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►With 10 carvers in attendance and an opportunity to showcase their talents, this year's Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival was a success. Pictured far left: Jim Niedermayer of Manitoba has attended every festival at Manitou Beach and carved a beaver at this year's event. Pictured left: Kamron Garbe earned first place in the Peoples' Choice category, the Committee's Choice category and tied in the Carvers' Choice category with his incredible creation. Pictured above: Marty Duerinckx works on his masterpiece. For more, see page two.  
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# Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival generates buzz during fifth event

■ Daniel Bushman

A bit of wet weather early on did not deter the carvers as the 2023 Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival was dubbed a success. With the sun arriving later on during the Aug. 10 to 13 event and more people taking in the festival, 10 carvers from

across Canada left their mark.

Lori Gill, chair of the fifth chainsaw carving festival held at Manitou Beach said there was an excellent turnout during the four day event. "I believe our attendance numbers are above our last event. We had a lot of people from all over Saskatchewan,

Alberta and Manitoba. I spoke with a bunch from North Dakota and Montana and I noticed there were way more weekend passes sold as people opted to stay all four days."

Inviting 10 carvers including two who have attended each event at Manitou Beach, Gill and those in attendance were treated to some incredible work. "They each have their own flavour, vision and technique for carving. I've been to every festival and I don't think I've ever seen duplicates which is wonderful because we end up with an array of carvings."

Amazed at the stunning work throughout the festival, as each carver selected their canvas, chainsaws began humming. Transforming massive pieces of wood into a detailed work of art, people's curiosity was peaked each day as the images came to life. From bears to a beaver, an underwater scene to a dragon, the projects left people stunned when they were done. In addition to the big carvings, the artists each had to do two quick carves during the festival, being allotted 90 minutes

per carving.

With people able to bid on each, the beautiful masterpieces disappeared as fast as they were completed as those with the highest bid (many reaching hundreds of dollars) were able to take home a treasured item.

As for the large carvings, spectators entering the festival were given a ballot to mark down which they thought was the best. "This year attendees voted daily and we tallied the votes up. In total, there were 1,428 ballots cast to decide the top three. There was only a 20 vote difference between second and third place!"

Along with the top three chosen by those in attendance, a Carvers' Choice award was handed out (voted by the carvers themselves) and then the festival committee also voted and handed out an award. "They are tough decisions. There are no guidelines, you just vote with your own compass."

Following the tabulation of all of the votes in the three categories, this year's winners were:

Peoples' Choice: first place - Kamron Garbe with an ocean scene including turtles, a ray, jellyfish, and

fish; second place - Gary Natomagan with a pair of bears; and third place - Tyler Welfing with a dragon and a castle.

Carvers' Choice - a three-way tie for first - Kamron Garbe with an underwater ocean scene, Darcy Birnie with a patriotic scene, and Mike Winia with a bear and her cubs eating a fish.

Chainsaw Carving Committee's Choice: Kamron Garbe with an underwater ocean scene.

With each winner receiving prize money for their efforts, a raffle was held from purchased tickets over the four day event with the raffle winner (Chuck Bzdell) taking the first place carving home. The remainder of the carvings then became the property of the Resort Village of Manitou Beach and will be placed around the community.

Along with the carvers being featured throughout the festival, a vendor market was set up nearby. Originally with three food vendors and between 35 to 40 artisan vendors signed up, due to the weather not cooperating early on, there

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Saskatoon RCMP encourage the public to take the following steps to prevent any future occurrence of this scam:

Never provide personal or sensitive information to the requestor and never send money even if the message sounds urgent.

If you feel like this is a scam or an unsolicited call, ask questions (e.g. Who are you? What are you calling for? Why are you requesting this? Where are you calling from?) and document the responses.

Police work relies heavily on intelligence-led policing to identify trends, such as these phone scams. This is why it is important to report all crimes in your area to your local police of jurisdiction as soon as possible. This information helps us identify crime trends and assist any potential victims of these crimes.

If you or a family member have been contacted by a scammer, report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre — even if you didn't give them any money ([antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm](https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm) or 1-888-495-8501).

