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Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival a cut above

■ Daniel Bushman

With more than 1,200 people taking in this year's Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival featuring 10 carvers displaying tremendous talent, the 2021 event was dubbed an overwhelming success.

Held Aug. 12 to 15, Watrous Manitou Marketing Group Community Development Officer Vickie Clarke said there were some really high calibre carvers in attendance with this year's winner being a longtime artist who just got into wood carving three years ago.

"This was actually the first year we had to create a list and make cuts to carvers because we had so much interest. Some of the carvers who came this year said we are the number two festival in Canada. That was encouraging and we want to continue to expand it and make our festival the premier event in the nation."

With 10 carvers attending from all over Canada including B.C., Alta., Sask., Man., and Ont., there was over \$8,000 in

prize money up for grabs for the top three carvers voted by people in attendance, the carver's choice and the committee's choice. "In previous years we have had a panel of judges declare the top three winners but this year we decided to flip it allowing those in attendance to cast their vote for who they thought should win. There were still carvers who would like to have some judging from people who may be past carvers or who work within the arts industry that can pick out some nuances and things like that so we may return to that format in the future."

As for this year, the first place winner was Gary Dennis Natomagan from Pinehouse Lake in Northern Saskatchewan. Natomagan created a carving featuring a bald eagle with a pair of wolves at the base. A longtime artist, Natomagan just got into wood carving three years ago and took home \$3,500 for finishing in first place.

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Tremendous talent

►With creativity, skill and hard work, this year's carvers attending the Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival not only produced inspiring creations but also award winning ones. With 10 carvers in attendance including from B.C., Alta., Sask., Man., and Ont., the final results were incredible. Winning this year's top prize was Gary Dennis Natomagan (above left) followed by Kamron Garbe who placed second in the people's choice

category (above right) and Marina Cole who took home third (below). Jim Niedermayer (pictured below left) who has attended every chainsaw carving event at Manitou Beach since it first began won the Committee's Choice award while Natomagan, Cole, Niedermayer and Mike Winia (pictured below middle) all tied for this year's Carver's Choice award.

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Fun Run marks 30th year with largest show ever

■ Daniel Bushman

Commemorating the 30th anniversary of the annual Watrous and Manitou Beach Auto Show 'N' Shine Fun Run, the 2021 version proved to be the biggest yet. Not only was Main Street in Watrous packed with people on a sunny July 24 but there were hundreds of vehicles as well.

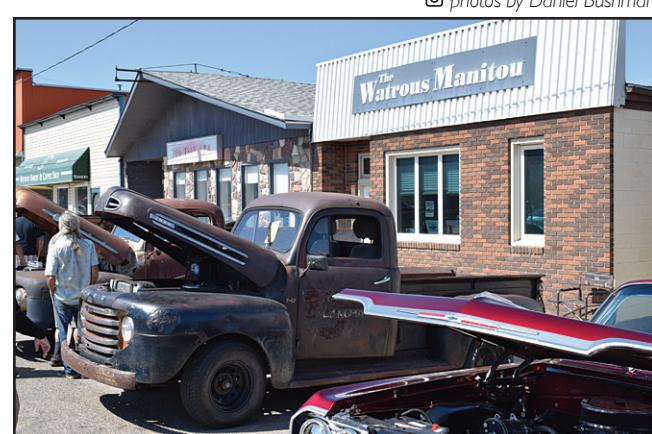
Organizer of this year's Fun Run in Watrous, Al Madland said they had a record turnout of vehicles with 300 registered. "I was hoping for the 30th anniversary that we would hit 300 vehicles so it was exciting to reach that number. Some vehicles we had were not restored while others were in incredible shape. Overall, it was just great to see people smiling and having a great time."

With lots of positive feedback from the event, Madland figured around 1,500 people took in the show, if not more. "To be able to pull off something

like this in such a short period of time due to the COVID-19 guidelines being lifted 13 days prior, I can't say enough about how great the volunteers and sponsors were. Then to have the auto owners come together and see that many entries, it was great!"

While Madland said they are aiming to improve on a few things for next year's event (July 23, 2022), he noted an event of this magnitude would not even be possible without support. "The biggest thing was our sponsors who helped lend a hand with the Fun Run and also our volunteers. If you don't have either then you can't have a successful car show. That also includes those running the pancake breakfast, cooking burgers and hot dogs and selling ice cream. It was just a great day."

Featuring a variety of vehicles including some from Alberta and B.C., Madland said there were



some difficult choices when it came to selecting the winners for the 30th annual event.

This year's winners included:

- Best Ford - Richard Rasmusseh with a '56 Crown Victoria;
- Best GM - Alvin Deeg with a '63 Impala;
- Best Mopar - Dean Lorenzo with a '70 Dodge Charger;
- Best North American - Wes George with a '78 HD FXE;
- Best Metri Motorcycle - Gordon Anderson with a '77 Honda 750;
- Best Motorcycle Under 500 CC - Howard Magnus with a '60 Honda C102E; and
- People's Choice - Harlan with a '59 Chev Apache, Chad Welter with a '32 Ford, Daniel Jenewin with a '69 VW Dune Buggy, Chad and Annette Barnes with a '64 Impala SS, Chad Totland

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BHP gets green light for its Jansen project

■ Daniel Bushman

After more than a decade of hard work, dedication and significant investment in its Jansen project, with board approval, BHP announced that it will officially see its potash mine near LeRoy come to fruition. Already injecting just over \$4.5 billion (USD) into the Jansen project, on Aug. 17, BHP's board approved an additional \$5.7 billion (USD) or \$7.5 billion (CAD) in capital expenditure for the Jansen Stage 1 potash project which is expected to be operational in 2027.

Citing that Jansen is aligned with BHP's strategy of growing its exposure to future facing commodities in world class assets, which are large, low cost and expandable, BHP Chief Executive Officer Mike Henry said, "This is an important milestone for BHP and an investment in a new commodity that we believe will create value for shareholders for generations."

With the potential of its mine functioning for up to 100 years once fully operational, BHP cited potash will also provide the company with increased leverage to key global mega-trends, including rising population, changing diets, decarbonisation and improving environmental stewardship.

"In addition to its merits as a stand-alone project, Jansen also brings with it a series of high returning growth options in an attractive investment jurisdiction. In developing the Jansen project, BHP has had ongoing positive engagement and collaboration with First Nations and local communities, and with the provincial and federal governments. Jansen is designed with a focus on sustainability, including being designed for low GHG emissions and low water consumption."

After approval of the Jansen project was given from the board, along with the company's team in Saskatchewan, BHP Project Director Simon Thomas was very excited to see it move ahead. "It gives us a really exciting project but also just a really exciting entry for BHP into

Saskatchewan and into the region. I trust our presence here is something that the local communities and province as a whole comes to enjoy."

While there is still lots of work left to do, a lot has already been done. Investment to date includes construction of the shafts and associated infrastructure (\$2.97 billion USD), as well as engineering and procurement activities, and preparation works related to Jansen Stage 1 underground infrastructure. BHP stated the construction of the two shafts and associated infrastructure at the site is 93 percent complete and expected to be finished in the 2022 calendar year. To date, approximately 50 percent of all engineering required for Jansen Stage 1 has been completed, significantly de-risking the project.

Further construction at the site is projected to take approximately six years followed by a ramp up period of two years with the first ore targeted for the 2027 calendar year. Once up and fully running, Jansen Stage 1 is expected to produce approximately 4.35 million tonnes of potash per annum, and has a basin position with the potential for further expansions (subject to studies and approvals).

