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►Work continues along the #100, #200 and #300 blocks of Main Street in Watrous as part of a massive revitalization project. With a total cost of the entire project coming in around \$2.7 million, substantial work has already occurred with more to come. It is estimated that the three blocks will be completed including asphalt but excluding the new street lights by early- to mid-September.
 📷 photos by Daniel Bushman

Watrous Main Street Revitalization Project maintaining schedule

■ Daniel Bushman

The transformation of Main Street in Watrous is well underway as part of a major revitalization project in the community. With a goal of seeing the work wrapped up by the scheduled early- to mid-September time frame (with exception to the lighting), crews have been busy working on the #100, #200 and #300 blocks.

“For the most part I think the project has gone well,” said Town of Watrous Public Works Superintendent Dion Tarasoff adding the concrete contractor was on schedule and planned to wrap up by Friday, Aug. 11.

Following that work where the sidewalks were redone and curb added, Tarasoff mentioned the asphalt contractor was slated to be in Watrous Aug. 10. “The plan is to get going on the #100 block and I would estimate each block would take about a week for excavation and backfill. Once the three blocks are done, my understanding is the contractor will come back to do the asphalt when all of the remaining road construction is done.”

That other work includes the design on the piles where the street lights will sit on, the electrical

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Picnic and parade being held to celebrate Venn Hall's 100th birthday

■ Daniel Bushman

Containing a century full of memories while withstanding the tests of time, those who call Venn home or who once resided there are commemorating the 100th birthday of the Venn Hall.

Growing up on a farm one mile out of Venn and considering the community home for the past eight decades, Betty Carlson has fond memories of the hall. With her dad making the original sign for the hall which still remains there to this day, Carlson recalls many a dance, wedding and fall supper being held there. "There is also a platform at the back of the hall and they used to show films there in the 1930s and '40s."

During her early school years in Venn, Carlson along with her fellow classmates would make the short trek to the hall from the school where they would put on Christmas programs. "We would spend all day there practicing for the concert. There was a big stove and we would heat up soup for lunch. That was the best treat ever, having a hot lunch because at the school they didn't have a stove, they just had a furnace so you couldn't do that there."

Following her schooling, Carlson became a member of the Venn Women's Institute Branch and helped put on plays, concerts, potlucks and other events at the local hall like fairs.

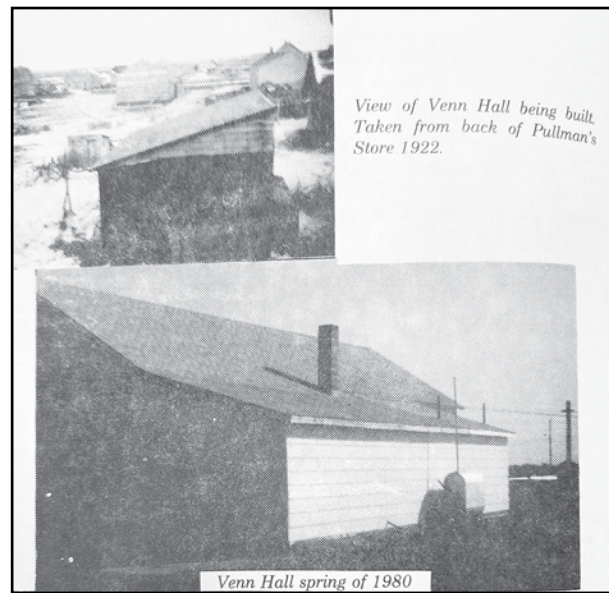
In the history book, Vignettes Of Venn, it noted

a Venn Homemakers Club Fair was held in the Venn Hall, Thursday, Aug. 7, 1941. As part of that fair, a number of items were submitted for judging including:

Children's Work - drawn map of Saskatchewan showing rivers, railroads and towns for children under 14. First place 25 cents and second place 15 cents; writing small letters twice, capital letters twice and numbers 1 to 30 for ages 10 and up. First place 25 cents and second place 15 cents; embroidery for those under 12 years. First place 25 cents and second place 15 cents.

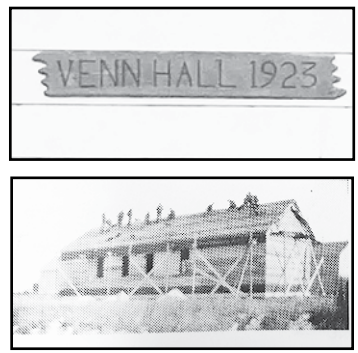
Ladies' Fancy Work including dresser scarf, pillow cases, kitchen apron, luncheon cloth and hand knitted socks each came with a first place prize of 50 cents and second 25 cents. The entry fee for that was 10 cents.

