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Mixed weather sends March out as both a lion and lamb

■ Daniel Bushman

From breaking a daily maximum temperature record one day to a nasty spring storm the next, the end of March provided a typical glimpse of how the weather in Saskatchewan can change in a 24 hour span. T-shirts and shorts were the preferred attire Mar. 28 as people in the area took advantage of the beautiful weather. However, the dress code changed in a flash as T-shirts and shorts were replaced by parkas and boots the following day.

Heading into the final Sunday of March, the weather did not disappoint as the values hit the mid- to upper-teens in a lot of Saskatchewan communities. According to Environment and Climate Change Canada a number of places set daily maximum temperature records Mar. 28. Those included: Elbow Area (Elbow CS) had a new record of 17.2°C, besting the old record of 16.2°C set in 2010 (records in this area have been kept since 1955); Last Mountain Lake (Sanctuary) Area (Last Mountain CS) set a new record of 18.5°C besting the old record of 15.0°C set in 1981 (records in this area have been kept since 1975); Lucky Lake Area (Lucky Lake) had new record of 17.8°C besting the old record of 16.9°C set in 2010 (records in this area have been kept since 1972); Saskatoon Area (Saskatoon RCS) had a new record of 18.2°C besting the old record of 17.3°C set in 2010 (records in this area have been kept since 1900); Watrous Area (Watrous East) had a new record of 17.6°C besting the old record of 16.1°C set in 1963 (records in this area have been kept since 1953); and Wynyard Area (Wynyard (AUT)) had a new record of 15.1°C besting the old record of 12.8°C set in 2010 (records in this area have been kept since 1964).

A day after being able to enjoy the beautiful weather, a spring storm warning was issued for the bulk of Saskatchewan and contained high winds, blowing snow, road closures, accidents, power outages and reduced visibility.

A strong low pressure system and cold

front tracked eastwards across the central Prairies causing the mild temperatures and rain showers to give way to severe winds, heavy snow, and blowing snow. Severe northwesterly winds developed by midday and persisted into the night Monday. With treacherous conditions, temperatures fell below zero, leading to a rapid freeze of surfaces such as roadways and walkways.

Environment and Climate Change Canada's David Phillips said it was quite the contrast going from warm weather to a frigid fast moving system. "You went from record warm temperatures on the 28th and 24 hours later it was like -20°C with the wind chill. This was a real warm air, cold air collision."

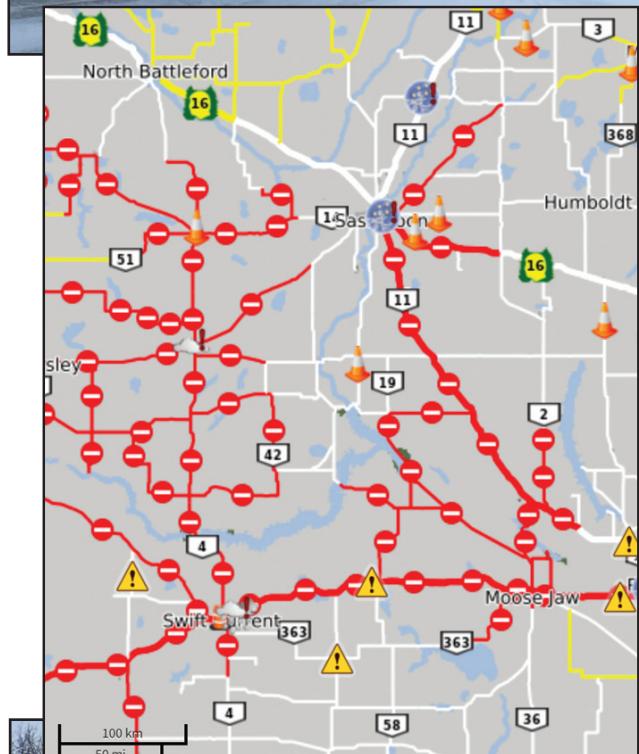
Phillips noted the record values in the local area for Mar. 28 were at least 11°C warmer than they would normally be for this time of year. Then 24 hours later, a fast clipper cooled things down substantially, bringing a different air mass with some powerful winds.

"We saw winds in your community at least to 70 km/h in gusts. In between hours it could have been a lot higher," said Phillips who added because of the wind, visibility was down to near-zero in many places.

According to Environment and Climate Change Canada, the following are peak wind gusts reported at select stations over southern Saskatchewan from 6 a.m. Mar. 29 through to 3 a.m. Mar. 30 in kilometres per hour: Swift Current - 120, Mankota - 107, Eastend Cypress - 102, Estevan - 102, Val Marie - 100, Assiniboia - 94, Rosetown - 94, Regina - 93, Leader - 93, Rockglen - 93, Moose Jaw - 91, Scott - 91, Lucky Lake - 89, North Battleford - 87, and Saskatoon - 85.

Those windy conditions also created power outages in a number of communities. SaskPower stated a large number of outages ranging from the Maple Creek to Prince Albert areas occurred as a result of the spring storm.

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►With not a lot of snow in the fields (below) during a record setting day to a spring storm that created havoc the following day (above), the end of March provided a mixed bag of weather. After breaking a local record for the warmest Mar. 28, the following day a spring storm arrived with high winds, blowing snow, reduced visibility, power outages, accidents and a number of road closures in the province (pictured left in red). However as people dug out from the snow the sunshine and above-normal values returned as the week progressed.

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Knoblauch enjoys unexpected opportunity as NHL head coach

■ Daniel Bushman

While it was more than likely not how Kris Knoblauch thought his NHL head coaching debut would have looked like, the Imperial native was more than thrilled to have been given an opportunity to be behind the bench with the

New York Rangers.

The current head coach of the American Hockey League's Hartford Wolf Pack - the Rangers' affiliate team - not only ended up filling in as acting head coach of the Rangers while head coach David Quinn was at home with COVID-19 but he was able

to guide the team to a 4-2 record.

Due to the NHL COVID-19 protocol and additional health and safety guidelines, Knoblauch was given the role as acting head coach after New York's coaching staff had to be temporarily removed. Along with

Knoblauch, Wolf Pack associate head coach Gord Murphy and Rangers associate general manager Chris Drury were also part of the staff.

The whirlwind few weeks for Knoblauch started Mar. 17 when he was informed during a practice with the Wolf Pack that he would have to leave Hartford and guide the Rangers.

In his first game after taking over as acting head coach Mar. 17, Knoblauch and the Rangers defeated Philadelphia 9-0. With Quinn remaining on the sidelines for the following



► Kris Knoblauch (above) speaks to reporters during his time as acting head coach of the New York Rangers.

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five games, the Rangers lost the next contest to a tough Washington club Mar. 19 but then defeated the Capitals 3-1 Mar. 20.

With a 2-1 record as acting head coach, Knoblauch and the Rangers then beat Buffalo 5-3 Mar. 22 and for a second

time, upended the Flyers. In Knoblauch's final game as acting head coach, the Rangers were edged by Philadelphia Mar. 27.

With an overall record of 4-2 as acting head coach,

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The project is a compilation of moving parts including permitting, marketing and communications, finalizing the investment model, putting the final touches on the pro forma and developing an Offering Memorandum, just to name a few.

The seed capital raise has been very productive to date and now we are reaching out and meeting people in the area to review the project to date, outline the seed capital opportunities and explain the Oasis Village corporate structure.

Michael's vision since conception has been to have a Founders Group of local people being part of this initiative by participating through the seed capital instrument, and the early entrant benefits therein. The seed capital raise in the initial stages has come from outside the local community and we are now giving area residents the opportunity to join the vision by being part of the project which will help guide us into the future to benefit Watrous, Manitou Beach and surrounding area.