During peak construction, Jansen Stage 1 will create 3,500 jobs and 600 jobs in ongoing operations while providing opportunities for local and Indigenous businesses. BHP explained the Jansen workforce will be gender balanced from the start and First Nations employees will make up 20 percent of the team. In the first of

their kind in the potash industry, BHP has signed Opportunity Agreements with six First Nations communities around the site.

With a significant workforce driving toward the goal of seeing the site become fully operational, once that day arrives and ore is mined from the ground, Thomas said it will be memorable. "I have been around BHP projects for a little while so I have seen a couple of first ore-type moments and they are always exceptionally rewarding because you know what goes into them. The amount of activity, thinking, strategy, and overcoming hurdles; projects are interesting like that. To actually see potash come out of the Jansen ore body and onto trains and out through our port will be a really significant milestone for the company. Potash is a new entry for us. It is a new commodity that is a shift in the way our business is thinking about its future. That first shipment of potash is going to represent so many things more than just a group who came together to construct a new mine. It is going to be quite symbolic as an organization, as a whole, and in the surrounding towns, and I hope people will celebrate that with us."

But it is not just the team that Thomas has valued as communities and people around the project have been encouraging as well. "We have really good support

from the local communities . . . We would like to return that support over time through strong employment opportunities."

Along with the 3,500 jobs generated at the peak of construction and 600 jobs in ongoing operations, Thomas said there could potentially be 750 other indirect employment opportunities from service providers like electrical, plumbing, civil services and maintenance support. "One of the key elements of this project is we want

to come and be a part of Saskatchewan, and be a part of the communities nearby. We want to provide long-term employment for a whole diverse range of people.

"Being committed to these things will be strong drivers of our strategies going forward. We want to be a really good neighbour and be part of the community and I trust we will see that in the future."

(continued on page nine: BHP)

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Interested & Qualified individuals are encouraged to submit resumes to:
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Resort Village of Manitou Beach is looking for a Foreman

Position Summary: Primarily responsible for the Public Works Services to the Resort Village of Manitou Beach. Including utility distribution, infrastructure maintenance, and management of full-time and seasonal employees. Directing, managing, and monitoring all functions of the Public Works department. Responds to inquiries and investigates complaints from the public. This is a combination managerial and working foreman position.

Position Duties: Responsible for planning, prioritizing, implementing special projects, and ensuring public works departments comply with daily and weekly maintenance schedules. Responsible for directing and monitoring activities of subordinates, generally two full-time year-round employees, and up to five seasonal employees. Responsible for preparing an annual work plan and schedule, setting benchmarks to fulfill responsibilities and remain accountable for those outcomes.

Salary & Benefits: Benefits package and exceptional pension plan. Salaried position, based on experience. Regular hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Flexible schedule, must be willing to accept after hours emergency call-outs and rotation for monitoring the Water Treatment Plant.

Please submit salary expectations in cover letter with your resume, including three references.
For a more detailed job description and/or to submit resume, please email: Elise Dale, Chief Administrative Officer
cao@manitoubeach.ca or:

701 Lakeview Avenue, Manitou Beach, SK S0K 4T0



“RCMP Report”

Arrest made after search through woods

A male is charged after an incident that unfolded north of Prince Albert.

An SUV was reported stolen from the Prince Albert Detachment area during the afternoon of Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021. The vehicle was reported to have firearms in it and was located abandoned in a wooded area near Macdowall. A report from a member of the public indicated a male carrying a firearm was walking southbound along a wooded trail on the edge of the Nesbitt Forest in this same area.

“The teamwork between all involved units and officers was ultimately what led this investigation to a safe resolution for everyone involved,” shared Insp. Murray Chamberlin,

Prince Albert RCMP and RCMP Police Dog Services responded to

the scene and began a search for the male that extended into the evening. Saskatoon Police Service was contacted and asked if they would be able to provide air support to help locate the individual. They were successful in spotting the individual in a heavily wooded, remote area southeast of Macdowall. A 35-year-old male was arrested without further incident by police officers and a firearm was seized from the scene.

“The investigation to date has been a team effort between all involved units and officers was ultimately what led this investigation to a safe resolution for everyone involved,” shared Insp. Murray Chamberlin,

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• PUBLIC NOTICE •

RM of COLONSAY NO. 342

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Colonsay intends to amend Bylaw No. 02-2019 known as the Zoning Bylaw pursuant to The Planning and Development Act, 2007.

REASON

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Colonsay identified an interest in future development of Outfitter Base Camps.

AFFECTED LAND

The proposed Zoning Bylaw encompass all properties within the corporate limits of the Rural Municipality of Colonsay No. 342 and specifically AR-Agriculture Residential District.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

The textual amendments associated with the Zoning Bylaw may be viewed at the RM administration office within the Town of Colonsay. These documents are available for viewing by any person without payment of any fee between the hours of 8:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding Thursday pm & holidays, up to and including September 08, 2021.

A digital copy of the above noted documents is also available for public viewing on the RM of Colonsay website at <https://www.colonsay.ca/rm342/>.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on September 08, 2021 at 9:00 am at Colonsay located at the RM Office, to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the RM administration office prior to the hearing.

Issued at the Town of Colonsay, this 11th day of August, 2021
Randi Wood, RM Administrator

North District RCMP Operations Officer. “Imagine being in full police uniform with all your safety equipment and gear on, running through the woods and down makeshift trails for six kilometres with an RCMP police service dog in the darkness. You’re being guided by partners in the air and supported by additional officers on the ground, running towards an individual who reportedly has a firearm. Challenging doesn’t begin to describe situations like this. I’m extremely proud of the work of everyone involved and so thankful the situation ended without further incident.”

William “Billy” Sanderson was arrested and is charged with: Carry a Weapon For a Dangerous Purpose – Section 88 CC; Possession of Firearm While Prohibited – Section 117.01(1) CC; Carry a Firearm in a Careless Manner – Section 86(1) CC; and Point Firearm – Section 87 CC.

He also had multiple outstanding warrants from Melfort RCMP and Prince Albert Police Service. He appeared in

NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS RM OF BIG ARM No. 251

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office of:

COUNCILLOR - NUMBER TO BE ELECTED: 1

will be received by the undersigned on the 8th day of September, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the municipal office and during regular business hours on August 16, 2021 to September 8, 2021 at the municipal office.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location: 54 Prince Street Imperial, SK S0G 2J0

Dated this 16th day of August, 2021.

Yvonne (Bonny) Goodman, Returning Officer

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 2021 irrigation season.

These treatments will take place approximately every two weeks until September 18th, 2021.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cam Arnold
SaskWater
#5, 1925 1st Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 6W1
Phone: 306-221-6702



significant the impact of one drug seizure can be on a community.”

RCMP investigate homicide

A North Battleford’s Gang Task Force investigation has led to the seizure of five kilograms of cocaine in North Battleford.

With the assistance of the Saskatchewan Crime Reduction Team, a vehicle stop and subsequent search was conducted on Aug. 13, 2021 that resulted in the cocaine being located and seized. No charges have been laid at this time and the investigation is ongoing.

“Five kilograms equates to approximately 50,000 doses of cocaine seized. This is extremely significant to North Battleford and surrounding communities because it means these drugs have been taken off the streets and out of people’s hands,” shared S/Sgt. Jason Teniuk, acting North Battleford Detachment Commander. “Consider 50,000 doses of drugs entering a community of around 14,000 people. It’s a reminder of how

via ground ambulance to a nearby hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Alberta RCMP’s Major Crime Unit (MCU) and Forensic Identification Unit were engaged and are assisting with this investigation.

On Aug. 15, 2021, Trevor Owen Tootoosis, of Paynton, Sask., succumbed to his injuries and passed away in hospital.

MCU has taken carriage of this ongoing investigation.

VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Saturday, Aug. 7, the 31st annual street dance was held in Viscount along with a ball tournament during the day.