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## Bethel Historical Society seeking support

■ Daniel Bushman

With its cemetery location chosen in 1912, the church constructed in 1916 and later deemed as a historical site in 1976, the Bethel Lutheran Church and nearby cemetery are still used today.

Considered a place of historical significance and wanting to see it kept up, a cemetery committee has been formed by members of the Bethel Historical Society. The group is hoping to repair the graves as they have deteriorated over time. "Grave covers are cracking or have broken and sunken into the ground," shared Brenda Pratt on behalf of the committee. "Headstones are leaning and unstable which can lead to safety concerns for visitors and anyone helping with maintenance on the grounds."

In order to address the current state of the graves, which are located near the church within the RM of Morris approximately 15 kms southwest of Young, members of the committee

need to be able to remove the covers, straighten up leaning headstones and do general repair. Pratt said, "Headstones and markers would remain where they are and would be levelled if necessary and any other suggestions as to how to maintain and improve the cemetery would be appreciated."

In order to improve and begin cleaning up the grounds, the Society is seeking connections with those who have family members buried in the cemetery in addition to any monetary donations that people may feel led to give. "All the work will be done by volunteers and will aid in keeping our cemetery beautiful. Your donation will help to improve and maintain our cemetery so the final resting place of your loved ones can be looked after."

For those who would like to lend a hand, Pratt noted donations can be sent to Bethel Historical Society, Box 137 in Young, Sask. S0K 4Y0. "We will issue a tax receipt and are grateful for everyone's



► Pictured: images of the church taken in 1959 and 2019.

support. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact us by mail to the above address."

Under the Bethel Historical Site, the area was largely settled by pioneers from Norway who established a congregation shortly after their arrival in 1909. The church which hosted regular services until 1971 and is still used for weddings, funerals, an annual meeting of the historical society, and a picnic, which is held every year during the third Sunday of July.



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### MIZ BOJANGLES HAIR SALON

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# Opinion



## Road Construction



### Pass The Salt

A spiritual column  
by Pastor  
Greg Dermody

I had lunch at the Pepper Tree in Watrous recently and had to find some creative parking and access due to the beautification project on the Main Street of Watrous. It didn't really look beautiful at that time! You might describe the project as annoying and somewhat inconvenient at this stage. Can I cross the road here? Can I walk on this bit of sidewalk? Does this store have a back entrance or are they even open? Can that guy in the skid steer even see me or is he going to run me over? I look forward to coming back for a visit to see the finished project!

We are all a work in progress. For some of us the progress is gradual and less evident, and for others it is easier to see the changes God brings about.

I was reading the story of Zaccheus (Luke 19) to the children at our Vacation Bible School. After he met Jesus, he gave half his possessions to the poor and paid back four times what he had cheated people as a corrupt tax-collector. As we grow and mature in character, life is like our roads, after a while cracks and pot holes develop, wear from use and stresses of our environment. We engage the maintenance of faith, walking with Jesus. We often read and sing the words of Isaiah at Christmas, 'make a straight path for the Lord, lower every mountain, raise up the valleys.'

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Philippi; "Forgetting what is behind and straining forward to what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14.

Ruth Bell Graham's headstone reads: "Construction Finished. Thank you for your patience." She picked this after driving through a long zone of highway construction with the flag attendants, detours, and rough sections. The journey of life isn't always smooth travelling – just like Saskatchewan roads there seems to be only two seasons "winter and construction". We, like the roads, are ever in a state of maintenance, repair and construction. But God is not finished with you yet.

Wherever you are in your journey, God is still at His renovation work in you, you can still learn and change and grow... beautification!

Dear Editor,

As a concerned taxpayer of Watrous, I am writing about the garbage bins coming.

Right now the user pays. That's not the new way, everyone will pay the same. Why should I pay the same as a single person to a family of four or more? I have two bags of garbage a month, which is around \$5. My understanding with the new bins is I will have

to pay more.

I'm a single income household. Why should I subsidize other families? I do recycling and compost so I do my part to keep garbage down. If REACT can count every bag they pick up then they can count when someone's bin is dumped. I'm sure I'm not the only person thinking this.

