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Prestigious medals given to area residents

■ Daniel Bushman

A number of local area residents were bestowed with a tremendous and very well-deserving honour as they received Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medals. Joined at the Saskatchewan Legislative Building in Regina by MLA for Arm River Dana Skoropad, those recognized during the Jan. 27 event were all smiles as they accepted their medals for their many contributions and service to their communities and province.

Of the recipients from the Arm River constituency, a number are familiar faces. Those who received medals in Regina or who were unable to make the ceremony but were recognized representing the local area were: Laverne Deibert of Holdfast, Donna Edwards of Nokomis, Lawrence Edwards of Nokomis, Bruce Elke of Jansen, Gayle Fahlman of Holdfast, Shirley Flostrand of Imperial, Brett Halstead of Nokomis, Linda Kinzel of Jansen, Elmer Kinzel of Jansen, Ian McNichol of Nokomis, Darin Pedersen of Lockwood, Sheri Pedersen of Lockwood, Sir Arthur Ramshaw of Nokomis, Roxanne Schindel of Jansen, and Larry Schindel of Jansen.

MLA for Arm River Dana Skoropad shared it was a tremendous day and the perfect opportunity to recognize local people. "Communities are made great not by their roads, rinks, schools, and halls, but rather they are made great because of the people that fill them. That is those people who selflessly and generously give of their service to others. It was a tremendous honour for me to help recognize so many inspirational individuals with a Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal."

Given to those who have made contributions to Canada, Saskatchewan, or to a particular region or community, the medal was created to celebrate the 70th anniversary year of Her Majesty, the late Queen Elizabeth II's Accession to the Throne. It was also made as a tangible way for the province of Saskatchewan to honour Her Majesty for her service to Canada.

Along with those residing in the local area, the remaining Arm River constituents receiving medals included: Kevin Acton from Saskatoon, Maureen Applin from Outlook, Sandra Bathgate from Central Butte, Lyle Bennett from Chamberlain, Grant Berger from Central Butte, Jim Braman from Raymore, Terry Brennan from Riverhurst, Joanne Brochu from Elbow, Rhae Ann Bromley from Moose Jaw, Timothy Bruch from Davidson, Darrell Crabbe from Moose Jaw, Cory Dean from Davidson, Dixie Dean from Davidson, Ed Denman from Raymore, Lynda Dyck from Quinton, Joanne Fedyk from

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Tremendous honour

► Selflessly and generously giving of their time, a number of constituents representing Arm River were bestowed with a Queen Elizabeth

II Platinum Jubilee Medal. Those able to make the ceremony Jan. 27 in Regina are pictured above.

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Concept designs and cost unveiled for Main Street revitalization project

■ Daniel Bushman

An information session regarding the future of Main Street in Watrous took place Feb. 6 as concept images on the revitalization project were unveiled and an approximate cost and timeline were shared. With a handful of business owners, members from the Town of Watrous administration and council, and residents in attendance, the group heard from Catterall &

Wright consulting about the potential of the project.

With a plan to revitalize Main Street in Watrous, specifically on the #100, #200, and #300 blocks, those at the Monday evening meeting learned about the decision to see the core of the community updated.

With the infrastructure aging, Watrous Mayor John Gunderson shared that in 2019 Watrous Town Council hired the engineering services of Catterall & Wright to provide insight into the Main Street Rehabilitation Project. The firm, which recently undertook a similar project in Biggar, suggested in order to do a full rehabilitation, a new water main replacement, water and sewer service replacement, road construction and curb, gutter and new sidewalk needed to be completed.

Observing 200,000 plus visitors to the area on an annual basis, Gunderson shared that with the current condition of Main Street

in Watrous, council felt it was in the best interest of the community to try and move forward with the substantial project.

"I think the revitalization enhances our Main Street and allows us to maybe attract some new businesses," said Gunderson. "As we call it revitalization, it should be exactly that and we are looking forward to that."

Wanting to bring new life to Main Street, Catterall & Wright unveiled a concept plan and ideas which would create new opportunities. The consulting engineers proposed on the #100 block to create streetscaping which would be nice and bright while promoting pedestrian activity. Sidewalks would extend to three metres (currently they are 2.4 m) wide on both sides of the street. Angle parking would remain and new light fixtures would be added. Other elements would also be offered like bumpouts at both ends to provide a safer place for pedestrians. Spots for things like benches, bike racks and trash receptacles would also be created.

Hoping to bring a theme to speak to Watrous, the second block would be unique in that it would have a mid-block crossing where the Watrous Pharmacy and Affinity Credit Union are located. Citing that is

a higher traffic area for pedestrians, the crossing would provide a safe access point and like the #100 block, bumpouts and other spaces for things like benches, bike racks and trash receptacles would be added.

Moving to the #300 block, like the #100 block, it would be similar, allowing for lots of lighting and space for benches. Even with the bumpouts and wider sidewalks, the consulting engineers shared there would be ample space for vehicles to utilize the road and angle park. Light standards along Main Street would also have wiring placed underground during the construction phase.

With more space along the sidewalks, options for benches, trash receptacles, bike racks, hanging flower plants and furniture options, the firm shared they would help beautify and rejuvenate the space along all three blocks.

After explaining the concept plans and work as a whole, Watrous Town Administrator Orrin Redden said the entire project which includes the replacement of the water mains, water/sewer services and curb, gutter and new sidewalks would total approximately \$2.7 million (a little over \$500,000 was already spent

for the water mains and water/sewer services). With some of that work already completed, Redden explained it was covered by the Town of Watrous.

Utilizing funding through the provincial government's Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP) to support investments in infrastructure and to stimulate economic recovery, the replacement of the water mains on the three blocks in 2020 was paid for by the town with funds through MEEP. Then in the 2022 budget, council approved replacing the water/sewer services along the three blocks which was also covered by the town through its operating budget.

