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# Watrous moving from REACT's tag-a-bag to waste cart program

■ Daniel Bushman

Pretty soon the days of tagging garbage with REACT's yellow stickers will be tossed in the trash and replaced with a new residential waste cart program being rolled out in Watrous.

Starting in September, residents will be receiving curb side waste bin carts as part of REACT's collection program. That means people in Watrous will no longer have to purchase yellow tag-a-bag stickers but will instead pay a monthly fee for the carts.

Capable of holding about six bags of waste, the carts will be delivered to all residential properties including duplex units while multi-unit dwellings may require multiple carts or a larger waste bin. Joining other communities like Humboldt, LeRoy, and Lanigan, Watrous Mayor John Gunderson explained why council made the decision to go ahead with the change.

"It goes back almost two years ago when REACT did a feasibility study of their organization. They took a look at all parts of their business from landfills, transfer stations and garbage pick up and it was fairly clear the efficiency and cost of the tag-a-bag program was not efficient. We anticipated we would be facing quite a jump in costs for the tag-a-bag program if we stayed with it, so from council's perspective, it made sense to go ahead with the curb side waste carts. We feel it will become the only option for communities in the future."

Currently residents have the ability to purchase yellow tags for a few dollars each and place them on garbage bags full of waste. The bags are then picked up weekly at the resident's curb as part of a user pays system. With the expected change to waste carts in September, the user pays system will no longer apply but rather a monthly fee implemented.

"On the Town of Watrous water bills right now we do have a \$2.50 charge per month which goes towards waste collection," said Town Administrator Orrin Redden. "The

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# Pepper Tree Restaurant will see new owners after nearly 30 years

■ Daniel Bushman

For nearly three decades people have been enjoying the relaxing atmosphere, delicious cuisine and wide selection of wines at the Pepper Tree Restaurant. And while the restaurant and lounge will remain a fixture in Watrous, starting in September, it will be with new owners.

Looking forward to retirement, Andy and Francine Karagiannis have sold the business after operating it for nearly 30 years. "We have gotten lots of love and support from the community," shared Francine.

"We want to thank our customers and staff, especially Lana, Glenn, Jin-Jin, Tony, and Larry for all of their hard work and dedication over the years," added Andy. "This community has been very good to us and we sincerely appreciate it."

With the restaurant and lounge located at 201 Main Street in Watrous, Andy and Francine moved from Saskatoon to Watrous in 1995 and along with then business partner Joel Chuckry, the three took over the Odyssey Restaurant. With a new name, new owners and a new direction, they began removing the green velvet booths, added decor and then in 1999, opened the lounge.

"We have done multiple renovations over the years including adding an enclosed patio which our customers have really enjoyed," said Francine. "This place became our



home and a home for our customers."

Wanting to treat their employees and customers like family, the pair

extended their gratitude to those who have helped build their business. "We are thankful for our customers, many who have be-

come close friends, and we

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SALE)

would not be where we are today without our staff.”

That includes both past and present staff as Andy shared for many local students, their first job was at Pepper Tree. “A lot of them came back and visited us from time to time. It was nice to see them again and hear how they were doing. Our staff are like family to us and if it wasn’t for them, we wouldn’t be where we are today.”

With their three children very young when they moved to the community in 1995, raising their kids, Anna, Thano and Chrissa in Watrous, Francine said the community became home

and like a big extended family.

“Our kids attended school here and I want to thank the staff at the schools for doing such a great job. In a lot of ways the community helped us raise our kids. While they are older and have moved away, we are still planning to keep Watrous as our home.”

“This has been an unbelievable town and we are so happy we are here,” Andy said.

As for the new ownership group, Andy and Francine wish them the same success and hope the community will support them. “They have experience within the restaurant business and look forward to running a successful business. They are planning to keep the same name, the same menu and all of the

same staff. Francine and I wish them all the best in their future endeavours.”

To extend their gratitude to the community and customers, Andy and Francine are hosting a farewell party at the restaurant during the couple’s final day of operating the place Aug. 30. “We will have live music, drinks and food. It is an opportunity to spend time with our customers and friends and celebrate. We have sincerely appreciated everybody who has worked here over the years to help us succeed. There are a lot of people who have supported us and helped us. We couldn’t do it without them and also without the community and the surrounding area. We are very grateful to each and every one of you. For us, Watrous is home.”



► Despite a soggy start to this past week, construction continued on Main Street in Watrous. Businesses on Main Street remain open while the



work is taking place and people are encouraged to continue to shop locally during the construction.

photos by Daniel Bushman

(from front page: REACT)

increase will be \$17.50 per month (so \$20 per month for the program) and REACT invoices us for the carts and we remit to them monthly. We will invoice residents every two months on our typical bi-monthly utility bills.”

Understanding the increase can be tough to absorb for some single unit dwellings, when asked if people have the option to opt out of the new waste cart program, Gunderson said, “We realize that some people, especially households that have one or two people will see an increase in costs. We had to be consistent with everyone so we made the decision each household would get one. Going this route, this was the only way to make it efficient.”

Redden added there are lots of ownership changes within the community each month and with an opt in or opt out option, it would create confusion. “REACT wanted to keep it consistent and council agreed that there would not be an option for single family dwellings.”

With multi-unit dwellings, Redden said the Town of Watrous has been in contact with places like the condominiums and Westridge Manor about

using larger bins. “It is more cost effective to have those large bins as opposed to having multiple carts to wheel out if it is a six or 12 unit condo or Westridge Manor for example.”

