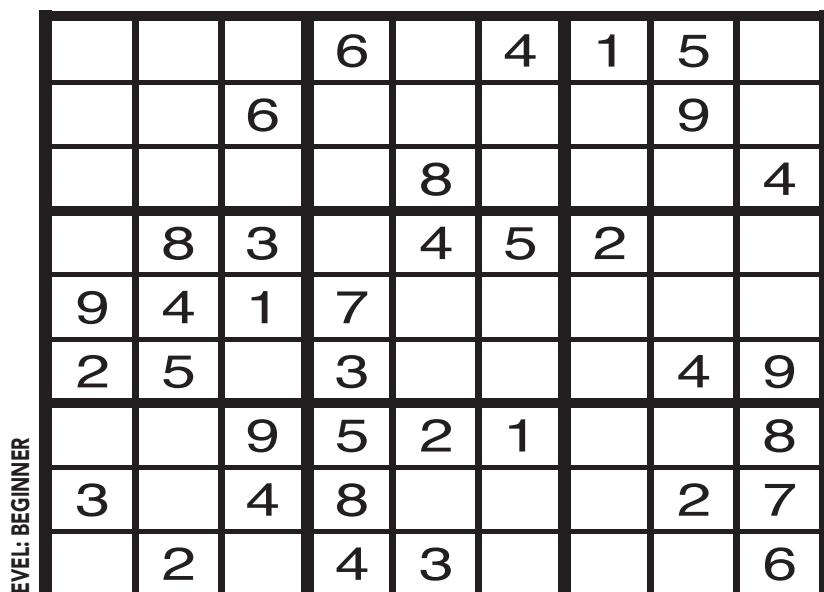
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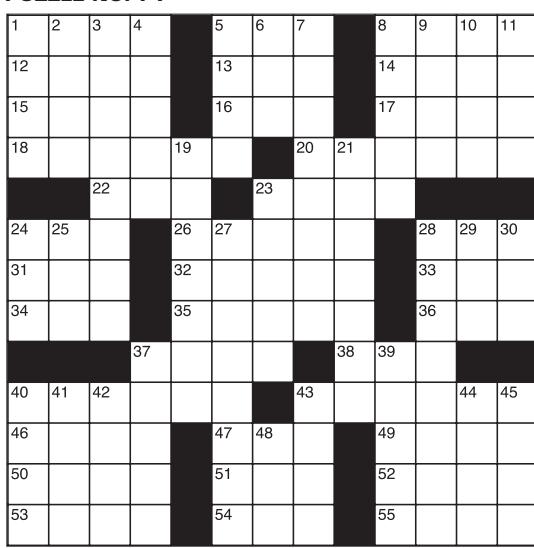


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Bacon Wrapped Tater Tots

Ingredients:

- 1 package Tater Tots
- about 2 pounds of bacon, cut in half
- 6-7 slices of cheese

Directions:

Heat oven to 350°F. Arrange the Tater Tots in a single layer on a large baking sheet (I like to place on parchment paper on the baking sheet). Bake for about 10 minutes until no longer frozen, but not completely cooked. Remove from oven and allow to cool.

Cook bacon until cooked through, but still soft. You want to be able to wrap them around the Tater Tots. Drain well on paper towels. Allow to cool.

Break each cheese slice into about 16 pieces. Place a piece of cheese around the side of a Tater Tot and wrap with a slice of bacon. Secure bacon with a toothpick. Place on the parchment lined baking sheet. Continue until all are wrapped and on the baking sheet. Bake at 350°F for about 30 minutes. The bacon will crisp up, the cheese will melt and you will love these as a hot appetizer or as a potato dish for a meal.



“RCMP Report”

Spring storm creates treacherous roads

As another spring storm hit parts of the province last week, Saskatchewan RCMP received 24 calls for service



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overnight Apr. 12 in the southeast portion of the province regarding motor vehicle collisions due to weather. Additionally, they received 15 calls for assistance where vehicles were stuck on the road or in the ditch. These numbers account for the calls received through the DOCC and did not reflect calls that may have gone directly to RCMP Detachments. Highways throughout the province were still extremely slippery Tuesday morning, Apr. 13 and many highways were closed in the southeast corner of the province.

