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Watrous mixed curling teams sweep to district finals

■ Daniel Bushman

Sliding through Horizon pre-district play and advancing to district action, the junior and senior mixed curling teams representing Watrous not only remained on a roll as the pair of rinks carried over their momentum from pre-districts but ran right to the district final.

With the mixed senior curling team led by skip Erika Oakes (Gr. 10), third Kade Thomas (Gr. 11), second Annaka Miettinen (Gr. 12), lead Nick Lawrence (Gr. 11) and coached by Rene Miettinen and Dawn Lee, the rink began its quest for a championship earlier this month.

Dawn Lee said the team headed to Lanigan Feb. 7 for pre-districts where they came out strong, stealing four in the first end against Quill Lake to win 11-0 after six ends. "That win felt really good after a couple of years not being able to curl. Then they played the Watson team and won 8-1 after six ends. With those two wins we were the A-side winners and gave us our place in the district competition, Friday, Feb. 11."

Advancing to districts and taking aim

at not only a championship pennant but looking for a berth to regionals, the group headed to Wadena.

In its first draw at districts, Watrous started its run against Foam Lake. Lee said the team carried momentum over from pre-districts to the 8:45 a.m. draw and stole five in the first end. "We ended up stealing in every end and quit after the fifth end with a score of 13-0."

Looking to make it two straight wins, Watrous faced Watson in its next contest and while Lee said it was not the rink's best effort, the group still came away with a win of 8-3. "In the seventh end, Watson was sitting three and skip Erika Oakes made a clutch tap back with her last rock for us to be sitting one. The Watson team was not able to get to that rock and we stole one and finished off the game with an 8-3 victory."

As the A-side winners, Watrous awaited their opponent and with Watson coming through the B-side, that set up a rematch in the final. "We again came out strong and had a lead of 9-1 after six. We played the seventh and won the game 9-2 to become

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►The mixed curling teams representing Watrous recently each captured a district championship. Pictured top: mixed senior team (left to right): coach Dawn Lee, skip Erika Oakes, third Kade Thomas, second Annaka Miettinen, lead Nick Lawrence and coach Rene Miettinen. Pictured above: mixed junior team (left to right): skip Sarah Oakes, third Ben Johns, second Gabrielle Knouse, lead Sawyer Allin and coach Dawn Lee.

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Navigating through the uncertainty of the pandemic

■ Daniel Bushman

For many people who have at one time or another felt isolated or alone, depressed or anxious, or even just carried the weight of the pandemic over the past two years, the COVID-19 pandemic has created a lot of uncertainty impacting people's mental health.

While some of those impacts have been felt short-term and could be felt long-term as well, with the provincial government

announcing Feb. 8 that all restrictions including masking will be lifted come month's end, for some that means relief but for others, more anxiety.

Senior Program Consultant with the Canadian Mental Health Association Sask Division, David Nelson said the impact over the past 24 months or so has certainly been felt in various ways by residents of Saskatchewan.

"I think initially people handled things fairly well. I don't think anybody

thought necessarily that it would be going this long."

As the pandemic lengthened and moved into 2021 and now 2022, Nelson noted some people were able to cope quite well while others who may have already experienced mild anxiety or depression were able to cope for a while "but then it really kind of kicked in and hit people. Many people were really finding it quite difficult and looking around for ways to get assistance."

After each new variant arrived, the heaviness of living with added guidelines and limitations

grew and because of that, many are now experiencing a term Nelson refers to as pandemic fatigue: exhaustion a person may be feeling after months of spending extra time and energy dealing with the pandemic and the struggles it has brought on.

"I think in some subtle ways it has made everyone kind of a little more anxious, a little more irritable and very much wanting this to be over."

According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, in any given year, one in five people in Canada will personally

experience a mental health problem or illness. By age 40, about 50 percent of the population will have or have had a mental illness.

While Nelson did not have specific statistics regarding those numbers during the past 24 months, he felt as restrictions are removed the pandemic will still have an ongoing impact on people's mental wellness. "As I understand it, COVID is not going anywhere anytime soon. It is going to change hopefully to an endemic... but I think people are still thinking it is going to just be done. So I think people are adjusting slowly and of course we all are different so some people can cope with that quite well and others are finding it quite overwhelming and others are hunkering down and saying, 'I am not going anywhere or doing anything until this is all over.'"