It is hard to believe that September is just around the corner. We enjoyed a day at Manitou Beach with a couple of our grandchildren.

Wednesday, Sept. 1 is the first day back to school for Viscount Central School. I, as well as many, really hope to have a normal school year. Everyone is busy buying the much needed school supplies and school clothes.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week and enjoy what is left of our summer.

COLONSAY

Irene Gray • 306-255-2775

Sympathy to Shirley Christianson and family from Watrous on the passing of her husband Vernon Aug. 9. Vern was well-known in the Colonsay area.

It is so nice to have the Colonsay & District Fitness Center open again.

Sympathy to Walter Stanford and family on the passing of his wife June on Aug. 9. Walter and June and family were long-time residents in the Colonsay area.

Barry and Merilyn Kirk and Vern and Michelle Kirk travelled to Edmonton for their granddaughter and niece’s wedding Aug. 13. Stephanie Kirk daughter of Bruce and Laurie Kirk married Erik Holmstrom.

Colonsay residents are able to enjoy some soft ice cream at Simply Kitchen now.

Jim and Irene Gray travelled to Manitou Beach to attend the chainsaw carving festival. It was great seeing so many talented competitors. It is unbelievable what they can carve.

Sympathy to Evelyn Selby and family on the passing of her sister Adeline Senger of Saskatoon Aug. 11.

Maureen and Dillon Moen and Barb and Rick Poole travelled to Calgary to attend their nephew/cousin’s wedding Aug. 13. Cody Trottier, son of Donna and Dan Trottier married Amanda Stanford.

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Cervus Equipment Corporation to be acquired by Brandt Tractor Inc.

■ media release

With a dealership in Watrous and many others located throughout Saskatchewan, Cervus Equipment Corporation announced Aug. 16 that it has agreed to be acquired by Brandt Tractor Ltd. which would create one of the largest privately-held dealership groups in the world.

The arrangement agreement pursuant to which Brandt Tractor Ltd. will acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Cervus Equipment Corporation, excluding those held by Brandt, for \$19.50 per share in cash, valuing Cervus at approximately \$302 million on an equity value basis.

Angela Lekatsas, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cervus said, "This transaction delivers tremendous value for our shareholders and clearly demonstrates the successful execution of our strategy. As a private company with a committed, well-capitalized and long-term owner, Cervus will be better positioned for the next stage of evolutionary growth for our dealerships. The size and scale of the entity created by the combination of our two companies will allow for increased investment into Cervus for the benefit of our employees and customers."

Shaun Semple, Chief Executive Officer of Brandt said, "The Brandt team is excited about this deal as it will allow us to better serve our customer base across Canada. The addition of Cervus' offerings will form three brand new segments at Brandt dedicated to serving the Agriculture, Transportation and Material Handling industries. These segments, in addition to our existing specializations in construction, road building, forestry and more, will further establish Brandt as a total solutions provider across our diverse customer groups."

Entry into the Arrangement Agreement was based on the unanimous recommendations of both the board of directors of Cervus and a Special Committee of independent directors and followed an extensive review and analysis of what is in the best interests of Cervus and its stakeholders, including shareholders, customers, partners and employees. The conclusions

and recommendations of the Special Committee and the Board have been based on a number of factors, including (without limitation) the following:

- Compelling value to Cervus shareholders – The consideration represents a 37 percent premium to the 20-day volume-weighted average price per share for the period ending Aug. 13, 2021.

- Certainty of value and liquidity – The Arrangement Agreement does not contain a financing condition and the Consideration will be paid in cash, which provides certainty and immediate liquidity to Cervus shareholders.

- Support from Major OEMs – John Deere Canada ULC and Peterbilt Motors Company have provided consent to proceed with the change of control.

- Fairness Opinion – CIBC Capital Markets has provided the Special Committee and the Board with an opinion stating that, as of the date of such opinion, and based on and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications set forth therein, the Consideration to be received by holders of Cervus shares pursuant to the Arrangement Agreement is fair, from a financial point of view, to such holders, other than Brandt (the "Fairness Opinion").

After considering, among other things, the recommendation of the Special Committee and its receipt of the Fairness Opinion, the Board has unanimously determined that the Transaction is in the best interests of the Company and is fair to holders of Cervus shares (other than Brandt); and unanimously recommends that holders of Cervus shares vote in favour of the Transaction.

The Transaction will be implemented by way of a plan of arrangement under the Canada Business Corporations Act. Completion of the Transaction will be subject to shareholder approval by two-thirds of all votes cast at a special meeting of the Company's shareholders. Peter Lacey, Chairman of Cervus and the Company's largest shareholder, who holds approximately 18 percent of the outstanding shares of Cervus, has entered into an irrevocable agreement to vote his Cervus shares in favour of the Transaction. All of the other directors and executive officers of Cervus, who collectively hold approximately



►Cervus Equipment in Watrous (above). photo by Daniel Bushman

one percent of the outstanding shares of Cervus, have entered into revocable support agreements to vote their Cervus shares in favour of the Transaction. As at Aug. 16, 2021, Brandt and its affiliates hold approximately nine percent of the outstanding shares of Cervus.

The completion of the Transaction is also subject to certain third party approvals, including from each of John Deere Canada ULC and Peterbilt Motors Company, each of which has provided consent to proceed with the change of control, as well as certain regulatory approvals and other conditions customary for a transaction of this nature. The Arrangement Agreement includes customary provisions relating to non-solicitation, subject to customary "fiduciary out" provisions that entitle Cervus to consider and accept a superior proposal if not matched by Brandt. Cervus has agreed to pay a termination fee of \$10.9 million to Brandt if the Transaction is terminated in certain circumstances.

Pursuant to the Arrangement Agreement, the Company has agreed not to declare or pay any common share dividends until the completion or termination of the Transaction.

Cervus expects to hold the Special Meeting of shareholders to consider the Transaction in October 2021 and to mail the management information circular for the Special Meeting in September 2021. Subject to the conditions set forth above, the Transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2021.

Cervus is a leading equipment solutions provider to customers in agriculture, transportation, and industrial markets across Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The company operates 64 Cervus dealerships.

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“Opinion”

Chase the Ace fundraiser well underway

■ submitted by Kathy Bergen
Watrous Manitou Beach Heritage Centre

The Chase the Ace fundraiser for the Watrous Manitou Beach Heritage Centre has finished week four, with four weekly winners from our local area! These include David and Joyce Potts, Carol McIntosh, John Gallant, and Debbie Knezacek.

Each week, from the tickets sales, 20 percent goes to the weekly winner, and 30 percent to the progressive jackpot which is awarded if the Ace of Spades is drawn. The other 50 percent goes to the Heritage Centre to support this great addition to the community.

The Chase the Ace committee has worked hard to get the word out about this new round of the game. During initial planning stages, it was decided to do an online game as a nod to health safety during the pandemic. The committee has now added a subscription feature. Anyone wishing to sign up can do so after an online ticket purchase. This saves having to log in each week. Please see this week's ad for more details. Also, cash sales are now available each week, both at TB's Bar and Grill on Fridays before the draw, and at the Heritage Centre on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m.



Tips from
Reena Nerbas

the grass to air dry. When the cushions are dry put one of the cushions inside a heavy-duty garbage bag with a sock filled with fresh coffee grounds (close with an elastic band) or a few dryer sheets or cotton balls soaked with vanilla. Use your vacuum nozzle to suck out all the air in the bag. Close the bag and leave for a day or two. Remove cushion and repeat steps with the next cushion.