As Tuesday continued so did the snow and collisions. Indian Head RCMP were on scene of multiple collisions along Hwy. 1. No injuries were reported. Three miles east of Wolseley, the eastbound lane of Hwy. 1 was completely blocked by a jack-knifed semi. No injuries were reported. There was a very lengthy backup of vehicles and due to dangerous road conditions, officers were unable to re-route traffic. Around 7:15 a.m. White Butte RCMP responded to a report of a semi jack-knifed across both westbound lanes of Hwy. 1 approximately two miles west of the Grand Coulee exit. The driver did not report any injuries. Police officers re-routed traffic on grid roads in the immediate area. The roadway was cleared around noon.

Significant cannabis seizure

On Apr. 7 Saskatchewan Highway Patrol (SHP) conducted a commercial vehicle safety inspection traffic

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this time.

Additional guidelines are expected to be announced including youth and individual sports activities.

COVID-19 vaccination and case statistics

As of Apr. 15 an additional 7,956 doses of COVID-19 vaccine had been given in Saskatchewan, bringing the total number of vaccines administered in the province to 315,405. Fifty-six percent of Saskatchewan residents age 50+ have received their

first dose.

Effective Apr. 16, 2021 the Saskatchewan Health Authority changed the eligibility for immunization to ages 48 years and older in many parts of the province.

With more vaccinations administered in the province, Saskatchewan is preparing to offer COVID-19 vaccinations in pharmacies. In late April, select pharmacies will participate in a small-scale rollout to refine distribution and vaccination processes before larger volumes of

stop near Caronport on Hwy. 1. During the vehicle stop, the SHP officer determined the driver was in possession of illegal Cannabis.

While conducting this traffic stop, the SHP officer observed a second vehicle that was continuously driving by the transport truck. The Moose Jaw RCMP were contacted and intercepted the second vehicle. As a result, and with the commercial vehicle stop initiated by the SHP, the driver of the vehicle was found to be in possession of illegal Cannabis and he was subsequently arrested.

Because of the vehicle stop conducted by the Moose Jaw RCMP, the driver and passenger of the second vehicle were found to be in possession of a significant amount of Canadian currency and they too were subsequently arrested.

The RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime Unit assisted with obtaining the judicial authorizations to search the vehicles and following the execution of the warrant(s), nearly 4,000 pounds of illegal Cannabis was seized from the commercial truck and a significant amount of Canadian currency was seized from the passenger vehicle.

The driver of the commercial vehicle and the driver and passenger of the automobile are known to each other. Harpreet Malhi, Ramandeep Singh, and Mehakdeep Maan all of Brampton, Ont. face numerous charges and appeared in court.

vaccines are distributed to more pharmacies province-wide.

Appointments for pharmacy vaccinations are not yet available. Once participating pharmacies are ready to provide vaccinations, there will be additional information provided by the Ministry of Health and pharmacies will communicate directly with the public.

As of Apr. 15 there were 293 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the provincial total to 37,384 cases. There was also two new deaths reported.

There are a total of 34,325 recoveries and 2,599 cases are considered active. Locally, within Central East 1 zone, there were 36 active cases and no new ones on Apr. 15.

As of Apr. 15, across the province 188 people were in hospital. One hundred and forty-seven people were receiving inpatient care and 41 people were in intensive care.

As of Apr. 15, 4,183 variants of concern had been identified by screening in Saskatchewan including in the local zone of Central East with 135.

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of wetland toward that Ramsar Convention. At that time it was the largest commitment to wetland conservation of any of the members."

With a firm commitment by Buckingham Palace that Prince Philip would attend part of the two week convention, Taylor was thrilled he would also visit Last Mountain Lake and make a stop at a farm east of Regina to see a burrowing owl site.