Those opting for the larger bins, the current charge for the six cubic yard containers are \$50 per month for one tip and \$90 per month for bi-weekly tips.

While Gunderson understands the decision has not been sitting well with everyone, he added this is not the first time curb side waste carts has been considered. “Probably five or six years ago it was discussed after REACT approached us about it. The town did a survey of the community and it was not 100 percent one way or the other but more were leaning to not having the program at that time. We made the decision to hold off knowing that at some time in the future we would likely have to do it and we are now at that point.”

With the new bins scheduled for delivery either just before or after the September long weekend, using Main Street as a boundary line, waste collection will alternate for residents, one week for the west side and

the other week for the east side. “Pick up for the west side of Main Street will start Monday, Sept. 11 and the east side Monday, Sept. 18. We are sticking with our regular Monday schedule and going Tuesday if it is a stat. It will keep rolling that way and we will have a calendar on the Town of Watrous website indicating which side is slated for pick up if anyone loses track.”

As for the current blue REACT recycling bins near the Watrous Centennial Arena, Redden said they will remain in place for now. “There is a possibility of going to curb side recycle bins in the future but REACT is not at that point yet.”

With the increase in fees and the change in programs, when asked if remaining with REACT is a benefit to Watrous, Gunderson said, “The cost of building and maintaining a landfill for our community is not feasible at all in our mind. That is why we are part of this organization and there are a number of others around the province doing the same. When I go to SUMA (Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association) meetings, some of the smaller communities that are still maintaining their landfills are finding their backs are up against the wall because of regulations with the Ministry of Environment. When their landfill reaches capacity, if they have to build a new one, it would be significant. It is a benefit to be part of REACT for sure.”

The Watrous Manitou also reached out to REACT for the article but did not hear back as of press time.

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# RCMP Report

CTSS officers issue warnings/tickets

A well-maintained vehicle is a safe vehicle. That is why Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) officers look for burnt-out lights, cracked windshields, window tint and other maintenance issues while they are on patrol. Since the beginning of 2018, CTSS issued 30,441 charges and 93,397 warnings to drivers in Saskatchewan for inadequate vehicle equipment violations. During that time, 35,600 drivers received vehicle defect inspection notices to have their vehicles repaired within a specified time to assure the continuance of the vehicle's registration.

Since the beginning of 2023, CTSS has issued 4,544 charges and 13,523 warnings to drivers in Saskatchewan for inadequate vehicle equipment violations. During that time, 3,250 vehicles were issued vehicle defect inspection notices to repair the noted defect.

Here are some of the most common violations CTSS officers have observed since 2018:

- 8,332 charges and 43,817 warnings for cracked or damaged windshields. An inadequate windshield does not have the same integrity when a collision occurs, which may result in glass shards entering the cabin and injuring occupants;
- 13,332 charges and 5,243 warnings for illegal window tint on the windshield or front side windows. Window tint film reduces visibility in low-light conditions, rendering the vehicle's operation dangerous for its occupants as well as other road users;
- 1,513 charges and 9,508 warnings for inadequate headlights, taillights, or turn signals. Inoperable vehicle lights create an increased hazard to other road users by making it more difficult to perceive a vehicle's speed and

distance, which could lead to a higher risk of collisions;

- 514 charges and 716 warnings for inadequate trailer brake systems, which could fail to activate if the trailer accidentally disconnects from a towing vehicle;
- 191 charges and 621 warnings for tires that are under-inflated, have low tread depth, or feature exposed inner construction; and
- 61 charges and 189 warnings for trailers that do not have chains or other secondary attachment device adequately attached between a trailer and a towing vehicle.

"It may seem like it's no big deal to put off getting a headlight replaced, or a windshield crack repaired. It is a big deal. Poorly-maintained or broken vehicle equipment can put your safety – and the safety of others on the road – at risk," said S/Sgt. Kevin Williamson from CTSS. "That's why checking for these things is an important part of the job of CTSS officers, who are patrolling the roads of Saskatchewan every day."

Note: CTSS consists of officers from Saskatchewan RCMP and municipal police agencies.

Charges laid related to firearms, crossbow and ammunition

On Aug. 10, 2023, Nipawin and Smeaton RCMP responded to the report of an assault with a firearm present outside of a residence in Candle Lake. Upon arrival, officers located and arrested the male suspect on scene. The male was released the following morning on an undertaking.

On Aug. 15, officers executed a search warrant at the male's residence which resulted in the seizure of 23 firearms, a crossbow and approximately 100,000 rounds of ammunition. The male was arrested again until his next court date.

As a result of this investigation, 50-year-old Steven Mitchell of Candle Lake is facing 16 charges, some of which include: Pointing a firearm, Sec. 87(2) Criminal Code; Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Sec. 88(2) Criminal Code; Assault police officer – Section 270(2) Criminal Code; Attempt to disarm police officer, Section 270.1(1) Criminal Code; Four counts, Possession of firearms knowing possession is unauthorized – Section 92(1) Criminal Code; and Three counts, Possession of

prohibited firearm with readily accessible ammunition, Sec. 95(1)(b) Criminal Code.

**Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP investigating break and enter**

Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP continue to investigate the report of a break and enter at a business located on Broadway Street in Fort Qu'Appelle. Investigation determined an unknown individual broke into the business sometime during the late evening on June 25 or early morning of June 26.