As restrictions are eased in Saskatchewan and throughout parts of Canada, adjusting to a new normal will be a little different for everyone. Regardless of how each person adjusts, Nelson suggests that people should not be socially isolating. "That is never a good recipe for good mental wellness."

What he does encourage people to do is head outside. "Go for a walk and get out of the house. I don't think anybody needs to feel that they just can't go out or they will get ill right away. Stay away from crowds, use social distancing but get out, go for a walk. It is perfectly fine within your bubble to have a small group of people you know are vaccinated and they are checking to see if they have COVID but don't isolate yourself so much that it starts to build on itself and you become fearful of anybody or doing anything."

Nelson also suggested that people should keep up with their social contacts. "It is very important to socialize to some degree for all of us or we start to get very anxious or depressed. Some people can cope with that for a period of time but it impacts on all of us negatively if we get into that cycle of social isolation."

One thing that Nelson strongly encourages people to try is to take breaks from social media and their devices. "What you really don't want to do is what we call news scrolling. It is so easy to listen to and get sucked into listening to all of the negative things, all of the stuff about the pandemic and for that matter, anything else that is bad news these days. News scrolling is almost guaranteed to make you depressed and more anxious. It doesn't mean you don't listen to the news but don't get sucked into watching it and watching it, because it is very unhealthy."

Understanding how hard it can be to stop looking at your phone on a continuous basis, Nelson said breaks from the device will help. That can include turning your phone off at night or not leaving it next to your bed. "It just sets up poor sleep. It sets up anxiety. There are times when you can just realistically say I am sleeping now and my phone is going to be in the next room on vibrate. I will see people the next morning who may have called. Just learning how to cope with the use of social media, the use of your phone in your reasonable way... with the pandemic and the layers of anxiety that are out there, it is even more important to do that."

As for the restrictions in Saskatchewan being lifted, Nelson suggested that people not consider it an all or nothing situation, getting confused with living with COVID as opposed to thinking it is gone altogether. "I think people should use their own judgement. If you don't want to wear a mask, if you

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SPECIFIC DUTIES OF THIS POSITION

- Oversee the operations of the Watrous-Manitou Marketing Group in its role to lead the promotion and facilitation of community tourism, community economic development and the marketing of the Watrous Manitou destination area.
- Work with the WMMG Board of Directors to develop strategies, marketing initiatives, and identify opportunities to promote tourism and community economic development.
- Develop and implement a yearly business and marketing plan for the WMMG and work closely with local stakeholders in the management of the local Destination Marketing Program.
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The Position Job Description is available upon request at wmmg@sasktel.net.

This competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only candidates invited for interviews will be contacted.

Sleds ready to roar at first annual Unleash The Draggin' Drag Races

■ Daniel Bushman

Organizers are getting revved up as riders from across Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba will be headed to Manitou Beach in early March as part of the first annual Unleash The Draggin' Drag Races.

Taking place at the Resort Village of Manitou Beach and hosted by Manitou Mini Mart, the snowmobile drag racing event on Mar. 12 will be the final race of the year for the 2022 Straightline Snowmobile Racing Association (SSRA).

Gearing up for the day long event, Mike Hayward explained how the high-octane, fast-paced day came

to be. "Last year I started looking into some different events to do during the winter time and had planned on hosting this event last year but due to COVID, it was pushed back to this year. I was still interested in seeing this take place at Manitou Beach so we are going to give it a shot."

Wanting to see all types of sleds in attendance with local racers, amateurs, kids, juniors right up to professionals, Hayward said, "We are hoping to have around 100 sleds and racers from three provinces who will be competing on a 500 foot track. There is multiple different classes with an entry fee to compete. For those wanting to register, they can contact me at Manitou

Mini Mart and I can point them in the right direction. We are also looking for sponsors for door prizes and prize money and volunteers who would like to lend a hand during race day."