However, before anything could take place, there were a number of rigorous meetings about Prince Philip's itinerary. Taylor said a planned itinerary had to be agreed upon between Buckingham Palace, the World Wildlife Fund and Canadian Wildlife Service at Last Mountain Lake. "We developed an itinerary and of course had to learn protocol as to what we did, when to shake hands and what to call him. Then we had to discuss things like security

things like what we were responsible for like ensuring the trails were safe and what route we would take. Then between the RCMP and Buckingham Palace, they took care of the security."

Considered as a working visit in his official role as President of the World Wildlife Fund, once the itinerary was approved for Prince Philip, then work began on the June 5 ceremony itself. Set to arrive to commemorate the centennial and observe the signing of the NWA east of Simpson, an open invitation was sent out to the public including dignitaries, nearby neighbours, and students. Federal Environment Minister Tom McMillan and Provincial Minister of Parks, Recreation and Culture, Colin Maxwell were also invited as they would sign the agreement to establish the NWA while Prince Philip acted as the official witness.

In the June 10, 1987 edition of The Watrous Manitou, publisher at that time Frank Wilson was one of the many



►With schools in attendance to see Prince Philip including the one from Nokomis (pictured), teacher Lila Haskey-Mutch was able to get bright yellow hats from Walter Driediger at Nokomis Shop-Rite

to help distinguish her group from others so that they would not get lost. Prince Philip even came over to ask about the 'I Love No Name' hats.

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members of the media who covered the event.

With hundreds of people on hand during that Friday morning to catch a glimpse of Prince Philip, Wilson said The Duke of Edinburgh travelled to the site by military helicopter.

After touring a burrowing owl site 24 kilometres east of Regina and delivering an address at the Ramsar Conference Thursday evening, the following morning June 5, Wilson noted in his article, "The Duke's arrival by helicopter was right on schedule at 9:30 a.m. at a landing area set aside near the speakers' dias. He appeared, as always, to be enjoying himself and walked along the edge of the waiting crowd, stopping here and there to chat and say hello. Applause and greetings accompanied

him and cameras by the dozen received a good workout. As with any Royal Visit, there was an atmosphere of excitement and satisfaction at being able to see Prince Philip and, in some cases, to have a brief word."

After the Duke of Edinburgh's informal walk to the podium, Regional Director of the Canadian Wildlife Service, Gordon Kerr welcomed those in attendance and introduced the official dignitaries which included Prince Philip, the Honourable Tom McMillan, Minister of Environment Canada, Colin Maxwell, Minister of Saskatchewan Parks, Recreation and Culture, Ed Crawford, President of Canada Life Assurance Company, and

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Obituary



DICK, Walter

1925 - 2021

Mr. Walter Dick passed away at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon, Sask. on April 7, 2021 at the age of 95 years.

Walter was born on the farm near Guernsey, Sask. on June 16, 1925, shortly after his parents emigrated from South Russia. He went to school first in Plymouth School near Watrous, then continued

at Waterloo School near Guernsey. Later, he attended Bethany Bible Institute in Hepburn, Sask. where he met Edna Willems, whom he later married. Walter and Edna had three children, Joyce, Wayne and Rod. Walter accepted Jesus as his Saviour and Lord early on and that decision impacted his entire life. This personal faith guided him throughout his life to the very end. When asked recently if he ever regretted giving his life to Christ, he responded immediately with, "No! Never." Walter was a community man, involved in the church where he taught Sunday school, and in the town of Watrous where he organized a men's prayer breakfast, worked with kids' clubs and Youth for Christ. He was also part of the RM of Usborne council for many years as well as serving on the Watrous Hospital board. The Gideon organization was a big part of his and Edna's life, where they made many close friends. He and Edna also arranged for showing the Jesus film at Manitou Beach Regional Park a number of times one summer. Walter loved farming, especially as his boys joined him. Many happy hours were spent on the tractor and in the seed plant he set up in 1975, cleaning seed for the neighbours. He also loved to ski, taking the family on many ski trips to the mountains. Walter and Edna made several trips to Africa when Joyce and Rick were there and enjoyed travelling around Europe. They also travelled in Canada and visited Hawaii. He and Edna retired to Circle Drive Place in Saskatoon in 1994, where he lived until his move to Rehoboth Private Care Home in August 2020.