The Baking category included an entry fee of 10 cents for things like lemon pies, half dozen plain tea biscuits, light layer iced cake, loaves of bread and muffins. Prizes ranged from packages of corn starch, baking powder, 50 cents, \$4,



View of Venn Hall being built Taken from back of Pullman's Store 1922.

Venn Hall spring of 1980



► Pictured left: view of Venn Hall being built in 1922 and the Venn Hall during the spring of 1980. Pictured top: the Venn Hall sign made by Betty Carlson's dad. Pictured above: shingling bee at Venn Hall in 1923.

Images from Vignettes of Venn and submitted

and flour.

Farm products was the last category which contained items ranging from canned vegetables, preserved fruit, butter, plants and the best sheaf of wheat. Prizes included mustard, money, and poultry grit.

"The Venn Hall has been a pillar of the community for years," shared Carlson. "We are fortunate to have been able to host a lot of events there. Our family has held our reunions there numerous times. It is like our home for gatherings because there are so many

memories there."

Gaylene Sundquist moved to Venn in 1997 and along with her husband Brad, raised their family there. Like Carlson, Gaylene has fond memories of using the hall. "We have had potlucks there in the summer, get-togethers, picnics and in winter, Santa Claus would come. It was a big deal when Santa would come by the hall."

While families who once attended a number of those events including visiting with Santa have come and gone over the years, Sundquist shared a

number of younger couples have decided to move back. "It is really great to see so many choosing to live in Venn. There has been a bit of a resurgence in our population."

With more people deciding to call Venn home and the local hall turning 100, it was decided to try and revitalize the iconic building. "We held a steak night fundraiser earlier this year and we are hosting a Venn Hall Picnic Aug. 20 which includes a parade, beer gardens, outdoor games, and a supper. Our plan is to repair the roof and the floor as funds come in so that we can continue to use the facility for years to come."

Sundquist said the special day is open to anyone who would like to attend and they are taking a silver collection for supper. "This will be just the fourth parade that we can tell Venn has had (2000, 2002, 2010 and 2023) but many might remember picnics held here in the past."

According to the Vignettes Of Venn, one of those picnics was held in 1974. The Pool Picnic which took place in the community commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool organization. The local Pool committee at that time decided to host an old-fashioned picnic which included races for children and adults, ball games, horseshoe tournaments, and other sports managed by Russell Hallborg, the

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RCMP Report

Police seek public's help in locating man

The Saskatoon Police Service is requesting the public's assistance in locating 39-year-old Michael Schaan who was last in contact with his family on July 26, 2023. Police and family are concerned as he may be in a vulnerable state. Michael is described as 5'8" in height, thin build, with balding red hair and green eyes.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Michael is asked to contact the Saskatoon Police Service at 306-975-8300 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. As of press time, Schaan had not been located.



Drowning at Lake Diefenbaker

At approximately 8:40 p.m. Aug. 5, Outlook RCMP

received the report of a drowning of a 35-year-old male on Lake Diefenbaker. Officers responded immediately and began search efforts in conjunction with Outlook and Elbow Fire and Rescue.

At approximately 7:15 a.m., the following morning, the male was located passed away by Outlook Fire and Rescue. His family has been notified. The Saskatchewan Coroners Service also attended the scene and ordered an autopsy. Preliminary investigation indicated there was no criminality involved.

Police respond to drowning

Saskatoon RCMP responded to the report of a drowning Aug. 6 which occurred in the South Saskatchewan River, approximately 20 km south of Saskatoon on Hwy. 219. A 31-year-old male was recovered from the river and passed away on scene.

His family has been notified and Victim Services has been engaged to provide support. The Saskatchewan Coroners Service along with local fire, STARS air ambulance and Saskatoon Police Service's Air 1 aircraft also responded.

Preliminary investigation has determined it was an accidental drowning and there was no criminality involved, as such, there is no further information to provide.

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local grain buyer as well as other farmers. In the history book, it noted people came to the picnic from far and near and it was a beautiful day. Supper consisted of hot dogs, coffee, juice, and ice cream. During the supper everyone gathered inside the hall where speeches were given by Albert Greenfield, former Pool delegate; Delmar Rue, the current delegate at that time; and Ross Carlson, president of the local Pool committee at that time. After supper, ball games continued until dark.