"So essentially the Town of Watrous is paying about \$1.6 million and property owners will be covering approximately \$1.1 million.

The town is also a property owner and will cover its share for the library, senior centre and the vacant property between Affinity Credit Union and RBC Royal Bank Watrous."

Understanding the cost is significant and will be shared, Gunderson said, "The way we see it is we are probably going to be paying about 60 percent of the project and the business owners 40 percent. Compared to residential

streets, if someone was getting new pavement and curbing and so forth, they pay 100 percent, so I think what we have proposed is a good thing."

Breaking down the cost for business owners using data and expenses as current as possible, once decided Redden said the Town of Watrous will provide business owners with a prepay selection and either a 10 year payment plan or 15 year option. Depending on whether council decides on the 10 or 15 year option, Redden noted property owners will also be able to prepay all or part of their share if they choose. "Any amount that is not prepaid will be amortized on the 10 or 15 year payment plan, depending on what option council approves."

Allowing prepayment and paying over a longer term with six percent interest, Gunderson hopes those will be fair. "The option is there over the 15 years which has been proposed and we hope that is not too much of a financial burden to be added onto their property taxes. I know with smaller businesses that can be a challenge but I hope that would be enough to help them."

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RESORT VILLAGE OF MANITOU BEACH CLOSURE OF ROADS WITHIN WELLINGTON PARK

NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Resort Village of Manitou Beach intends to adapt a bylaw pursuant to Section 13 of the The Municipality Act, to close roads and portions of roads within the Wellington Park Boundary.

INTENT

The proposed bylaw will close to close roads and portions of roads within the Wellington Park Boundary.

AFFECTED LAND

The road closures are described as:

- Close a portion of the lane St/L 2-Plan G500 Ext 0 between the NE corner of Lot 13-Blk/Par D-Plan G500 Ext 0 and the NE corner of Lot 18-Blk/Par D-Plan G500 Ext 0.
- Close a portion of the lane St/L 2-Plan G500 Ext 0 between the NE corner of Lot 18-Blk/Par D-Plan G500 Ext 0 and the SE corner of Lot 18-Blk/Par D-Plan G500 Ext 0.
- Close a portion of the lane St/L 3-Plan G500 Ext 0 from its western end to the NE corner of Lot 18-Blk/Par D-Plan G500 Ext 0.

of Lot 23-Blk/Par E-Plan G500 Ext 0.

- Close a portion of the street St/L 60-Plan G19 Ext 0 from its western end to the SE corner of Lot 25-Blk/Par E-Plan G500 Ext 0.
- Close a portion of the lane St/L 30-Plan G19 Ext 0 from its western end to the SW corner of Lot 20-Blk/Par 30-Plan G19 Ext 0.
- Close a portion of the street St/L 59-Plan G19 Ext 0 from its western end to the NE corner of Lot 36-Blk/Par 10-Plan G19 Ext 0.
- Close a portion of the lane St/L 25-Plan G19 Ext 0 from its western end to the NE corner of Lot 15-Blk/Par 10-Plan G19 Ext 0.
- Close a portion of the street St/L 58-Plan G19 Ext 0 from its western end to the NE corner of Lot 8-Blk/Par 10-Plan G19 Ext 0.
- Close a portion of the lane St/L 24-Plan G19 Ext 0 from its western end to the SE corner of Lot 8-Blk/Par 9-Plan G19 Ext 0.
- Close a portion of the lane St/L 24-Plan G19 Ext 0 from its western end to the SE corner of Lot 8-Blk/Par 9-Plan G19 Ext 0.

Removed closure at request of council on second reading.

- Close the street segment St/L 53-Plan G19 Ext 0.

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- Close the street segment St/L 55-Plan G19 Ext 0.

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- Close the street segment St/L 54-Plan G19 Ext 0.

- Close the street segment St/L 9-Plan G19 Ext 0.

- Close a portion of the street the street segment St/L 52-Plan G19 Ext 0 from its northern end to the SW, corner of Lot 13-Blk/Par 9-Plan G19 Ext 0.

- Close the street segment St/L 50-Plan G19 Ext 0.

REASON

A proposed Wellington Park boundary was given to the Village's Council by the Parks

Committee. With recommendations from both Council and Community Planning a Wellington Park Boundary has been established. The proposed bylaw will provide a path for the creation of two land surface parcels that will formally define Wellington Park.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the municipal office at 701 Lakeview Avenue, Manitou Beach between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday or Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on 27 February, 2023, at 2:00 PM at 701 Lakeview Avenue, Manitou Beach 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 municipal office before the hearing.



“RCMP Report”

Trio face charges

Stanley Mission RCMP were assisting a partner agency at a residence in Stanley Mission Feb. 1. Officers located and seized a handgun with its serial number removed, a bag of cannabis and a sum of cash. As a result of continued investigation, La Ronge RCMP's General Investigation Section executed a search warrant at the residence later that day. Officers located and seized approximately 72 grams of crack cocaine, packaged into individual baggies.

Three individuals were arrested at the residence. Nineteen-year-old Tarig Idris from Saskatoon, 22-year-old Mackenzie Cannapato from Onion Lake and 30-year-old Tracy Ballantyne from Stanley Mission are each charged with: one count, possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; one count, unauthorized possession of a firearm, Section 91(3), Criminal Code; one count, unsafe storage of a firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code; and one count, possession of a firearm with a tampered serial number, Section 108(2), Criminal Code.

Snowmobile collision

At approximately 2:45 a.m. Feb. 5, Smeaton RCMP received a report of a single snowmobile collision near Fairway Drive in Candle Lake. The adult male driver and sole occupant on the snowmobile passed

away at the scene. He has been identified as a 34-year-old male from Martensville. Smeaton RCMP continues to investigate in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Coroners Service.