Walter was the loving father to Joyce (Rick) Gossen of Hope, B.C., Wayne (Janice) Dick of Guernsey, Sask. and Rod (Holly) Dick of Guernsey, Sask. He will also be dearly missed by his eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren: Jeff and Yasuyo Gossen (Karina); Allan and Kristen Gossen (Tegan, Emmett), Lorraine and Christiaan Mau (Kaitlynn, Heidi, Zoe, Sydney), Wendy and John Hiebert (Ashley, Tyson, Jordy), Dennis and Liana Dick (Hayden, Derek, Savannah, Mireya), Tyler and Holly Dick, Spencer and Dana Dick (Ethan, Devin, Jaden), Nicholas and Camille Dick.

Walter was predeceased by his parents, Jacob and Maria Dick; brothers, David, Jake, Henry, Edgar; sisters, Katie, Esther; spouses Edna Willems (1948-2005), Frieda Willems (2006-2014), and Eleanor Hundeby (2015-2020).

Those who wished to pay their respects did so on Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Funeral Home (210 Wess Road, Saskatoon).

Walter will be laid to rest in Philadelphia Mennonite Brethren Church Cemetery in Watrous, Sask. Condolences may be sent to www.hillcrestmemorial.ca

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Thank you to everyone for your phone calls, visits, flowers, food, sharing of memories and donations in memory of Dorman Hutchinson. Thank you to Fotheringham-McDougall Funeral Service for their guidance, attending to all the preparations, for videoing the service and at the graveside. Thanks also to Rev. Jo-Ann Hills for officiating the service and for your visits. Thanks to all the staff at Watrous Hospital, St. Paul's and RUH for your wonderful care in the last two weeks. To the nurses that copied Word Searches, made sure Dorman's phone was charged and for the ice cream! You treated him like he was your grandpa and we are truly grateful. Thanks to those who virtually shared in the celebration of life and for the 'honour guard' that gathered outside the church for a last goodbye. We are so very blessed by all your kindnesses.

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Robert Bateman, a world renowned nature artist.

As part of the event, Wilson said McMillan announced an agreement had been reached between the federal and provincial authorities to bring an additional 3,000 hectares of land under federal protection, making the bird sanctuary a National Wildlife Area. With Prince Philip witnessing the signing, McMillan and Maxwell endorsed the document.

"What he did that day was he put his signature on an agreement that Saskatchewan and the Government of Canada, the two governments, committed to contribute all of the Crown lands at the north end of the lake towards making the Last Mountain Lake National Wildlife Area," said Taylor.

Following that, McMillan also announced the Government of Canada presented \$1 million towards the World Wildlife Fund, of which Prince Philip was President.

Maxwell, who originally came from Edinburgh, noted during the ceremony how pleased he was to be attending with The Duke of Edinburgh and that the coincidence of being from Edinburgh formed a happy association between himself and Prince Philip. He also emphasized the importance of the sanctuary at Last Mountain Lake and was thrilled with the new National Wildlife Area.

Also during the Friday morning event, Wilson stated Prince Philip was presented with an original painting by artist Robert Bateman depicting White Pelicans at Last Mountain Lake and also helped with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque, marking the centenary of the bird sanctuary.

Reflecting back on that day, Wilson remarked the lasting impression he retained was the huge turnout The Duke of Edinburgh attracted. "To my mind that was a tribute to his popularity and stature wherever he went. The media presence was absolutely huge and members of the public were bused in from various parts of Saskatchewan. Even the weatherman co-operated!"

Another person in attendance from the area was Lillian Gingrich. With her farm a short drive away from where the event was taking place, after learning about it, she decided to attend along with members of her family. Gingrich recalled there being a lot of people who made the trek out to the bird sanctuary for the morning ceremony.

Dennis Simpson and his family were a few of those who made the drive out to the area east of Simpson. His dad, Lewis Simpson, was Reeve of the Municipality of Wreford No. 280 at the time and one of the dignitaries to receive an official invitation.