Hoping to have an enjoyable picnic at the hall in 2023, just like in 1974, Sundquist said people from far and near are welcome to come. "There are a lot of people with Venn roots who have moved away and we encourage them to come out Sunday and enjoy the festivities!"



Catching fire

During the early morning hours Monday, Aug. 7, Watrous Fire Department responded to a fire east of Watrous. The blaze which burnt part of a field around 2 a.m. was extinguished by members of the local department. Watrous Fire Chief Jory Vanthuyne said the fire started in an unusual place and it appears it was likely caused by some sort of airborne ignition source. "While we do not know for sure what caused the field fire, the area is very dry and we stress that people take extreme care and caution when using things like cigarettes and fireworks."

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COLONSAY
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Word has been received that Blake Elliott, aged 78, from Edmonton passed away July 23 at home. Sympathy to his wife Darlene and family and to all of the Rosher family. Darlene is the daughter of Art and Muriel Vigeant and grew up in Colonsay. There is no funeral but a celebration of life will be held at Blake and Darlene's home in Edmonton Aug. 26. Blake had a heart transplant in 2009. He thanked his unknown donor and family for giving him the gift of life every night of his remaining life. Reagan Richard and family from Edmonton trav-

elled home to visit his parents Jim and Sylvia Richard and brother Shane for the long weekend. Several folks spent the long weekend at the lake of choice to enjoy some relaxing and visiting. Welcome to the residents of Colonsay as several homes now have new owners. Enjoy your time in the community. Ray Thomas from Colonsay and son Neil from Edmonton spent the long weekend fishing at Jan Lake. Believe to the very last hour, for it's true that whatever you will, you've been gifted to do.

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Opinion



Hobby Faith



Pass The Salt

A spiritual column
by Pastor
Greg Dermody

We have all heard of hobby farms; small farms for which there is not a lot of profit, just joy in growing things and living on the land. Wait, that might be most of our farmers... Our outgoing District Superintendent, the equivalent of a bishop for some denominations, said this in his final report to the district: "More and more people are realizing that faith as a hobby is no longer acceptable. There is a deepening hunger and thirst for more of Jesus."

Are you tired of a mere hobby faith? The dictionary tells us a hobby is an activity done regularly in one's leisure time for pleasure. Certainly faith can fulfill our leisure and give great pleasure. But it is not something we should merely dabble in; it is so much more than that. In fact, some people reject faith and even become bitter when faced with a 'crop failure' and things have not gone well in their lives so they decide God must be to blame. However, if God is only God in your leisure and hobby space, is it fair to complain about Him regarding the rest of your life?

Moving from a hobby faith into a deeper relationship with Jesus certainly won't mean that life will be all rosy, everything will go smoothly, you'll be rich and trouble free. Anyone who tells you that is selling something hokey and likely scamming you. What Jesus has promised is: for those who will give themselves completely to Him, He will be with you to the very end. (Matthew 28).

A relationship with God is our purpose of life and design; don't you feel you were made for something more? That 'more', is found in Jesus Christ. If some of the things you have seen in religion and church don't appeal to you, take heart, nothing this side of Heaven is perfect. When Jesus said: "I will build my church" he didn't mean the bricks and mortar of facility, he meant the souls of those who can no longer be satisfied with a hobby faith and want to go deeper and find satisfaction in Jesus.

Hungry? Thirsty? The Psalmist penned this great line: "O taste and see that the Lord is good." Jesus in John 7:37-38 said, "come to me and drink..."

May you, as you present yourself to Jesus, discover the great satisfaction of a deeper faith. May you find your joy in complete surrender.

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Solutions and Substitutions



Tips from Reena Nerbas

Dear Reena,

I love my polar fleece tops and jackets, but they are such magnets for hair and pet fur. The hair/fur stays on the garments even after laundering. Can you suggest some kind of laundry product or method to solve my problem? I do not use commercial laundry softeners in either the washer or dryer as I am sensitive to smell. Ethan

Dear Ethan,

You are not alone, many pet owners refuse to purchase fleece solely because of this challenge. Lint brushes, masking tape and lint rollers are not overly effective because fur becomes imbedded in the fleece fibres. Unfortunately, fabric softener in the washer is your best defense against cling on fur. Of course, vinegar is a wonderful alternative to commercial softeners. Use about one cup per load.

Dear Reena,

I have a copper chafing dish which is badly tarnished; do you have a suggestion on how to clean it? Alyon

Dear Alyon,

The following hints are effective for cleaning copper: sprinkle salt on a wet sponge and wipe or mix lemon juice and baking soda together. Rub with an old toothbrush. Another option is to smear copper with either ketchup or WD-40, wait 10 minutes and polish.