The suspect is believed to be a male in his 30 to 40s, approximately 5'10" and 175 lbs, with collar-length hair. He was believed to be wearing a Pittsburgh Penguins hat, black jacket, and blue jeans. The male was travelling on foot and may be in the Fort Qu'Appelle area. The building was damaged during the break-in. The business reported a significant number of cigarettes were stolen. Saskatchewan RCMP's Forensic Identification Service continues to assist with this investigation.

Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP continues to investigate this theft, including reviewing video surveillance and following up on information received. Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP asks members of the public to report all information about this crime. Contact Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP Detachment at 306-332-2222. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).

**Melfort RCMP investigate report of farming chemical theft**

Melfort RCMP continue to investigate a report of a break-and-enter at a private property in the RM of Pleasantdale. Investigation determined an unknown individual(s) broke into the property sometime between the hours of 11:30 p.m. on June 12 and 1 a.m. on June 13, resulting in the theft of approximately \$20,000 worth of farming chemicals.

Melfort RCMP continues to investigate this theft and requests anyone with information or surveillance footage in the community from that time frame to come forward and report it to police. If you have any information about this incident, contact Melfort RCMP at 306-752-6420. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).

## Crop Report

media release

Producers continued to make progress harvesting their crops. That is according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for Aug. 15 to 21 as scattered rain helped with moisture levels as systems moved through the province. Saskatchewan is now 21 percent completed harvest, ahead of the five-year average of 14 percent and the 10-year average of 11 percent.

The southwest continues to lead the province in harvest progress, with 38 percent of the crop harvested. This is followed by the west-central, which has 27 percent harvested so far. The northwest has received moisture the past few weeks and as a result only four percent completed harvest.

Harvest progress advanced in all crops. Fall cereals continue to lead the crops being harvested; 89 percent of fall rye and 74 percent of winter wheat crops are harvested. Field peas and lentils continue to lead the spring-seeded crops in harvest progress; 66 percent of field peas and 60 percent of lentils are harvested. Barley leads the spring seeded cereals, with 30 percent of the crop harvested. With 27 percent of crop in the bin, mustard leads oilseed harvest progress, ahead of canola and flax.

All crop districts received rain as scattered moisture moved through the province again. The most rain reported was 59 mm in the Barthel area. The Cabri area

in the southwest also received significant moisture, with 52 mm reported. The scattered showers resulted in an increase in topsoil moisture across the province. Thirty-two percent of crop land has adequate moisture, 41 percent is short and 27 percent is very short. In hay and pastures, 24 percent have adequate moisture, 42 percent are short and 34 percent are very short.

Pasture conditions in the province have improved with the recent moisture. Twelve percent of pastures are in good condition, 29 percent are fair; 40 percent are poor and 19 percent are very poor. Nine percent of forage acres did not get cut or baled this year due to drought conditions.



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# Opinion



## Puffer Fish



### Pass The Salt

A spiritual column  
by Pastor  
Greg Dermody

Our Vacation Bible School had an underseas theme this year. In the hallway outside my office is a decoration picture of a puffer fish fully puffed out. I was staring blankly at it when I realized how often the people we have the most problems with are really puffer fish.

So filled with self, they look bigger than life and try to impose their importance over us, typically for their benefit.

The Apostle Paul wrote about such people, but missed the opportunity to call them puffer fish! In his letter to the church at Colossae he wrote about those

puffed up with self. Their worship was not of God but themselves.

Typical characteristics of puffer-people include judging others regarding their actions, practices and rituals. Usually by looking down their noses in a way that implies their choices are superior, while presenting themselves as humble and saintly. When we dare to disagree or challenge them, they puff up, appearing spikey and intimidating, yet it is only air.

In Paul's context these puffer-people had lost connection with the head of faith, life and community - Jesus. Herein lies the danger for each one of us; when we get filled with self and decide our ways are better than others, our agenda and purpose are more important and that our 'good character' is our own accomplishment, we can become puffer-fish, full of self and not Jesus. Oddly enough the correction that will allow us to become who we are created and redeemed to be, is to empty or die to self letting Jesus be the head. We have to let the air out. That is how we can be connected to the community of believers toward mutual benefit.

May you, when you are faced with a puffer-fish person, find grace to respond well and not let them distract or disqualify you from a God-centred path. With Jesus as your head, may you grow in faith, hope and love.

## Solutions and Substitutions



### Tips from Reena Nerbas

**Dear Reena,**

How can I remove black tire marks on drywall that is painted white? Chuck

**Dear Chuck,**

The easiest solution, if you have touch-up paint, is to paint over the tire marks. If this is not an option, gently wipe the marks with rubbing alcohol using a soft cloth being sure not to remove the paint.

**Dear Reena,**

I enjoy making homemade pizza, but I find that the crust texture after baking is soggy. Do you have any suggestions for baking a thin crispy crust pizza? Thanks a lot, Peter

**Dear Peter,**

Bake pizza on a pizza stone, in fact even before making the crust heat the stone in the oven at 500° for 10 minutes. In a bowl combine one-quarter ounce active dry yeast, one-quarter teaspoon sugar and three-quarter cup water. Make sure that the water is hot, but not so hot that you cannot touch it. If the water is too hot, it will kill the yeast and the dough will not rise. Leave for five minutes. In another bowl combine 1 3/4 cup white flour, one-half teaspoon salt and two teaspoons Italian seasoning. Stir into yeast mixture. Knead for two minutes and add a little flour if dough is sticky (about one tablespoon). Roll into a 12" circle. Using a fork, poke holes all over the surface of the crust. Bake crust in 500° oven for four minutes (check on pizza every minute). Add toppings but do not smother the crust with excessive amounts of cheese, sauce and meat. Bake seven minutes (check often). Enjoy!