Simpson recalled it being a dry spring and as a result there was very little water in the wetlands. Water was pumped into the wetlands from Last Mountain Lake that spring and on the morning of the event, the Simpson family gathered with others next to Greensfield Park on the grassland and watched as three helicopters flew from the south along the lake to the site. "This would have provided a good view of the bird sanctuary to the officials. After the helicopters landed, the Prince and the other officials walked to the platform where the signing took place."

Simpson noted that there were a number of schools from nearby communities who bused students to the site for the historic event. "Keeping track of a class of children would have been a challenge. Some of the teachers provided bright coloured hats or shirts to the students to help identify them."

Sporting bright yellow hats with the slogan 'I Love No Name' on them were students from the school in Nokomis. Nokomis Shop-Rite owner Walter Driediger was approached by teacher Lila Haskey-Mutch before the June 5 event asking if he might have something bright that the students could wear to help them stand out from the large gathering so they would not get lost.

"We had a whole pile of those hats at the store," said Driediger. "We gave them to the teachers to give to the students to wear. When Prince Philip saw the kids wearing the hats he had come up to the group and asked what 'I Love No Name' had meant. They explained that the hats came from the grocery store in Nokomis and it was a kind

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of product that they sold at the store."

While he was not in attendance at the ceremony, Driediger ended up doing an interview about the students wearing the unique hats for a publication and weeks later his niece who was working overseas at the time was approached by her boss with a magazine article. "Her boss brought the magazine to her about Prince Philip visiting Saskatchewan and in it was a picture of the kids wearing the hats. He asked her if that was where she was from and she said, 'Hey wait a minute, those hats are from my uncle's store and that's my uncle in that story!'"

Lila Haskey-Mutch said the hats were a perfect fit for the event and it helped both teachers and students stay together in the group. "I knew a lot of students and people would be there that day," she recalled about not wanting anyone to wander off and get lost. "I went to Walter and asked if we could get enough hats for the staff members and students. The hats ended up attracting the Prince over to us. He asked about who the head master was and then wanted to know about the hats and what they meant. He was right in front of me and I explained it to him the best that I could."

Haskey-Mutch who by chance in later years would meet Prince Philip's son Prince Charles and Camilla, duchess of Cornwall during Canada's 150th celebrations in Ottawa thought The Duke of Edinburgh was very friendly and curious about the hats. Teaching Kindergarten/Gr. 1 at Nokomis in 1987, Haskey-Mutch said it was a really unique event to be a part of. "We all met at the school at 8:30 a.m. and bused to the site. It was about a 45 minute program and some of the students were able to chat with Prince Philip."

With Haskey-Mutch and students from Nokomis, joining other schools from Imperial, Simpson and Govan along with eager onlookers, as the official ceremony came to a conclusion, the Prince joined Philip Taylor, Clint Jorgenson, the RCMP driver and both provincial and federal ministers in a van as they drove through the bird sanctuary and newly signed NWA to a pick up point where a helicopter was waiting.

During the drive with Prince Philip, Taylor said, "We talked about the conservation programs, some of the rare birds coming through like the whooping cranes, the peregrine falcons and burrowing owls. He was very interested in the rare birds but he was also very interested in the common birds. We talked about some of the shore birds that nested there in the summer. He asked very good questions, he was very polite and had a good sense of humour."

Taylor also shared a funny moment as he was chatting along with Jorgenson and talking about the sanctuary's programs to Prince Philip. "I pointed over toward the horizon and said, 'If you look just beside that little hill.' The Prince looked at me and he said, 'Hill?' We both started to laugh because I then said, 'A Saskatchewan hill is a little bit smaller than the ones you are used to in Scotland.' He was very engaged and had a good sense of humour and he enjoyed it very much."