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The business office is located in the Village of Manitou Beach at

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For more information or to be a part of this exciting opportunity as a member of the Founders Group, contact: Michael Byrne at **780-722-5221** or email: michaelb@healthhavenholdings.com or you can contact: Eric Upshall at **306-946-9922** or email: ericu.manitou@sasktel.net

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Knoblauch was able to stay on temporarily as an assistant coach with the Rangers while Oliver remained away from the team due to COVID-19.

Speaking to reporters about his experience as acting head coach and how he and Quinn were able to stay in touch, Knoblauch said, "Every day has been a little bit different. Game days, usually we will talk the day before to kind of give us an update on the lineup and who we are going to play. Then in the morning, probably go over more systems. We have a pre-scout that we show the players on the other team's systems. We talk about certain points on what is necessary to show the players and what we need to talk about and things like that. We don't have a set schedule, every day is a little bit different just because there is so much uncertainty. Lineups, COVID, if someone is missing or someone is hurt, everything is pretty informal but we usually touch base a couple of times a day."

Getting acclimated from the AHL to the NHL level, Knoblauch was asked after the team's Mar. 26 practice about the difference between being a head coach in junior and the American league to going up to the NHL. "The skill level and the game is a lot higher than it would be in junior and the American league. The speed also but probably the biggest thing for a coach to get used to is managing the schedule. You don't have very much practice time but in the American league you are getting three or maybe more practices per week and this year more just because of the schedule that it is there. Here in the NHL, right now you are getting a team practice maybe once a week and it is probably for maybe 25 or 30 minutes so there is not a whole lot of time to work on things. You just have to communicate with your players through video (and) individual meetings but yeah, that is definitely the biggest difference that I found out in my short time here."

While it may have been a quick adjustment going from the Wolf Pack up to the Rangers, Knoblauch is no stranger when it comes to finding success as a head coach. During his junior head coaching career, Knoblauch took the Kootenay Ice to the Memorial Cup after winning a WHL title and then in Erie, he guided the Otters to four consecutive 50 win campaigns, making

the Otters the first team in the history of the Canadian Hockey League to accomplish that feat. During 2016-17, Erie won the OHL championship and advanced all the way to the final of the Memorial Cup. Both that team and the previous year's Otter squad won the Hamilton Spectator Trophy for compiling the best regular-season record in the OHL. Knoblauch was named OHL Coach of the Year in 2015-16 and guided Erie to the OHL final in 2014-15. He also coached in several international tournaments, including helping Canada earn a silver medal in the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship as an assistant coach. More recently, he was also an assistant coach with the NHL's Philadelphia Flyers before being hired on to lead the Wolf Pack.

With international tournaments and NHL assistant coaching aside, all told, Knoblauch amassed a major junior career coaching record of 298-130-16-13, for a points percentage of .684, in 457 games.

So when Knoblauch added another winning record as a head coach, this time with the Rangers, he was asked about how he approaches the game at each level. "... I think it is very similar. Certainly there are some aspects that are different. I know that when you are with the team a little more, you get a little more invested and your demeanor changes a little bit. I just feel that wherever I coach I try to be the same. Coach as who I am, whether that is an assistant, head coach, junior or pro or whatever it is, I try and stay the same."

With reporters in New York anticipating that his role as acting head coach would be drawing to a close as Quinn was set to return, Knoblauch was asked what the experience meant to him. "It has been a great ride for me, something that was definitely unexpected. I think the coaching staff has done a great job laying everything out for us . . . it is nice being here in the NHL and having that experience. Great group of guys. This is the youngest team in the league and it is nice to see the possibilities of where this team is going."

After watching six contests from his couch at home Quinn was cleared from the NHL's COVID-19 protocol and regained his head coaching duties Mar. 28. Asked about Knoblauch and how well he did filling in, the

coach said, "Kris did a heck of a job and I know he was kind of down-playing his role through the whole situation. He and I talked a lot and the good news for all of us is that we play the same way in Hartford that we do here. It was an easy transition and we are very fortunate that we have a coach like him in Hartford to be able to step in and do what he did. He has been on an NHL bench before. Him and Gord Murphy, we are very fortunate to have them in Hartford and to be able to step in. Every coach has different strengths and weaknesses and I think he continued to do the things that we would do and he added a bit of his touch to the situation. He and I talked quite a bit. We talked lineups and practice plans and things like that. So we tried to keep things as normal as possible for the players and it just really worked out."



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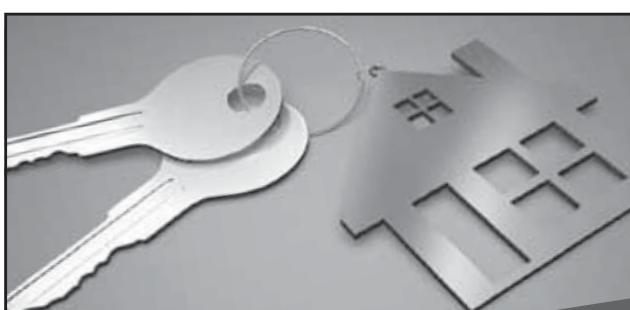
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“RCMP Report”

RCMP execute search warrant

As a result of an ongoing investigation, the La Ronge Detachment General Investigation Section executed a Controlled Drug and Substances Act search warrant on Mar. 24 at a residence on Poirier Street in La Ronge.

During the search, officers seized crack cocaine, a firearm, a cell phone, drug paraphernalia and Canadian currency.

Sandra Isbister (age 44) and Lloyd Nielson (age 53) were located inside the residence and arrested without incident.

Both Isbister and Nielson of La Ronge have been charged with: one count, possession for the purpose of trafficking, Controlled Drug and Substances Act Section 5 (2); one count, possession of hydromorphone for the purpose of trafficking, Controlled Drug and Substances Act Section 5 (2); one count, possession of property obtained by crime less than \$5,000, Criminal Code, Section 354(1); one count, careless storage of a firearm, Criminal Code, Section 86; and one count, unauthorized possession of firearm Criminal Code, Section 92.

Nielson made an initial court appearance Mar. 26 at

the La Ronge Provincial Court and Isbister will appear in the La Ronge Provincial Court Apr. 12.

RCMP patrols result in liquor seizures

Between the dates of Mar. 16 and 19, the Saskatchewan RCMP Combined Traffic Services Section (CTSS) conducted patrols in and around the communities North of La Ronge, along Hwy. 102. During these patrols, numerous Traffic Services Act and Vehicle Equipment Regulations violations were documented in both Summary Offence Tickets and educational written warnings.

In addition to the above violations, three significant liquor seizures were conducted which resulted in charges in relation to the illegal sale of alcohol (pictured below).

Any information relating to the illegal sale or



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transportation of alcohol should be reported immediately to your nearest RCMP Detachment.

Multi-vehicle collision

Around 2:15 p.m. Monday, Mar. 29, Morse RCMP responded to a multi-vehicle collision approximately four kilometers west of Chaplin in the westbound lanes of Hwy. 1.

Eight vehicles were involved in the collision including five tractor-trailer units, a large cube-style van, a truck and a passenger van.

Initial investigation revealed the passenger van and one semi collided, followed by a second semi colliding with the first. Three other semis, the cube van and a truck then collided with the first vehicles.

The lone 22-year-old male driver of the second semi (from Calgary, Alta.) passed away at the scene. One other occupant from another semi was treated for what were described as minor injuries.

Traffic was still being diverted Tuesday afternoon around this area of Hwy. 1 to facilitate an investigation by an RCMP Collision Reconstructionist and clean up of the vehicles involved.

Morse RCMP would like to thank the Herbert Fire Department, EMS and the Saskatchewan Coroners Service for their assistance on scene.