Wonderful feedback from caring contributors

Re: cleaning pots

With regards to your tip about cleaning pots, I want to tell you that a handful of rhubarb (available in the frozen food section in the winter) does a great job of cleaning a

blackened pot (voice of experience). P.S. When preparing rhubarb, if you bake it instead of boiling it, the rhubarb will not go mushy. Menno

Re: cleaning pots

My husband says the most effective way to remove black char on pot bottoms is to rub it with garden dirt or sand, barely moist. R.D.

Fabulous tips for making delicious fried chicken

- Add fibre to fried chicken by adding bran or wheat germ to your coating mixture.

- For crispy chicken, use half flour and half cornstarch along with your usual seasonings and add one-half teaspoon of baking powder.

- Do not cover the chicken once it has finished cooking because covering it will cause the coating to lose its crispness.

- Flavour the oil for cooking your chicken by placing two halves of an onion into the oil.

- Here are the ingredients for Outstanding Southern Fried Chicken. You will need three bowls. In the first bowl put 1/2 cup flour. Into the second bowl combine two eggs, 1 1/2 cups milk, 1/2 teaspoon chicken bouillon, 1/2 teaspoon paprika, 1/2 teaspoon sage, two crushed garlic cloves, one tablespoon flour, 1/2 tablespoon parsley and 1/2 teaspoon soya sauce. Into the third bowl combine one cup flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, one teaspoon pepper, 1/2 teaspoon onion powder, 1/2 tablespoon freshly chopped parsley and 3/4 cup bread crumbs. Put chicken pieces into each bowl and fry as normal. This mixture is for one small frying chicken.

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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



Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Hamburger Macaroni for Two

Ingredients:

1/2 pound ground beef
1/4 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1 clove garlic minced
3/4 cup tomato juice
1/2 cup uncooked macaroni
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

Directions:

In skillet, cook beef, onion, green pepper and garlic over medium heat until meat is no longer pink. Add the tomato juice, macaroni, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper, bring to a boil. Simmer for about 15 to 20 minutes until the macaroni is tender. I often use canned tomatoes instead of tomato juice. Sprinkle with grated cheese or Parmesan cheese when serving this. Easy quick meal for two.

What is your favourite camping story? Just recently, I heard of a family who travelled hours and hours, only to discover on arrival at the campsite that all their coolers of food were still at home. Here is hoping your camping experience was filled with starry night skies, restful days and plenty of food.

Lessons at the Young pool are going swimmingly. The three sets of one week swimming lessons were greeted with sunshiny days and eager swimmers.

Are you a fan of old western movies? If so, you may have watched a few branding scenes where the rancher brands his cattle with a unique brand, ensur-

ing they are identifiable in case of rustlers. The Terry Martin family gathered to brand their calves this summer. Not much has changed since those wild west days, as their reason is identification and prevention of theft and rustling. Three generations of Martins - Scott and Heather (Atkinson), their two sons Terry and

Craig and grandkids, plus extended family, friends, fellow cowboys and cowgirls came together to get the job done. As a side note, did you know a person can design their own brand or if you are not the creative sort, you will be assigned one through Sask Livestock Services.

Enjoy your week!