Plus, why no plastic for recycling? Other

communities have it. Maybe Watrous council should start looking into this. Maybe other companies will give us what our community needs.

I understand the bins. I just don't feel I should pay the same as a single income living alone now has to pay the same as a family of four to six if not more with the two incomes. If I put my bin out to be dumped then charge me. Then this way it

will still be user pays.

If any other taxpayers feel the same, let the town office know. Send a letter or phone council members. We still want it to be user pays.

**Bonnie Thomas**  
Watrous, Sask.

*\*Editor's note: The Watrous Manitou will be doing an article regarding the new garbage bins in an upcoming edition*

## Letter to the editor

## Solutions and Substitutions



### Tips from Reena Nerbas

Dear Reena,

Would you have a recipe for a slow cooker breakfast dish that has no pork in it? Thanks, Lorna

Dear Lorna,

Grease your slow cooker. In a frying pan heat one tablespoon olive oil; cook, peel and slice one Yukon potato and one onion. Fry until browned, about seven minutes, add to slow cooker. Add 1/2 teaspoon paprika. In a bowl whisk together 12 eggs, one tea-

spoon hot sauce, salt and pepper, to taste, two ounces goat cheese and 1/2 cup diced canned tomatoes. Pour egg mixture over potatoes. Close lid and cook on low until eggs are set, about four hours. Option: add 1/2 cup cooked and diced chicken to the mixture. Enjoy!

Hi Reena,

I bought a used exercise machine and did not realize it came from a smoker's home. I cannot stand the smell. Do you know how I can get rid of the smoke smell? I think it is mostly in the foam wrapped handles. Roxy

Dear Roxy,

Many people suggest that wiping exercise equipment with apple cider vinegar or dish soap will re-

move odours, but I have found this is not effective because the smoke has penetrated every part of the equipment including the belts. The most effective solution for removing the smell is to rent an ozone machine from a hardware store and use it according to the manufacturer's instructions. This little machine is not recommended for regular use, but it is great for enclosed areas that are affected by pets, smoke or flood damage or just smell. The machine lets out a molecule called O3 (which is oxygen with an extra molecule attached). The third molecule escapes into the air and absorbs all odours. If you are targeting the foam handles alone, wrap newspaper around them and tape it on to absorb odours.

**Wonderful feedback from caring contributor**  
Re: spreadable butter

Hello Reena,

A week or so ago you had a solution for softening butter for toast, etc. I have another solution that I have used for years after getting tired of fighting with hard butter out of the fridge. I use an empty 907 gram margarine container, put in 1/2 pound of butter, let it soften (slight mixing to hasten the process but not to a liquid state), add 454 grams of soft margarine or "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter," then blend the two with a whisk and when happy with the mixture place in fridge until next use. Spreads very nicely on toast right from the fridge - may require a minute or two if wanting to butter fresh baked bread. Works for me anyway! The way I look at it is that if there are benefits to butter and/or margarine I get them both. On the flip side, if there is a downside to using this mixture, then I guess I have to live with it, but at the very least, I have a spreadable product. Stay safe, stay well, Hartley

**Fabulous tips from contributors**

- To keep cheese fresh, wash a box and line the bottom with paper towel. Add one tablespoon vinegar, top with a layer of wax paper. Cheese will keep fresh indefinitely. Joan

- My best barbecue meal includes bacon, onion and ground beef. Take the entire first layer off an onion. Roll a portion of ground beef into a ball the size of a golf ball and place the beef inside of the onion as a cover. Wrap the beef/onion ball with strips of bacon and fasten with toothpicks that have been soaked in water. Grill until cooked through. Submitted by: Pam

*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



## Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

### Fridge Dill Pickles

#### Ingredients:

large jar  
several heads of dill, washed  
1 to 2 cloves garlic, peeled  
Place those items in the bottom of the large jar (two quart size if you have or divide between two quart jars)  
Make the brine:  
8 cups boiling water  
1 cup pickling vinegar  
3 tbsp. pickling salt

#### Directions:

Mix together until the salt is dissolved. Slice large cucumbers thinly to fill the jar, packing them into the jar firmly. Pour the hot brine over to cover the cucumbers. Put the lid on, let cool for an hour or so on the counter and then place in the fridge. These will be ready to eat in about a week. Store in the fridge for up to six months. I use old pickle jars for these as they are not processed.