Dear Reena,

I cannot seem to solve the problem of gravies and sauces separating after being frozen. I have tried cornstarch as the thickener instead of flour with no luck. Any suggestions? Janet

Dear Janet,

Gravy may be frozen for several months. To prevent “skin” from forming on the top, lay a piece of wax paper or plastic wrap directly on the surface of the gravy before covering the container. If you know you will be freezing gravy, try to use as little fat and milk as possible so that it does not separate when thawed. You can reduce the chances of separation greatly if you run the gravy through a blender or food processor before freezing.

Feedback from wise contributor

Re: Cold sores

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

How can I get diesel fuel odour out of upholstered boat cushions that have foam inside of the material? Mike

Dear Mike,

Begin by cleaning the cushions with dish soap and water. Blot the entire cushion and lay on

Wash the area with liquid soap and warm water for less than a minute around two to three times a day. Just before bedtime, apply an ice cube wrapped in a tissue onto the affected area and allow to dry overnight. It freezes the cold sore because it is just another virus. Bob

Easy solutions for everyday challenges

• Yesterday, my daughter got gum in her hair and I was dreading the ‘peanut butter’ treatment! Rather than use ice or cut her hair, I took the section of hair that was full of gum and put a paper towel behind it. Then I sprayed it thoroughly with Pam cooking spray and let it sit for a couple of minutes and could comb all the gum out. A quick hair shampoo and problem solved! The paper towel was used to help catch the spray from soaking into the rest of her hair. Take care, Tina

• Here is a great use for leftover rice. Sometimes I make rice pudding. Place rice in a bowl, add one to two cups of low fat Cool Whip, rinse one-half to one cup raisins and add about two to three teaspoons of cinnamon. Mix well and cool in fridge until needed. It is delicious. This would be for using about two cups of rice. Gail

• When barbecuing hamburgers this summer, do not press down on the meat when the burgers are on the grill. That will just press out moisture and you will end up with dry burgers. Dave

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

Confronting the most minimal meal possible



Neighbourly advice according to Ed

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

Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, smirked when he said, “I want a liquid diet if it’s whiskey.” I had told Ed I was on a liquid diet for a medical test.

His enthusiasm for a liquid diet disappeared when he learned it was water or clear liquids only. Ed was sure whiskey could be mixed with a bit of water to make it clearer. A diet of nothing but water or fruit juice seemed almost inhuman to him. “Why they used to give people in jail

at least bread and water. It just shows how the world is getting worse instead of better,” Ed scoffed.

A worked-up Ed continued, “I never liked tests, even at school. If I got a good mark on the test, it didn’t mean there wouldn’t be another test down the road. There’s no point in taking a medical test, as they’re looking for something wrong with you. The wife has already told me every single thing wrong with me. Why would I want a doctor telling me about things he doesn’t like the look of inside my body? The wife has been trying to fix me for 40 years, and she still isn’t satisfied. I don’t want one more person, even a doctor trying to make me better,” Ed ranted with absolute conviction.

One thing about a medical test is that the results are unpredictable. The test may detect something wrong, or it may not. A

conclusive test result often takes time to be finalized.

Waiting for test results can be stressful. For much of our lives, we get caught up in a ‘what-if-mind-set. We may get stuck on ‘what-will-I-do’ if the test shows such and such? We are focused on ourselves, our family, the doctor, and his suggested treatment. We ask, can it be cured, or is it terminal?

A medical test may help us know what we need to do to remain healthy. The Bible helps us understand that our lives are about sowing (doing) and reaping (waiting). We do what we can while trusting God with the results. If a doctor believes a treatment is necessary for us, we take medicine, have surgery, or do whatever he feels is essential.

We hope doing as he instructs will mean a return of our health. Medicines and treatments do not always work, for only in

heaven is there perfection.

We, as Christians, do what we can and leave the results to God as we wait and see. The Bible speaks of a sower/farmer scattering his seeds in his field. The seeds were good, but that did not guarantee they would all grow. Some seeds fell on good soil and produced an excellent crop. However, some soil that was too hard, too rocky, too thin, too crowded with thorns, showed growth and yield were poor.

For Christians, love is our doing or sowing. We are to love God with our hearts, souls, and minds. We also love our neighbour as ourselves. We do not necessarily see the results of our loving God and others. It is God’s harvest time on the love we sow.

In love, God sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. So, we sow love for others waiting for God to bless it.

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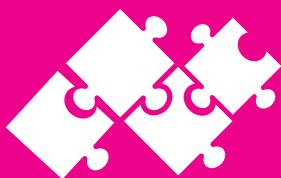
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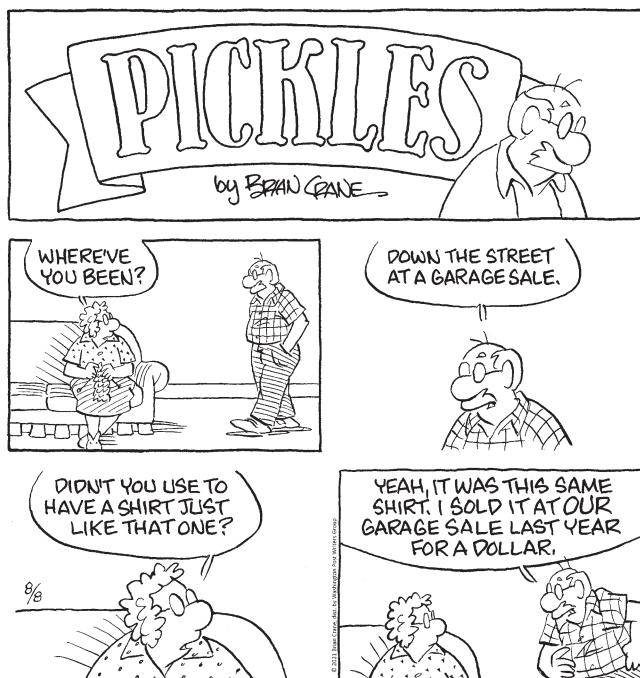
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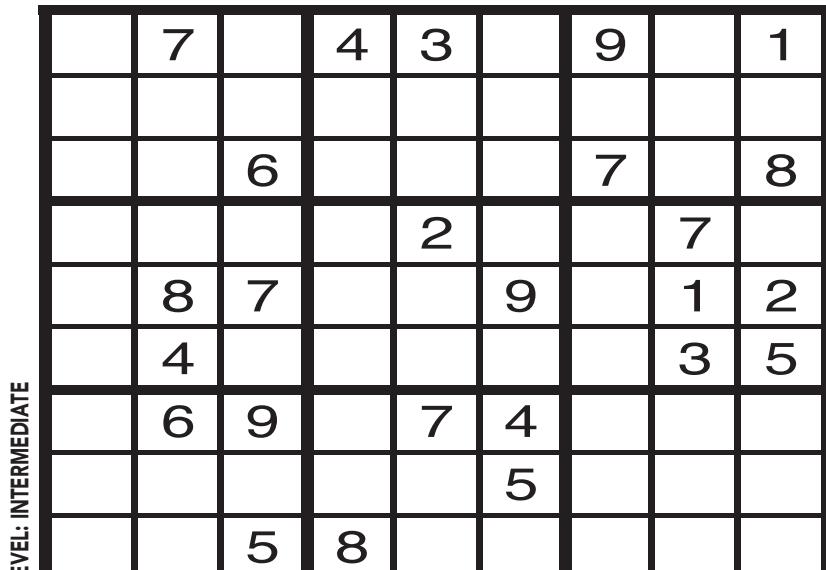
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Every Friday we have sushi in the deli along with a great variety of ready to serve foods for the game!