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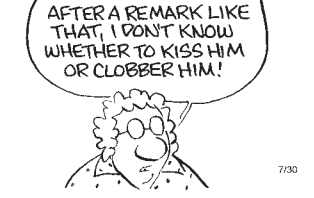
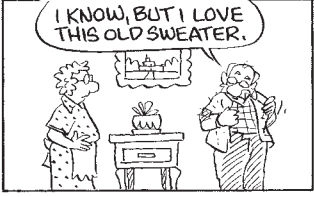
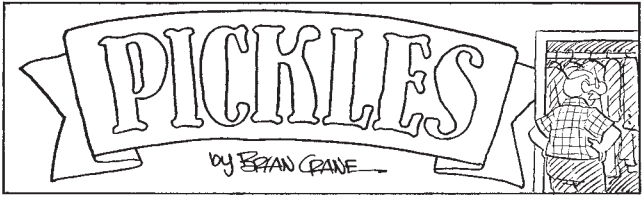
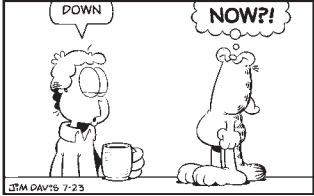
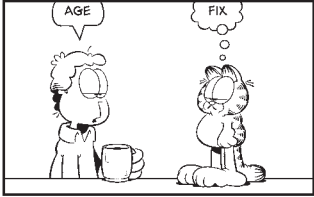
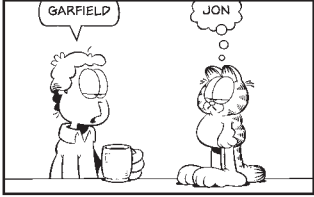
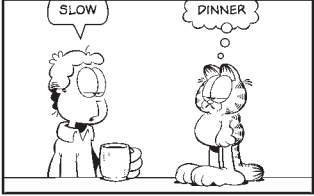
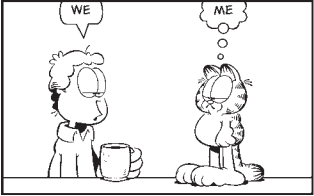
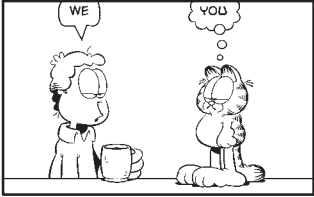
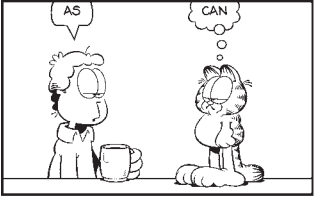
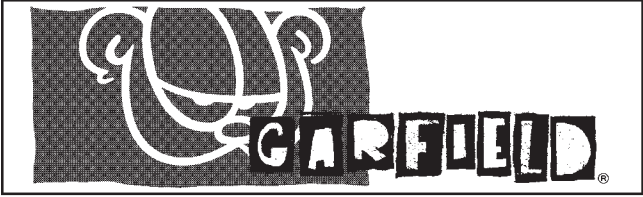
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48. Dove's call

49. Cracked open

53. Teen skin problem

54. Unusual

55. Ire

56. Formerly

57. Adios!

58. Tinted
- DOWN

1. Which person?

2. Bunny's step

3. Prone

4. Grumpily

5. Long tale

6. Was without

7. Cook in lard

8. ____ down (devours)

9. Fan favorite

10. Naught

11. Increased

19. Concealed

21. Store

22. Large brass horn

23. Pub orders

25. Lump

26. Come forth

29. Gentlemen

30. Faithful

31. Hankerings

FOR ANSWERS TO SUDOKU AND CROSSWORD, SEE PAGE 11

SEPTEMBER 19

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Golf Report

Twenty-four golfers made it out to the senior men's scramble Thursday, Aug. 10 at Manitou Beach Golf Course. First place with a score of 31 was recorded by the team of Fred Townley, Gary Vanthuyne, Kevin Bunz and Warren Cooper and second place with a score of 32 was the team of Metro Bodnarek, Art Houle, Doug Schultz and Keith Farnel. Mystery team was Robert McLane, Jerry Osmak, John Allingham and Keith Harcourt. Closest to the pin on hole eight was Eric Day and closest to the pin second shot on hole four was Bob Lewis. Lloyd Gullacher made the longest putt on hole six. Keith Farnel was closest to the line on hole nine. Robert McLane had a hole-in-one on Thurs., Aug. 3 at the senior men's golf!

JUST kidding

Q: What do prisoners use to call each other?

A: Cell phones.

JUST kidding

Q: What goes through towns, and up and over hills, but doesn't move??

A: The road.

JUST kidding

Q: What did the candle say to the other candle?

A: I'm going out tonight.

SUDOKU

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

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Watrous plays host to U11 Tier 2 AA Provincial Championships

■ Daniel Bushman

With eight teams competing at the U11 Tier 2 Sask Baseball AA Provincial Tournament in Watrous, the July 14 to 16 event featured some excellent games.

Joining the host Watrous Lakers, the Davidson Cardinals, Saskatoon Titan Braves, Sask Five Giants, Saskatoon Blue Jay Cannons, Regina Buffaloes, Saskatoon Tune Town Braves, and Saskatoon Blue Jays Bomb Squad were all seeking a chance to claim the provincial title.

The hometown Lakers were slotted into Pool A and faced the Regina Buffaloes to open the provincial event during the morning July 14. Despite a hazy day, the Lakers made it a close contest but would come up just short by a score of 8-7.