Arrests made after flight from police

Feb. 7, 2023 at approximately 6:45 p.m., Cut Knife RCMP received a report that a male wanted for being unlawfully at large was travelling in a vehicle in their detachment area.

Officers located the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop. The vehicle did not stop and officers pursued it onto Hwy. 16. A tire deflation device was set up. The suspect vehicle drove over it and its tires were deflated.

The vehicle continued on Hwy. 16 at a high rate of speed, before coming to a stop outside of Waseca.

Officers demanded that the two occupants exit the vehicle. They did not comply.

Saskatchewan RCMP's Critical Incident Response Team was engaged. Officers attempted negotiations with the occupants, then used non-lethal intervention techniques to safely arrest them without injury. Further investigation determined the vehicle had been reported as stolen in Edmonton, Alta.

Twenty-nine-year-old Nakota Pooyak from Sweetgrass First Nation and 32-year-old Warren Littlewolfe from Edmonton are each charged with: one count, flight from police, Section 320.17, Criminal Code; one count, possession of stolen property, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; and one count, resist/obstruct peace officer, Section 129, Criminal Code.

Pooyak was also arrested on a warrant for being unlawfully at large. Hwy. 16 was closed for approximately six hours during this incident.

Cut Knife RCMP, Battlefords RCMP, Maidstone RCMP, Lloydminster RCMP, Saskatchewan RCMP's Warrant Enforcement Response Team and Roving Traffic Unit, Lloydminster Rescue Squad, Wilton Police Service and the Province of Saskatchewan's Protection and Response Team and Ministry of Highways assisted with this investigation.

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Saskatoon, Dennis Fuglerud from Broderick, Lin Gallagher from Regina, Kenneth Galloway from Central Butte, Barbara Glubis from Strongfield, Mary Lynne Golphy from Davidson, Brian Gottselig from Chamberlain, Brent Griffin from Elbow, Penny Gustafson from Riverhurst, Colleen Hoppenreys from Elbow, Karla Horvath from Raymore, Lorne Horvath from Raymore, Betty Hutchinson from LaRonge, Al Klassen from Central Butte, Malcolm Koncz from Raymore, Lyle Kowalski from Bladworth, Leslie Kroeger from Hanley, Rick Letts from Saskatoon, Lavonne Lyke from Davidson, Ian McCreary from Bladworth, Amy McNeil from Saskatoon, John McPhail from Outlook, Gordon McRae from Davidson, Aaron McRae from Craik, Mary Jane Morrison from Davidson, Rita Morrow from Raymore, Larry Packet from Davidson, Richard Pederson from Outlook, Joel Perry

from Elbow, Robert Reid from Outlook, Lloyd Saul from Semans, James Schmit from Davidson, Mary Smillie from Bladworth, Harold Sokyrka from Saskatoon, Dave Spelliscy from Davidson, Colleen Spelliscy from Davidson, Kegan Summers from Riverhurst, Vanessa Tastad from Loreburn, Allison Tetlow from Regina, Amanda Tichit from Davidson, Doug Vollmer from Loreburn, Donald Willner from Davidson, Deborah Wisniewski from Bethune, Carol Woolsey from Moose Jaw and Phil Wrubleski from Saskatoon.

Those receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medals in Regina representing the Arm River constituency are part of 7,000 people within the province who are being recognized at ceremonies with the prestigious honour during the Platinum Jubilee year.

■ media release

For Toonie Tuesday fans of all ages and those who love to dance, Danceland at Manitou Beach will be opening its doors not only for a fun evening but one that aims to raise funds for TeleMiracle.

Danceland's Millie Strueby said the Feb. 18 event which will be held during the Saturday evening is open to kids and adults of all ages. "We want this to be a fun and family friendly event filled with lots of music, entertainment, silent auction items and a way to support a great cause."

Kids can take part in the chicken dance, hokey pokey, Macarena and more. "People can learn some dance steps or they can make up their own."

With a charge to get into the Fun-O-Rama, Strueby said the Feb. 18 evening at Manitou Beach will be a fun and memorable one. "We are excited to be able to support TeleMiracle through this event and hope to see many people able to make it out."

we appreciate everyone able to come lend their support for a good cause."

With all of the proceeds going towards TeleMiracle, a number of silent auction items have already been donated and Strueby said if others would like to contribute they can drop items off at Manitou Mini Mart. "The theme song for TeleMiracle is, 'Today I'm Going to Try and Change the World,' and we want to try and do that by our kindness through this event. Children's fun starts at 7 p.m. and the hall will be sanctioned off to also allow for adult dancing. After an hour of children's fun, the hall will be open to an evening of dance to a wide variety of music performed by many local musicians."

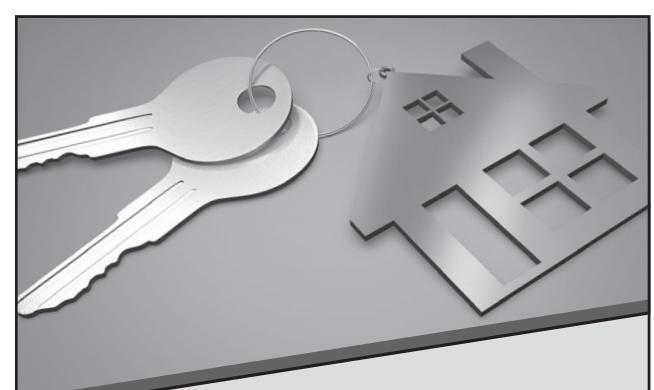
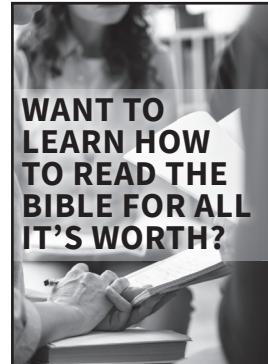
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Opinion



Time to fix the math on inflation

■ MP Fraser Tolmie for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre-Lanigan

Why inflation is hurting Canadians, and how we can stop it

My office has been receiving calls, emails, and letters from straight across our large riding, expressing deep concerns about the rising cost of living, an economy that is not reaching its true potential, and a government that simply isn't listening to the needs of Saskatchewan. Among a long list of issues, inflation seems to stand out as hitting Canadian families the hardest, and people in my riding specifically. People are struggling to make ends meet and the government's current approach simply isn't working.