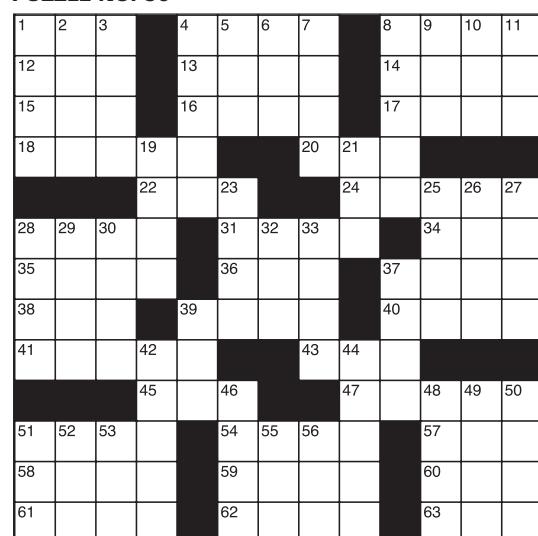


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ACROSS

- 1. Mom's fellow
- 4. Strait-laced
- 8. Quote
- 12. Wintry
- 13. Talk wildly
- 14. Opera tune
- 15. "Look ____ ye leap"
- 16. Forewarning
- 17. Lincoln coin
- 18. Conditions
- 20. Morse code symbol
- 22. Long fish
- 24. Records
- 28. Creeps
- 31. Copied
- 34. Assembled
- 35. Avails
- 36. Lock opener
- 37. Soft drink
- 38. Ump's relative
- 39. "Chicago" star
- 40. Hideous
- 41. Louisiana marsh
- 43. Mock
- 45. Troublesome tyke
- 47. Villain
- 51. October stone
- 54. On the cutting
- 57. Adam's wife
- 58. Official helper
- 59. Food fish
- 60. Male or female
- 61. Bassoon, e.g.
- 62. James Brown's music
- 63. Gallery offering

- 8. Desert plants
- 9. Bitter resentment
- 10. ____ can
- 11. Chew and swallow
- 19. Army cafeteria
- 21. Secondhand
- 23. Huron, e.g.
- 25. Haze
- 26. Relate, as a story
- 27. Stick around
- 28. Sidewalk border
- 29. On a voyage
- 30. Challenge
- 32. ____ your request
- 33. Observer
- 37. Mince
- 39. Mouth part
- 42. Greased
- 44. Best
- 46. Household animals
- 48. Flat hill
- 49. Concluded
- 50. Succeeding
- 51. Paddle's kin
- 52. Baked dessert
- 53. Citrus cooler
- 55. Twins
- 56. Large antelope

DOWN

- 1. Say no to seconds
- 2. Land measurement
- 3. One who colors
- 4. Not poetry
- 5. Barnyard animal
- 6. "____ Got Sixpence"
- 7. Heal

FOR ANSWERS
TO SUDOKU AND
CROSSWORD,
SEE PAGE 14

At the Watrous Centre

Crib winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Aug. 12 were: first - Sharon and Betty Carlson, 721; second - Joyce Henryk, 691; third - Joan Harding, 685; fourth - Grace Anderson and Doug Gregory, 682. Travelling - Roger Langston and Doug Gregory. Homesteader was Kathleen Paul, five times at one table.

Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre

Monday, Aug. 16 were: first - Peter Sundquist, 174; second - Lorelei Stewart, 172; third (tied) - Gena Amendt and Alan Wilson, 153.

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.

Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Spaghetti Sauce

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp. oil
- 1 pound hamburger meat
- 1 finely chopped onion
- 1/4 tsp. basil
- 1/4 tsp. thyme
- 1/4 tsp. oregano
- 2 minced garlic cloves
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 can tomato paste
- 1 soup can water
- 3-4 tbsp. Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 bay leaf

Directions:

Heat oil, add ground beef. Add the spices and garlic and onion, cooking until meat is no longer pink. Stir in remaining ingredients, simmer about a half hour. Easy and great for spaghetti or to use as sauce for making lasagna.

(from front page: CARVING)

In second place was Kamron Garbe who created an octopus on top of a skull. With a love of art combined with woodworking, Garbe spent five years travelling before returning home where he lost himself in his craft and has been creating ever since. His second place work earned him \$2,000.

Coming in third place was Marina Cole who returned to Manitou Beach after first picking up a chainsaw in 2016. With her passion of carving growing, Cole's work depicted herself and her dog (who recently passed away) with wings. For third place, Cole won \$1,000.

This year's Committee's Choice award for \$1,000 went to Jim Niedermayer, a carver who has attended every chainsaw carving event at Manitou Beach. Born and raised in Powerview-Pine Falls, Man., Niedermayer has won many awards throughout his career and at this year's festival created a pelican standing on a roped wooden post with waves beneath.

When it came time to select the Carver's Choice Award, it was a four way tie. Agreeing to share the \$1,000 prize money, this year's winners were Natomagan, Cole, Niedermayer and Mike Winia. Winia who has also attended the festival in the past came from Ontario with his daughters. A third generation logger and arborist, Winia created a momma bear with her cub and an owl perched at the top of a tree.

"This year's winning carves were incredible and so were the quick carves that each carver made. They each had to make two quick carves and those were put up for silent auction with at least one going for over \$600."

For the larger carvings, a raffle was done for the first place carve with the winning ticket taking home Natomagan's work. Then four others were randomly chosen and auctioned off with a few of those

going for more than \$2,000. "Some of the carvers ended up buying their own carving and took them home. The remaining ones that were not auctioned off will be staying within the Resort Village of Manitou Beach as part of our legacy carvings."

Along with the carvings, Clarke said the addition of bringing in live bands to play Friday and Saturday night and a larger beer gardens also attracted more people to the event. "We got some really good feedback from the Saturday night entertainment which was the Beach Cats and Hired Gun with the Beach Cats doing three encores."

While the carvers and live bands created a really unique atmosphere, Clarke was quick to point out that the festival would not have been made possible without the help of volunteers, the organizing committee and generous sponsors. "We had a tremendous group of volunteers and our committee was fantastic. As a festival this was one of the easiest I have ever put on because of the way everyone came together and stepped up to help. That is a reflection of Manitou Beach and Watrous. We had really good support from the community as a whole, right from the sponsors to the volunteers."

As for how the carvers felt about attending the 2021 Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival, Clarke said they were blown away. "Hearing the comments from the carvers about being at the beach and how welcoming people are and how different they are, that is the main reason they come to this event. Community is one of the big reasons why the carvers come in. It is not the money, it is them getting better, them spending time with other carvers and them being in our community. I have been hearing how the beach has its own type of vibe and it is



► From majestic carvings completed over four days to quick carves done in a couple of hours, talent was on full display at this year's Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival.

photos by Daniel Bushman

very artist based, has that slower pace and everyone wants to be supportive."

With a great turnout and carvers leaving with smiles on their faces, Clarke said there has been talk of moving the festival from every other year to a yearly event. "We have had a request from some of the major sponsors to make this an

annual event so we will sit down and take a look at not only trying to make this a bigger and better event but also one that could be held yearly. I am planning on travelling to Montana next month to see an international competition and plan to bring back some ideas on how we can do things better. We have a fantastic event and I look forward to seeing many more held in our community in years to come."



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Local area reaction:

With the announcement that BHP will be moving forward with its Jansen project, a number of local communities and Rural Municipalities could see an influx of people and perhaps an economic boost.

In Lanigan, Mayor Tony Mycock was pleased to hear BHP is pushing forward with its project. "I think it is a huge boost for the whole area. The amount of jobs that they are going to create not only while they are building but after the fact will be a big benefit. BHP has already been very involved with the surrounding communities. For us in Lanigan, they have made donations to our swimming pool and have done upgrades to our town office and boardroom and have done that for quite a few municipalities to help them run meetings more efficiently. BHP has also generously lent a hand to the local ambulance service through significant financial contributions which has benefitted both Lanigan and LeRoy and our surrounding municipalities. They were also a major contributor in financing a major portion of the fire hall in Lanigan. I think seeing them move forward is great news for the whole community."