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Garfield comic strip panels 1-6. Panel 1: A large, abstract, scribbled-out drawing. Panel 2: Garfield is lying on his back, looking exhausted. Jon is sitting on the floor next to him, looking concerned. Panel 3: Jon is talking to Garfield. Panel 4: Garfield is talking to Jon. Panel 5: Garfield is talking to Jon. Panel 6: Garfield is talking to Jon.

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Golf Report

Thirty-four golfers made it out to the senior men's scramble Thursday, Aug. 17 at Manitou Beach Golf Course. First place with a score of 32 was recorded by the team of Garth Gross, Warren Cooper, Lyle Smith and Dave Reid and second place was the team of Bing Vanthuyne, Reg Russel, Lloyd Gullacher and Herb Kornelsen. Mystery team was Fred Townley, Nils Semco, Brian Anderson and Jack Isherwood.

Closest to the pin on hole eight was Brian Anderson and closest to the pin second shot on hole seven was Warren Cooper. Dave Reid made the longest putt on hole six. Grant Collard was closest to the line on hole nine.



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35. Foot end

38. Bad humor

40. Refs' kin

43. Bordered

45. Fling
47. Put out of sight

48. October stone

49. Narrate

50. Works by Keats

51. Gain victory

52. Weed tool

54. Not neath

55. Slick

At the Watrous Centre

Whist winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Aug. 10 were: first - Lorne Bradbeer, 153; second - Harold Kalynovich, 145; third - Arlene Gegner, 141; fourth - Shirley Birtles and Bob Wignes (tied), 140. Traveling - Joan Harding and Daryl Nedjelski. Homesteader was Harold Kalynovich.

Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre Monday, Aug. 14 were: first - Lorne Bradbeer, 209; second - Fred Kahlert, 177; third - Earle Amendt, 155; fourth - Bob Wignes, 150.

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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FOR ANSWERS TO SUDOKU AND CROSSWORD, SEE PAGE 11

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5. Santa's suit color

8. Small quarrel

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13. Rowing implement

14. So long, in Liverpool: 2 wds.

15. And so forth: 2 wds.

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18. Darn again

19. Breathe quickly

21. Bothered

24. Spoil

27. Girl Scout

31. Extra

33. Aged

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36. Prayer finale

37. Legal excuse

39. Visitor

41. Urge

42. Alter slacks

44. Like coffee, at times

46. Picture

51. Horse command

53. Passed on rumors

56. Charged atoms

57. Elongated fish

58. Chip's cartoon pal

59. Sparrow's shelter

60. Arid

61. Additions
2. Estimate

3. Circle sections

4. High spirits

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6. Corn portion

7. Hang with cloth

8. Daze

9. Deli meat

10. Gulpd down

11. Smidgen

16. Duplicate

20. Newspaper features

22. Split

23. Baseball's Hernandez

25. Raw metals

26. Campground item

27. Donkey's comment



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FESTIVAL)

ended up being around 15 to 18 vendors in attendance. “Those who were there, I think some sold out completely of products and most said they did really well. We wanted to add something new and possibly get these vendors coming out for more local markets once they see the influx of people at events. We also had Minard’s Leisure World, M & M Small Engine Sales & Service and Husqvarna attend. They provided products, info, demos and services for the carvers. We also really appreciated Watrous and District

Ambulance for being on-site when possible.”

In an effort to see the festival - held every other year - come to fruition, along with the carvers and vendors in attendance, Gill said the event would not have turned out without all of the volunteer and committee help. “We had volunteers join us from Alberta, California and near and far from Saskatchewan. We also had mayors from three communities working in unison: Poppy Petersen (Manitou Beach), John Gunderson (Watrous), and Agnes Thompson (Young). It truly was a team effort. I also really appreciated the crew that came from Interlake Human



Resources Corporation in Watrous. It was great to have them join us and that to me was a pat on the back for us as we created an environment where they felt comfortable helping out.”