Even prior to the ceremony, Taylor noted how relaxed Prince Philip seemed to be, deviating from the official itinerary. "It was fairly typical of him that he had his own idea of how he wanted to do it. He left the helicopter, walked past some of the audience on either side who were cordoned off and waved to them. In front of the main platform where he was going to be seated, he went right down to the audience and shook hands with the students, school teachers and others. He spent a lot of time doing that which they loved. We didn't know how many people were going to come and they had been waiting a while to see him. When he was shaking hands and talking with the audience you could tell his security was a bit nervous."

Already a remarkable day in his mind, Taylor said Prince Philip's participation and witnessing the signatures and agreement to establish the NWA ended up becoming the pinnacle of the program of wildlife conservation activities across Canada that year.

"His signing and witnessing of the agreement was crucial. It elevated the whole program to a Canada-wide one. Without the Prince coming, many things would have

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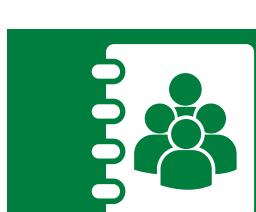

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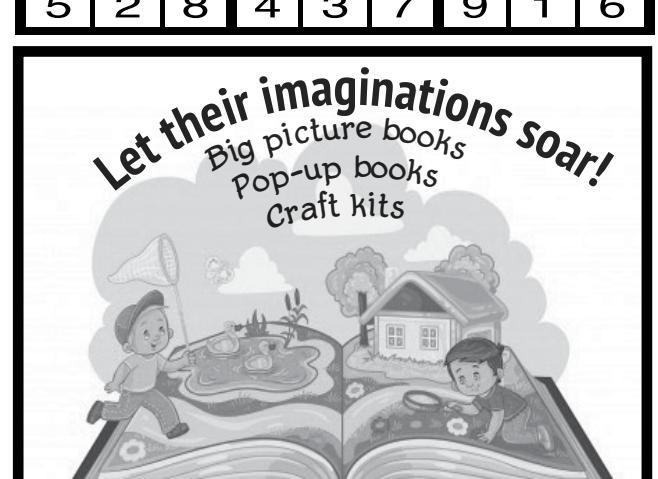
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happened with the centennial but it would not have struck a chord across Canada in the same way. There are so many impressions people have about Prince Philip when he is working as a consort to the Queen. On this trip he was engaged, really interested in the wildlife and the questions he was asking were right down to why we were managing, what we were doing, working with our partners like Ducks Unlimited, the Wildlife Federation, Nature Saskatchewan and the community members around who were able to put cattle on to graze certain areas. He was really right into that and that impressed me."

As the van reached the designated pick up point and Prince Philip concluded his tour of the area, Taylor said, "He got in the helicopter and apparently he flew the helicopter part way back."

Following the successful June 5, 1987 event, a thank you letter was received from Brigadier Clive Robertson on behalf of Buckingham Palace:

The Duke of Edinburgh has asked me to write to thank you for the most successful and interesting morning at The Last Mountain Bird Sanctuary last week. His Royal Highness was very pleased to unveil the plaque and to tour the area with its fascinating bird life.

Prince Philip was delighted to receive the picture from Robert Bateman and would be grateful if you could pass on his sincere thanks to the artist for the magnificent work which he is very pleased to have.

Thank you again for arranging such an interesting visit which was clearly very much enjoyed by all of us.

Reflecting back on that morning over 30 years ago, while the event took a tremendous amount of planning, Taylor, the now retired Habitat Biologist for Canadian Wildlife Service remarked it was a

highlight he will not soon forget.

"We set out a number of objectives for ourselves and the centennial was obviously a big one. Some of these things just fell into place. It was very exciting and even today thinking about it, it was like, wow that was pretty impressive. Even over the years of me coming down from Saskatoon virtually every week and spending a few days at Last Mountain Lake over that 30 year period, I met a lot of local people and so many remember that day. Either they had gone to it or their kids had gone to that event. It was for so many people a landmark day."

Editor's note: For those who attended the June 5, 1987 event and snapped a few photos, Administrative Services Officer, Canadian Wildlife Service, Lois Vanthuyne noted they would be interested in seeing them and adding them to their archives. People can email photos to lois.vanthuyne@canada.ca.



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