Fatal rollover northwest of Spiritwood

Just after 12 a.m. Mar. 27 Spiritwood RCMP responded to a call of a single vehicle collision in the community of Witchekan Lake First Nation, approximately 18 kilometers northwest of Spiritwood.

There was one occupant in the vehicle. The 29-year-old lone male occupant was passed away at the scene and was from the Witchekan Lake First Nation.

An RCMP Collision Reconstruction Analyst from Rosetown RCMP Detachment attended to investigate the fatal vehicle collision.

Rapid covid tests provided to schools; STF urging testing to begin

■ media releases

As the provincial government announced Saskatchewan K-12 schools across the province were being shipped 100,000 rapid tests, the Saskatchewan

Teachers' Federation (STF) urged all school divisions to implement the testing protocols immediately.

“A rapid testing program in schools is another excellent tool to help monitor the presence of COVID-19,” Education

Minister Dustin Duncan said. “The safety of students, teachers, and school staff is our government’s priority, and school staff and students have done an excellent job in helping to prevent transmission of the virus.”

Teachers and school staff are not expected to administer the tests.

“Our goal is the health and safety of all Saskatchewan residents,” Health Minister Paul Merriman said. “This additional measure gives us another tool to monitor school environments and take further steps to protect the health and safety of staff and students if necessary.”

The rapid antigen tests use a short nasal swab and can be administered by laypeople who have completed a training program through the Saskatchewan Health Authority lab. Schools will work with their local medical health officers to determine when testing is appropriate and will work with parents and caregivers to ensure consent is in place.

A positive test requires confirmation by a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test provided by the Saskatchewan Health Authority. A negative test does not need to be confirmed as long as the individual has no symptoms of COVID-19.

The School Testing Deployment Plan for COVID-19 is being implemented by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education and

the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

After the announcement by the provincial government, on Mar. 27 the STF urged all school divisions to implement COVID-19 rapid testing protocols immediately and requests the provincial government reconsiders frontline school staff for vaccine priority.

“We have the rapid tests and we need to be using them,” said Patrick Maze, President of the Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation. “This is our best tool to get ahead of the spread of variants of concern and slow transmission in our schools and communities.”

According to the STF Maze has heard from teachers who are worried the response is too reactive and not keeping them safe. “They are scared, frankly. Not just for themselves, but for their communities. Transmission in schools contributes to transmission in communities and vice versa,” said Maze. “Saskatchewan is not alone in this and we should be acting proactively based on what we know has worked in other regions. We must use every tool available to keep people safe and keep our schools open.”

Maze cited the U.K. as an example
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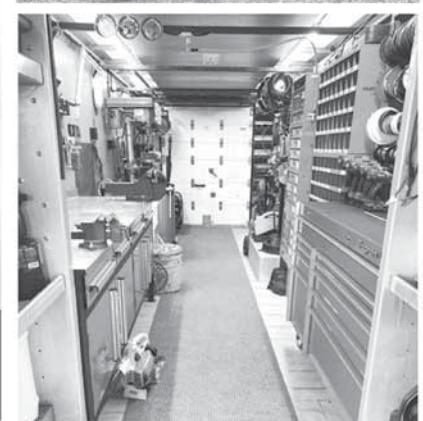
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“Sports”

The backyard rink: marking 30 years at Bush Arena

■ Daniel Bushman

Some of my most favourite memories growing up as a kid were the ones in our backyard. My family moved across town when I was about five years old and during the first winter at our new home, my parents made a backyard rink.

I'm not sure if Dad knew at the time that he would still be building a backyard rink 30 years later but what I do know is we spent a lot of hours on that rink skating, shooting pucks, losing pucks, scraping snow and ultimately, having a lot of fun. While things have changed for all of us due to the pandemic and our big hockey games are currently a thing of the past, it has still been great to occasionally skate outside with my own kids at the rink we aptly named Bush Arena.

While the sun and warmer weather has now turned the rink into a swimming pool, I thought I would share a few memories with Mom and Dad's rink marking its 30th year. This article down memory lane is also aimed at bringing a smile to your face or allowing you to reminisce from your own days of skating on a pond or using a backyard rink.

In addition to a number of favourite memories I collected over the past 30 years, there have also been a lot of lost pucks, broken sticks and a few busted windows. I don't know how many hours we skated on our ice or how many goals or assists we've accumulated - we tried keeping track one year but it got annoying writing it down every time we scored so we stopped - but what I do know is that the backyard rink was a hub of activity every year. It was and still is a place that I truly enjoy being able to visit.

To be able to lace up my skates, grab my stick and shoot some pucks on an ice surface that I literally grew up on is something I hold dear to my heart. There is just something special about skating during a crisp and clear night, seeing your breath permeate into the night sky and hearing the clank of the puck as it hits the goal post. The cuts from your skates pushing into the frozen ice and the black disc being wrapped around the boards as you unload a shot are also imbedded into my mind.

While me and my siblings were able to enjoy having our

very own rink to use each winter, it was quite the process for my parents to build our rink. In the fall before the snow would come, Dad would grab his ladder and a rope and pull that thing around the yard to make sure things were level. Then he'd be busy pounding stakes into the ground and tacking the boards up with help from Mom. In later years Dad had big pieces of plywood that we'd paint and chicken wire would get attached above it to keep pucks from flying out of the yard. He added railway ties along the sides and then later on we would have the luxury of using the big boards all the way around.

With a garden hose, he'd hook it up to the sprinkler and place it in the middle of the rink and let it go. It was perhaps a rather unusual sight for those passing by to spot a sprinkler going in winter but it provided that crucial first crust of ice. Then as the ice got thicker, Dad would smooth it out and fill up a massive bucket over and over, dumping the water on the ice. I remember trying to tip that bucket over and coming into the house with my pants soaked. That was my own fault for waiting until the last possible second to race out of the house and try and dump this massive amount of water all over the ice.

After getting the ice thick enough, Dad would swap the cold water for hot water and apply a few hot floods. That meant opening our laundry room window and running



► Pictured above: the first year of making Bush Arena. Pictured below left: My brother Derek flooding the ice in the early 1990s. Pictured below: my brother Derek and sister Tanya enjoying a day on the backyard rink during the early 90's.



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► A hub of activity since the early 1990s, once winter arrived, the backyard at Ken and Marilyn Bushman's home in Watrous was transformed into Bush Arena. From the early days of levelling the garden (below left) to flooding the ice, every year since the ice was first made, once the winter season returns so does the backyard rink.

photos courtesy Marilyn Bushman

the hose from the sink to the ice. After some home renovations, my parents eventually added a hot water line outside. Once the ice was established, those hot water floods sure helped to even out the bumps and make the ice smooth. Dad also had a heavy scraper he'd use to slide across the top of the ice surface and that would also get rid of any leftover bumps.

Bush Arena first started out in the garden but as we grew so did our rink. After the garden got too small for us, Dad mapped out the yard, taking trees, the storage shed and our playhouse into account. The rink which had gone east/west in our yard was moved to run north/south for extra space. We had an apple tree that eventually became a 'defender' because the rink was too large. Dad built a box around the tree and for someone playing forward, it was perfect to use as a screen coming down the one wing. Unfortunately it also laid out a few hits on some of us while we had our heads down.

The small pine trees along the other side of the ice from where the apple tree was located didn't have quite the same protection and come spring, one side of the trees closest to the ice had lost all of their needles. That may have been a result from the body checking we did (we were not allowed to body check but there may have been a time or two my brother and I got a bit too close to each other). We tried our best to time the hits near the deeper snowbanks but sometimes one of us were a bit late or too early and one of the trees would become part of the action. Needless to say both the apple tree and the pine trees are no longer part of the yard.

In later years, as our backyard changed and a few structures were removed, the rink setup was reverted back to its original location, maximizing the yard space.

