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The Basement Spin Studio ready to ride after opening

■ Daniel Bushman

As the arctic air transformed the outdoors into a bone-chilling deep freeze, indoors at The Basement Spin Studio in Watrous, the temperature has been cranked right up. Booked solid since opening during the latter part of January, the new business has been generating a lot of buzz.

Owner of The Basement Spin Studio Wanda Martin said the response she has had since launching her business in the basement of the former Shop Easy building on Main Street in Watrous has been amazing.

"Our grand opening was Jan. 23 and 24. It was a huge success and we booked up solid for those two days. Our first week open was during the week of Jan. 25 and since then, our classes have been booked solid with waiting lists. We started with 14 classes the first week and the wait lists were full."

Since that inaugural week and with more and more people wanting to give spinning a try, Martin has increased the

amount of classes from 14 to over 20 to help balance the demand. "We have added pop up classes throughout the week to increase the chances for our clients to get in and we have had some private classes as well for anyone that wants to book the studio as a group."

With five bikes for participants to use and one for the instructor, Martin said classes span 35 minutes. Having been trained through the Authentic Instructor Training program created by Tash Marshall Bean, Martin is joined by eight other instructors who include: Angel Toews, Anna Bearss, Darlana Jones, Erin Wolff, Jadah Mensch, Jocelyn McArthur, Lindsay Olah, and Sophie Bartko.

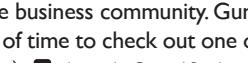
After training and eagerly awaiting to hop on a bike themselves, instructors can be joined by participants who can choose to go for one spin or sign up for additional classes once they give it a try.

That was how Martin got into spinning herself and thought bringing it to Watrous would be a great idea.

"I decided to open The Basement Spin Studio after going to Dog House Spin



►Opening near the end of January, The Basement Spin Studio located in the basement of the former Shop Easy building on Main Street in Watrous has been rolling ever since. Booked solid since it launched, owner Wanda Martin (above right) said there are nine instructors excited to teach riders

about spinning. Watrous Mayor John Gunderson (above left) was recently on hand to welcome Wanda - who was joined by her daughter Paisley (above middle) - to the business community. Gunderson also took a bit of time to check out one of the bikes as well (below).  photos by Daniel Bushman

Studio in Lanigan for several months. I really loved the experience, the lights, the music, and being a part of a team. It's a workout that is upbeat and team driven, it gives you a great start or end to your day."

Watrous Mayor John Gunderson was recently on hand at The Basement Spin Studio to welcome Martin to the local business community. Checking out a bike himself, Gunderson was pleased to see the business opening its doors on Main Street in Watrous. "I am happy that a new business is not only opening on Main Street in Watrous but that a new business is opening up in our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is amazing to see and it will also provide an excellent opportunity for people to do some new physical activities during this tough time. After talking with Wanda, I was really happy to hear that she has been really busy so far."

Ensuring the safety and well-being of those wanting to ride by following the COVID-19 guidelines set out by public health, Martin said The Basement Spin Studio also has an APP for participants wanting to join called GLOFOX or they can find the studio at thebasementspinstudio.com. Martin also carries some spin clothing branded by TBSS which can be



found at her location next to the Watrous Pharmacy.

"Everyone that has come and supported us have given us positive feedback, which means a lot to The Basement Spin Studio instructors and myself. I am excited for the upcoming year as we get more people trying it in our community and surrounding areas."



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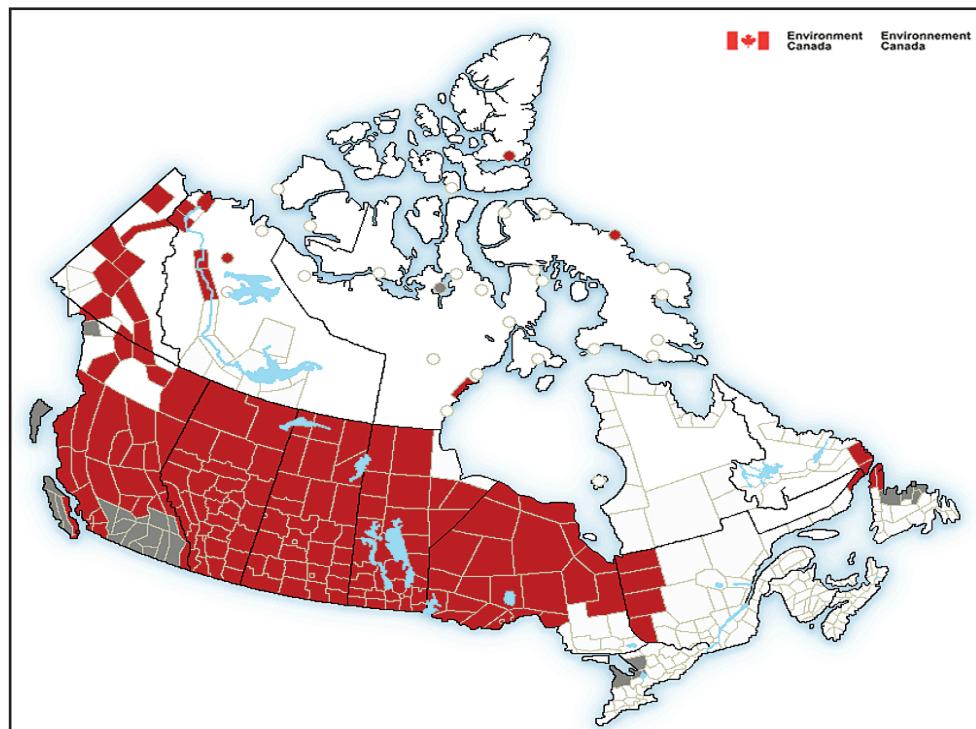


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EQUIPMENT**

After having some above-normal values for a good portion of January, in early February, Saskatchewan was not the only province to find itself under an extreme cold warning last week. Places like Watrous and Imperial (pictured above left) were under that extreme cold warning along with many others. This

image from Environment and Climate Change Canada's website (above) indicates in red the areas across the country that were dealing with an extreme cold weather warning or a warning related to the cold weather. For the local area, an added wind chill value last week had it feeling more like -40°C or even close to -50°C at times. Even with the sunshine during a few days last week, the weather was still bone-chilling including on Thurs-

day morning, Feb. 11 where it registered -35°C and -48°C with the windchill. The Last Mountain Lake area and the Watrous area both set new records Feb. 11 for daily minimum temperatures with -37.7°C for Last Mountain Lake (the previous was -36°C in 1981) and -36.7°C for Watrous (the previous was -35°C in 1955). The forecast heading into this week was calling for much warmer values.