As a committee, Gill said new members joined on this year from other communities and fit right in. “The expertise and equipment they gave us to use for free was really appreciated. We all had our job and we try to tweak and improve every year.”

Explaining how the festival could not have been done without the dedication of the committee members and volunteers, Gill added the generosity of sponsors was also key to seeing it become a cut above. “The support of our communities was tremendous. I say communities because we had sponsors, volunteers, and services from near and far. Honestly if we didn’t have the in-kind sponsorship of services and product/prizes and volunteers, we could not make it happen. Big or



► Pictured above left and middle: Peoples' Choice first place carving by Kamron Garbe. Pictured above right and right: Peoples' Choice second place carving by Gary Natomagan. Pictured left: Peoples' Choice third place carving by Tyler Welfing. Pictured below: carvers and their assistants with Garbe's carving which also took first for Committee's Choice and tied for Carvers' Choice. photos by Bev Jay and 'before' images by Daniel Bushman



small it all fits into the puzzle and completes it!”

And according to the festival chair, the event has also grown big enough that during the previous event, the committee was able to donate funds from it to the resort village's

Communities in Bloom and Rec Board. Gill said they also helped to purchase an AED for the community hall and siding for a shed in the compound. “It looks like we’re in the black again this year and will soon decide on how

to allocate those funds back into the community. We also provide the funds for upkeep and repairs on existing carvings.”

With a chance to reflect back on the 2023 chainsaw carving festival and see its successes, when asked if another will return in 2025, Gill replied, “When you look at the people we bring from near and far, the art we get to add to our communities, how can we not do another? We’ve become friends with the carvers and vendors and attendees. It gets in your blood and it’s extremely exciting to be a part of an event that grows every year.”




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# Successful quilting exhibit

■ submitted by Toni Ambrose

Watrous & Area Arts Council had another successful quilting exhibit at Gallery on 3rd this year. “Color Patches” had an attendance of 178 during July 12 and Aug. 12. The quilters were Annette Schultz, Bev Swift, Debbie Flanagan, Elaine Muzichuk, Joanne Gross, Kathleen Kimmig, Mary Ann McIver and Peggy Wilson.

A quilted tote bag was donated by Annette Schultz which we raffled off and the winner was Don Wilson (pictured below). The fundraiser raised \$234.50, which we appreciate. Watch for another quilting exhibit in the next two years!



photos submitted

# Play Music on the Porch Day to be held at Manitou Beach

■ submitted by Janet Fedor

Sometimes it seems as if the world is filled with tension and disharmony. Fortunately, there is an antidote to help soften the hard edges and bring people together: music.

Since 2013, the last Saturday in August has been designated as Worldwide Play Music on the Porch Day and it is indeed, worldwide. As of Aug. 6, Play Music on the Porch Day will be happening in over 2,000 locations, in 50 countries around the world! This will be the fourth year it will happen in Manitou Beach (Aug. 26, weather permitting)!

Last year over 50 people attended the local event at 315 Cumming Avenue at Manitou Beach and once again the invitation is extended to those wanting to check it out in 2023! Starting at 2 p.m. at Janet Fedor’s porch, the Ukulele Friends will be performing followed by guest artist Jennifer Buchanan and The Rockin Robins. A closing will be led by Doug Guenther.

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## Obituary

**WOLFF,  
Gregory James  
Oct. 9, 1954 -  
Aug. 10, 2023**



Gregory James Wolff, aged 68 years, passed away at his residence in Watrous, Sask. on August 10, 2023 with his family by his side.