Inflation is hitting Canadians hard. Canadians who never previously required any kind of charity or assistance are now lining up at food banks because they can't afford both rent and groceries. In many cases, people are now taking multiple jobs and working unreasonable hours simply to keep themselves and their families housed and fed. Seniors, students, and other people on fixed incomes often have few (if any) options to earn more, forcing them to change their diets, move homes to save on rent or mortgage payments, and make other sacrifices. In a country as prosperous as Canada, working people, seniors, students, and those starting their careers shouldn't have to make such extreme sacrifices to merely get by with the basic essentials.

Inflation has driven up the cost of housing, food, fuel, home heating, and so much more. To make a bad situation worse, many Canadian families are now struggling to pay their mortgages under the highest interest rates in a generation. With higher prices for essentials and higher costs of borrowing, the candle is being burnt at both ends. While some rate hikes were inevitable due in part to eight years of historically irresponsible government deficit spending, raising interest rates cannot be the only solution to combating inflation. With the government's current approach, we risk finding ourselves in the nightmare scenario of "stagflation": economic stagnation and inflation at the same time.

The only lasting solution to inflation is true economic growth, which comes from producing more goods and services. Canada must produce more of what the world desperately needs, like natural resource products and

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Neighbourly advice according to Ed

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

I admit patience has always been a luxury I've ignored. If there were a test for patience, I would test negative. However, I understand that patience accepts or tolerates delay, trouble or suffering without

getting angry or upset. Exercising patience is my weakness; bearing provocation, annoyance, misfortune, pain without complaint, loss of temper, irritation or the like challenges me.

1 Corinthians 13:4 says, "Love is patient." The Greek word for patience is descriptive, figuratively meaning "taking a long time to boil." I admire those folks who take a long time to show impatience. A pot boils quickly or slowly, depending upon the intensity of the heat under the pot. Some people have a low heat response when provoked, facing misfortune, delays, etc. Taking a long time boil

is not something I have mastered yet.

Is patience the backbone of the Christian life? Are Christians asked to closely follow the example of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and Lord? He showed that he could wait, persevere, hold out, and endure to the end. He was able to accept the limitations of his time and place. He was content to be the Lamb of God, led to the cross to take away the sin of the world by his suffering and death there.

Jesus might have become impatient with the refusal of those who doubted, resented and slandered him. Yet, he did not seek their harm or death as those

determined to kill him.

Philippians 2:5-8 says, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!"

Patience is a hard discipline. It means seeing beyond the present circumstance. It means bearing up under the worse that life brings our way. It

Solutions and Substitutions



Tips from Reena Nerbas

a month. A small amount of baking soda and water will remove minor marks. Purchase water-based cleaner for thorough shoe cleaning.

Dear Reena,

My four-year-old son left Playdough on the carpet. I tried to vacuum it, but it stuck to the vacuum and it also smeared further into the carpet. Help! Pam

Dear Pam,

When it comes to Playdough on carpet, the trick is to let it dry completely before trying to remove it. Once dry, attach the dust attachment to the hose on your vacuum and suck up the pieces. Use Head and Shoulders Dandruff shampoo and water to clean up any remaining pieces.

Dear Reena,

I have 40-year-old feather pillows my mom made. Can they still be used? Phyllis

Dear Phyllis,

Consider opening the seams and inspecting the feathers to make sure that they have not disintegrated. If the feathers are not black, the pillow should be fine after a good cleaning. Wash the pillows according to the directions on the label or hand or machine wash the pillows and fluff.

Dear Reena,

I make homemade pasta sauce using tomatoes from my garden. The problem is the sauce has a weird acidic taste. Is it garbage? Velma

Dear Velma,

If a tomato-based sauce becomes too acidic add a teaspoon of baking soda at a time to the sauce to reduce the acidity. Some cooks prefer to add sugar for the same reason. Sugar can also reduce acidity of tomatoes used in salads.

Dear Reena,

Are there any tricks for keeping my white canvas shoes white? Thanks, Alfonzo

Dear Alfonzo,

Begin by applying a canvas shoe protector that protects the fabric from liquid. Reapply the protector twice a month. A small amount of baking soda and water will remove minor marks. Purchase water-based cleaner for thorough shoe cleaning.

Dear Reena,

I am not much of a baker, but now that I am a grandma, I want to bake my grandchildren brownies. Without making them from scratch, do you have any ideas for how I can make cake box brownies taste homemade? Esther

Dear Esther,

Purchase a boxed brownie mix, bake them according to the directions on the box. Consider adding a handful of chocolate or vanilla chips to the mix. The easiest way to give boxed brownies your own flare is by topping them with vanilla ice cream and sprinkles. You can also purchase store bought chocolate icing and then add sprinkles to the icing. When brownies are warm, they always taste great!