(see page 10: BUSH ARENA)

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“Opinion”

We still need our 13th man



Exactly one year ago I wrote an editorial asking Rider Nation to be our “13th man” in the fight against COVID. I used a football analogy not to trivialize the virus, but to convey the need to come together as one Saskatchewan team.

A year later, we are dealing with a craftier opponent. Like a coach making half-time adjustments, the virus has gotten smarter and adapted to better evade our defenses. Variants of Concern are an example. Variants can transmit faster and put more people in hospital with more severe disease than the original strain. In fact, we are seeing more young people needing to be in hospital with more severe conditions - an incredibly concerning trend.

Many people who survive COVID-19 are worryingly left with ongoing symptoms including difficulty concentrating, aches, overwhelming fatigue and shortness of breath. So much remains unknown about the potential long-term consequences of COVID-19 infections.

The good news is that our immunization campaign is proceeding as fast and safe as possible with vaccines that are proven highly effective against COVID. So at risk of torturing the football analogy, I am cautiously optimistic these vaccines put us in the fourth quarter driving for a touchdown to end the pandemic. The only question now: will we remain diligent and disciplined as we move down the football field or will we fumble in the end zone by letting our guard down?

Like opponents in a football game, COVID doesn't care that we're tired. I may be cautiously optimistic that an end to the pandemic is in sight, but being in the fourth quarter makes the stakes higher not lower. And it calls for more discipline not less.

The final push to defeat COVID is not about re-inventing the playbook but about doubling down and executing on those strategies we know work. Limit your bubble to your household only. Stay at home whenever possible. Wash your hands regularly. Abide by the public health orders. Wear a mask in public. And get your vaccine when it's your turn. Help us make that final push across the goal line.

So this is where the football metaphor ends. Because when a football game ends, opposing teams shake hands, some even hug. Unfortunately, many in Saskatchewan will not be afforded this opportunity. For far too many families, the pandemic has taken the life of someone they love. For more and more people, the Variants circulating in Saskatchewan will send them to hospital with potentially life threatening and life changing consequences.

Taking the necessary precautions isn't about winning a game, it's about saving lives and ensuring that more people have the opportunity to hug their loved ones when this pandemic is all over. So while this isn't a game, given what we know about Variants and the long term impact of COVID, coming together as Rider Nation to defeat COVID is more important now than ever.

Dr. Susan Shaw is the Chief Medical Officer for the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Dr. Shaw's message along with her photo was tweeted out on Saskatchewan Health Authority's twitter feed Mar. 25, 2021.

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Tips from Reena Nerbas

what about the cupboards, backsplash, etc. Would you have any recommendations? Please and thank you! Marilyn

Dear Marilyn,

For very overpowering smells, you may want to consider renting an ozone machine because the smell will disappear quickly. This little machine is not recommended for regular use, but it is great for enclosed areas that have had smoke or flood damage or just smell. The machine lets out a molecule called O3 (which of course is oxygen with an extra molecule attached). The third molecule escapes into the air and absorbs all odours. These machines can be rented at tool rental retailers, as well as some hardware stores. Read all manufacturers' instructions before use.

Dear Reena,

I stored some clothing in a box that became wet after our basement flooded last spring. I have not washed the clothing, but they really smell. What is the best way to get rid of the stink? Esther

Dear Esther,

Before washing the clothing, soak them in hot water and Borax. Borax contains no phosphates and no bleach and it is wonderful at zapping hard to handle odours. If you cannot locate Borax, use a generous amount of Oxy Clean or tea tree oil and vinegar or baking soda. Adding vinegar to laundry loads is a wonderful idea, but for this instance you need to use full-strength vinegar and tea tree oil and soak for at



Neighbourly advice according to Ed

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

Does labelling start at school, even at kindergarten? Young children easily decide who is shy and timid and who is pushy and bossy. From young children to adults and beyond, some folks are seen as weaker and perhaps needing protection, while other people are seen as strong and in no need of any help. Often, children and adults resent being labelled as weak and do not want to be considered so weak that they are teased, insulted, or persecuted. Being weak invites hardships

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

My daughter and I were interested in purchasing a home, but the smell of curry was so prevalent in the house that I could smell it all the way home. It is a lovely home but will we be able to get rid of that smell? I know she would paint the walls but

what about the cupboards, backsplash, etc. Would you have any recommendations? Please and thank you! Marilyn

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least two hours before laundering. Launder clothing with hot water and heavy duty detergent.

Dear Reena,

I use the recipe on the back of the Chipits bag to make chocolate chip cookies. The chocolate chip cookies that I bake always come out of the oven hard and not chewy like I would like. What am I doing wrong? Bill

Dear Bill,

The instructions on the back of the bag recommend baking cookies at 375 degrees. Turn your oven to 350 degrees and bake the cookies just until the outside edge is slightly brown. The cookies will feel soft at first, but will set when they cool.

Great feedback from contributor

Re: yellowing sheets

My mother-in-law was 102 when she passed away in 2016 and she showed me how to keep white sheets white. She gave me lots of valuable tips. You wash the whites (that can handle hot water and Javex bleach), first in cold water and laundry soap. Then, you wash them again, but this time in hot water, Javex bleach and laundry soap. Hang clothes outside on a clothesline, the whites washed with bleach get even whiter. Pauline

Tips for the kitchen

I am known around my town as being a great Italian pizza maker because I never serve a soggy crust. Here is my secret: put the cheese onto the crust, next add the sauce and add the meat last. Submitted by: Morgan

Remove the husk of corn, crazy fast! Heat the corn in the microwave for seven minutes. Cut a half inch off the bottom and slip the husk off. Submitted by: Darren

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

Few delight in weakness, insults, and hardships

and difficulties as those who seem powerless.

I asked Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, what is the source of our power or strength? He said it comes from ourselves, being healthy, confident, our attitude that we are strong rather than weak. We both agreed that people want to be seen and think of themselves as powerful rather than weak.

Ed summed it up this way, “Few want to be seen as weak or old. Everyone knows the older you get, the weaker you may become.”

It would seem strength and power are in and weakness is out. But there are a few wise voices that caution about power. E. Alvey warns, “Power attracts the worst and corrupts the best.” R. Heinlein cautions, “Never underestimate the power of human stupidity.”

R.W. Emerson suggests, “Our strength grows out of our weakness.” This is

the case of Christians who understand Isaiah 40:29, “God gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.”

Paul speaks of God's power this way: “There was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:9,10.

Jesus displayed the power of God, which was teaching, healing, curing sickness and death. He was tempted but remained sinless as God's Son. His sinlessness or righteousness was for us who cannot

be sinless. He did not amass an army to gain political control. His kingdom was not of this world. He was a humble carpenter who became a rabbi willing to suffer in weakness and death to bless others. Jesus came as a servant to serve God his Father in heaven and sinful humankind here on earth.

Isaiah 50:5,6 pictures Jesus' willingness to conquer evil with what many thought of as weakness. Instead, it was a sacrificial death on a cross in love for others. “I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.” Jesus was cut off from the land of the living crushed in death on the cross for our iniquities. In our world, power and strength are considered best, but Jesus set for us the example of self-sacrifice for others.