Excited about hosting the first annual Unleash The Draggin' Drag Races, Hayward noted the event will be held immediately south on William Street on the first open field to the east at Manitou Beach.

"We plan on doing this every year and have a cabaret, banquet and supper planned for the Saturday event. Spectators are welcome to take in the action and the race day itself is geared to families and kids of all ages. We hope to see lots of people there."

“RCMP Report”

Shots fired at vehicle

On Feb. 13, 2022, at approximately 11:15 p.m., Maidstone RCMP responded to the report of shots fired at a vehicle travelling on Hwy. 16 west of Lashburn, Sask.

There were no injuries.

The vehicle was described to police as being a dark coloured one ton truck with three occupants.

Maidstone RCMP continue to work diligently to locate and arrest the individual(s) responsible for the incident.

At this time, police believe this was not a targeted event.

Maidstone RCMP would like to remind travellers of the importance of reporting any suspicious activity on highways and roads to police immediately.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the assessment roll of the RM of Viscount No. 341 for the year 2022 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the Assessor, 215 Bangor Ave. in Viscount, until the time for lodging appeals has expired, during business hours until Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022.

Any person who wishes to appeal against their assessment to the Board of Revision is required to file a notice of appeal on the prescribed form with a \$100 fee (made payable to the RM of Viscount), on or before Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022:

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Joni Mack, Assessor

officer attempted to he was driving was also confirmed to have been stolen.

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“Opinion”

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Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

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Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week, stay safe, stay warm and enjoy some fresh air. Please let me know if you have any news to share. Thank you.

COLONSAY

Irene Gray • 306-255-2775

I hope everyone had a great Valentine's Day. I live in Colonsay before moving close to family in Regina. Donna Mae was also our neighbour for many years at Manitou Beach.

What a change in weather. Who would have thought we would have rain showers in February.

It's not so much the world outside,

that makes us sigh or smile,

It's more the thoughts within our hearts,

That makes life seem worthwhile.

And often on a day like this, I wonder if you guess,

How many times the thought of you,

Has brought us happiness.

Joan Campbell spent the weekend with her cousin Norma Sparrow.

Sympathy to Donna Mae Crawford's family on her passing Friday, Feb. 11 at Manitou Lodge in Watrous. Donna had



Tips from Reena Nerbas

product that will eventually breakdown over time. High humidity or heat may also impact the life of the ball. Proper maintenance of exercise balls helps increase the life of the equipment. Wash with a cloth and Dawn dish soap, rinse with water. If there are only a few sticky areas, clean the ball with rubbing alcohol and rinse with water.

Dear Reena,

For years I have made cinnamon buns and they always taste delicious. The problem is the buns open as they bake and the shape is slightly squished from cutting the dough. I would like to present restaurant quality cinnamon buns to my family. Any suggestions?

Dear Amelia,

Here are a few suggestions to fix this common challenge. After the dough rises, handle it as little as possible. Add filling to the rolled out dough being careful that one of the long edges of the dough remains free of sugar. Roll the dough and press the dough closed with your fingers. Some bakers seal the edge with a brush of egg white. Instead of cutting cinnamon buns with a knife, use dental floss. Slide the floss under the roll and then draw the ends up cutting through the dough.

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The dough will not become compressed and the round shape will remain intact.

Dear Reena,

I live in a rural community and I rely on a well for water and a septic system. Cleaning with all that vinegar is a no-no for septic systems. Is there any other solution that you could provide besides the all-powerful vinegar? Yolande

Dear Yolande,

It is important not to overuse commercial cleaners as some experts agree that this may breakdown the beneficial bacteria in septic tanks. Experts agree that a small amount of ammonia will not kill helpful bacteria or leach into the ground water and is therefore safe to use.

Feedback from wise readers

Re: hardened spill on ceramic stovetops

Dear Reena,

We have had ceramic for many years and have discovered that everything that we baked onto the top could be removed fairly easily with those little packs of razor blades that can be bought at any home centre store. Rubbing the blade over the crud will eventually remove it all without any damage to the ceramic top, no matter how much force you use. We always keep one blade in our cupboard near the stove for this purpose. Works great on windows as well. Bye, Bill.