Feedback from Fine Contributors

Re: devilled eggs

• I just read your recent article and I have a problem with your suggestion to use a sealable bag to squeeze the egg yolks into the whites. Why contribute to such unnecessary plastic waste when two teaspoons would serve the purpose? Maybe not quite so pretty, but certainly environmentally superior. Shirley

Re: cleaning a dishwasher

• Just another tip to clean your dishwasher. Set your hot water tank to at least 140°. Use a preliminary dishwasher detergent such as Cascade Plutonium, run the cycle as normal. Anonymous

Vegan food hints

• Blended up cashews make a creamy white sauce for meals.

• Instead of using mayonnaise on burgers, use blended avocado.

• Make your own vegan buttermilk by adding one tablespoon white vinegar to any non-dairy milk.

• Instead of an egg, use half a banana in vegan recipes.

• Make your own vegan whipping cream by whipping cold refrigerated coconut milk with a mixer.

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

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Have patience. Not a meltdown!

is taking what life offers, even if it means suffering. When things are difficult, resentment, doubt, and frustration may take over. Some folks feed on bitterness, others give up, but many lash out at others.

When they crucified Jesus between two criminals, he prayed, "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34). We do not know what God is doing when our patience is tested. Yet, we focus on being patient, as it is our hope for the future, no matter what God is doing in our lives, whether good or bad. We know of Christ's resurrection and patiently anticipate God's future good to come to us.

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Playoffs arrive in LLHL as league awards announced

■ Daniel Bushman

Competing throughout the Long Lake Hockey League regular season, teams geared up for a playoff run as Wynyard (first) faced Watrous (eighth), Davidson (second) met Lanigan (seventh), LeRoy (third) took on Foam Lake (sixth) and Wadena (fourth) played Drake (fifth).

Games got underway in round one of a best of three series format Feb. 1.

With three contests on Wednesday, Davidson beat Lanigan 6-2, LeRoy defeated Foam Lake 8-3 and Wynyard won over Watrous 8-0.

Drake and Wadena squared off Feb. 3 in game one of that series with Wadena coming away with a 4-1 victory. Game two went Feb. 5 and it was Wadena edging the Canucks in Drake 3-2 to advance to the next round.

Watrous hosted Wynyard in its second game of the series Feb. 7 while Foam Lake welcomed LeRoy. In Watrous, the Winterhawks

built up a two goal lead in the first period and led 4-2 through two. In the third, Wynyard tallied twice to send the game into overtime but in the extra frame, Watrous collected the winner and tied the series at one with a 5-4 win. During the contest the Reg Preston Memorial MVP Award was also handed out to netminder Adam Dmyterko as the most valuable player for Watrous this year.

Game three was held Feb. 8 back in Wynyard. In that one, Wynyard collected a goal in the first period and two in the second before Watrous replied with a marker early in period three. With the game 3-1 Monarchs, Wynyard scored two more times to win 5-1, advancing to the next round.

Game two for the Pirates also went Feb. 8 as Davidson headed to Lanigan. In that contest, the Pirates notched a pair of goals in the second period to lead 2-1 but the Cyclones managed to notch a couple of their



own in period three to win 3-2. The loss eliminated Lanigan from the LLHL playoffs.

Meanwhile, as the LLHL regular season came to a close and playoffs ramped up, the league awards were also announced. Selected by votes from teams in the league, Lanigan's Mack Shields was named MVP, Wynyard's Kohl Bauml was named Most Gentlemanly, Wynyard's Jesse Forsberg was named Top Defenseman, and Davidson's Darren Ebenal was named Coach of the Year.



►With a win over Lanigan to end the Long Lake Hockey League regular season (above), the Watrous Winterhawks met first place Wynyard in round one of the LLHL playoffs. After dropping game one, Watrous forced a third game after a big win on home ice. In game three, the Monarchs were able to take the series with a 5-1 win. During game two, Watrous recognized netminder Adam Dmyterko as he was named the Reg Preston Memorial MVP Award winner for this season (left).

■ above photo by Daniel Bushman, left photo submitted

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WVC U13 take silver

► Along with over 30 teams, the Watrous Volleyball Club U13 contingent competed in Warman Feb. 4 and 5 as part of the SaskCup. Facing Tier 1 clubs from throughout the province, WVC went undefeated Saturday and continued its momentum into Sunday, remaining undefeated heading into the semifinal. In the Sunday afternoon contest, WVC won in a hard fought three sets to advance to the final. In the championship, Watrous faced a

tough team from Lloydminster, coming away with a silver medal. Pictured back row (left to right): coach Brandon Coward, coach Renee Campbell, Abbie Schindel, Ashlynn Coward, Bella Abrey, Ava Morelli, Kellie Campbell, and manager Jodi Abrey. Pictured front row (left to right): Natalie Bushman, Reilly Huisman, Jaylynn Terry, Amy Campbell, and Makenna Wingrove. Missing: Julia Saunders.

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Watrous hosts pre-district curling

■ Daniel Bushman

The Watrous Curling Club was rocking Monday as high school curling teams rolled to the community looking to turn in a successful day of competition.