**Wonderful feedback from caring contributors**

Re: vegan guests

**Hi Reena,**

Someone forwarded me a copy of your column in which a reader asks you if they should cancel a barbecue because they learned that some vegans were planning to attend. It was great for a good laugh - and as a vegan I appreciated your guidance to the reader that they should not cancel their party! For future reference, if you get similar questions, I wanted to pass on to you that vegan "burgers" and "hotdogs" are readily available in most, if not all, major Canadian supermarkets. The Yves brand is budget friendly. That is probably the easiest thing that readers could do if they are unfamiliar with cooking plant-based

food. Cheers! Kristin

Re: vegan guests

**Hi Reena,**

I have been vegan for over a decade now and never have vegans and the people hosting them had it so easy or good! Vegan options are available at every major grocery store and they taste better than ever. It is no harder to get meat wieners or burger patties than it is to pick up vegan equivalents. So, to read that Susan is considering cancelling her barbecue because vegans are planning to attend is surprising to say the least!

Because vegan options are so easy to acquire, I think that it is rude to suggest to the host that she ask vegans to bring their own food. Never would I assume that all the dishes would be vegan at an omnivorous barbecue. That being said, it is simple enough to provide vegan wieners or burger patties and make a salad with oil and vinegar on the side so people can serve themselves.

The one thing the host should ask vegans in advance is what kind of bread product would be acceptable to go with vegan wieners or burger patties. Not all buns are vegan, but most vegans will easily be able to point an omnivore in the right direction in any given major grocery store. And that is how someone can be a good host - by including everyone and taking that extra step. It is only a very small inconvenience, but also a wonderful learning opportunity. As more and more people adopt plant-based diets, I can guarantee that this will not be the last time Susan hosts a vegan. So, she, and many others, may as well begin to explore right now how they can be inclusive hosts who meet their guests' needs and show everyone a good time!

The Internet is full of recipes that people who are inexperienced with vegan diets can easily throw together. Omnivores will certainly enjoy eating vegan dishes too even if they have gluten or allergy-related food needs! Vegan mayonnaise, for example, can be bought at major grocery stores at no additional cost. For example, Hellmann's makes a clearly labelled vegan mayo and Superstore has a PC brand mayonnaise that is part of their plant-based line. Thank you for sharing my thoughts and ideas. Take care! Svitlana

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## Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

### Chocolate Zucchini Cake

#### Ingredients:

1/2 cup cocoa

3 1/2 cups flour

1/2 tsp. baking powder

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1 tsp. salt

4 eggs

2 1/2 cups sugar

1 cup oil

3 cups grated zucchini

1 cup chopped nuts (or sunflower seeds)

#### Directions:

Mix the dry ingredients together in a bowl. In another bowl, mix the eggs, oil, zucchini and nuts or seeds. Mix these together using a mixer. This is a very cake like batter. This can be baked in a loaf or Bundt pan (greased) for about 1 1/2 hours, in a 9x12 pan for about 50 to 55 minutes or our favourite - in pan sprayed muffin tins for about 30 minutes. I sometimes fold in chopped cherries or strawberries or any other firm berry or chopped fruit.

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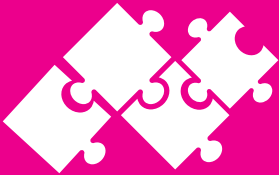
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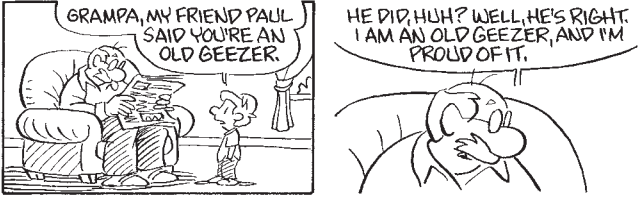
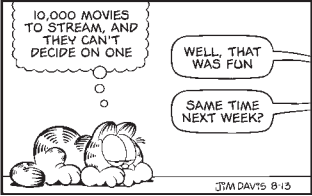
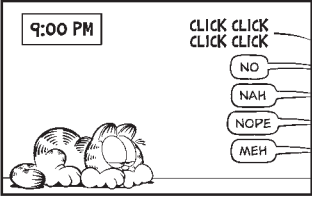
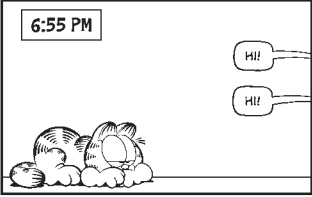
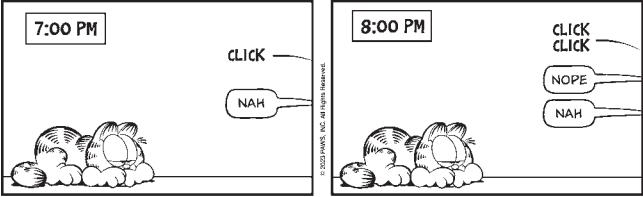
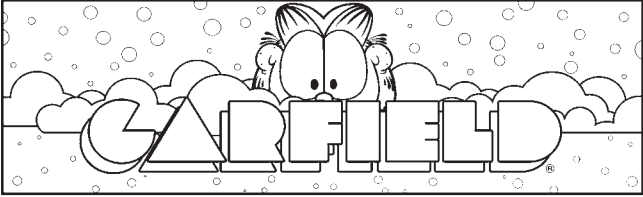
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# Comics AND Puzzles