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Local online auction a tremendous success

■ Daniel Bushman

Navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic with hopes of being able to support this year's Telemiracle, the generosity from the local area continues to amaze.

Since the Watrous Kinettees were unable to hold their annual soup and sandwich fundraiser and were unsure of how things would work with the Toilets for Telemiracle and door to door canvassing due to the pandemic, the group thought they would give an online auction a try.

Watrous Kinette and co-organizer of the local online auction for Telemiracle Sara Dunne said with this year being different than in previous ones, the Kinettees still wanted to find a way to fundraise. "Online auctions have become the way to go this past year for a lot of organizations, so we were a bit worried that people might be "burnt out", but we were very wrong! Our grand total far surpassed what we expected."

With generous support from the community and area through donations and bids, a total of 150 items were put up for the Telemiracle auction. Dunne said, "Individuals and businesses from all over Watrous, Young and surrounding areas were reaching out to help us. We had set a deadline for auction items a few days before it started

so we would have time to organize and post things, but continued to get donations right through until Saturday afternoon when the auction was already in full swing."

As part of the online auction, Dunne noted there was a tremendous variety of items that were donated including toys, home business items, artwork and crafts, gift cards, home items, and baked goods. "There really was something for everyone."

In addition, the Manitou Lodge recreation department indicated they would also like to take part since they were unable to conduct their annual pie auction.

"We were so excited when the Manitou Lodge recreation department reached out and said they would like to add some pies into our auction. The annual Manitou Lodge Pie Auction is such a huge part of our community fundraising for Telemiracle and it is really sad that they were not able to host it this year. It was extra special that we were able to include them in the fundraising still."

With all of the auction items donated and posted online, people then began bidding Friday, Feb. 5. As the 5 p.m. deadline approached Sunday, Feb. 7, people placed last second bids and the auction closed. After tallying up the winning totals, Dunne said the local online auction for Telemiracle raised \$14,442.

"I have worked on a few different committees doing

fundraising in this community since I have lived here and the one thing I can say is the people around here are amazing and always SO giving. They love to get behind a new cause and people are always looking for a way to help. It was great to have people from Young and other surrounding areas donating and participating in the bidding as well and we are so appreciative of each of them."

Along with the online auction, Dunne said they have also received some other contributions from individuals in the community. "As always, the Kinettees and Kinsmen will likely be adding in further financial contributions. We are still accepting individual donations to go in with the community total so if you are interested, please contact a Watrous Kinette or Kinsmen and we can make that happen!"

While this year's Telemiracle will not be quite the same as in previous years due to the pandemic, the 20-hour annual telethon is slated to take place Feb. 27 to 28. With the slogan, 'Telemiracle, together we are family,' residents of Saskatchewan are invited to get comfortable on the couch with family, in the safety of their own home, and either tune in to CTV or stream live from Telemiracle's website.

"Telemiracle is going to look a little bit different this year, but we hope you still all tune in and enjoy the show!"

Dellwood Reservoir experiencing winterkill

■ Daniel Bushman

While ice fishing can be tough to master for any angler, those hoping to catch something at Dellwood Reservoir this winter have found themselves leaving empty-handed on more than one occasion. While not catching fish from time to time is nothing new for some, reports began to surface that instead of fish biting lures, they were spotted by underwater cameras lying motionless on the bottom of the reservoir.

"Dellwood Reservoir is subject to low oxygen conditions during the winter months, and winterkills have occurred there several times before."

Constructed to be used as a water supply for various industrial and municipal uses, the Ministry of Environment stated Dell-

wood Reservoir's use as a fishery is secondary to the water supply needs of the current users. "Dellwood Reservoir is quite shallow, even at full supply, and has always been prone to winter and summer kills be-

cause of its limited depth. The early snow cover also likely contributed to the recent winterkill at Dellwood. Because of these factors, Dellwood Reservoir, and other similar reservoirs across the province, will al-

ways be at risk of periodic winterkill events."

Because of that, the Ministry of Environment said there is little that can be done to prevent winterkill events from occurring; however, the ministry

noted it will continue to manage many of the reservoirs as recreational fisheries when conditions are favourable.

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“RCMP Report”

Evading police

On Feb. 6 at 10:06 p.m., Saskatoon Police were notified of an individual operating a Honda Accord driving in the wrong lanes of travel on College Drive in Saskatoon.

Patrol officers located that vehicle travelling past the Saskatoon Police Service in the 100 block 25th St.

E. Officers attempted a traffic stop at which point the driver failed to stop for police and officers disengaged. The driver then drove in the downtown area for several minutes. Officers were able to successfully deploy a tire deflation device causing three of the four tires on the vehicle to go flat. The driver managed to then drive eastbound on 8th St. and continued to drive in a reckless manner.

Several Tactical Support Unit members were able to assist patrol with making vehicle contact at 8th St. and Moss Ave. The vehicle came to a stop and the driver was taken into custody after a brief foot pursuit.

The driver is facing charges of evade police, dangerous driving, impaired driving by drug, refusal, and breach of statutory release.

Stabbing in Saskatoon

The Saskatoon Police Service is investigating a

stabbing that occurred at approximately 8 a.m., Feb. 7 in the area of the 2300 block of 33 St. W.

A 21-year-old male was stabbed and transported to hospital. His injuries are believed to be non-life-threatening.

Police are looking for two female suspects.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Saskatoon Police Service at 306-975-8300 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Semi motor vehicle accident

The Saskatoon Police Service attended the scene of a semi tractor unit that had its trailers come unattached at Hwy. 14 and Range Road 3063 on Feb. 9. As a result, the load that the semi was transporting spilled onto the roadway.

Traffic restrictions were in effect until the scene was cleared.

Initial runoff report released by WSA

■ media release

The Water Security Agency (WSA) released the preliminary spring runoff outlook for 2021, showing most of southern Saskatchewan with below to well below normal snowmelt runoff potential and the northern areas looking at normal to above normal

potential.

Much of the southern areas of Saskatchewan experienced very dry conditions through the summer and into fall last year. The snowpack is generally below to near normal to date. An area covering Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Melfort and dipping as far south as Maple Creek and

Val Marie is projected to have a below normal runoff, while an area covering Moose Jaw, Regina, Weyburn and Estevan is looking at a well below normal runoff.

The far north, encompassing the areas of Uranium City, Stony Rapids and Cluff Lake, saw extreme wet conditions carrying

through the fall. This area also experienced historically high lake and river levels through summer 2020. There are indications that the snowpack is near normal, though data is limited. An above normal runoff is forecast.