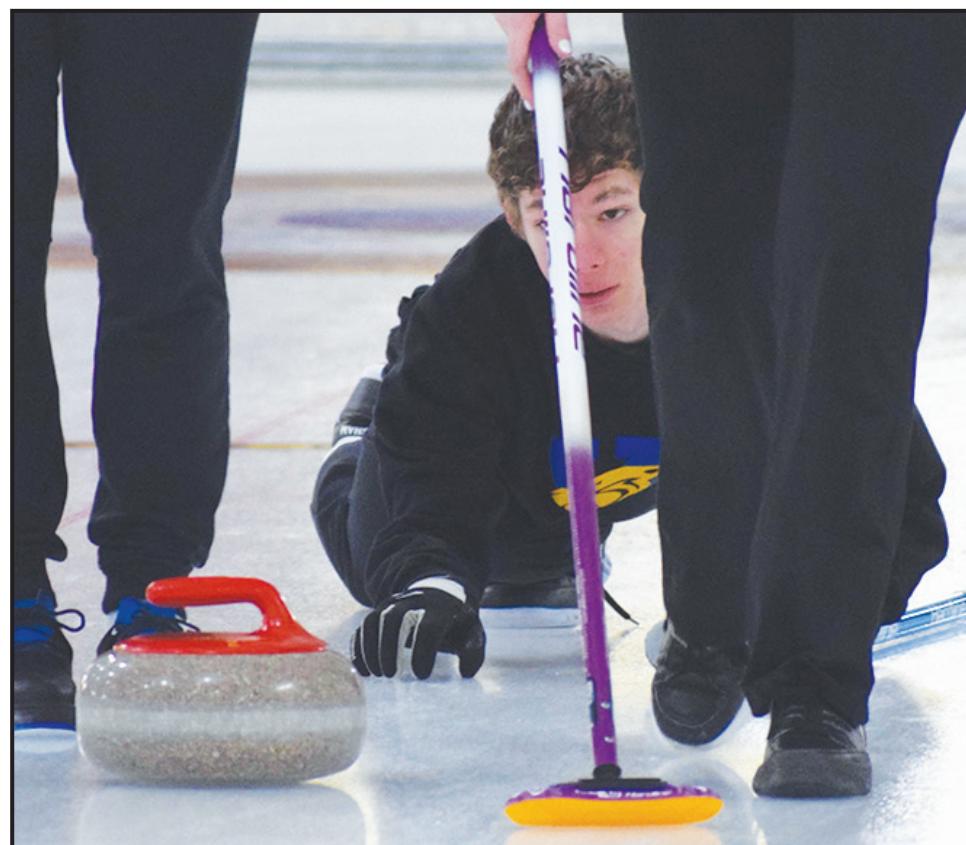
With Mixed, Boys and Girls pre-district action Feb. 6, a number of local rinks were represented including Watrous who advanced to districts in the Mixed event.

Sliding into the morning draw, Watrous faced Humboldt Two in the Mixed competition and collected a win to advance to the next round. In the other bracket, it was Humboldt One defeating Imperial to set up a Watrous and Humboldt One A side final. In that game, the Wildcats came away with the victory and a berth to districts. Imperial meanwhile met Humboldt Two on the B side but were unable to get past the rink.

On the Girls side, Watson defeated LeRoy in its first draw to set up a contest against Lanigan. In that game, Watson defeated Lanigan to capture the A side. Dropping to the B side, Lanigan faced LeRoy and it would be LeRoy who collected the win to advance to districts.

A pair of Lanigan teams competed on the Boys side with Lanigan One losing to Humboldt and Lanigan Two losing to Watson in their opening draws. With both rinks on the B side, the pair faced each other and it was Lanigan One who advanced. Meeting Watson, Lanigan One continued its momentum with another victory setting up a game against Humboldt in the B side final. In that contest, it would end up being Humboldt who won to advance to districts.

Those advancing to districts were scheduled to be in Wadena Feb. 10 and 11.



Ready to roll

► Competing on familiar ice, the Winston High School mixed curling team swept into Horizon pre-districts taking aim at a berth to districts. With a win over Humboldt Two (pictured), the rink defeated Humboldt One in the A side final, moving on to districts Feb. 10 and 11 in Wadena.

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Playing at home

► Hosting its own tournament Feb. 3 and 4, the Winston Wildcats Senior Boys basketball team welcomed seven other clubs to Watrous to compete for top spot. In the opening matches, Watrous beat Humboldt, St. Brieux defeated Davidson, Unity beat Norquay and VCA Osler was victorious over Lake Lenore. On the consolation side of the bracket, Norquay beat Davidson while Lake Lenore upended Humboldt. Those results had Humboldt over Davidson for seventh place while Lake Lenore beat Norquay in the consolation final. On the championship side, Unity defeated St. Brieux and VCA Osler beat Watrous in an overtime contest. In the bronze medal game, St. Brieux beat Watrous while VCA Osler took home top spot, defeating Unity. Coach of the Winston High Wildcats John Koupantsis said the Wildcats entered their home tournament on a high having won the Dalmeny tournament and recently finishing second in Norquay. Providing a recap of his team's play, Koupantsis said, "In our opening game against HCI (Humboldt), a team that we are familiar with, we came out strong. We built a lead and never relinquished it. Our second game was against VCA Osler, the team that beat us in the final in Norquay. We played a tough game, coming back twice against the reigning provincial champs from 15 point deficits. With a late push by our boys, we took the game to overtime. We came up just short of a big upset with a final score of 77-68. In the third place game against St. Brieux, we played a game that went back and forth for four quarters. We came up a bit short, losing 63-60. We really appreciated all of the fans who came out and cheered us on!!" © photos by Daniel Bushman

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The Colonsay Recreation Committees are looking for new members for sports grounds, hall, pool and rink.

Volunteers are needed for the kitchen at the rink. Contact the town office. Organizations who are looking to fundraise money can do so for a 10 hour day.

More volunteers are needed by the Colonsay Rec Board for upcoming bingos at City Centre Bingo (Saskatoon). Contact Amanda Padlesky.

New members are needed for the Colonsay Lions Club to provide more recreational events for our community. Contact Sierra Quirk for more information.

Story hour for children age three and four will start Tuesday, Mar. 14 at the Wheatland Colonsay Library.

Recreational gymnastics will be held at the Colonsay School Wednesday evenings February to April.

Joan Campbell spent a few days visiting her cousin Norma Sparrow in Saskatoon.

Bev Garner from Saskatoon spent Thursday, Feb. 2 visiting friends in Colonsay. She spent the afternoon visiting her daughter-in-law Lauren and granddaughter Claya. Bev joined the seniors for supper at Simply Kitchen.