Following the remainder of games on Friday, in

the evening, the opening ceremonies were held with a few special guests in attendance. One of the organizers Lori Bartko said players from the U9 Watrous Lakers were team sign and Canada flag holders as they brought in each club to the diamond. That was followed by John McArthur singing O Canada and Watrous Mayor John Gunderson and Manitou Beach Councillor Bill Mattick sharing a few remarks.

A pair of players from the Watrous Lakers, Jude Bartko and Sawyer Wolff, read the Sask Baseball Code of Conduct before the opening ceremonial first pitch. Bartko shared Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Doug Schultz from Watrous said a few words about the game of baseball and being a catcher, threw the opening pitch to local player Cade

Armstrong. Armstrong who played his first years as a Watrous Laker from Rally Cap to U13 also competed in U15 AAA for Sask Five Giants and the East Central Dodgers (Humboldt). Last year Cade played for Team Saskatchewan at the U15 Nationals Tournament and is currently playing with Muenster's U18 AAA East Central Red Sox team. Following the ceremonial first pitch, a skills competition was held for the players Friday evening.

"Different players used their best skills to challenge the other teams. Each winner received a prize of a Skills Competition Champion logo baseball and an engraved water bottle. The Home Run Derby winner received an engraved wooden bat, a new helmet and ball bag, sponsored in part by RBC."

The winners of the skills competition included: Infield Relay - Saskatoon Tune Town Braves: Tobin, Nolan, Ryker, Sawyer and Micah. Base Running Relay - Watrous Lakers: Brantley Savage, Tanner Carlson and Nate Langlois. Home Run Derby - Saskatoon Tune Town Braves: Kayden Braaten. Outfield Relay - Saskatoon Blue Jay Cannons: Blake, Indie and Ben.

Day two of the tournament had Watrous meeting the Tune Town Braves during the 9 a.m. game. In a tough contest



Saskatoon came away with a 15-5 win. With another game on the schedule, the Lakers were back in action in the afternoon as the team faced the Blue Jay Cannons. Seeking their first win of the provincial event, Watrous came away with a big 13-6 victory. Improving to 1-2, the team ended the round-robin but were unable to advance into the playoffs.

Following Saturday's games, Sunday featured the semifinal and final as the Sask Five Giants met the Saskatoon Tune Town Braves while the Regina Buffaloes faced the Saskatoon Titan Braves. In those games the Tune Town Braves won 12-4 while the Titan Braves won 10-8 and both teams advanced to the final.

With an all Saskatoon matchup, in a close provincial final, the two teams found themselves tied at nine to start the top of the sixth inning. The Tune Town Braves were able to add a run to head



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into the bottom of the inning and would come away with the victory and the Tier 2 AA Provincial Championship.

Seeing a tremendous amount of support from the teams and community, with the tournament wrapping up, Bartko said, "We greatly appreciated all the fans who came out to support the teams. To the players, coaches, managers, and umpires, we really appreciated them for all their hard work. Watrous Travel Club did a great job running the food booth and

the sponsors and volunteers were tremendous in making the tournament possible! It was a great weekend of ball that wouldn't be possible without them all."

Representing the U11 Watrous Lakers team in Watrous was: Brantley Savage, Colton Oakes, William Stratton, Sawyer Wolff, Oliver Haines, Tanner Carlson, Nate Langlois, Jennings Kelly, Jude Bartko, and Rylan Crittenden. Coaches were Darren Carlson and Dwane Savage and manager was Lesley Kelly.