With the project attracting a large number of employees, Mycock said Lanigan is well-positioned to welcome anyone who wants to reside in Lanigan and work at BHP. "We have serviced lots ready to go, we are getting a new school, we are getting a new swimming pool, we've got Reverse Osmosis water and I think we have got a lot to offer for future employees of BHP."

While Mycock couldn't pinpoint what the economic spin-off will be, he added there will definitely be more traffic in the area which will in turn boost the economy to some degree. "They employ a lot of local

people already. I know a lot of people from LeRoy who work there and I know a lot of people from Lanigan who work there too."

In Jansen, speaking on behalf of the community, Jansen Mayor Albert Cardinal was pleased to see the company move forward on its mine. "I think that is good news for our local area and for the province as a whole. It will be nice to see some community and business growth and maybe revive some businesses that have been hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. The 3,500 contractors will bring some more money into local communities and further out once the mine is complete. With more workers once the mine is operational there will be some new faces in the communities as well. For Jansen, with not having a school or grocery store, maybe this will allow us to keep our post office open and see the Steak Pit reopen and also be able to further utilize the community centre, bowling alley, and outdoor facility. I am excited to see BHP's project finally going forward after 10 plus years and a few hiccups in between. I am looking forward to see it reach the finished product."

In nearby LeRoy, on behalf of the community, LeRoy Mayor Kurt Schreiner said, "Our community is extremely excited to hear the news of the announcement of the Jansen Stage 1 approval. We value the relationship we have developed with BHP and the many contributions they have made to our community since 2008. The Jansen Project will bring lots of new opportunities to our community and the surrounding areas as well as the whole province."

"The Town of LeRoy is the closest urban municipality located just six miles north of the Jansen Project. We have been busy completing upgrades over the last number of years hoping and preparing

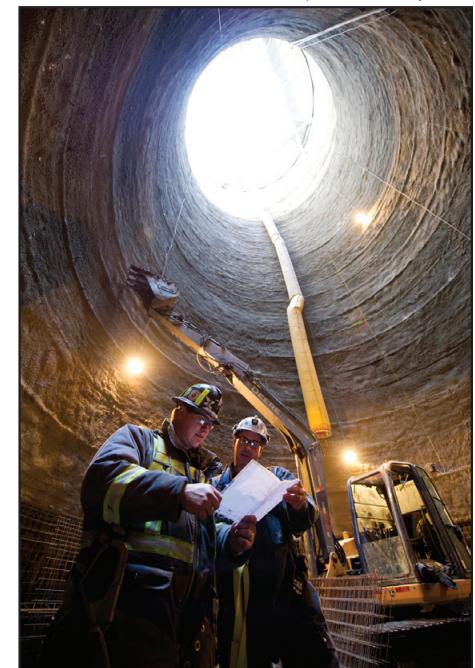


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for this announcement. LeRoy will continue to fully support this project and look forward to our future."

After BHP's announcement, the RM of LeRoy, No. 339 issued the following statement: "The RM of LeRoy is excited to hear construction at the BHP Jansen Site will be moving forward. BHP will provide jobs through the construction phase of the project and through production and maintenance, once in operation. The opportunity for new development, existing businesses to flourish and new entrepreneurs to venture into business to service the industry and workforce, will help grow our communities and keep our communities strong. This project has made a significant contribution to the RM of LeRoy and surrounding area. It has added value to the road network of the RM and neighboring municipality, which benefits other industries in the immediate

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(from page two: FUN RUN)

with a '53 Merc 100, Bob Chaplin with a '72 Monte Carlo, Rodney Peacock with a '98 Holiday Hardtop, John Schlosser with a Harless Charger, and Tracy and Val Kirtzinger with a '73 Econoline Van Shaggin' Wagon.

Looking forward to next year,

Madland hopes that it will not only remain the largest small town car show in the province but continue to grow to become bigger and better. "We aim to get just as big if not a bigger turnout in 2022. It should be another fun day."



►Hundreds of people of all ages took in this year's 30th annual Fun Run in Watrous July 24. Along with the 300 vehicles entered in this year's show, as part of his own entries, Watrous resident Ron Ediger gave away a free mini motorized vehicle through a draw. With 101 entries, the winner was Dexter Dieno (pictured below) who was eager to test out the new wheels.

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Federal election called

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Amidst a pandemic and looking to form a majority government, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau set in motion a federal election as voters will head to the polls Sept. 20. According to CTV, the campaign which is 36 days will be the shortest possible election period under federal law.

Calling the 44th federal general election, Trudeau along with other party leaders like the Conservative's Erin O'Toole, NDP leader Jagmeet Singh, Green Party leader Annamie Paul, and Bloc Quebecois leader Yves-Francois Blanchet kicked off their campaigns earlier this month. That was also the case locally as candidates have

set their sights on winning the Moose Jaw - Lake Centre - Lanigan riding.

As candidates and their respective parties gear up for the election with more perhaps throwing their hats into the ring for the Moose Jaw - Lake Centre - Lanigan riding, as of press time, running in the local riding include: Conservative Party candidate Fraser Tolmie, Liberal Party of Canada candidate Katelyn Zimmer, and NDP candidate Talon Regent.

During the previous General Election Oct. 21, 2019, according to Elections Canada, Conservative Party of Canada's Tom Lukiwski was elected as the local Member of Parliament with just over 71 percent of the votes. NDP candidate Talon Regent received 17 percent, the Liberal

Party of Canada's Cecilia Melanson had 5.6 percent of the vote, Chey Craik of the People's Party of Canada accumulated 3.6 percent of the votes while Gillian Walker of the Green Party of Canada had 2.7 percent. There were just over 45,200 ballots cast with 44,984 valid ballots.

Heading into this year's election, nationally the Liberal Party had 155 seats followed by the Conservative Party with 119, the Bloc Quebecois with 32, the NDP with 24, Independents had five and the Green Party had two.

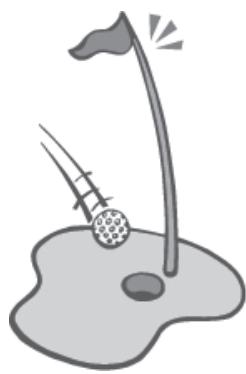
With election day slated for Sept. 20, advance voting will occur Sept. 10, 11, 12 and 13. According to CTV, with Elections Canada taking on a new series of public health measures, the cost for the 44th general election is estimated at \$610 million.

Golf Report

Twenty-eight golfers made it out to the senior men's scramble Thursday, Aug. 19 at Manitou Beach Golf Course.

Two teams recorded a score of 31: Bob Lewis, Glen Busse, Ray Hall, Dave Reid and Gord Lamont, Fred Townley, Dave Manson, Metro Bodnarek.

Closest to the pin on hole eight was Dave Manson. Bob Lewis was closest to the pin second shot on hole four. Rod Hartley made the longest putt on hole six and Lloyd Gullacher was closest to the line on hole nine.



Harvest progressing quickly in province

■ media release

Producers have been making the most of the weather according to Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for the period of Aug. 10 to 16. A total of 20 percent of crop is now combined and in the bin. Harvest is progressing very quickly and is well ahead of the five-year average of four percent. Five percent of crop is swathed and 14 percent is ready to straight combine, ahead of the five-year average of seven percent. Some producers have indicated that yields are worse than they expected while those who got timely rains are reporting they are seeing yields closer to average.

Eighty-three percent of winter wheat, 75 percent of fall rye, 64 percent of field peas and lentils, 25 percent of barley and 13 percent of spring wheat has been combined. An additional 12 percent of canola has been swathed or is ready to straight-cut.