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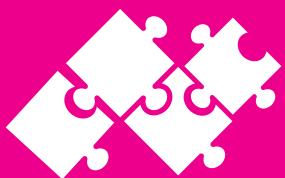
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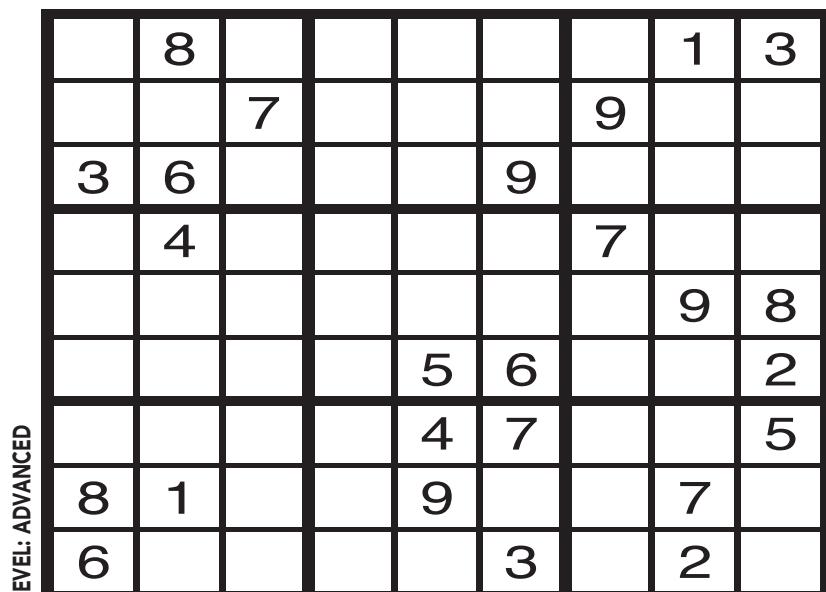
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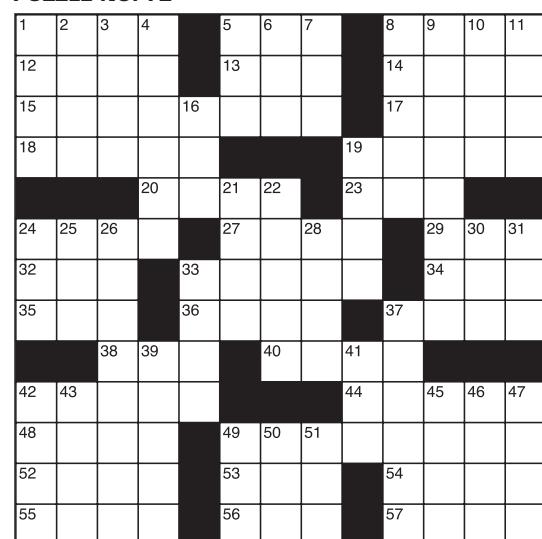


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- 15. Navigating
- 17. Glazes
- 18. Divided Asian country
- 19. Guzzled
- 20. Taunt
- 23. Appropriate
- 24. Tasks
- 27. Streetcar
- 29. Those elected
- 32. Hole punch
- 33. Rascal
- 34. Little bite
- 35. Spelling ___
- 36. Impulse
- 37. Unattractive
- 38. Health spot
- 40. Large village
- 42. Literary work
- 44. Up above
- 48. Related
- 49. Elastic
- 50. Wrongdoings
- 53. Dashed
- 54. Alert
- 55. Fidgety
- 56. Unusual
- 57. Observed

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- 1. Sun
- 2. Dividing preposition
- 3. Stag
- 4. Candies, e.g.
- 5. Glide down the slopes
- 6. Coop denizen
- 7. Breakfast favorite
- 8. Peep
- 9. Finding
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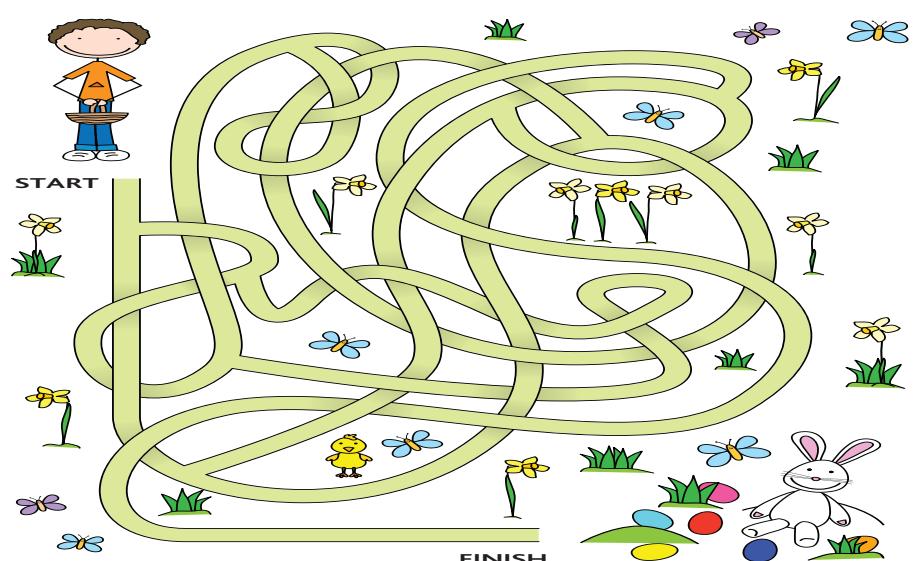
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- dash salt
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- 1 can cherry pie filling

Directions:

Whip cream until soft peaks form, gradually add sugar, vanilla and salt. Beat until stiff peaks form. Fold in sour cream. Spoon half of the cherry pie filling into parfait glasses (or a medium straight sided bowl). Top with half of the cream mixture. Repeat layers. Top with any reserved cherries to garnish if you like. Any pie filling can be used. Cherry is our favourite but blueberry or lemon is also very good.

COLONSAY

Florence Halvorson • 306-255-2358

A week of festivities was very much enjoyed by Evelyn Selby for her 90th birthday. She attended several meals with her family throughout the week. Bouquets of beautiful flowers, cards of greetings and presents kept pouring in. On her actual birthday, Friday, Mar. 26, much to her surprise, she awoke to decorations galore. She then attended coffee with her friends, and birthday cake! COVID-19 sensitive of course! She was extremely happy with a surprise zoom meeting with her family that evening with 12 households attending virtually. And especially nice was a surprise parade which was held

on a calm, sunny, warm Saturday afternoon with over 60 vehicles attending from Colonsay and the surrounding communities. Leading the parade were our fire trucks with sirens blowing. There were horns honking and happy birthday music being played in the background. Her birthday turned out to be a lovely, positive community event which she will never forget!

Congratulations from the community to Mrs. Evelyn Selby who celebrated her 90th birthday Mar. 26.

It was nice to see the snow disappearing and yards drying until that spring storm arrived Mar. 29. During the spring storm, the community graciously opened its doors

to people travelling along Hwy. 16 looking to escape the terrible weather conditions. The Town of Colonsay opened its town hall as 10 people stayed there while the local motel was filled with people. The community also banded together to provide meals for those who spent the evening and night, feeding them supper and breakfast. The Town of Colonsay greatly appreciated the generosity from its residents and those who not only donated supper and breakfast but to everyone who lent a hand during the storm.

I hope everyone stays well and has a good week as everyone is being very careful during the pandemic.

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(from page four: COVID)

where students and teachers are being tested four times a week with rapid tests. The Federation is calling for random testing in schools to begin immediately with clear processes and guidelines for the testing program, including:

- Who should be tested and how often;
- Clarity on who will administer the tests and process results; and
- Public disclosure of rapid test use statistics from each division.

The STF stated, "On Mar. 22, the Government of Saskatchewan announced that 100,000 rapid tests had been

distributed to schools and testing could start that week. No additional information regarding testing implementation has been shared."

Maze further noted that had frontline school staff been vaccinated back in mid-January, when several clinics were set up for general public vaccinations, those staff would be much safer in their workplaces. "We now have reports of teachers in Regina, Moose Jaw and Weyburn contracting the virus, which is very concerning and represents a failure on the part of both government and school divisions, as employers, to keep their employees safe."

VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Wow for Mar. 29, 2021. What a storm! When I saw my door on the morning of Mar. 30, I wasn't sure it would open. But it did and the snow bank managed to drift away from the door, with the wind that we had.

There were lots of people out cleaning their driveways and sidewalks. It will bring nice moisture as it melts, hopefully in a day or two.

Best wishes to anyone that is under the weather, hope you feel better soon.

Have a great week, stay safe.



►Pictured left: Sandra Reid's door on the morning of Mar. 30. Pictured below: the day after the spring storm.
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'Banker Box Lawyer'

preparing for retirement

■ **Tara de Ryk**
Davidson Leader
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For more than 25 years, Davidson and the C & T Motel have been Daryl Shirkey's home away from home.

He spends most of the week — Tuesday to Friday — in Davidson, honouring a decades-old pledge to provide legal services to Davidson and district. The other days of the week he's in Regina, his official home, where he lives with his wife Shelagh and works Mondays at his law office.

The days are winding down for one of Saskatchewan's most unorthodox legal practices, Daryl Shirkey Law Office.

"I'm known as the banker box lawyer because I'm constantly hauling boxes back and forth," Shirkey said in a recent interview.

It's an unusual way to run a law practice, he said, because his rural practice is the head office and his office in Regina is the satellite.

It's unconventional, but Shirkey has pulled it off for more than 25 years.

He honoured a commitment he made to Jim Ulmer in the 1990s.

Ulmer was practising law in Davidson, operating the firm as a solo practice. In the 1970s, he joined the firm that Morley Coxworth started in the 1920s, and carried on after Coxworth's death.

Shirkey said he and Ulmer were friends for years. Both grew up in Imperial and both practised law. Shirkey and his brother Ron were practising in Regina. But the Shirkey brothers had a good relationship with Ulmer and said they'd fill

in whenever he needed help.

In the late 1990s, Ulmer had the opportunity to live and work in Florida with Tom and Dick Wells of the Wells Land and Cattle Company.

Shirkey said to help Ulmer, they agreed to head up the Davidson office, so Ulmer could go south. In 2000, the firm was known as Shirkey, Ulmer, Willner and Megaw. Ron Shirkey, who had a major practice in Regina, was part of the Davidson office for the first few years. Since Ron departed, Daryl Shirkey has been operating the firm as a solo practice.

At the age of 72, Shirkey said it's time he winds down the practice so he can retire.

It's been an unusual existence these past 25 years as he balanced two law offices.

"I'm proud of the fact I was able to do this. I've always been very loyal and faithfully served the project for 25 years," Shirkey said. "It's been 1,200 trips between Davidson and Regina. I don't think any other lawyer would do that."

He credits his wife Shelagh for her support and the office assistants who have worked diligently with him at his practice.

"I could never have done it without them and for them putting up with my clutter."

He said Lois and Roger at the C & T Motel were also important, providing him with the same room and all the comforts of home over the years.

He has simple plans for the future and hopes to catch up with old friends, do more reading, letter writing, cooking and exercising.

He recently sold the building on Washington Avenue to Dee Ulmer (Jim

Ulmer's daughter-in-law). The sale pleased Shirkey, because he bought the building from Jim Ulmer in 2001, and returned it to the Ulmer family.

When he's in town, Shirkey works out of a different office on Washington Avenue.

Working in Davidson enriched Shirkey's personal life. His father Earl lived in Imperial so for the first decade or so of the arrangement, he'd spend the night with his dad in Imperial.

"The silver lining was a rekindling of my relationship with Dad," Shirkey said.

His father died in 2012. Afterwards the C & T Motel became Shirkey's Davidson home.

He also was active in the Davidson Curling Club, taking part in league curling every year.

He enjoys the social aspect of curling.

"The rink is wonderful and I met many people. Curling is a great way to get to know people. Being on the ice with them for two hours. What a wonderful way to get to know them."

He said winding down the practice would occur in stages. He's still coming to Davidson to work on files. Some files will be closed and he needs to work on file management, which involves going through all the files and records in storage and making decisions on managing those files.

It has been very satisfying to help people with their legal problems, Shirkey said.

"I'll keep coming out to Davidson to clean up and I am going to do some selected work upon request," he said. "Hopefully, by this time next year I'll be fully retired."

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Aileen Swenson
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►Daryl Shirkey has removed his shingle, one of the first steps he's taken as he moves towards retirement.

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With a storage shed and a playhouse out of the picture, the rink was expanded to run east/west. That is where its current location is and since it has become a permanent fixture, the boards, halogen lights and wire stay up throughout the year. In summer the area acts as a perfect football field or a play area for the grandkids.

While we were tucked away in our backyard having game after game, we did have some traffic over the years. Most of the curious spectators arrived during our evening contests as the rink lights could be spotted from a distance. At first, Dad put up a couple of posts in the garden with a few halogen lights so we could watch where we were going. As we got older and required a bit more room to maneuver, our ice surface went from the garden to over half of our backyard. That meant Dad had to string together two lines of lights above us. With the rink illuminated, we'd get playing and sooner or later a few vehicles would slowly roll through the back alley to check out what was so bright. They'd notice us, we'd give a wave, they'd be on their way and we'd go back to playing. However, while the two strings of light bulbs were perfect, as we grew older and taller, they got to be a little costly. Raising our sticks in the air after scoring a goal and not paying attention to exactly where we were raising them, our sticks would often smack a light bulb and smash it to oblivion. We also used tennis balls at one point and a quick flick of the wrist and a bit of unintentional accuracy also destroyed the bulbs pretty quickly.

With glass shards on the ice, we'd have a halt in play and the brooms would be out sweeping up the remnants. But once the glass was tended to it wasn't long until the game resumed. A few minutes later, we would be weaving around the 'rink caretaker' as Dad would be out there with a new light bulb or two. My parents' bedroom window also wasn't immune to danger, although it somehow avoided being broken for a number of years.

Dad had put wire up to keep the back of the house free of puck marks and busted up siding, which had become more common as we were getting older, but this one year that window was just high enough and got smacked three times by flying pucks. An unfortunate bounce off the crossbar did it in one time and trying to go top corner was another one. After replacing the broken window once, when the second time occurred in less than a month, a thick piece of insulation did the trick until spring.

Pucks also seemed to find their way all over the place for some 'odd reason.' As spring arrived we discovered more than the grass beneath the snow. We'd find pucks . . . a lot of them. We'd find them where nearby snowbanks had melted away while others made their way on top of the roof of our house so Dad went up there to retrieve them. And our gracious neighbours, Mrs. Mohagen, the Browns and Allens kindly left us a few piles of pucks near the rink as they would find the black biscuits in their gardens and return them to us. We were very fortunate to have understanding neighbours who enjoyed hearing and watching us play in the backyard. Mr. Brown was also so gracious as I remember he gave us one of his son's goalie sticks while my brother and I were playing one day. We thought that was so awesome! I think we still have it.

Then we had our big games. Still in school, my brother and I would have our friends over and play all day on Saturdays. I'd get the retro music pumping and one year my friends and I saved up enough points during a magazine campaign from school that we got this red goal light. I'd be bellowing out the names and numbers of each player as they went on the ice and that goal light would be humming in the dark. After I'd announce us out, the lights would turn on and away we'd go. Eventually the CD and sound system I plugged into an outside outlet would

get too cold so we would have to shut it off since it would start skipping. Those days were the closest we could get to making it feel like Hockey Night in Canada. We also had a few skate into the new year games which were great and again our parents and neighbours were so gracious in allowing us to do that.