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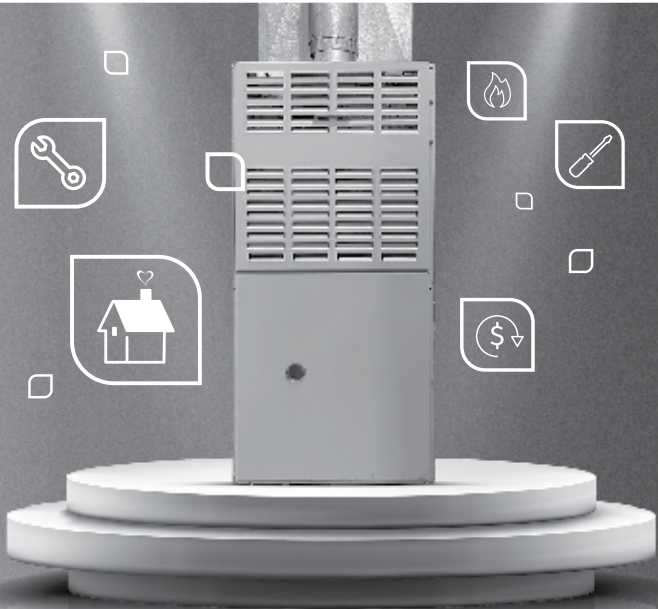
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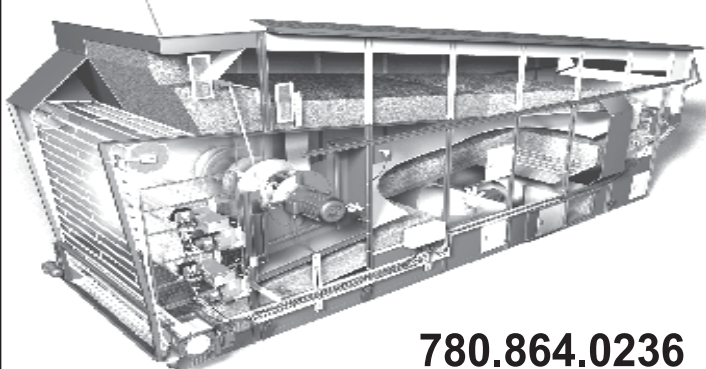
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- THE WATROUS BAPTIST Church will be holding a Family Day Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will have bouncy castles, games, entertainment, food and crafts. All are welcome to attend. We will also be doing VBS from Aug. 21 to 25 from 9:30 a.m. to noon for children from Kindergarten to Gr. 6. We offer Sunday School each Sunday from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. during the service. Please contact Pastor Alex at 306-836-3019 or Cathy Wheten at 306-261-2207 for more information./31-2c

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Crop Report

media release

Harvest is now four percent complete in Saskatchewan as many combines entered the field this past week. This is ahead of the five-year and 10-year averages of two percent. Producers who have not started yet are preparing for the oncoming harvest season. That is according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for Aug. 1 to 7.

Producers have been working on taking their winter cereals and pulse crops off this past week. The fall rye harvest is most advanced, with 43 percent of the crop off. Winter wheat is currently 15 percent harvested for the year. Harvest progress is led by the southwest, with 11 percent complete in that region. The northeast region has just started, with less than one percent of the crop off. Field peas are the most harvested of all spring seeded crops, with 22 percent of this year's crop harvested. Lentils are not far behind with 17 percent of the crop in the bin. In general, harvest is just beginning for oilseeds (canola, flax, mustard, and soybeans).

Many haying and silage operations are finishing their last fields. Provincially, dryland alfalfa yields are estimated to be 1.2 tons per acre, while greenfeed is estimated to be 1.4 tons per acre. Irrigated alfalfa is estimated to yield 2.9 tons per acre, while greenfeed is estimated to yield 1.2 tons per acre. Silage yields are estimated to be 4.4 tons per acre. Many producers are expressing concerns about feed supply this coming winter and are looking at using grain crops as feed. Water quality is also a concern this year given the dry conditions. Water quality testing for livestock is available to producers through their local regional offices.

Scattered and varying rain showers moved through the province this week. The southwest reported the most precipitation this past week with 36 mm in the Eyebrow region. The Pelly region also reported significant moisture with 31 mm while other areas of the province received as little as trace amounts. The warm temperatures outcompeted any moisture received this past week and soil moisture continues to decrease. Provincially, 12 percent of cropland has adequate moisture, 45 percent is short and 43 percent is very short. Ten percent of hay and pasture land has adequate topsoil moisture, 43 percent is short, and 48 percent is very short.

At the Watrous Centre

Crib winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Aug. 3 were: first - Shirley Birtles, 860; second - Sharon Carlson and Gail Shirley (tied), 856; fourth - Harold Kalynovich, 853. Travelling - Gail Shirley and Sharon Carlson. Home-steadier was Lorne Bradbeer, six times at same table.

Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre Monday, Aug. 7 were: first - Gail Shirley, 236; second - Ruth Wylie, 221; third - Gena Amendt, 187; fourth - Colleen Hunt, 184.

Anyone interested in submitting local Watrous news can do so by faxing 306-946-2026, emailing watrous.manitou@sasktel.net or stopping by the office.

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TWM's Faces in the Community

Joan Kessler

Looking forward to serving the community, Joan Kessler is the new minister for the Watrous-Young Pastoral Charge.

Born and raised in Saskatchewan, Joan's family farmed and continues to do so at Pangman, south of Regina. With her family always active in the local United Church congregation, growing up, life revolved around the rink and the church!