Areas of central and northern Saskatchewan including Kindersley,

Lloydminster, Meadow Lake and Nipawin are currently expected to experience a near normal runoff. While fall conditions were near to slightly drier than normal, a near to above normal winter snowfall season to date, including a heavy snowfall in early November, have been compensating factors. The far

southwest corner of the province, from Cypress Hills to the US border, is also expected to experience a near normal runoff.

The spring runoff outlook could change as there is potentially another eight to 10 weeks of winter remaining. The first spring runoff forecast will be issued early in March.

Sask. releases COVID-19 vaccination delivery plan

■ media release

The Government of Saskatchewan released its COVID-19 Immunization Delivery Plan Feb. 9. Phase 2 of vaccination sequencing will focus on the general population in 10-year increments, starting with ages 60 to 69.

This phase will also include targeted vaccinations for adults and staff in group homes for persons with intellectual disabilities and shelters. Clinically extremely vulnerable adults will also be included as a priority in Phase 2. A complete list of the clinically vulnerable

health conditions is available at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-vaccine.

“Saskatchewan is working to vaccinate as many people as quickly as possible,” Health Minister Paul Merriman said. “The commencement of mass vaccinations will depend on the number and consistency of vaccine deliveries from the federal government. We are hopeful that mass vaccinations can start as soon as April, based on the current vaccine delivery schedule from the federal government.”

Phase 2 of Saskatchewan’s Immunization Delivery Plan is built on the foundation of age as the main risk factor. Age is the number one risk factor for severe out-

comes, hospitalizations and deaths related to COVID-19. People of advanced age are also more likely to be clinically extremely vulnerable or living with other chronic conditions.

The goal of the immunization program is to: Protect the most high risk and vulnerable; Minimize serious illness and death; Protect the capacity of the health care system; and Minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Phase 1 is currently underway for high-risk populations, such as people of advanced age, residents and staff in long-term and personal care homes, health care workers in emergency departments, COVID-19 units, testing and assessment centres, intensive care units and other high-risk settings. This phase also includes residents over 50 living in northern remote communities and those over 70 living in the community as vaccine is available.

Phase 2 could get underway as early as April, but will depend on vaccine supplies. Vaccinations will be available through a variety of options including, mass immunization clinics, walk-in and drive-thru clinics, public health clinics and community-based options such as pharmacies.

Information will be publicly shared to let you know when it is your turn to be vaccinated, how to register for an appointment, the different types of clinics available and how to find the closest clinics to you. Appointments will be able to be booked online at www.saskatchewan.ca or through HealthLine 811 when Phase 2 begins.

Every vaccination given will contribute to keeping us all safer.

Details and regular updates to the Saskatchewan Immunization Delivery Plan will be available at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-vaccine.

NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS R.M. OF WREFORD NO. 280

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R.M. of Wreford No. 280

will be received by the undersigned on the 3rd day of March, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the municipal office and during regular business hours on February 17 to February 26, 2021 at the municipal office.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2021.
Melanie Rich, Returning Officer

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Dated at Simpson, SK this 12th day of February, 2021
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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL Village of Liberty

Notice is hereby given that the *assessment roll for the Village of Liberty* for the year of 2021 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, February 12th to April 16th, 2021.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$25.00 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful, with Secretary of the Board of Revision, Aileen Swenson, Krismer and Associates, 2405 Gordon Road, Regina, SK, S4S 4M4, by the 16th day of April, 2021.

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“Sports”

Curling rink in Watrous shuts down for season

■ Daniel Bushman

After anticipating an exciting curling season including hosting a handful of notable events, due to the pandemic creating cancellations and numbers of COVID-19 cases increasing, the Watrous Curling Club was faced with a difficult decision.

Trying to navigate through the pandemic, Watrous Curling Club President Tyler Mclean said the 2020-21 year was a very trying one for the club, its members, ice technician, board members and volunteers. “From making the decision to install the ice back in October to having to close our doors only a month later, it wasn’t an easy decision to make to get the ice ready for what was supposed to be another full season of fun and curling.”

As COVID-19 cases began to rise and restrictions were put in place by the provincial government and public health, Mclean said as the season got underway in early November it soon became a matter of time before the rink had to be shutdown until further notice.

“About the third week of November, it was under government orders that the doors were to be locked and curling shutdown for the time being. So the board made the decision to wait it out for a month to see what would happen. It was clear come the end of December that things weren’t getting any better any time soon so the board made a very difficult decision to end the curling season early and remove the ice.”

While the decision to shut things down was a tough one, Mclean explained it appeared to be the correct one.

“With the COVID-19 pandemic, the restrictions put in place, financial reasons and the safety of our members it just made sense to close for the year.”

Despite the unfortunate circumstances in 2020-21 that forced the local curling club and other rinks around the area to close, Mclean hopes that next season will be a full and fun one.

With the announcement of the closure and understanding the disappointment from members and curlers using the facility in Watrous, Mclean extended his appreciation to ice technician Jamie Regier for his hard work, fellow board members, volunteers who put in countless hours and the curling club members. “We will fight for another year, please have faith and stay with us.”

Allan using unique ice system at its arena

■ submitted by Colleen O’Shea/President at Greener Arena Solutions Inc.

The Town of Allan is the first community in Saskatchewan to use REALice at its arena, the Logan Schatz Memorial Arena. The installation, using pressure instead of temperature to treat the floodwater, is unique for a couple of reasons.

First, Allan’s REALice system is a rental. Instead of purchasing REALice, the Town of Allan decided to rent it for the duration of the shortened ice season in an effort to cut costs. Secondly, after building an initial base with their refrigeration plant on, the Town has shut off its refrigeration plant to save money. Now they’re building natural ice on top of their sand base, using REALice to treat their cold water.

According to the Town’s Recreation Director, Lindsay Nordmarken, they weren’t sure if they would put ice in their arena at all this year because of COVID-19.

“The pandemic has been a “REAL” kick in the pants,” Lindsay says. “Usually we’ll attract teams from Saskatoon to the arena for weekend tournaments, but that’s not happening this season. Ultimately the Town decided with all the restrictions from COVID-19 that the community needed a recreation outlet, and we’re

doing that with our indoor ice rink. We decided to go bare-bones, to save as much money as we possibly could, while still being able to provide an outlet for the community. REALice is helping big time by eliminating water heating and electricity costs.”

Lindsay says the clarity of the ice is amazing. “It’s amazing! We didn’t use ice paint but there was leftover paint on the sand base. But the REALice ice is so clear, it looks like we’ve painted!” Nordmarken says. “Painting the ice is another expense we decided to do without, and as long as there is no competitive hockey, we’re happy with how it looks now.”