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.

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Neighbourly advice according to Ed

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

I understand patience to mean the ability to wait out delays, trouble or suffering while still behaving responsibly. Responsible behaviour would mean acting without getting frustrated, upset, and being a pain in the neck to others who need to be around you. Ed, my old neighbour, likes the saying that patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears.

I make excuses for little folks having a temper tantrum because it is

likely a temporary way of showing impatience when they do not get what they want. Hopefully, they will grow out of it. I wish I could make excuses for my age group, the old grandpa crowd. If I could, I would suggest that we have used up whatever patience we had at our age and our bodies are unable to produce any more of it. So far, they have not developed a shot, pill or infusion for patience. Even if they did, the ones of us who needed it most would not likely realize it.

I have found in my long lifetime that when I have needed patience most, I seemed to have failed to display any. That is why I like the traditional Hebrew story about Abraham, as told by Thomas Lindberg. According to the story, one evening, Abraham was sitting outside his tent when he saw an old man, weary from age and his journey, coming near his tent. Abraham rushed out

to the old man, greeted him, and invited him into his tent. There Abraham washed the old man's feet and gave him food and drink.

The old man immediately began eating without saying any prayer or blessing. So, Abraham asked him, "Don't you worship God?"

The old man replied, "I worship fire only and reverence no other God."

When Abraham heard the old man's reply, he became incensed and ushered the old man out of his tent. The old man went on his way.

When the old man was gone, God called to Abraham and inquired where the old man was that he had taken into his tent. Abraham explained that he had sent the old man on his way because he did not worship Him (God).

God answered, "Abraham, I have been patient with that man for these eighty years

although he dishonors me. Could you not have put up with him for one night?" (The end of the story)

At the heart of patience is the ability to endure and stick out a troubling or even painful situation. Being patient as a Christian is needful because we are conscious that Jesus suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow in his steps.

(1 Peter 2: 22-24) says, "Jesus committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him, who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds, you have been healed."

St. Frances de Sales said wisely, "Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."

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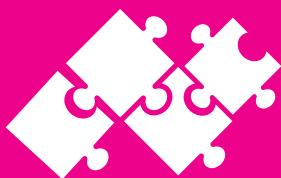
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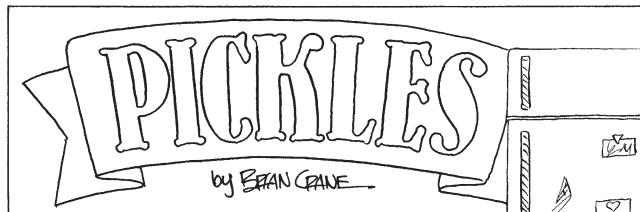
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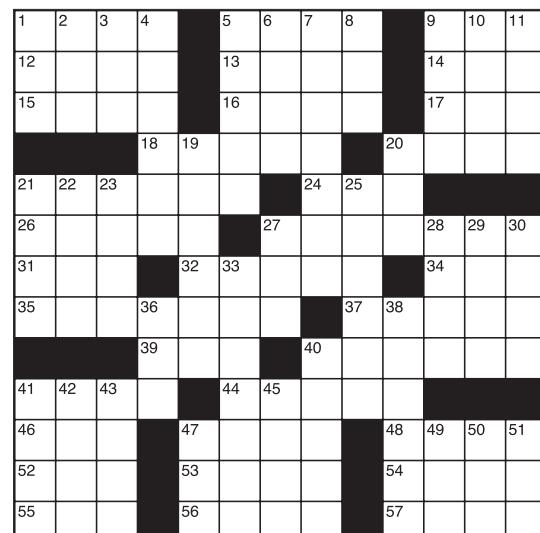
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Great bread machine recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 cup water
- 2 tbsp. olive or canola oil
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 cups bread flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. yeast
- 2 large onions, thinly sliced
- 2 finely chopped garlic cloves
- 3 tbsp. butter
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 heaping tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese

Directions:

In bread machine place first six ingredients according to your machine's instructions. Select dough setting, check after about five minutes of mixing to see if you need another tablespoon of flour or water (depending on the feel of the dough: not too wet or too dry). When cycle is complete, turn dough onto floured surface, roll into a 12 inch circle. Transfer to a 14 inch pizza pan that has been sprayed with cooking spray. Cover and let rise about a half hour. Meanwhile, cook onions and garlic in butter over medium heat for 15 to 20 minutes until onions are golden brown, stirring often. Using your fingers make impressions all over the dough and top with onion mixture. Sprinkle with mozza and then Parmesan. Bake at 400°F for 15 to 18 minutes until golden brown, remove to rack to cool slightly, cut into wedges. Best served warm.