Thirty-four percent of crop in the southwest region has been combined, 22 percent in the southeast, 13 percent in the east central, 18 percent in the west central, 14 percent in the northeast and seven percent in the northwest. Some producers in the southern regions of the province are more than halfway done their harvest.

Not many parts of the province recently received significant amounts of rainfall. The most rain received was in the Lipton area where 20 mm was recorded. The Meacham area received 11 mm, the Nipawin area eight mm, the Raymore area seven mm and the Biggar area three mm. The rain will not make any difference in the crop yield for this year; producers impacted will be delayed from combining but are happy to finally see rain. Pastures that no longer have cattle on them will benefit from the rain and have a chance to recover from the severe drought conditions of the season.

Moisture conditions declined throughout most of the province since the small amount of rain received was not enough to reverse the moisture deficient. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as four percent adequate, 29 percent short and 67 percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as two percent adequate, 21 percent short and 77 percent very short.

Crop damage causes remain the same with the majority from wind, heat, drought stress, gophers and insects such as grasshoppers and flea beetles.

Farmers are busy getting equipment and bins ready for harvest, swathing and desiccating crops and combining, which is well underway in almost all areas of

the province.

With harvest underway in Saskatchewan, the Ministry of Agriculture wants to remind producers to exercise caution while moving machinery and equipment across major and secondary highways. Concern around fires is very high and farmers are reminded to ensure firefighting equipment is close by to stop any combine or field fires from getting out of control.

In response to the drought, the province recently announced an AgriRecovery response to provide a per head payment to help maintain female breeding stock. Details and information on how to apply are being finalized and will be shared as soon as possible. Note that producers don't have to be enrolled in any existing programs to qualify for funding. As details are finalized, producers can check www.scic.ca for updates, or contact their local Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) office or call toll-free at 1-888-935-0000.

Producers are also reminded that in response to the feed shortage this year, SCIC doubled the Low Yield Appraisal threshold values for customers who salvage their cereal or pulse crops as feed, without negatively impacting future individual coverage. Customers are asked to contact their local SCIC office before they graze, bale or silage any damaged crops to discuss their options.

Additionally, the Government of Saskatchewan made changes to temporarily increase the maximum funding a livestock producer can receive from the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP) for dugouts, wells and pipelines for agricultural use. Producers can contact the Ministry of Agriculture's Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 for information.

The federal and provincial governments have also increased the 2021 AgriStability interim benefit payment percentage from 50 percent to 75 percent for Saskatchewan producers. The interim benefit provides the opportunity for producers enrolled in AgriStability to access a portion of their benefit early, to help support losses and cover costs. To apply for an interim benefit, producers can contact their local SCIC office, call the AgriStability Call Centre toll-free at 1-866-270-8450, or email agristability@scic.ca.

The Farm Stress Line is available for support 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, toll-free at 1-800-667-4442. Calls are answered by Mobile Crisis Services Regina, a non-profit, community-based agency and there is no call display.



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Obituary



CHRISTIANSON, Vernon

Apr. 4, 1941 -
Aug. 9, 2021

It is with deepest sadness that we announce the passing of Vernon Alvin Richard Christianson on August 9, 2021 at the age of 80 at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon.

Vern was born on April 4, 1941 and lived on a farm near the town of Hendon, Sask.

Vern was born to Carl and Edith Christianson and was the second youngest of 11 children and attended the Moosehorn School. When he was 17 years old he moved to Renown to help on a local farm. In the winters he was the telephone line-man, as well a Fuller Brush salesman for awhile. In 1960 he met Shirley Martin. They were married in 1963 and have three children, David (Natalie) from Puerto Morelos, Mexico, daughter Haraley (Terry) Sather of Watrous and son Cameron of Airdrie, Alberta. In 1967 Vern was one of the first to start at Noranda Potash mine, working in the winter and farming in the summer. Vern was a quiet man and never wanted to be on any executives or committees but he really enjoyed the fellowship of the Kinsmen and K40 clubs of Watrous. In 1979 the family moved from the farm in Renown to the current home in Watrous. Throughout his life Vern enjoyed many social activities with his friends and family. He liked the weekly curling bonspiels and watching the Watrous Winterhawks play hockey. He enjoyed the Sunday barbecues with friends and taking the family camping, fishing and boating. Vern was very active in his kids and grandkids lives whether it was going to their sporting events or watching the grandkids performing with one of their bands. Vern enjoyed going to the local and national rodeos with friends as well as winter vacations to sunny destinations. In 1986 Vern started farming on his own till finally selling everything in 1996 and returned to the mine till he retired in 2006. But once a farmer always a farmer as he helped his friends with their seeding and harvest. In later years Vern and Shirley drove the local taxi to and from the Mosaic mine giving Vern the chance to catch up with his friends from the mine. Vern was always up for a card game and loved to read old western books. He also enjoyed watching curling and baseball as well as his favourite programs on TV.

Vern is survived by his wife of 58 years Shirley, children David, Haraley and Cameron as well as grandchildren Amanda, Jesse, Taylor and Kyle.

He was predeceased by his parents Carl and Edith, brothers Canfield, Melburn, Rodney, Arnold, Edgar, Ralph and Gordon and sisters Winnifred, Evelyn and Mildred.

Memorial service was held at Watrous United Church on August 17 conducted by Rev. Jo-Ann Hills.

Urnbearers were Amanda Sather and Kyle Sather. Ron and Joan Yausie were register attendants. Ushers were Bob and Vicki Finnigan. Eulogy was given by Jim Martin. Special music was provided by Blair Martin. Lil Gingrich was pianist.

Private family interment followed at Watrous Cemetery Columbarium.

Memorial donations directed to Watrous United Church would be appreciated.

To leave online condolences, tributes or to make a donation, please visit www.fotheringham-mcdougall.com



Obituary



THIESSEN, Edna

(Schroeder)
July 22, 1926 -
Aug. 6, 2021

Edna Thiessen, aged 95 years, passed away peacefully at Manitou Lodge in the Watrous District Health Complex, Watrous, Sask. on Friday, August 6, 2021.

Edna was born July 22, 1926 to David and Augusta Schroeder in the village of Secymin, which was on the banks of the Weichsel - Neidering River, tributary of the Vistula River not too far from Warsaw. There she had a happy childhood growing up on a small farm helping her dad with all kinds of animals and a small orchard. She especially liked the orchard, and going with her dad to sell the fruit in Warsaw. She had two brothers - Robert and Edmund, and one sister Emma.

Then the war broke out. First they were invaded by Germany, and then at the end of the war they were occupied by Russia. She saw a lot of people getting killed and a lot of starvation and hunger.

With the help of some people working for MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) through the American Red Cross, she was able to escape to Western Germany which was now held by the Western allies.

She came by boat to Halifax, N.S., Canada and then by train to Drake, Sask. She was taken in by her Aunt Lydia and Uncle Edmund Schroeder.

She lived there until she married Henry Thiessen from Watrous, Sask. There they had a small farm and raised all kinds of animals and grew grain and hay. Eventually they set up a dairy.

They had five sons: Harvey (Marilyn), Bernie (Phyllis), John (Vicki), Dave (Patti), Garry (Ruth), and 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Family was extremely important to her. She loved to have our families get together, and enjoyed cooking for everyone.

Going to church was very important to her. Faith in God and Jesus, and reading the bible was always a part of her life. She was sometimes uncomfortable in large gatherings, but was amazing in small groups or on a one-on-one basis. She was a shining example of a fine Christian and a life well lived. She will be missed especially by family, but also by many, many friends both here and in different parts of the world.