Eleven senior members met at Simply Kitchen Feb. 2 for supper. A short meeting was held after supper.

Our sympathy to the Adam Auger family on the passing of their son Dylan Auger in a fatal house fire in town. Adam has expressed his appreciation to the Colonsay Fire Department for their hard work. They showed compassion and ethics that prove what a strong community we live in. Dylan passed away before the fire department arrived. Dylan was 29. All that was left was damage prevention and they did an admirable job.

Counting time is not so important as making time count.

(from page four: INFLATION)

agricultural goods, while cutting waste and reckless spending from the federal government to keep more money in the real-world economy. That can only happen under a government that empowers producers through smart, collaborative regulation, instead of imposing layers

upon layers of tax and red tape, suffocating growth.

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devaluation. Many people in Saskatchewan are hurting, and my Conservative colleagues and I are both listening to and acting on your concerns. Our leader and our party's goal is to transform that hurt into hope, offering an alternative vision for Canada's future and working hard to

implement the leadership changes necessary to pursue those bold ambitions in the next election. We have a plan to get Canada on the right track, give you back control over your lives, and ensure that the next generation inherits a bright future instead of stagnation and burdensome debt.

Local area to be represented at Sask. Winter Games

■ Daniel Bushman

With hard work, determination and perseverance, a group of local area athletes, coaches and mission staff will be representing team Prairie Central at this year's Saskatchewan Winter Games.

Taking place in Regina Feb. 19 to 25, the Saskatchewan Winter Games will include nine district teams, 16 sports spanning over seven days, and over 1,800 participants. With 120 athletes, 38 coaches and managers and 10 mission staff, team Prairie Central is hoping to make an impact at this year's Winter Games.

From that contingent, there are a number of familiar faces to the local area who will be competing, coaching, managing or part of the mission staff. They include (listed by sport):

Tamia and Xander Kiefer of Lanigan who will be competing in Alpine Skiing; Danny Strauss of Simpson who will be competing in Biathlon; Kerry Hecker of Simpson who will be coaching Biathlon; Riley Richels

of Lanigan who will be competing in Bowling Special Olympics; Owen Whitrow of Colonsay who will be competing in Weightlifting; Jill Roxas from Allan who will be competing in Weightlifting; Mya Freyling of Clavet who will be competing in Futsal F; Jeffrey Freyling of Clavet who will be coaching Futsal F; Alexander Callin of Lanigan who will be competing in Futsal M; Kyler Lone of Lanigan who will be competing in Futsal M; Reilly Huisman of Watrous who will be competing in Judo; Glen Miller of Watrous who will be managing Judo; Makayla Nelson of Stalwart who will be competing in Target Shooting; Ethan Robinson of Imperial who will be competing in Target Shooting; Danny Strauss of Simpson who will be competing in Target Shooting; Xander Hamilton of Lanigan who will be competing in Target Shooting; Lowell Strauss of Simpson who will be coaching Target Shooting; Terri Hamilton of Lanigan who will be managing Target Shooting; Jill Roxas of Allan who will be competing in Wrestling; and Vickie Clarke of Manitou Beach who is the mission staff representative for curling.

YOUNG

Pat Bryson • 306-259-4860

The famous rink burger debate: why are they so delicious? Is it because of the grilled flavour that only rink kitchens seem to have? Or is it because of the shared company; the fellow hockey parents sitting around the table? Maybe it is the fresh buns from the local bakery that add the special touch. One thing is certain, we all know that our town's rink burger is the best!

Best wishes to Deloris Wilson (Sutherland), The Watrous Manitou correspondent from Plunkett, who is hanging up her pen and retiring from writing her weekly column. It was always a delight to read the comings and goings from Plunkett and area.

What are your

thoughts on Pig Spleen Prognostication for 2023? I read that a pig spleen is divided into six equal portions representing January through June. The fat on the spleen will reveal the temperature and the weather expectations for the upcoming months. Interesting . . . I think we will each draw our own conclusion to the validity of this weather forecasting.

Rec hockey, an annual winter tradition in Young, is alive and well. Want to watch a game? I believe Jarrett Currie and Trevor Soderberg are the people to contact for all things rink related. The village office can help you out with Young skating rink fees.

Happy Valentine's Day!
Enjoy your week!

Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Cucumber Tomato and Feta Salad

Ingredients:

4 cups chopped cucumbers (if using English cucumbers no need to peel)
4 cups chopped roma tomatoes
1 large red onion finely chopped
8 oz. feta cheese (I use the chunks and chop it, but you can use the feta that is already finely chopped)
1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1/2 tsp. oregano
1 to 2 finely chopped garlic cloves
1/2 tsp. mustard (dijon is great, any mustard will do)
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

Directions:

Combine cucumber, tomato, onion and feta in a bowl. Combine the remaining ingredients and pour over the salad.

VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

What a lovely day to be sewing and socializing Monday afternoon, Feb. 6 at the Viscount library. We were five ladies joining squares to make blankets for Blankets for Canada. We do enjoy our time together, chatting and drinking tea while sewing. We welcome everyone who may be interested to come and join us. Oh, by the way, we will not be meeting on Family Day, Monday, Feb. 20. Call or text Evelina at 306-281-8196 for more details.

We really enjoyed watching the U7 hockey tournament Saturday, Feb. 4 held in Viscount. We managed to visit with a few people. It was a great day of hockey.

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

submitted by Viscount Archery Club

Viscount Archery Club has been very busy. Our JOP archers have been doing great and working hard to achieve badges. Way to go everyone! The club hosted a Mini Ironman shoot in January, this was two rounds of 3D targets and a target round all done in one day. Two of our members attended the real Ironman shoot in Lethbridge. Dylan Yaworski placed sixth and Wayde Yaworski placed second in the Young Adult class.