The arena was recently renamed the Logan Schatz

Memorial Arena after a young man from the community. Logan, along with 15 others, was killed in the Humboldt Bronco crash on Apr. 6, 2018. Logan, who was 20 when he died, was the captain of the 2017-18 Bronco’s team. Logan’s memory is being kept alive at the arena where he learned how to skate: a mini stick rink was constructed in the arena, and banners showing all the different teams that Logan played for are on display. There’s also a life-sized picture of Logan across from the mini rink.

Florian Gabriel, Managing Director of SWiCH Services Inc., the technology transfer partner of the Swedish technology in Canada, says the Town

of Allan’s approach is unusual.

“What Allan is doing is quite unusual in shutting down their refrigeration plant to save money,” Florian says. “But this year has been an unusual year, and sometimes you need to think outside the box in order to get things done. Hats off to Lindsay and the Town’s recreation committee for looking at better ways.”

Florian says that under regular circumstances, REALice would have reduced the arena’s energy spend by nearly 35,000 kWh and 3,400 m³ of natural gas.

“REALice saves in more than not just heating the floodwater to extremely high temperatures,” he says. “It’s taking less heat out of the water to get it to freeze, and most importantly, the warmer brine settings that comes with the treated water that freezes so much quicker. It will make a difference to the run time for this arena’s refrigeration plant when and if they decide to turn the plant back on!”



© photos courtesy Colleen O’Shea

As for renting the REALice system, Florian says it makes sense.

“Renting the REALice is giving the Town of Allan options. They’ll be able to try it out and see if it’s for them. And when they do decide to buy, we will put a percentage of the



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“Opinion”

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The Viscount Library's new Book Club book is called *Blood and Salt* by Barbara Sapergia. Barbara is a fiction writer and dramatist living in Saskatoon. During WWI Canada imprisoned over 8,000 people in what has been called Canada's Gulag, most of them Ukrainian immigrants. Although this book is a novel, it imagines the story about one of them, set in an internment camp in Banff National Park.

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

Thank you to all who helped make this week's Viscount news possible. Have a great week. Stay safe and stay warm.

**The Watrous Manitou
is closed during
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**Tips from
Reena Nerbas**

for me. Thanks! Duncan

Dear Duncan,

This is a common occurrence and often cleaning results depend upon the chemicals used to manufacture the textile. Soak the sheets in one tablespoon dish soap and enough hot water to cover the sheets. Add at least four cups white vinegar to the water. Leave for one hour and launder as normal.

Dear Reena,

I have four sons and an endless amount of laundry. The biggest challenge that I have right now is foot odour in my house. Since six people live in our home and three of them play sports, I am drowning in the smell of foot odour. Do you have any advice for reducing the smell of feet in my home? Thank you, Kelly

Dear Kelly,

The easiest remedy for foot odour is to stuff all footwear with crumpled newspaper whenever they are not in use or store some shoes outside. Another option is to purchase a few pairs of knee high nylons from a dollar store. Stuff the nylons with either fresh coffee grounds or baking soda sprinkled with essential oils. Close each nylon sock with an elastic band and place one inside of unoccupied footwear. Lastly, place a fabric softener sheet inside each shoe.

Dear Reena,

I spent a lot of money on steak to serve at my dinner party last week. I was horrified because after I plated the meat, each guest had a puddle of blood on their plate. I

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checked the temperature and it was medium according to the thermometer. Is this normal? Emily

Dear Emily,

I experienced this dilemma several times until I realized a trick that made a big difference. It is always a great idea to let the meat rest for several minutes before plating the food. As the proteins harden they draw to the centre of the meat. When meat has a chance to rest, the juices will redistribute and reabsorb into the meat.

Feedback from reader

Re: freezing cream cheese

Dear Reena,

To add to your advice regarding cream cheese. First, the best before date applies to pre-opening, not after. To keep a tub fresh, replace the foil cover after each dip with a knife, and make sure nothing else but cheese is on the knife. Mold spores are in the air all the time. Next, both tub and brick cream cheese freeze well. They may appear watery upon thawing but just put them into a bowl and stir until smooth. I have been freezing and baking with all fat levels for years. Jane

Interesting ideas

Whenever I drop cookie batter from a spoon onto a baking sheet, I always wet the spoon first. That way the batter does not stick to the spoon. Submitted by: Justin

Thread a needle in a hurry by dipping the end of the thread into clear nail polish. As the polish hardens, the needle is easy to thread. Submitted by: Andreas

When lips are chapped, dip a toothbrush in petroleum jelly and brush lips to remove dead skin. I keep a separate toothbrush, solely for this purpose. Submitted by: K.

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

Don't bite the dog because he bit you!



**Neighbourly advice
according to Ed**

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

I told Ed that it is a new term for me, and I wondered if he had heard of "Cancel Culture" or "Call Out Culture?"

He said, "No, I haven't heard of either term, which is fine with me. Don't feel that you need to enlighten me about them."

"Since I mentioned the terms, I feel I should explain them to you. Both terms mean the same thing. They are a modern way of getting even, on social media," I blurted out to Ed.

On social media, a person or company can be called out for something they said or did and become completely rejected. The person or company is cancelled out in terms of respect or buying the company's products. Once singled out for what they said or did, their explanations or the context of what was said or done may be brushed off. It is a sign of our intolerant age where it is easy on social media to dole out judgment and rejection of anything with which we disagree.

"People have always wanted to pay back or get even with others for what they have said or done. Many feel revenge is an act of justice, giving people back what they deserve. They like to see them suffer," Ed said.

I said, "I see Cancel Culture as dangerous. Should we feel we have the right to appoint ourselves as judge and jury because another person has said something

with which we disagree? There is value in free speech and hearing other viewpoints. Do we need to stir up hostility when we disagree with another person? Do we have to get even? Why is it so important for us to point out the flaws, missteps, and the offence of others? Retribution is a dead end street. Austin O'Malley said, 'Revenge is often like biting a dog because the dog bit you.'

"I heard a better one about revenge," Ed offered, "When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her."

"Did you share that one with Ruby?" I asked Ed. "Are you afraid of Ruby getting even with you?" He ignored me.

What people say or do may upset us, annoy us, irritate, provoke, or anger us. As Christians, we are called to the example of Jesus. Jesus went about

doing good, speaking the truth, and helping people, but his words and actions stirred up anger and hatred. It was not that those that hated Jesus did not have any knowledge, but they were puffed up by what they knew even though it was not the whole truth. Consider 1 Corinthians 8:1,2.

Only God knows all, and yet there are plenty of people ready to reject, cancel out and call out others as if they were all-knowing or omniscient. God is the ultimate judge and when we seek to get revenge we are trying to take His place.