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the district champs! Our Wildcat team played so well in the last game, they executed their game plan perfectly."

Advancing to regionals in Shellbrook Mar. 4 and 5, Lee said, "This team has a lot of talent and it is awesome to see them do so well. They work hard and they are fun to be around."

As for the junior contingent representing Watrous, the rink was skipped by Sarah Oakes (Gr. 9), the sister of Watrous senior mixed curling skip Erika Oakes, third Ben Johns (Gr. 9), second Gabrielle Knouse (Gr. 9) and lead Sawyer Allin (Gr. 8) with Dawn Lee also coaching the junior crew.

Like their senior counterparts, the junior mixed contingent advanced to districts after making it to the pre-district

final and eventually defeating Raymore on Wednesday, Feb. 9 in Ituna. "We played Imperial in our first game and won 8-6. After a quick break we were back on the ice for our next game against Raymore," explained Lee. "It was a close game exchanging ones until we stole two in the (sixth) last end to win and move on to districts on Tuesday, Feb. 15."

Returning to Ituna for district action, Watrous received a bye to begin the day so they did not take the ice until 10:45 a.m. Meeting Humboldt Collegiate in its first draw, Lee said it was a close game, with Watrous winning 4-3.

After the victory, Watrous moved on to face Foam Lake. "Again this one was a nail biter and we narrowly came out on top. We counted four in the last end to win by one!"

The win gave Watrous the distinction

of A-side champions and like their junior counterparts, they awaited the B-side winner which happened to be Foam Lake. In a rematch from earlier in the day, the final was a double knockout format with the team winning the A-side receiving a second chance. That extra chance would be required as Watrous came up short in the first game. In the second contest, Lee said, "We played a much better game against a very tough opponent and won!"

With the victory, Watrous became junior mixed district champions, the highest competition for this age group. "This team is very supportive of each other, constantly telling each other that they can do it and you got this!! This is a great group of kids and so fun to be around. I was so excited for them to be able to win the district championship!"

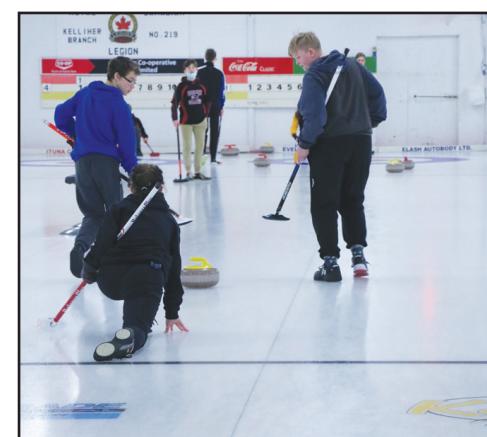
As for the remaining local teams competing at districts, here is how they fared:

On the senior girls side, Lanigan reached the district event and beat Ituna in its first draw. Looking to defeat Wadena to advance to the A-side final, Lanigan came up short but rebounded on the B-side to defeat Ituna. In the final, facing Wadena once again, Lanigan was unable to defeat their counterpart; however, both rinks moved on to the regional event.

On the junior girls side, Muenster and Humboldt defeated Lanigan while Muenster got past Humboldt and was named the district winner.

On the senior boys side, it was Bellevue defeating Muenster in the final as both rinks advanced to regionals.

On the junior boys side, Nokomis lost its opening draw to Wynyard and then to Quill Lake as the team's district run came



► Pictured above: the junior mixed curling team from Watrous competes during districts. Pictured below: Watrous senior mixed curling team skip Erika Oakes was part of the team's success at districts.