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37. Venomous snake
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- ACROSS
1. Complains
6. Hog's dwelling
9. That dude
12. Another time
13. Foot part
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15. Small drum
16. Glossy paints
18. Prevents
20. Vicinity
21. Recede, as the tide
24. Lacy mat
26. Perches
29. More slack
33. Gather and organize
34. Establish as true
35. Bends down
37. Attack
38. Chirps
40. Tissue layer
41. Sensible
44. Informal denial
46. Washer setting
48. Calculated sums
53. Broadcast
54. Had food
56. Little bit
57. Door opener
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3. Hurried
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5. Stuck-up person
6. Office worker, for short
7. Throat part
8. Team cheer
9. Weeder
10. Not moving
11. Flat-topped formation
17. Municipal officials
19. Promotional spots
21. Goofs up
22. Skiff
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25. Clips
27. Inclines
28. Kind
30. TV serial
31. Something wicked
32. Bank (on)

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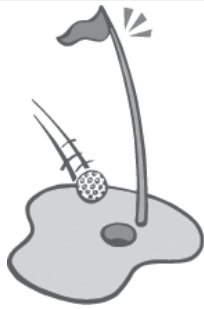
Q: Why did the birdie  
go to the hospital?

A: To get a tweetment.

## Golf Report

Thirty-four golfers made it out to the senior men's scramble Thursday, Aug. 24 at Manitou Beach Golf Course. First place with a score of 31 was recorded by the team of Metro Bodnarek, Lloyd Gullacher and Rod Hartley and second place with a score of 32 was recorded by the team of Fred Townley, Jerry Osmak, Warren Cooper and Keith Harcourt. Mystery team was Jack Birnie, Art Houle, Gord Lamont and Scott Murray.

Closest to the pin on hole eight was Warren Cooper and closest to the pin second shot on hole seven was Metro Bodnarek. Brian Anderson made the longest putt on hole six. Eric Day was closest to the line on hole nine.



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# Chairs on the Beach generates unique opportunity

■ Daniel Bushman

With a chance to inspire while showcasing talent through a crossover of artistic genres, the first-ever Chairs on the Beach was a success.

Held Saturday, Aug. 12 and dubbed a celebration of art, sculpture, and fashion, a number of chairs were displayed along the main beach at the Resort Village of Manitou Beach.

Organizer and artist Sandra Epp who spearheaded the event said, "The Chairs on the Beach show was an exciting way to inspire many artists and community members to experience a crossover of artistic genres, sculpture, art and costume. It was an honour to also showcase music and sculpture crossover as demonstrated by local musician Bruce Rawling's musical talents on local carver Wayne Seabrook's Venus Rising sculpture incorporating functional bass violin."

After a sculptural music session, with decorated chairs by some highly esteemed Canadian artists lining the beach, people were invited to view the exhibit Saturday as part of a fashion and chair show. Judging also took place and a pop up show concluded the day. "There was a fabulous ODA's luncheon prior to and during the fashion show while the guests had the opportunity to enjoy the 2D art show at ODA's and vote from the comfortable patio."

Comprised of over 35 contributing artists, Epp said, "As one participating artist, Patricia Oderkirk commented on the inspiration, 'You've managed to get a huge group of artists to do something they might not normally do. That's amazing!! Thank you.'"

Reflecting on the day, Epp added onlookers were surprised to see complimentary entertainment on the beach and nearby ODA's customers were excited to be included in the judging process.



This year, the awards included: Best Chair - Ted Uschatz; Best Fashion - Leather vest from Relics modeled by Gracie; and Best art at ODA - photograph by Dee Lowe July Wedding.



far left photos by Daniel Bushman, below photo by Bev Jay, remaining by Kristine Divall and Juliette Heath



Thrilled with how everything went, Epp was grateful for the support. "We really appreciated our artists, models, volunteers and sponsors who helped to make this event possible."

## Introducing Little Manitou Lake Stewardship Group

■ media release

The Little Manitou Lake Stewardship Group connects people interested in water quality and quantity within the area. "This group provides

a local, point of contact for the Water Security Agency," said Bill Mattick, a council member of the Resort Village of Manitou Beach.

"People concerned with the health of the lake and the watershed can be part of the group." There are no restrictions on who can join, Mattick said. "We welcome agricultural

producers and commercial businesses such as operators of feedlots and pig barns as well as retail and hospitality operators and residents of Manitou Beach, Watrous, Young, Lanigan, Drake, Plunkett, and Viscount. We also welcome those from the surrounding Rural Municipalities of Morris, Osborne, Colonsay, Viscount and Wolverine.

"We facilitate communications with a focus on water management. We also welcome those industry

operating in the larger Manitou/Lanigan watershed."

Mattick said concerned people who work together to answer questions and dispel rumours with facts will help this new group have a strong voice in the community.

The Little Manitou Lake Stewardship Group is affiliated with the Wascana and Upper Qu'Appelle Watersheds Association. Taking

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# Thomas represents Wildcats on national stage

■ Daniel Bushman

With the opportunity to represent his province and country, it was a memorable end to the high school football career of graduate Kade Thomas. After helping his team reach the 2A six-man provincial playoffs in 2022, the Winston High School athlete was selected to represent Team Saskatchewan at the Border Bowl and then later Canada at the Can-Am Bowl in 2023.

Joining fellow WHS teammates Charlie Pilling and Tai Beischer in Aberdeen June 10, the trio competed under the green and white colours of Saskatchewan as the team met Alberta. Despite a loss, the graduating players were able to gain valuable experience and memories from that contest.