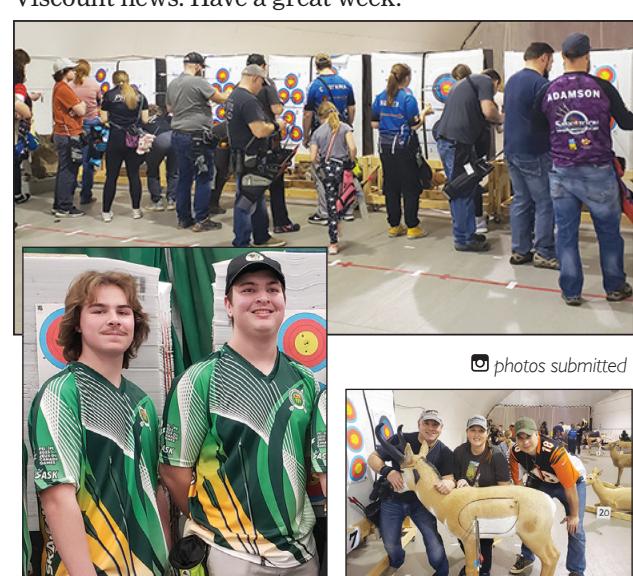
Saskatchewan is preparing to send athletes to the Canada Winter Games at the end of this month. The Saskatchewan Archery Association can send one male and one female recurve archer, one male and one female compound archer. Archers begin as part of the High Performance team and are then chosen to represent Saskatchewan at the Games. Carl Bothma, Dylan Yaworski and Wayde Yaworski were all members

of the High Performance team. Viscount Archery Club is very proud of these archers.

Wayde Yaworski has been chosen to represent Saskatchewan as the male compound archer and Carl Bothma was named the male compound alternate. Way to go guys!

Viscount Archery Club will be hosting a few events in the near future and those interested in archery can contact the Viscount Archery Club at viscount.archery@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook.

Thank you to all who helped make this edition of the Viscount news. Have a great week.





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In memory

MURRAY - Jacqueline Clare, June 27, 1949 - Feb. 10, 2022:

I thought of you with love today
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For what it meant to lose you

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- Lovingly remembered by Brian, Barbie and Kathy and families.



In memory

ROGINA - In loving memory of Barbara, who passed away Feb. 18, 2001:

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I'd give it, yes and more,
To hear your voice and see your smile
And greet you at my door.
But all I can do, dear mother
Is go and tend your grave,
And leave behind tokens of love
To the best mother God ever made.
I like to think, when life is done
Wherever Heaven may be,
That she'll be standing at the door
Up there to welcome us.

- Sadly missed by Irene, Wayne, Diana and Lloyd.



Thank you

On behalf of myself and family, I would like to thank everyone who assisted us during and after the passing of Richard Dengler: the ambulance attendants, RCMP, Fr. Peter for Celebration of Mass, cross bearer, pallbearers, readers, organist, collection table attendant, register attendants, ushers, and all who attended, St. Ann's lunch committee, those who opened the cemetery and Fr. Joe for the interment. The contributions to the Heart and Stroke Foundation and St. Patrick's Cemetery Fund, food, flowers, gift cards, money for lunches, visits, phone calls and cards overwhelmed us.

A special thanks to my neighbours for continually bringing me delicious home cooked meals and keeping the driveway and sidewalks clean. I am so fortunate to live in such a caring community. May you all be blessed for the good works you have done to assist us during this difficult time.

- Bernice Dengler

Thank you

We wish to express a sincere "thank you" to our many relatives, friends and neighbours for your kindness and expressions of sympathy following the passing of our dear loving husband, father and papa Larry Cruise. Thank you for the lovely flowers, cards and food brought to our homes. Thank you to Al for his guidance and Rev. Tracey Taylor for her understanding and comforting service. We appreciate the many memorial donations made in Larry's honour. Thank you to each and every one who helped us in anyway during this sad difficult time. May God bless each of you.

- Elaine Cruise, Michele and Dennis, Heather and Bill, Charles, Dwayne and Daphne and families

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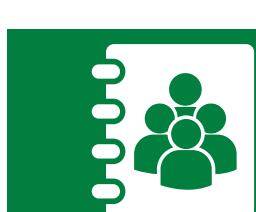
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Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre Monday, Feb. 6 were: first - Lorelei Stewart, 214; second - Bob Wignes, 178; third - Rod Degenstein, 148; fourth - Arlene Gegner, 147.

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Gunderson realizes the price is significant but also sees the long term optimism of having essentially a brand new Main Street without potholes and crumbling sidewalks. Following the Monday evening meeting, the mayor cited the next steps for the project are to receive approval from the provincial government to proceed and then information would be sent out to each of the business owners. Then if the majority of business owners on Main Street are in

favour, the project would move to the tender phase and then construction would commence.

"I am just happy that we are making this a reality in the near future. I know this is a big financial burden not only for the town but for the business owners but I think it will pay dividends in the long run."

If approved, construction is anticipated to start in June and the hope is that it would last approximately three months. Understanding that will create some challenges for businesses, the consulting firm suggested the contractor could work block by block, completing one side at a time. Splitting it into six phases, it would provide minimal disruption as opposed to undertaking the project's six phases all at once.

"Main Street used to be the hub of a community and they still really are but we want to get back to the days that is where people are going to go. I can't wait to see what Main Street will look like down the road once this project is completed," said Gunderson.



► Pictured above: the concept plan unveiled at the public meeting Feb. 6 of the #200 block of the Main Street Revitalization project in Watrous. As part of the plan on the #200 block, sidewalks will be wider along with an added crosswalk. 

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