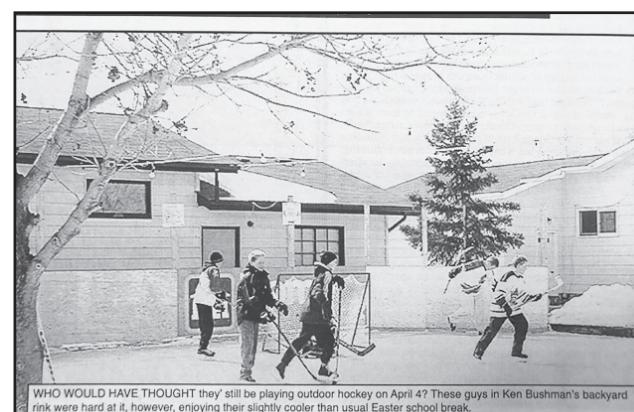
In later years, we were fortunate to have my grandpa or grandma drop the ceremonial puck for us to kick off the season. Those were special moments for me. There was another season where I drew jersey banners of a few us that played to replicate the jerseys that hang in the rafters in arenas. Mom and Dad were gracious in letting us create our own mini NHL arena and it was truly awesome.

A few other highlights over the years from our rink included: extended family games at Christmas with our cousins; the full day games during a snowy day; Dad building a snow hill next to the rink to slide down on; putting blue and red lines in the ice; having mini tournaments with our friends; getting some goalie equipment to use from Robin Lay; and lately, it has been seeing my own kids or my nieces and nephews enjoying the rink as much as we did.

Another highlight for us was making the front page of the paper one year, this newspaper actually. That year was unique because it took until April for the ice to really melt away. It was a slushy skate that Thursday but we embarked on an after school outing to play one last game of hockey before the ice turned into a swimming pool. I remember Dad called us from work saying Frank Wilson (now a former publisher of The Watrous Manitou) would be stopping by to take a few photos of us. We were pretty excited to be in the paper and low and behold we found ourselves on the front page of the Apr. 8, 2002 edition - me almost taking a nose dive along the boards (see below).

There are more highlights I could note and even more would come to mind if I spent time thinking about it but marking three decades of having Bush Arena is a special highlight in its own right. Because of the pandemic we unfortunately couldn't use it like we used to, especially all of us together, but having Mom and Dad putting in the time and effort to get it up and running for not only us as kids but now for their grandkids is definitely something we treasure. I am so grateful to my parents for being willing to keep the ice going and for Mom sacrificing her garden and a lot of her grass as buckets and buckets of water have been used. I think my parents' water bills are higher in the winter than they are in the summer but I know to them it has been worth it.

Now that my sister, brother and I are older and have families of our own, watching our kids enjoy the ice that we once did and to see the smile it brings to the faces of my parents is pretty special. Before the pandemic hit, it was also pretty special when Dad put on his own pair of skates and there would be three generations hitting the ice for a game. It is memories like that which have made it all worth it.

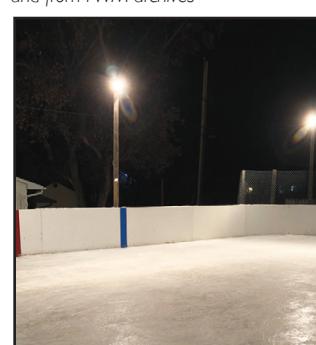


WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT they'd still be playing outdoor hockey on April 4? These guys in Ken Bushman's backyard rink were hard at it, however, enjoying their slightly cooler than usual Easter school break.



► From making the front page of The Watrous Manitou (below left) to having my grandpa drop the ceremonial puck to begin a season at the backyard rink (top), playing hockey with friends and being able to skate as a family (above), before the COVID-19 pandemic arrived, the rink created by my parents in their backyard in Watrous created memories that will last a lifetime.

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Obituary



**HUTCHINSON,
Dorman Millard
Sept. 15, 1929 -
Mar. 26, 2021**

Dorman Millard Hutchinson, aged 91 years, passed away Friday, March 26, 2021 at Royal University Hospital, Saskatoon, Sask.

Dorman was born September 15, 1929 to Jessie and Millard Hutchinson

at Bengough, Sask.

Dorman was the eldest of three children, sister Maxine and sister Melva. He received his education in several rural schools in the Heward area, where he also worked on the farm. He married Norma Anne McKechnie on April 9, 1954 and shortly thereafter, moved to Amazon, Sask. where he took a job as a grain buyer. After working in the elevator for six years, he left to work as a carpenter and then drove fuel truck for the Watrous Co-op. In 1966 he struck out in the business world and purchased the Chalet Pool at Manitou Beach, in partnership with Lionel Sproule, which they operated together for seven years. After the pool was lost in a tragic fire in 1983, he worked at A & S Equipment, repairing and servicing farm machinery. Later he started the Manitou Filter Wash and Upholstery, which he operated with Norma until 2015, when they fully retired. His love of horses and visiting people took him to many horse barns and shows across Western Canada. He spent many happy hours halter breaking, riding, driving and showing horses - sharing his knowledge with whoever showed an interest. Along with horses he had many other hobbies, which including camping, gardening, woodworking, dancing, oil painting, 4H and curling.

He is survived by his loving wife, Norma; son Brad (Dianne), daughter Wanda (Gordon Gustafson); grandchildren Janelle (Robin) Mowat, Atticus and Beatrix; Kim (Jason) Elles, Brandon and Fenton; Lindsay (BJ) Brataschuk, Brianna, Reese and Brayden; Julie (Curtis) Freeman, Riley; Kyle (Melissa) Hutchinson.

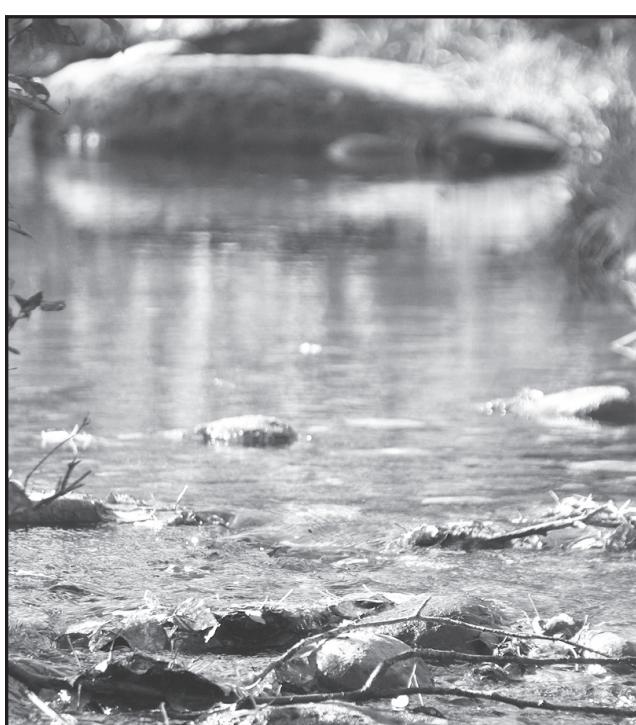
He was predeceased by his parents and both sisters, grandson Terry Gustafson, in-laws Keith and Doris McKechnie, Bob Michel.

A private family memorial service was held at Watrous United Church, Watrous, Sask. on April 1, 2021 conducted by Rev. Jo-Ann Hills.

Private family interment took place at Watrous Cemetery.

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Thank you to family, friends, and neighbours for all your kindness, compassion and sympathy shown to us after Gary's passing. Your cards, phone calls, messages, hugs, food and donations to the Imperial Rink have been overwhelming.

Thank you to Fotheringham-McDougall Funeral Service and Rev. Jo-Ann Hills for guiding us through this journey. We are beyond grateful to everyone who has helped us in any way.

- Rhonda, Jennifer, Mike, Alexa, Kyle, Brett, Eden and extended family

Thank you

Our hearts are broken and we are so saddened by the sudden loss of our loved one Gary Mooney.