Following the June 10 matchup, Thomas was then named as one of two quarterbacks to represent Canada at the July 8 Can-Am Bowl in Hanna, Alta. Swapping the Wildcat blue and gold for the Canadian colours, in preparation for the contest against the United States, Thomas headed west to Hanna to meet up with his new teammates from around Saskatchewan and Alberta.

"I absolutely loved the week I spent there," he shared. "I would do it a thousand times over. Being able to create new relationships with my teammates on and off the field was the best part."

Living in Biggar before moving to Watrous, Thomas was joined in Alberta by a familiar face. Fellow quarterback Hayden McMahon who was also part of Team Saskatchewan at the Border Bowl was the other quarterback representing Canada. "He and I lived a block away from each other for the first three years of my life while I lived in Biggar. He and my family were close friends. Last year

I actually got to play against him in the quarterfinals of provincials. Glad we won that game," Thomas said grinning.

Looking forward to not only teaming up with McMahon but joining the rest of the players representing Canada at the six-man football game, Thomas explained the team's offensive coordinator created two even lines of offence so that they could switch after each possession.

Learning the system and the playbook, as game day approached, Thomas was notified he would be the offensive captain for the team. "It was a great honour to be named as our offensive captain. As a Wildcat I had always led the team out onto the field, so it was amazing to be able to do that for Team Canada as well."

With the hot July game getting underway, Thomas and team Canada took to the turf against the United States. Kade shared his opponents proved to be tough right out of the gate and went on to defeat Canada. "I had to go into concussion protocol after I got hit throwing the ball so I couldn't play most of the second quarter. Again in the fourth it was about 43°C on the field and the glue holding my cleat to my shoe melted off. So I couldn't play during the end of the last quarter."

Despite watching the end of the contest from the sidelines, Thomas was able to get into the game for a number of drives and said the opportunity to compete for Canada will be a moment etched in his mind forever.

"Getting to know my teammates was easily the best part. The camaraderie of teammates on a football team can only be understood by those who have experienced it. One highlight that stands out is watching the Riders play the Elks on Friday night. The Alberta boys cheered for the Elks while us Sask. boys cheered for the Riders.



photos submitted

It led to some great banter."

And while the Can-Am Bowl signalled the end of his football career as a player, Thomas said it was a wonderful way to finish. "To play with the best from two provinces was amazing."

Taking some time to reflect on his career, Thomas shared about the value his high school football coaches in Watrous impressed upon him. "They have had a huge impact on my football abilities, but also my life. They have taught me when

you put in the work it can benefit you in ways you couldn't imagine. They have also created greater values of integrity, resiliency, and commitment in me."

Along with the tremendous impact his coaches had, Kade also wanted to extend his appreciation to the community of Watrous and surrounding area for the continuous support of the blue and gold. "It means a lot to me and to those on the team as well. Having that support over the years was great and I really appreciated it!"

# Local athlete competes at prestigious event

■ submitted by Melinda Morelli

The U15 AA Canadian championships were held Aug. 9 to 13 in Brandon, Man. with a total of 24 teams from across Canada competing.

The Lumsden Cubs U15 AA team, which included Makayla Terry of Watrous, were one of a few teams representing Saskatchewan at this year's national event. Makayla's mom, Melinda Morelli along with her stepdad, Carman Morelli made the trip to cheer her and the team on.

Opening ceremonies took place on Wednesday where all of the teams entered the field and lined up on the diamond representing the province they played for.

With family and friends supporting Makayla by watching online, the Cubs met Alberta in the team's opening game and came away with a 12-0 loss. In the second contest, Lumsden faced B.C. and lost a close 6-3 contest. Following a 5-0 defeat to Ontario, the Cubs met P.E.I. and collected its first win of the championships with a 10-8 victory. Looking to keep the momentum going, the Saskatchewan contingent beat Manitoba 4-2 and then evened its record to 3-3 with a 4-1 win over Nova Scotia.

Due to heavy rainfall, the final game was cancelled and overall the team finished 17th in Canada. It was a great experience for Makayla who was the team's catcher. The Cubs competed at Ashley Neufeld Field and along with many memories, friendships were made.

Looking back on the tournament, one of the highlights for Makayla was watching a team from Saskatchewan play while cheering in the stands with her team and another team from Saskatchewan. "The support all of us girls showed for each other was incredible."



Without the support from bottle drives, donations and sponsorships from local communities including Watrous this would not have been possible for the girls to attend. We also greatly appreciate Watrous Pharmacy, Watrous Home Hardware and Watrous Mainline Motors GM for their generous donations.

Makayla said, "Thank you to everyone who gave personal donations and helped make this experience happen. I am so grateful. I also really appreciated all the family and friends watching from back home. It was overwhelming and the experience overall was amazing."

Along with the opportunity to compete on a national stage, Makayla was scouted and selected to join the Sawggers out of Regina. The team will be competing around North America including in Arizona over Easter.



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The forest fires in British Columbia and the Northwest Territories are sure not good. It has hit home to a couple of families in Colonsay and Elstow. Word has been received about their evacuations and their loss due to the fires. Nice to see that Sunday, Aug. 20, the fire chiefs say the fight against devastating wildfires that have been rampaging around Lake Okanagan has turned a corner after days of

destruction. The Northwest Territories has not had the good news yet with many evacuation centres reaching capacity.

It is great to see the farmers in the fields taking their crops off. Reports vary on yields. The cattle farmers are struggling with poor pastures and lack of quantity on their bales.