After receiving her BA from the University of Regina, "I lived at Weyburn before heading west to pursue the Alberta Advantage. I spent most of my adult life there, married and raised a family while living in Whitecourt and Grande Prairie."

Entering ministry as a second career in 2011, Kessler studied at the Atlantic School of Theology and participated in a degree program that saw her work part-time in a congregation while pursuing the academic courses leading to the Master of Divinity. In 2016, her studies were completed and Joan was ordained in Edmonton, Alta. Following ordination, she served the pastoral charges of Edson Trail (Valleyview) and Spirit of Peace (Spirit River).

"I arrived in Watrous at the end of July to begin serving with the people of the Watrous-Young Pastoral Charge. I came from Winfield United at Lake Country, B.C. Living in the Okanagan was a wonderful adventure for me and I have many fond memories and experiences that I bring with me. But after 30 years of living away from family, I decided to begin to explore what coming back to Saskatchewan could look like. And this is how I found the vacancy at Watrous-Young Pastoral Charge. We met via zoom and I think there was just this nudging of the Spirit that was encouraging us to enter into a new relationship. And here I am! I sold my condo, packed up my life into boxes, and came east. I have thoroughly enjoyed settling in to the Manse and getting to know my way around town and exploring Manitou Beach. When you live some place as popular as the Okanagan, you have a new appreciation for the quiet and peacefulness of small town living. Watrous is a lovely place and



I have found people friendly and helpful. I am most grateful to be here and begin my ministry officially on Aug. 15 and our first Sunday service on Aug. 20. It is an exciting time to be the Church in a post-COVID world. We have challenges and yet opportunities to ask what is most important about our shared life as a community and what resources will we devote to these priorities. I am looking forward to becoming part of the fabric of the community and want people to know that I enjoy visiting and drinking coffee and hearing their stories."

In Kessler's spare time, she enjoys hiking and going for drives. Other times she appreciates just relaxing with coffee and a good book and connecting with friends. The mother to two grown daughters, Olivia and Sarah, whom live at Yorkton and Edmonton respectively, Joan said, "Watrous puts me around all of my family, and after 30 years of living away, I am excited and grateful to be living closer to them."

(from front page: MAIN STREET)

running underneath that and paving stones added to fill the gap between the back of the curb and sidewalk. "I am hoping that should be around a month to a month and a half to see that work done."

Once completed, all that will remain is adding the asphalt and the new street lights. Tarasoff said they expect the lights to arrive in about eight to 10 weeks due to the delayed delivery time. Before they come, the existing light fixtures will have to be removed. "Hopefully we will see something in the next little bit but once those lights come down there will not be lights on those three blocks of Main Street. We have taken some measures to get some temporary lighting up and they are in place already. Once the current lights come down, the other ones will be lit up on a temporary basis until the new street lights are installed."

Aside from the lighting, Tarasoff figures by early- to mid-September everything should be done and people will be able to fully use the three blocks again. "From all accounts, I think everything has gone fairly smoothly. The contractor that did the sidewalks was fantastic and ended up doing a few extras for us to tidy some areas up on Main Street. From what I have heard, they are really happy with working out here. They are impressed with Manitou Beach and what the area has to offer when they are not working. That is really positive to hear, especially if we do any future projects and have to bring people in from out of town to do the work."

As for residents and business owners who have experienced disruptions on Main Street this summer, Tarasoff said, "We really appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during the construction phase of the project. I know that it has caused a few headaches but once the project is completed, Main Street will look really good."

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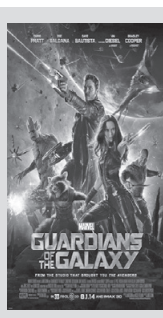
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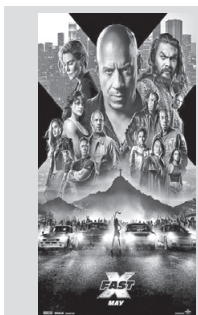
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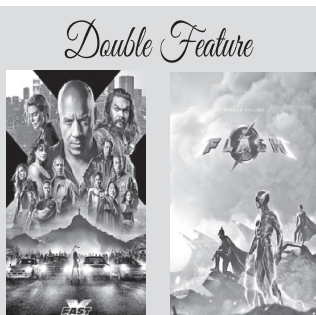
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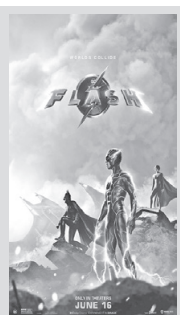
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