Funeral service was held at Philadelphia Mennonite Brethren Church, near Watrous, Sask. on Friday, August 13 conducted by Rod Dick.

Pallbearers were Harvey Thiessen, Bernie Thiessen, John Thiessen, David Thiessen, Garry Thiessen and Edmond Drachenberg. Holly Dick and Barbara Elder were guest register attendants. Memorial table attendants were Ike and Linda Pankratz. Ushers were Ken Bushman, Norman Schroeder, Doug Thomas and Phil Willms. Eulogy was given by Harvey Thiessen. Phyllis Thiessen and John Thiessen gave tributes. Pictorial presentation was by Marilyn Thiessen and Chelsea Thiessen. Special music was provided by Ruben Bushman, Wayne Dick, Les Toews and Fred Toman. Ruth Kornelsen was pianist.

Interment followed in Philadelphia Mennonite Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Manitou Lodge Auxiliary would be appreciated.

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and surrounding areas. The Council of the RM of LeRoy looks forward to continuing to work with BHP."

On behalf of the RM of Prairie Rose No. 309, Reeve Darin Pedersen said they are very happy that BHP is finally going forward but at the same time have cautious optimism. "2027 is a long ways away. It will definitely be an economic boost for the community of Jansen and hopefully some spin-offs for the RM. With any luck they can hopefully get it producing potash before the said date of 2027."

Provincial reaction

Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe said the Aug. 17 announcement of BHP moving ahead with its project marked the single largest economic investment ever made in Saskatchewan's history.

"As the largest economic investment in our province's history, BHP's decision highlights the strength of our potash resource and will undoubtedly help build a strong economy for Saskatchewan," Moe said. "Our government would like to thank BHP for its positive decision as we are thrilled to see this landmark potash mine move ahead. This project paves the way to create thousands of good paying jobs for the people of this province."

"Saskatchewan is the largest potash producer in the world, and its investment climate is stronger than ever," Energy and Resources Minister Bronwyn Eyre said. "The positive economic impact of this decision for our province cannot be overstated, as the Jansen mine will generate tens of billions of dollars in taxes and royalties

and create thousands of quality jobs for the people of Saskatchewan."

The Jansen Mine project is expected to produce approximately 4.4 million tonnes of potash per year once complete with the opportunity to expand in the future. Production is anticipated to begin in 2027 and contribute significantly to achieving our government's Growth Plan targets of reaching \$9 billion of potash sales by 2030.

Saskatchewan accounts for approximately 30 percent of global potash production with the sector employing an estimated 5,000 people. With the announcement, over the past 15 years the Government of Saskatchewan's fiscal regime for potash has attracted \$30 billion in committed capital investment in new mines and expansions.

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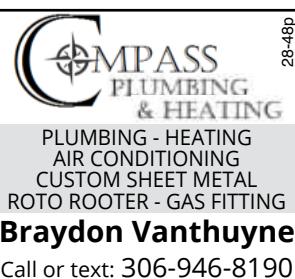
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Main Street in Watrous and we will do our best to include them in this year's edition. Or maybe you have a favourite harvest recipe or a memory or two that you'd like to share. You are welcome to send those in as well.

The deadline to submit items for our Sept. 6 Harvest Edition is Tuesday, Aug. 31. TWM would like to wish all of those in the fields a safe harvest.

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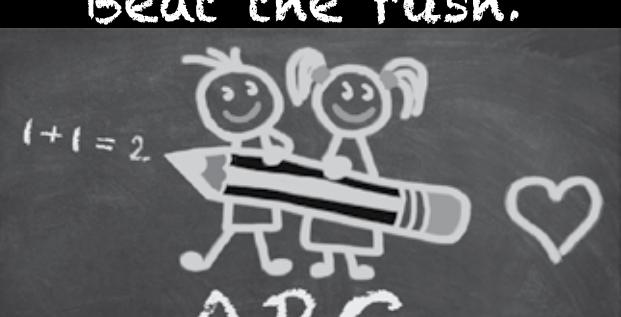
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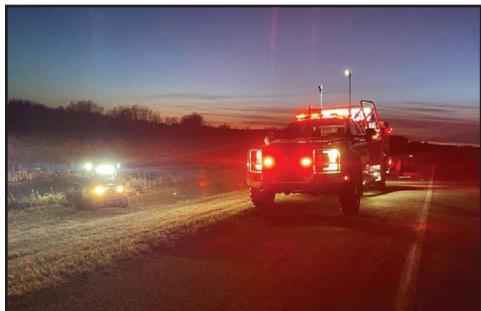
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► Members of the Watrous and District Fire Department have been kept busy this month as conditions remain extremely dry. Just after 4 p.m. on Aug. 13 the department was dispatched to a fire along the train tracks seven kilometres southeast of Watrous. Upon arrival, it was determined that the train was able to get out of the fire area safely. Crews began fighting the fire that proved to be extremely difficult to access by vehicle. With it being fast moving due to wind conditions and extremely hot due to the fuels burning in the fire, Watrous and District Fire Chief Jory Vanthuyne said mutual aid was requested and the Simpson Fire Department responded to assist. After extensive work on the fire, all members were finally able to return to the hall and equipment was restored at 12:01 a.m. Vanthuyne said the department also appreciated CN for the assistance, local farmers for providing fire breaks with equipment, water tenders, RCMP members and a grader that also assisted with fire breaks. A few hours after returning to the hall, the department was again dispatched, this time at 5:33 a.m. to attend a rekindle of the same fire.

After getting it under control, on Aug. 14 at 10:44 p.m., a grass fire occurred at the same site as the fire Aug. 13. While still working on the grass fire southeast of town, at 8:16 a.m. Aug. 15, the department responded to a fire alarm ringing at a commercial building within Watrous. With command staff responding, after investigating and the cause determined, there was no risk or damage found. Watrous and District Fire Department was once again dispatched, this time at 10:44 a.m. on Aug. 17 to a field fire approximately 20 miles southwest of Watrous. With some quick actions of farmers working in the field and those close by, the fire was contained to a small area. Units then returned to the hall and were in the process of refurbishing equipment when a second call was received. Dispatched for a field fire one mile west of Dellwood Reservoir at 2:44 p.m., the department responded with five members. With the help of local farmers with water trucks, the department was grateful for their help to contain the quick moving fire. There were no injuries reported but unfortunately a baler was lost in the fire.

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Summer 2021 at the Gallery on 3rd

■ submitted by Toni Ambrose
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Gallery on 3rd has had a busy summer. The end of June we hired our summer student, Jenna Joa, who has been an excellent asset to our gallery but was done Aug. 21. We have had several exhibits through the summer with "A Canadian Experience" exhibit in June/July and this was represented by local artists.

The studio trail weekend was well attended with 161 people despite the extremely hot weather. We also had one busker playing for an hour or so on the Saturday which was part of the Buskers Festival that weekend. The rest of July we had our "A Stitch in Time . . ." a quilting exhibit, a very popular one with 136 people attending. The fundraiser for the Jelly Roll rug that was donated by Annette Schultz brought in around \$399 and the winner was Shirley Emmons of Manitou Beach. We are very grateful to Annette and to everyone who purchased tickets.

Aug. 3 to 28 we have



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"The Four Seasons" with Lee Dorey from Saskatoon. Our September exhibit with Bryce Erickson Collection has been postponed to October. Instead, Leslie Stadnichuk from our studio trail will show her paintings at an exhibit called "Wallflowers". This exhibit will run Sept. 4 to Oct. 2. This will be advertised in the coming events page.

We have ordered gift cards for the Art Shoppe, to be used to purchase items and we have applied for and received a \$500 micro grant that will be used toward painting our gallery wall space at the end of August. A painting workshop is planned for October.

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