Jesus came that we would focus on our own sins and stumble in life. Jesus died that forgiveness before God could be for all. God's love is seen when we love and forgive others. Paul said,

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst." (1 Timothy 1:15) Consider also Proverbs 24:29.

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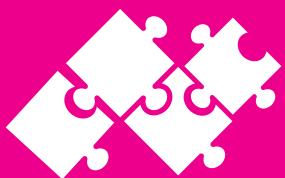
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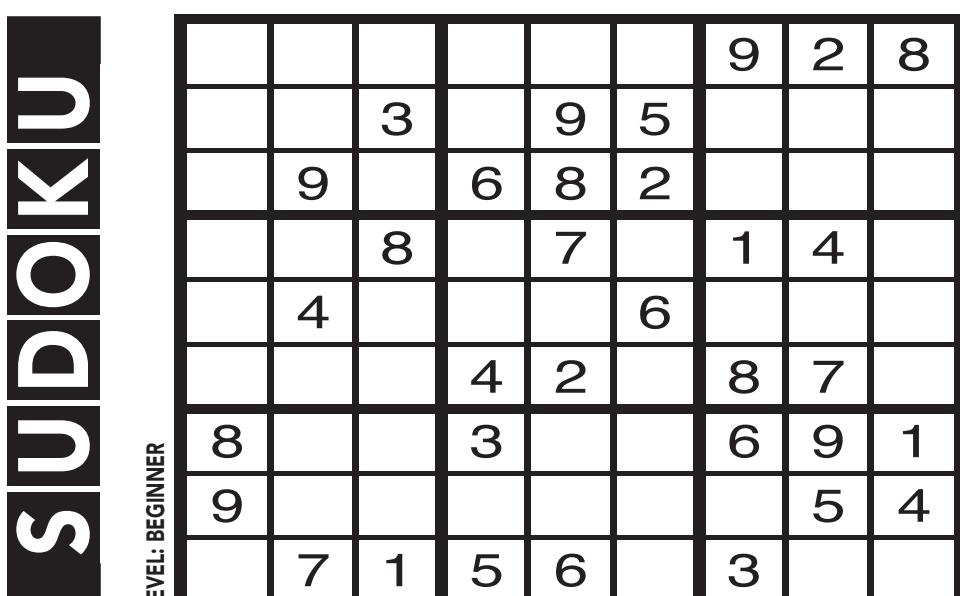
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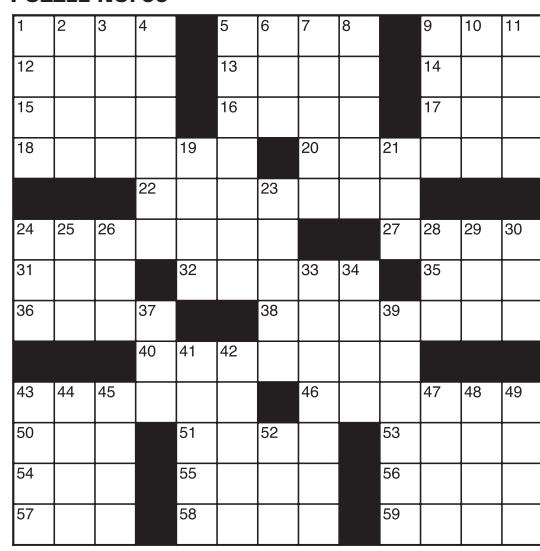


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Q: What time do ducks wake up?
A: At the crack of dawn.


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Q: What does every birthday end with?
A: The letter Y.

Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Cranberry Almond Bark

Ingredients:

- 8 squares white baking chocolate
- 3 squares semi-sweet baking chocolate
- 3/4 cup whole blanched almonds
- 3/4 cup dried cranberries

Directions:

Melt white chocolate over very low heat on the stove or in the microwave. If using microwave, melt at 50 percent power for one minute, stir, then microwave for 20 seconds, and stir. In a separate container do the same with the semi-sweet chocolate, starting with 30 seconds, then stir, and then 20 seconds. You may need to do several 20 second intervals. Do not microwave higher than 50 percent power or you will easily burn the chocolate. Stir the almonds and cranberries into the white chocolate. Spread thinly on parchment lined (or wax paper lined) cookie sheets. Drizzle the semi-sweet chocolate over the white chocolate. Swirl into the white chocolate with a knife. Chill until firm and then break into chunks. Store in the fridge.

Record Sask. agricultural exports in 2020

■ media release

This past year was a re-

cord year for agricultural exports in Saskatchewan, helping the province lead the

nation in growth of overall export sales over the previous year.

Saskatchewan produced \$16.9 billion in agricultural exports last year, a 31 per-

cent increase from 2019 and a new high for the province. This represents more than

55 percent of total provincial exports in 2020, which were valued at \$30.4 billion. This helps bring the province closer to meeting its Growth Plan goals, which include growing agri-food exports to \$20 billion and increasing agriculture value-added revenue to \$10 billion by 2030. These strong export numbers also reinforce Saskatchewan's global reputation as a dependable source of safe, high-quality resources, goods and products.

Overall merchandise export sales in 2020 were more than \$30 billion, up 2.5 percent over 2019, the highest percentage increase among the provinces. On a national basis, exports were down 12.2 percent over the same period.

Leading agriculture exports in 2020 continue to be canola seed, non-durum wheat, lentils, canola oil and durum wheat.

"The global COVID-19 pandemic has hit all economies hard worldwide, but these export numbers are strong signs our province is in a positive position for economic recovery in 2021," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "With our world-class and growing export base, we have what the world wants and needs, and it will continue to drive investment and jobs for communities right across Saskatchewan."

In 2020, major increases in exports were seen in farm and intermediate food products; forestry products and building and packaging materials; and industrial machinery, equipment, and parts. Saskatchewan's top international markets for 2020 include the United States, China, Japan and India.

Saskatchewan agri-food export destinations are diverse in nature. Top markets for Saskatchewan agri-food exports in 2020 were United States, China, Japan, India and Mexico.

"Saskatchewan producers grow safe, high-quality food that the world needs and our agriculture exporters remain committed to providing the world with these products," Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "I want to commend our producers on their hard work and resilience, which led to a new record in agri-food exports for 2020."

Increases in primary production as well as a growing value-added sector have contributed to the record agri-food export growth in Saskatchewan. In 2020, value-added exports were \$3.2 billion. Canola oil, canola meal and processed oats were our top value-added products.

Currently, the Government of Saskatchewan is working to open three new trade offices in Singapore, Japan and India in 2021 to support increased export diversification. The new offices will complement the existing trade office in China, and continued access to Asian markets will benefit our key economic sectors.

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As one of Canada's longest-serving telecommunications companies, SaskTel has always worked hard to find innovative ways to bring people closer to one another, no matter where they live.