Greg was born October 9, 1954 in Imperial, Sask. He grew up on the family farm two miles north of Liberty. He attended

school in Liberty, Imperial and Holdfast and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan Vocational Agriculture in 1976. Greg married Marrion Roney in 1976 and they soon settled on the family farm. Greg farmed for a couple of years with his father, then partnered with his brother Doug and they continued to farm together for more than 40 years. For Greg, farming was his life and he never lost his enthusiasm for it. He constantly looked for ways to improve their operations and was still talking land deals until the very end of his life. Greg always had to be active and surrounded by as many friends and family as possible. He enjoyed nearly every sport there is, excelling at water skiing, downhill skiing, snowmobiling, and riding his motor bike. Greg treasured the times he spent with friends on the annual motor bike trip and could be depended on to do something outrageous to make the trip memorable. For years he mocked cross-country skiing as being too slow and boring until he tried it and discovered he loved it. Greg enjoyed the camaraderie of team sports also and played slo-pitch for many years and hockey until he was in his 60s. He was happiest when surrounded by kids, teaching them how to water ski or drive the snowmobile and was never too tired to play with them. Greg always said nothing fun ever happens when lying on the couch. Throughout his life Greg tackled every obstacle with determination, whether it was a farming problem that needed to be solved or a health issue he was experiencing. This was particularly true in his final months as he displayed such courage and strength.

Greg is survived by sons Louis (Erin), Sawyer and Rachel; Taylor; Dylan (Norah) and Emily; siblings Bill (Mary-Rose), Laurie (Ron), Fred (Carol), Tom (Janet), Dennis, Marlene (Lyndon), and Doug (Susan), along with nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his mother Mary, father Anthony and brother Ken.

A celebration of life was held at Imperial Community Centre on August 12.

Memorial donations directed to Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, RUHF-Rajput Research Division of Neurology, 103 Hospital Drive, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W8 would be appreciated.

To leave online condolences, tributes or to make a donation, please visit <https://fotheringham-mcdougall.com/>



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Mr. Hummingbird has been visiting me in the mornings for some sweet nectar from my flowers while I have the first coffee of the day. I am sure these delightful birds have visited your feeders and flower gardens as well. What a joy to watch them flit about!

The Stanley Cup made a stop in Davidson Aug. 2 on its Saskatchewan tour. Did the hockey fans in your family get to see it? Bonus if they got a photo taken with the famed trophy.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the Belhumeur family on the passing of Philip Belhumeur. The funeral service was held Aug. 10 at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church where many fond

memories of Philip were shared.

Volleyball camp, art camp, gymnastics camp, bible camp - there is a plethora of summer camps for education and fun for children and young adults. But everyone's favourite, and best of all, is Grandma camp where there is no shortage of crafts, excitement or cookies. There is only one rule: what happens at Grandma's stays at Grandma's.

Aug. 23 is "Sneak Some Zucchini onto Your Neighbour's Porch" day. Will you be the giver or the receiver?

The last day of public swimming for the season is Aug. 25; there is still time for a dip or two in the pool.

Enjoy your week!

## COLONSAY

Irene Gray • 306-255-2775

Sunday, Aug. 6, Zelma United Church held its annual church service. The church was full of people who had lived in Zelma past and present. A great day for visiting was held.

Sorry to hear that the town of Allan received a hail storm and wind Monday, Aug. 7. Lots of damage occurred.

Emma Yausie, formerly of Colonsay, is now residing at St. Ann's home in Saskatoon.

Sympathy to Louis and Agnes Thomson and family on the passing of Louis' mother Dorothy July 9, 2023.

Get well wishes to Jim Gray who had eye surgery Aug. 11.

Colonsay Market Square will be hosting two days of events at the Colonsay Rink Aug. 26 and Sept. 9. There will be a barbecue lunch, local food for sale and home-based businesses.

Congratulations to Lorraine Johnston-MacKay for being elected Aug. 9 as a Town of Colonsay councillor.

Joan Campbell travelled to Saskatoon to join her cousin Norma Sparrow Sunday, Aug. 13. Then they travelled to Lumsden to attend a funeral.

We received several rain showers last week. Although too late for the crops it was great for the trees and lawns.

Friendship does not come to us by chance, fate weaves an intricate design in which the threads from other lives are woven into the pattern of our own.

## VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Saturday, Aug. 12, 11 teams entered the Viscount Slo-Pitch Tournament hosted by Viscount Rec Hockey. All the teams had a good time and some of them even

donated their winnings back to the fundraising groups. Cory Leffler's team, the Dutch Rudders, won first place in the tournament and also won the beer race in the

beer gardens. It is greatly appreciated all the teams that entered, all the volunteers on Viscount Minor Sports who worked the barbecue and concession, Tammy and Kevin Isaacson and Julie and Kim Tetzlaff who organized and put on the pancake breakfast, as well as the Vis-

count rec hockey team for running the bar and tournament.

Well it is that time of the year already. We will be starting up with our first Blankets for Canada meeting Monday, Sept. 11 at the Viscount Wheatland Library. For information about this please

contact Evelina at 306-281-8196. Everyone is welcome; hope to see you there. Forty-five beautiful crocheted squares were given to us from a woman from Lanigan.

We would like to welcome Caitlin Senko as the new director at the Viscount Childcare Centre. She lives

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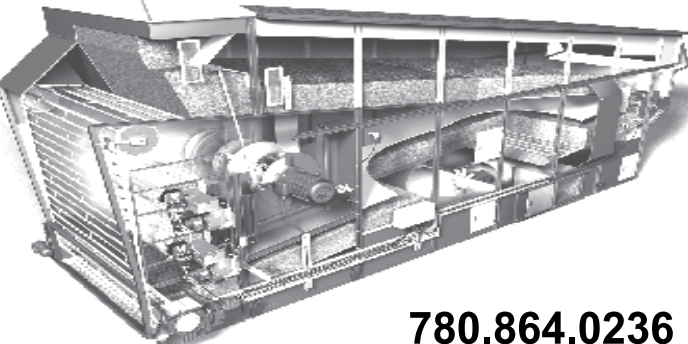
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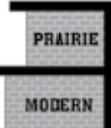
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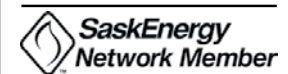


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AUGUST

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- ART CLASSES AT GALLERY on 3rd - 55 and over: Drawing - Mon., Sept. 11 and 18, Green Ware Glazing - Mon., Oct. 2 and Tues. Oct. 10, Paper Project - Mon., Nov. 6 and 13, Pastels - Mon., Feb. 5 and 12, Alcohol Ink - Mon., Mar. 4 and 11. \$10/class. All classes are 2 to 4 p.m. and all materials will be provided. To register call Sherron Reid at 306-946-2217 or email sd.reid@sasktel.net. Presented by Watrous and Area Arts Council./32-2c

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- AL-ANON MEETING THURSDAYS 8 p.m. Ph. 306-946-2466, 306-946-2217./22-48p

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meetings: Watrous, Thurs., 8 p.m. Anglican Church Hall on Main Street in Watrous. (306-946-2466)./31tfc

- WATROUS ROTARY CLUB meets alternating Tuesday evenings at the lower level of Watrous United Church. Call 306-946-3535 for more information./31tfc

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SaskWater's District Operations will be treating the water in the Saskatoon Southeast Water Supply System (SSEWS) canal to control the growth of weeds and algae during the 2023 irrigation season.

These treatments will take place approximately every two weeks from May to September, 2023.

The chemical used in these treatments is called Magnacide "H". It is a registered aquatic herbicide that has been approved by the Water Security Agency for use in the SSEWS canal system.

It will remain active in the water for approximately 24 hours after each treatment and will diminish to non-detectable levels prior to treated water entering the reservoirs. Treated water may also be harmful to the skin, causing irritation to exposed areas.

This water treatment helps to prevent irrigation intakes from clogging and ensures adequate flows are maintained in this multi-use system.

Dosages will be maintained at a level where the water can safely be used for irrigation with no damage to field crops.

Please ensure that people are reminded that swimming, canoeing and fishing in the canal at any time is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

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a variety of ages participating, kids were able to also learn and grow within the sport. Organizer Lorraine Mau was pleased with the turnout at both camps and extended her appreciation



to the volunteers, AIA coaches and kids for attending. Following a fantastic week at both camps, Mau said the group plans on hosting another one next summer. photos courtesy Lorraine Mau



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