The word thank you falls so very short of expressing the gratitude we feel. However, we need to say thank you to all who generously: dropped off food, phoned/texted with caring messages, brought beautiful floral arrangements, donated to the rink, sent cards of condolences many of which included special memories of Gary - his wonderful smile and kindness to all, just to name a few. Thank you to the grader operators for proceeding and following the funeral procession to the cemetery - such a thoughtful gesture.

Rev. Jo-Ann's words of comfort were most appreciated and Howie's sincere eulogy brought tears and laughter. All of these compassionate actions would have made Gary very grateful, as we all are.

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Sue Alcock

So we had 17°C weather on Sunday (Mar. 28) where walkers discovered they were overdressed. Then Monday a turnaround as a snow storm appeared from the west. Monday afternoon was a good day to be home and snug and perusing 1935 and 1936 Watrous Manitou and Watrous Signal newspapers while trying not to go buggy eyed!

There was a lot of snow to be shovelled and plowed away – hurray again for good neighbours who help out. Warm weather Wednesday (Mar. 31) brought on some thawing and mud making, great for trying to drive up hills and slide back down again.

Well now, 1935 turned out to be a memorable year for some – there was a vote in June about whether or not to allow permits for the sale of beer by the glass. Watrous area voted in favour. Our local Mr. Bill Whitmore of the Whitmore Hotel certainly applied for a permit as it was published in the Watrous Manitou along with that of Emma McArthur for the Manitou Hotel in Watrous. I did not see an application from Wm proctor who held the lease for managing the provincial park. By autumn, Watrous had two beer parlours and a liquor store but I was not able to find out if Bill Whitmore and Wm Proctor obtained permits or not. Certainly the provincial park

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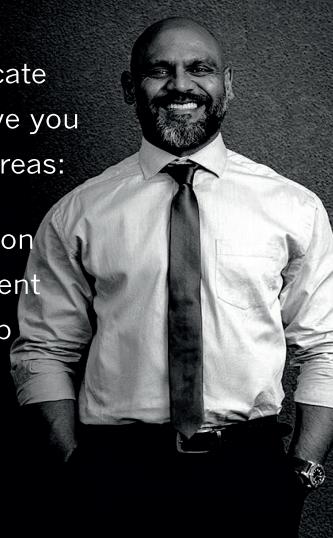
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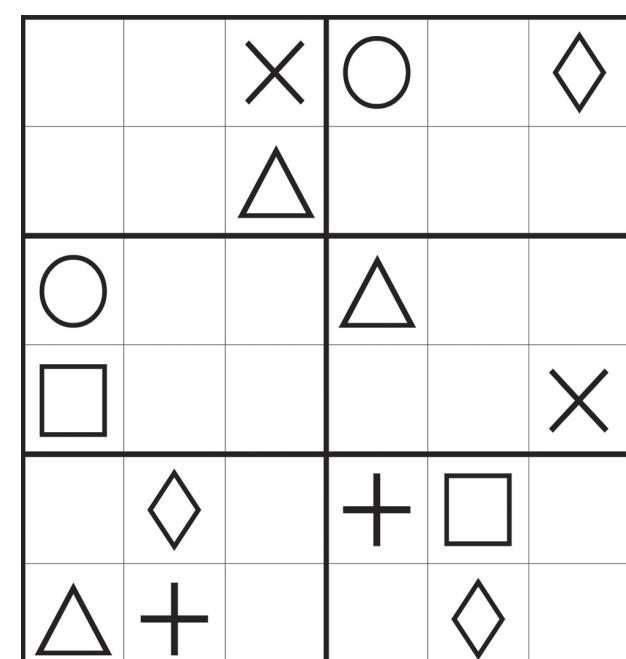
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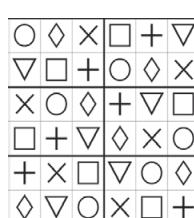
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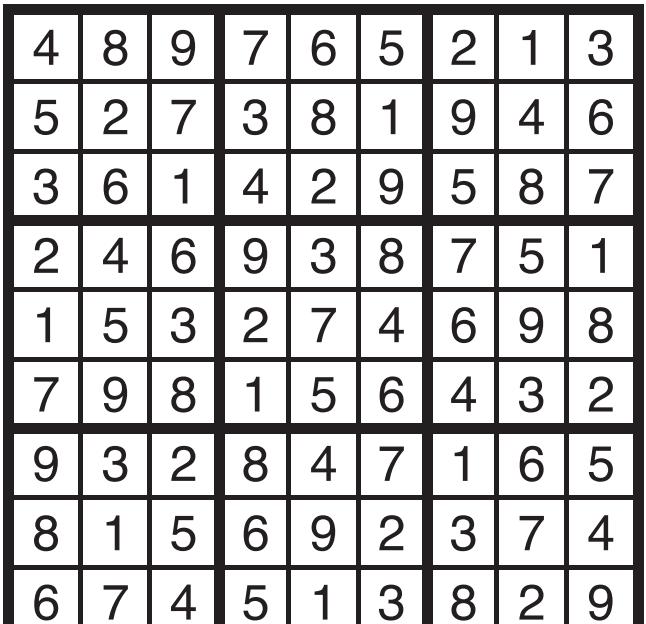


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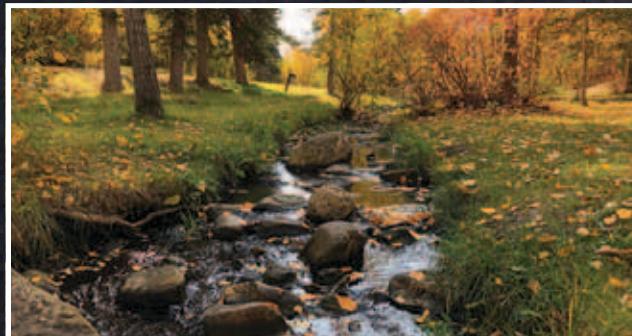
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As of 4:30 p.m. Mar. 29 SaskPower's Outage Centre had fielded over 9,000 calls since the onset of the extreme weather.

As a result, there were 173 outages resulting in 8,450 customers without power and due to unsafe weather conditions, a number of communities were without power overnight. Those communities and surrounding rural customers that were part of the overnight outage included: Lucky Lake, Beechy, Assiniboia, Gravelbourg, Elrose, Kyle, Colleville, Eatonia, Whitebear, Shaunavon, Maple Creek, and Macklin.

The following morning, crews were back out restoring power to the impacted areas. "We appreciate customers patience and

understanding during this spring storm."

During the spring storm, with low visibility and road conditions deteriorating, the community of Colonsay took in motorists for the night who were trying to navigate along Hwy. 16. The Watrous Manitou's Colonsay correspondent Florence Halvorson said the Town of Colonsay opened its town hall while the local motel was filled with people. The community also banded together to provide meals for those who spent the night, feeding them supper and breakfast. Seeing its residents come together in a time of need,

improve through Tuesday as the low pressure system tracked off into Manitoba, those in Winnipeg and Manitoba then had to deal with the system. "The day where you were getting those cold temperatures and wind chill they were having a record 20°C in Winnipeg. Then Tuesday it was brutally cold (for them)."

Replacing the cold weather and snow drifts with sunshine and melting snow, above-normal values returned almost as quickly as they were forced to retreat. "It was clearly a one day wonder," said Phillips of the spring storm. "We don't know if it is winter's last hurrah. We'd like to think it is but you typically in Saskatchewan get around 15 percent of your annual snowfall after this time into May."

With temperatures five to seven degrees warmer than normal heading into this past weekend, Phillips said the long-term outlook looks milder than normal. "You can't rule out some more snow and cold but it is getting less and less (likely) as the days get longer and we get into April. Then it becomes less and has no staying power."

As conditions began to

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