We appreciate that many rural families have been dealing with unexpected challenges in what has truly been an unprecedented year. There's no question that internet access and broadband have become essential to the way we now live and work, and we want to assure you we're committed to continuously improving the services that keep you connected.

To prepare our province as we become more dependent than ever on connectivity, SaskTel has invested heavily in the networks and technologies that serve our rural customers. Since 2010, hundreds of millions of dollars have gone into strengthening the networks that crisscross through Saskatchewan's towns, villages, hamlets, and rural areas. These investments have set the stage for greater improvements in the months and years to come.

Wireless Saskatchewan: A Foundation for Strong Rural Communities

Since 2018, SaskTel has invested approximately \$107 million through the Wireless Saskatchewan initiative, a joint project with the Government of Saskatchewan, to expand coverage and add capacity to our network to meet the ever-growing demand for wireless data. During this multi-phase program, we expanded **fusion** Internet service to 34 new towers, installed 105 small cell sites to enhance coverage in small communities, installed 15 new macro towers, and added capacity in rural and resort areas.

In September 2020, we announced plans to construct 74 new macro towers, which will not only bolster service in additional rural and resort communities but allow more residents to take advantage of mobile internet and data over SaskTel's 4G/LTE network and provide more reliable cellular service along select highway corridors.

Accelerating Broadband Expansions

Since 2018, SaskTel has made an immense push to bring faster internet speeds to rural communities across the province. Now more than 320 rural communities have access to speeds up to 50 Mbps (megabits per second) or faster.

The real game-changer for our rural communities, however, will be the Rural Fibre Initiative, a \$50 million investment that will bring SaskTel **infiNET™** service—and access to full fibre optic connections and speeds—to over 30,000 rural households and businesses in over 20 communities. This will take place over the next four years, with the first four communities connected by the end of March 2022.

Planning for the Future

Despite being one of the least densely populated areas in Canada, rural residents in Saskatchewan enjoy greater connectivity on average in comparison to other provinces. However, we are always striving to do better.

To ensure we come up with the best solutions for our communities, responsible network planning has to go hand in hand with engaging rural stakeholders. We continue to communicate with key rural organizations like SARM and APAS to learn more about the specific concerns being raised in rural communities around coverage and access.

As we look ahead, please be assured that SaskTel remains firmly committed to serving our customers across the province and will continue working towards improved connectivity in our communities, to keep you connected to what matters most.

Sincerely,

Doug Burnett
President and Chief Executive Officer

SaskTel Today is the day

Drake's Miss Bentley Grace earns Miss Saskatchewan title

■ submitted by Erin Richard

Bentley Richard, also known as Miss Bentley Grace in the Miss All-Canadian Pageant System, recently received the title of Miss Saskatchewan at the Western Championship held in Red Deer, Alta. Nov. 14.

Miss Bentley Grace has been participating in the Canadian Pageant System since December 2019 and has won countless awards, crowns and tiaras. She has participated in three in-person pageants, finishing first runner-up twice and once Royal Highness. She has entered six virtual pageants due to COVID-19 and has placed first runner-up five times and Royal Highness once. At Nationals 2020, she was first runner-up in a very closely contested category. She has won the talent portion in her category all seven times and runner-up once.

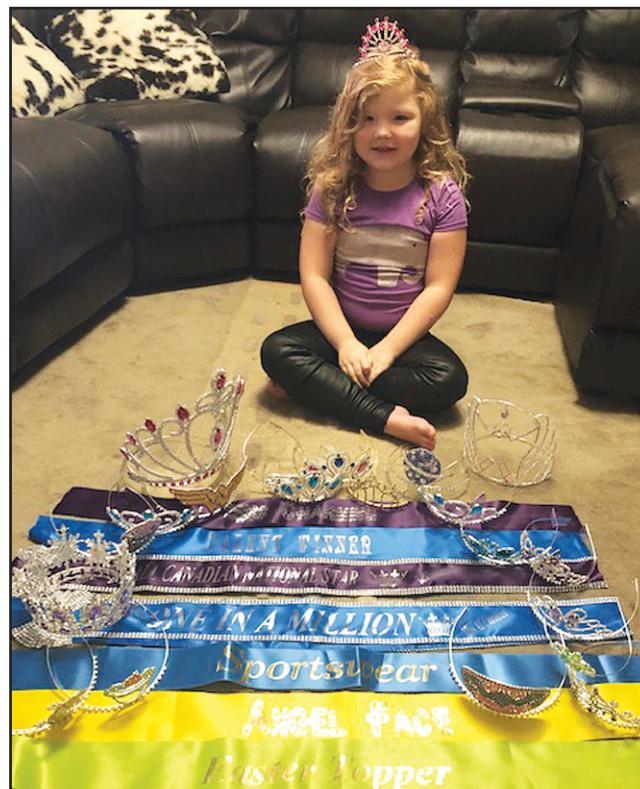
For her talent, Miss Bentley Grace has demonstrated words in sign-language as well signed "O Canada" in American Sign Language. Every month, Miss Bentley Grace participates in a national photo contest and often wins quite a few categories resulting in more tiaras for her collection.

This year she has been part of the All-Canadian Dream Team and the National Star Team. In having these titles means she has volunteered time and resources to help those in her community. Before the pandemic and COVID-19 guidelines were implemented, Miss Bentley Grace has volunteered time at the Watrous and District Health Complex, visiting with long-term residents, donating toys to children in need, had a clothing drive, and raised \$900 for the Children's Help Phone. The pageant system allows Miss Bentley Grace to be a role model in her community and hopefully inspire others to give back.

Miss Bentley Grace is in Kindergarten and resides with her parents, Ryan and Erin Richard in Drake. When asked what she likes most about pageants she said, "I love to wear pretty dresses, make new friends, and I like the trophies."

The following are quotes from a few judges about Miss Bentley Grace:

• Miss Bentley's main entry video was well done. She seems to like to model and has confidence doing



► Participating in the Canadian Pageant System since December 2019, Bentley Richard of Drake has found herself with a myriad of awards. Recently Miss Bentley Grace received the title of Miss Saskatchewan at the Western Championship held in Red Deer, Alta. Nov. 14. ■ photos submitted and by Erin Richard and bottom left by Stephanie Styles Photography

it. She is such a sweet girl and close scoring to the winner. We hope you know how well Bentley did in this competition;

• We loved her smile. She looked a little shy but adorable;

• Fun Photo: that's what we were looking for - having fun and being creative and make the judges smile;

• All our western entries had live horses which were great. There were lots of props and great outfits, a tight race for this one - good picture!;

• Overall Bentley did amazing. Any of the categories she was first

runner-up in, she was very close. She also stood apart from the other runner-ups;

• Miss Bentley is so sweet and adorable and does a great job;

• This was one of our favourite pictures of all the winter photos in all age divisions. It is just so sweet and she looks great in this photo too. It looks like it belongs on a magazine cover; and

• Overall, we found Miss Bentley to be a happy child who enjoys doing pageants and has a great smile and makes us as judges feel good. She is talented and adorable. Keep up the good work!