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to an end. Wynyard would go on to defeat Humboldt to take the district title.

In senior doubles, Imperial lost to Strasbourg and Wadena while Strasbourg defeated Wadena to take the district championship.

In junior doubles, Strasbourg beat Nokomis and Lanigan while Nokomis would defeat Lanigan as Strasbourg would go on to win the district title.

Winterhawks season comes to an end

■ Daniel Bushman

With a lot of new and young faces looking to grow and develop as a team throughout the year, the 2021-'22 season for the Watrous Winterhawks officially came to a close Feb. 15.

After wrapping up the Long Lake Hockey League season at 0-15, the team entered provincial action against Outlook but were bested in two games in that best of three series. In LLHL playoffs, Watrous met the Davidson Cyclones in round one and after a tough opening contest, welcomed the Cyclones to town Feb. 15.

In game two of the best of three series, Watrous

took aim at extending the series and tallied the opening marker courtesy of James Farmer. Leading 1-0, the club looked to go up by a pair but it would be the visitors notching six straight to wrap up the opening 20 minutes.

Down 6-1 after one, at the start of the second period, the Winterhawks recognized Michael Korol as this year's Reg Preston Memorial Award winner. The award which is handed out each year goes to the team's most valuable player and is decided through votes from secret judges.

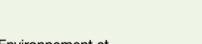
That presentation seemed to ignite Watrous as the team fought back with a power play marker

less than a minute after the middle stanza started. With a Michael Korol tally, the team trailed by four before Farmer stepped up in a big way. With three consecutive goals, one with 17:39 remaining, a second with 10:38 left and the third with less than a minute to play, Watrous headed into the final frame down by just one.

With the score 6-5 Davidson, Watrous tried to complete the comeback and force a third game in the best of three. However with 16:08 remaining in the third, the Cyclones took a two goal advantage as Tory Allan connected with his

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Ball player from Watrous part of 18U team's success

■ submitted by
Andrea Richardson

Watrous athlete Naomi Schmidt had the opportunity to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada to play with the 222's Team Shmucker 18U fastpitch team Feb. 10 to 13.

During her time in Las Vegas, Naomi played in seven games over the weekend, with six of those in either left or right field and one at third base.

Leading up to the

Valentine's Day Blast Tournament, the team practiced on Thursday morning and then played two exhibition games against Las Vegas teams that night. On Friday, the 222's practiced again in the morning and played an exhibition game against another Las Vegas team that night.

Saturday morning started off the Valentine's Day Blast Tournament in a beautiful ball park. Team Shmucker went 2-1 in pool play in games

against teams from Oregon, Las Vegas and Washington. This record put them in the gold bracket for playoffs on Sunday. There the 222's 18U team dropped their first game to a tough team from Utah moving them to the consolation side of the gold bracket. In the consolation semifinal the 222's faced a team from the Pacific Northwest. This game finished in a tough 4-3 loss that ended the tournament for team Shmucker.



► Competing in seven games and playing in left or right field and third base during those contests, Watrous athlete Naomi Schmidt was part of the 222's 18U team who advanced to the consolation semifinal against a team from the Pacific Northwest. While the team came up just short, Schmidt was able to play against some competitive clubs during the Valentine's Day Blast Fastpitch tournament in Las Vegas.

■ photos submitted



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first of the night. Watrous managed to counter with 14:03 on the scoreboard as Gabe Zerbin tallied from Farmer and Murton to get back to within one. Then with 12:25 to play, Watrous scored once more and the team made it 7-7 with time to spare.

As each club looked to take the lead, a short time later, with 11:33 left,

the Cyclones pulled ahead once again. Taking the lead over Watrous, less than a minute later the visitors netted another to go up 9-7. Despite the valiant effort by the hometown Hawks, Davidson then went on to add four more and take a 13-7 victory. The loss eliminated Watrous from the playoffs and ended the team's season.