It was nice to see the Riders win against B.C. They are now five and five. Hopefully they can continue their winning streak.

A moment is a little thing but moments make a day. So crowd it with a worthy task before it slips away.

## VISCOUNT

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Welcome as we quickly move into the fall season. Hopefully we stay in this season for awhile before moving into the winter season. Looking forward to all the Christmas craft fairs that seem to be coming up. It is amazing when you go into stores and one side is fall/Halloween then the other side is Christmas. Seems like everyone is rushing. Let us do one season at a time please, taking time to enjoy each and every one of them!

Speaking of seasons, I noticed hockey registration is happening soon. School will be starting, dance classes will be resuming and so will the beautiful colours of fall.

The Viscount Recreation Board raised approximately \$16,000 from the annual street dance. The proceeds are a reflection of the community and neighbouring communities of all the support they received through attending the dance, volunteering and sponsorship donations. Approximately 375 people attended. The band Long Shot put on a great show and a great barbecue was run by the Travel Club. The funds raised will help to maintain our community centre.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week!

## YOUNG

Pat Bryson • 306-259-4860

One more week of freedom, kids, before school starts. The summer flew by as it always does.

An earlier harvest is upon us, due to days of extreme heat with no rain. Combines are busy combining; truckers are busy trucking. We will remember to watch for and be cautious around large equipment on our grid roads and highways.

The Young Golden Age Club is selling tickets for a "Harvest Supper for 15 People" with draw date Sept. 13. Wouldn't winning that be a nice treat!

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jason, Rachelle and Kenzie Miller on the passing of Rachelle's father Aaron Garman. "Dad, deep in

our hearts you'll always stay. Loved and missed every day."

Is there anything more delicious than canned apple juice from your backyard apple tree or dill pickles from your garden cucumbers, all enjoyed as part of a meal on a cold winter day? I think about my grandmothers when the garden produce is ready; how they processed their vegetables and fruits with none of the modern conveniences we have today.

Have you heard the coyote chorus in the evenings? I believe the spring pups are trying out their singing voices. Come nightfall, they and our farm dog banter back and forth for hours. Enjoy your week!

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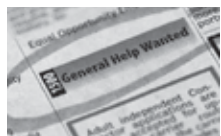
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## Obituary



**DAHL,  
Helen Bernice**

Helen Bernice (Mangels) Dahl was born on August 29, 1930 on the family farm near Carrot River and passed away at Manitou Lodge in Watrous on August 14, 2023, after a seven-year battle with Alzheimer’s Disease. She was the youngest child of Elmer and Elsa Mangels. Mom was the last surviving sibling to Delmar (Kay) Mangels, Doug (Lois and June) Mangels, Madeline (Jim) Hill, and Betty (Bart) Carroll.

As the disease progressed, she kept her friendly demeanor, caring personality, and her sense of humour. Last summer, she was making sure we all were happy with our lives and that everything was taken care of.

The love of her life, Earl Carmen Dahl, predeceased her on January 15, 2017. In her later years, she often talked about how much she missed Earl and that they had spent a lifetime together because they met when she was 18. She graduated with a grade 12 in Carrot River and went on to work at the Royal Bank there. She worked as a teller and became the first woman accountant in Saskatchewan with the RBC. Dad was the manager of a grocery store, and they met each other at a dance. They were smitten with each other and married on October 6, 1951. They moved from Carrot River to Saskatoon for a brief period. The next move to Watrous was to be permanent, and this is where they raised their family of three children: Dennis Dahl, Joyce (Brian) Boehr, and Beverly Dahl.

Mom was actively involved in the community by being a long-standing member of the United Church Ladies Unit 6, a member and president of the Kinettes and the K-Ettes, a member of the Watrous Figure Skating executive, a member of the Longlake Unit Band execu-

utive, a member of the Watrous Diabetic Association, a volunteer with Meals on Wheels well into her 80s, and the secretary treasurer for many groups including the condominium association where she lived. She had to give that up in 2018 due to Alzheimer’s. She was also an avid gardener throughout her life and continued to can tomatoes, make pickles, and tend the garden until 2009 when mom and dad moved to the condominium in 2010. Mom was also incredibly talented at sewing, and she sewed many of our clothes when we were younger. She continued to sew and try new things throughout her life. She was also an exceptionally good cook and baker. We were lucky enough to come home every noon hour during our school years to a home-cooked meal or arrive home after school to the smell of homemade buns. Mom also loved to read and there was always a small pile of books or magazines around. She continued to read the paper daily until last year. She had a wealth of knowledge. Mom and dad had such a close circle of friends that they continued to get together throughout the decades. Both mom and dad loved dancing, and it was quite common that they were out with friends on Saturday nights to Danceland. They also partook in many parties and gatherings with their friends. They had an extremely active social life. Friends and relatives knew they could drop in unannounced, and they would always be welcomed. Mom always cared for her family and friends. Whether it was phone calls, visits, helping with grandchildren or her adult children, she was so very generous with her time and love. She provided funds for her two Norwegian granddaughters, Inga-Lisa and Liv-Anita, to visit Canada every couple of years so that they would know their family. Having the grandsons, Steven and Calvin, come and stay at the family home in Watrous was a regular occurrence while the boys were young. She did regret that she felt too old to help much with grandson, Ole. She continued to send cards and make phone calls until she could not anymore due to Alzheimer’s. Mom was a beautiful woman inside and out. She is often described as friendly, nice, and classy. She always had her hair done and was well-dressed. Even in her later years, she would often ask

where her purse was because she may need her lipstick. She will be missed by many, but last summer she said many times that she had an exceptionally good life and was ready to go. She was not afraid of death and always knew that it was a natural part of life.