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MADLAND, Sheila Diane

Sheila Diane Madland, born November 18, 1959 passed suddenly at Royal University Hospital on February 4, 2021.

Sheila was a compassionate woman; thankless, selfless and resilient. Many of us came to know Sheila as not only a friend, but someone to depend on. She placed the care and need of everyone surrounding her

above herself even in her last moments. Let us remember her not only as an outstanding and unforgettable nurse and staple in our community, but as an example of a truly humble being. Sheila was raised on the countryside of South Allan with her family. Upon graduation at Allan Composite School she met the love of her life, Brant Madland. She then pursued further education at Siast in Saskatoon where she received her Registered

Nursing Diploma. Brant and Sheila were married on July 21st, 1979 at the Bethel Historical site, just south of Young. They purchased their first quarter of hills and rocks and began breaking it to make way for their farm. With little money available, the two worked endless days and countless hours to build their life together. Their family soon began to grow while the farm expanded. This year would mark their 42nd wedding anniversary and their 40th crop. Anyone who knew Sheila was aware of the few popular places to find her: hard at work, picking up the third extra shift of the week at the Watrous hospital; delivering a hot, homemade meal to the family at work in the field then operating the combine moments later; or planting her immaculate garden and flower beds or restocking at the season's best greenhouse. We were so fortunate to call Sheila our friend, coworker, loving wife, mom, and grandma. We are so thankful for the impact Sheila has been able to have on each of our lives. Gone far too soon, but remembered for a lifetime. We love you, our silent hero.

Sheila is survived by her husband of 41 years, Brant Madland; their children Andrew (Megan) Madland, Laura (Wes) Kirby, Eric (Samantha) Madland, and Carl

(Kenadi) Madland; their grandchildren Ruth (Laura and Wes), Eila (Eric and Sam) and another on the way (Carl and Kenadi); her mother, Theresa Alisch and sister Brenda (Gordon) Koshinsky; sisters-in-law Karen (Don) Morrison and Joan (Bill) Ulmer and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her son, Brenden Scott Madland, father, Ian (Mick) Alisch and niece, Lindsay Morrison and father and mother-in-law Arnold and Elsie Madland.

A private family graveside service was held at Bethel Historical Site near Young, Sask. on February 9, 2021.

Interment at Bethel Historical Site Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Bethel Historical Site would be appreciated.

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



McGIFFORD, Edna Pearl (Musser)

Apr. 9, 1926 - Feb. 1, 2021

The death of Edna McGifford who has spent her life serving her Lord and Saviour, on February 1, 2021 entered the gates of heaven where she met Him face to face, when she was welcomed to her eternal home.

Edna Pearl (Musser) McGifford was born April 9, 1926 on NE18 TWP27 Range26 W2 Imperial, Sask. She was the third of four children born to John and Viola Musser. Edna took her schooling at Rouse School and completed her Grade 10. She lived on the farm with her family until

her marriage to William McGifford, July 18, 1947. Mom and Dad took over her parents' farm. They raised two children, Melvin John, who still lives on the family farm and Brian William, who now resides in North Battleford.

Edna will be lovingly remembered by her sons Melvin (Delores) and Brian (Margaret); granddaughters Carrie (Braden) Bailey, Coralie (Larry) Spratt, Charlene (Aaron) Campbell, Heather, Tanya (Matthew) Kemp and Shauna; great-grandchildren Emma, Kaleb and Navia Bailey, Aaliyah, Robyn, Riley and Jaycee Spratt, Avery, Eldon and Harris Campbell, Adley and Eli Kemp; sister Evelyn Harding; numerous nieces, nephews and many good friends.

Edna was predeceased by her parents John and Viola Musser, parents-in-law Hugh and Isabella McGifford, brother Harvey Musser, sister Ferne Durham, brothers-in-law George Harding and Bill Durham and great-grandson Liam Kemp.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private family funeral

service was held in Bethel Pentecostal Church, Imperial, Sask. on February 6 conducted by Pastor Doug Gregory.

Pallbearers were Matthew Kemp, Larry Spratt, Aaron Campbell and Mel McGifford. Brian McGifford gave the eulogy. Pianist was Sarah Gregory.

Private family interment at Imperial Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Heritage Christian School, Box 490, Battleford, Sask. S0M 0E0 or Dallas Valley Ranch Camp, Box 779, Lumsden, Sask. S0G 3C0 would be appreciated.

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TAYLOR, Ethel V.

Oct. 7, 1946 - Feb. 4, 2021

Ethel Vera Taylor (nee Pieper), aged 74 years, of Imperial, Sask. passed away peacefully at the Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility in Imperial, Sask. on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

Ethel was born in Simpson, Sask. on October 7, 1946. She attended Simpson school and after graduation she attended business college to become a legal secretary. Once completed, her first job was as a stenographer at the Ken Gordon Law Office in Watrous, Sask. Ethel married Murray Taylor in Simpson, Sask. on June 28, 1968. As a gifted seamstress, she made her own wedding dress. After a brief stint in Watrous, Murray and Ethel moved to Saskatoon where Ethel worked for Warren and Nykyforuk, lawyers. On November 16, 1971 Dean Murray Taylor was born, followed by Boyd Roley Taylor on May 17, 1974 - two boys to complete their family. In 1977 they

made the decision to purchase the Russel Newlove farm and rebuilt their forever home on the farm in 1982. Ethel worked and volunteered at various places in the community. She was a hardworking lady who always kept busy. In 1984, while raising two boys and farming, Ethel started working at the Imperial Union Hospital. After 22 years of doing laundry and managing medical records, she retired. She made many lifelong friends along the way. Ethel's passions were playing the piano, sewing and quilting, gardening, and springtime walks through the pasture and fields. She loved to see the creek break through in spring and find the first crocuses of the season. Ethel found the beauty in the simplest things. You would find her tending to an amazing garden, in the kitchen preserving her fruits of labour, or preparing a big meal for her loved ones. She was a kind, patient woman who loved her family. She will be dearly missed.