Mom and dad were blessed with five grandchildren: Inga-Lisa Dahl Hessel (Peter) in Norway, Liv-Anita Dahl Charles (Marvin) in Burnaby, Steven Boehr in Edmonton, Calvin Boehr (Edie) in Saskatoon, and Ole Dahl in Fort Qu’Appelle. Mom has three great-granddaughters who unfortunately she never got to meet in person because they live in Norway: Elina Hessel, Melinda Hessel, and Lillyana Hessel.

Mom’s memorial service will be Saturday, Oct. 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Watrous United Church with lunch to follow.

A private interment will take place later. We would like to give a special thank you to Lety Schalm who helped mom so much in so many ways in her later years. A special thank you to the owners and staff at Warm and Cozy in Saskatoon that provided mom with a wonderful place to live for four years while she needed more care but surprisingly did not qualify for public long-term care. Also, a special thank you to everyone at the Watrous District Health Complex (Manitou Lodge) in Watrous that cared for mom for the last 18 months.

Memorial donations directed to the Saskatchewan Alzheimer’s Association or to the Manitou Lodge Recreation Department would be appreciated.

Cards of condolences can be sent to Fotheringham-McDougall Funeral Service, Box 507, Watrous, Sask. S0K 4T0.

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Pre-ordered School Supply Kits are now available for pick up.

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# TWM's Faces in the Community



## Lifeguards at Watrous Swimming Pool

As summer approached a new season commenced at the Watrous Swimming Pool. With an eager staff ready to embark on the upcoming year, once the pool was filled with water, the group made a splash in 2023. In addition to teaching swimming lessons throughout June, July, and August, the team also kept an eye on swimmers during the summer as they took advantage of public swimming.

The final public swim was scheduled for Aug. 25 as SWAMP was held to celebrate the last day of swimming with games and a barbecue. The following day a puppy pool party was slated to take place as dogs and their owners were invited to spend part of the morning at the pool.

With the season wrapped up, Watrous Recreation Director Chelsea Murfitt said, "I can't put into words how much I appreciate the Watrous Swimming Pool Staff of 2023. Lead by Tanner Sperling as manager, and Jacee Mensch as assistant manager, summer 2023 might be one of my favourites yet!"

Greatly appreciating the lifeguards for making it so easy to be their boss, Murfitt said, "You did an incredible job this summer, and I continue to get compliments on the job you are doing. Watrous is so lucky to have such a responsible, caring group of young people watching over the kids of our community. Good Luck with your schooling this upcoming year, and I hope to see you for summer 2024!"

The lifeguard staff of 2023, pictured back row (left to right): Blake Morelli, Tyson Anderson, Chase Rheaume, Burke Bartko, Tanner Sperling, Annaka Miettinen, Brock Holmstrom, and Rykin Holmstrom. Pictured front row (left to right): Erin Barrie, Maya Collins, Marissa Miettinen, Bryn Mensch, Emma Schindel, and Makaila Lawrence. Missing: Jacee Mensch and Kennedy Rheaume.

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Responsibility (WUQWATR).  
Mattick is a board member of WUQWATR, a non-profit organization formed in 2008 that promotes watershed stewardship in the Upper Qu'Appelle and Wascana watersheds of Saskatchewan. WUQWATR extends more than 23,443

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square kilometres and includes over 109 communities from Regina to Humboldt and from Central Butte to Tyvan.  
To join the Little Manitou Lake Stewardship Group, people can contact Mattick at [b.mattick@sasktel.net](mailto:b.mattick@sasktel.net) or to join WUQWATR, people can contact Nathan Avery at [nathan@wuqwatr.ca](mailto:nathan@wuqwatr.ca).



# TWM AROUND THE WORLD



► This week's TWM Around the World heads to the birthplace of the Titanic. The Carlson crew (Dean on the left with wife Diana and Betty on the right with sister Judy and her daughter Virginia) visited Belfast, Ireland recently as part of a two week tour of Scotland and Ireland. Along with the group, Betty mentioned Cindy Connick, Robert Beatty and Joanne Kowalski also took part in the trip. With a visit to the Titanic Experience, Betty brought along an edition of TWM. Thanks for thinking of TWM during your travels!

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## Danceland Presents

### Rock and Roll Weekend

Sept 1 - Harry Startup  
Sept 2 - England

Sept 9 - Wadena Dixielanders

Polka Fest

Sept 15 - Dennis + Curtis Ficor  
Sept 16 - Ficors and Zaysheyly Band  
Sept 17 - Polka Mass

Sept 23 - Brothers of the Road  
Sept 30 - Local Band Feature  
Oct 6-7-8 Kids/Family Weekend

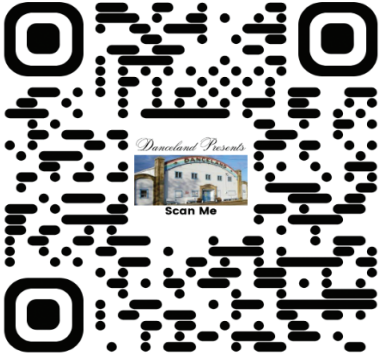
Oct 13 - Kelly Taylor Dinner and Comedy Show  
In Partnership With Watrous Winterhawks

Oct 14 - TBD  
Oct 21 - TBD  
Oct 28 - Private Wedding  
Oct 31 - Halloween Toonie Night!

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