Ethel is survived by her husband of 52 years, Murray Taylor; their children Dean (Sharla) Taylor, Boyd Taylor; their grandsons Tyson and Brayden (Dean and Sharla), Chance Naclia (Boyd); her sister Velma (Dallas) McCallum; brothers Allen (Jean) Pieper, Keith (Shannon) Pieper and Floyd (Cynthia) Pieper; in-law family, Allan Crawford, Leslie Taylor, JoAnne French, Kenneth (Donna) Taylor;

Heather Osterhaut, Glen (Georgina) Taylor, Randy Taylor, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents Albert and Elsie Pieper; sister and brother-in-law Beatrice (Wayne) Heintz; in-law family, Bill and Ada Taylor, Marjorie and Roy McCallum, Shirley Crawford, Lorne and Lyn Taylor, Vernon French, and Earl Osterhaut.

Ethel's family wishes to thank the staff at LLVIF in Imperial for the amazing care and compassion shown to Ethel during her time there.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no service will be held. A private family interment will take place at the Simpson Cemetery a later date.

Memorial donations directed to the Long Lake Valley Auxiliary or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

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In memory

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

If I had all the world to give,
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

A very special THANK YOU to all our friends and family, near and far, for all the positive thoughts, prayers, cards, food, gifts, texts, etc. over the past eight months as I have gone through my cancer journey. I got strength from all - especially from my hubby Greg, who is always at my side, even when he's not sure what to do, or say. A special "THANK YOU" to all our wonderful neighbours for all the food, errands, phone calls, cards, gifts, texts, thoughts and prayers especially to Lenore, Gaylene, Monique, Terilee, Nancy, Betty, Mom and Dad Sundquist, to name just a few. A very special THANK YOU to my sister-in-law Melanie who was there for us in so many ways during my first three treatments. Thank you to all the nurses, lab techs and staff at Watrous hospital - all such wonderful people. Thank you everyone for your kindness - it will always be appreciated and never, ever forgotten!!

- Sincerely, Jo-Anne Sundquist

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(from page three: DELLWOOD)

Stocked regularly with walleye fry, up until the recent winterkill, angler reports also suggested a small population of good angling-sized perch had been established in the local area reservoir. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Environment indicated pike populations have been maintained by natural reproduction or by movement through the canal system; however, only small fish are able to move via the pump system and canal. The ministry said whitefish also became established via movement through the canal system, while white suckers make up a small percentage of the fish population in Dellwood Reservoir.

Now with the winterkill taking place and numbers appearing to be depleted, at least for walleye, the Ministry of Environment said the tentative plan is to re-establish a walleye population at the reservoir depending on future winter oxygen testing, set for March 2022, and tentatively March 2023. "If the tests show sufficient oxygen to overwinter fish, Dellwood Reservoir will be

considered for walleye fry stocking in the late spring of 2022 or 2023. Based on the history of the reservoir, other fish species may become re-established through natural migration in the Dellwood Brook system, or by migration through the canal system."

Despite the lower levels of oxygen in the water and the winterkill of fish at Dellwood Reservoir, the Water Security Agency stated it does regulate local waterworks for drinking water quality to ensure that treatment from the local water plant meets the safety standards for drinking water. That means consumption of the water from the reservoir through water plants would be treated and deemed safe for consumption.

The most easterly of six reservoirs in the Saskatoon South East Water Supply System, Dellwood connects to a number of other water bodies in the area. The Ministry of Environment said the local reservoir was created by restricting the flow of Dellwood Brook, and it also receives water via a canal from Zelma Reservoir. The ministry said a pump station located near the west end of Little Manitou Lake is required to lift water into the inlet canal to reach Dellwood Reservoir.



►While species of fish have been spotted with underwater cameras at Dellwood Reservoir this winter (pictured), many have been dying because of a winterkill.

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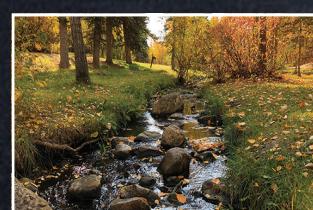
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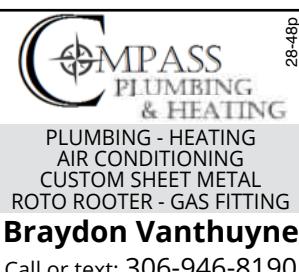
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“Senior Spotlight”

Manitou Lodge Edition

In this month's Senior Spotlight, Manitou Lodge Edition, The Watrous Manitou is featuring Julia Galvin who recently celebrated her 104th birthday. With some help from the Manitou Lodge Recreation Department and Julia's niece Rita Allin, here is a bit about Julia.

Where do you currently reside?

Julia currently lives at Manitou Lodge in Watrous. In what year were you born and where did you live growing up?

Julia was born Feb. 10, 1917 and grew up in the Stockholm and Atwater area. She married Joe Farago in 1934 and the couple farmed in the Plunkett area until their retirement. After retiring, they moved to Watrous.

Who is in your family?

There were 10 children in Julia's family. Along with Julia there were four sisters and three brothers as well as a stepsister and stepbrother.

Joe and Julia had two children, Elaine, who was born in 1936 and passed away in 2011 and Delvin, who was born in 1940. After her husband Joe passed away in 1992, Julia married Ted Galvin.

Julia's son Delvin now lives in Texas and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren also live in the United States. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, her family has not been able to visit her at Manitou Lodge but Julia enjoys being able to FaceTime them and talk with them on the phone.

Julia also has nieces and nephews who live in Watrous and close by that are able to visit with her. She also has the staff at Manitou Lodge who love her to bits.

What do you enjoy doing now?

Julia enjoys listening to music and eating chocolate. One of her most favourite things is to play the violin. When Rita Allin visits with Julia, her and Julia always listen to Julia's favourite song, Red River Valley. That song was one of her favourites to play. Julia used to play Red River Valley with her brother (Rita's dad) and with a little smirk and twinkle in her eye, Julia told Rita she always could play it better than her brother.

What are some memories from your childhood?

Julia's dad would take her and her siblings to creek hills to dig for Seneca roots. Julia's mother would wash up the roots and lay them out to dry for a few days. A potato sack of roots would bring in \$3 to \$5. They would use the roots for medicine for chest infections and asthma treatment. Julia also used to love shinnying up the trees to get crows' eggs and catch gophers to get a penny for each tail.

What is your favourite food?

Julia's favourite food is chocolate.

What is something people may not know about you?

In 1943 Julia was diagnosed with tuberculosis. After making five trips to the Sanitorium in Saskatoon and spending a total of three years there (over a five-year period) and having two surgeries on her lung, Julia was finally cured. To this day she is still terrified of needles. Julia loved square dancing, sewing and wearing hats. She sewed most of her and her family's clothes including the dresses and square dancing skirts. Julia probably sewed over 1,000 items in her day.



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