► This year's Reg Preston Memorial Award winner for the Watrous Winterhawks was Michael Korol (above). Presented with the award during the team's final game of the season, Korol received the award as the team's most valuable player. ■ photo courtesy Watrous Winterhawks

Watrous athlete helps team take gold in Las Vegas

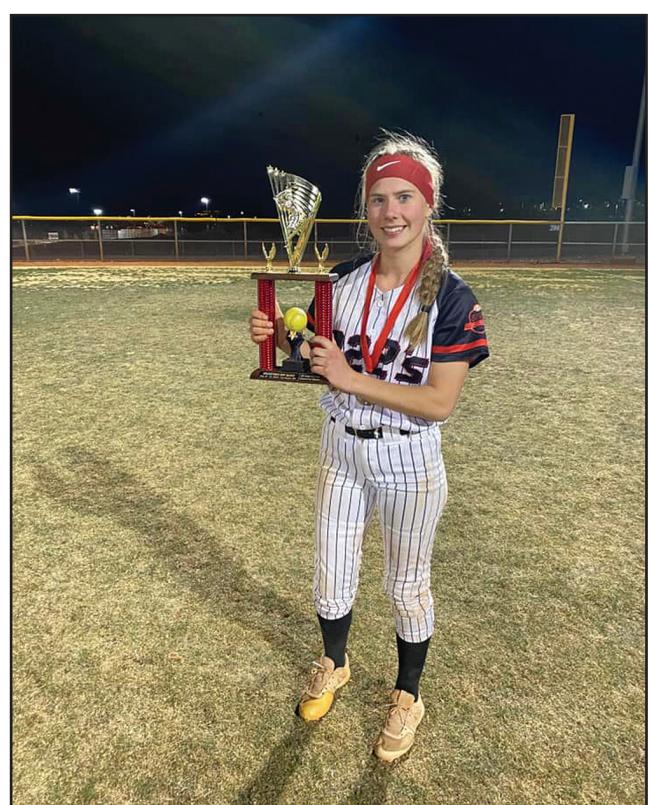
■ submitted by Alana Armstrong

The 222's with players from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba travelled to Las Vegas to attend the Valentine's Day Blast Fastpitch tournament Feb. 12 to 13.

The team, which included Tehya Armstrong of Watrous, arrived in Vegas on Feb. 9 and had two exhibition games as a primer for the 27 team U16A tournament.

During those games, the team went 2-1 in pool play (losing a close game to the eventual silver medalists). Finishing second in their pool, the 222's came up short (0-5) against the top team in pool C to start Sunday's playoffs. In must win situations the rest of the day the girls strung together three wins, marching through to take the Gold Consolation.

In that first must win game, the team trailed 6-2 before scoring six runs in the top of the final inning to win 8-7. In the team's next contest, a walk off win gave them a 3-2 victory. And in the final matchup of a tremendous weekend, the team won 12-0 in the final. Finishing the day as the Gold Consolation winners, Tehya pitched in all four games and had the shutout in the final.



► Pitching four games including a shutout win in the gold consolation final, Watrous athlete Tehya Armstrong helped the 222's take the gold consolation during the Valentine's Day Blast Fastpitch tournament in Las Vegas.

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**CHERKEWICH,
Verna**

Apr. 18, 1930 -

Jan. 26, 2022

Verna Cherkewich passed away peacefully at William Booth Special Care Home where she resided on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

Verna was born April 18, 1930 south of Venn on the family farm in the RM of Wreford. She was educated in Venn and Saskatoon. She attended St. Mary's Ukrainian

Church in Wolverine. After her education, she was employed in the office of Dr. Hargarten and Boykowich and later at Scott National as a secretary. On July 12, 1952 she married Mike Cherkewich of Leross, formerly of Prud'home, Sask. at St. Mary's Church in Wolverine, Sask. She was very active around her home on the farm raising three boys, planting a big garden, looking after a big yard, and helping on the farm where she was needed. She was an active member of St. Vladimer's Church in Kelliher. In February 1990 she took up residence in Ituna and became a member of the Sacred Heart Parish and belonged to several clubs. She was active in the competition of carpet bowling, playing cards and bingo. In March of 1996, she moved to Watrous to live with her brother Eugene Mudry. On April 1, 2004 she moved to St. Basil's Manor in Regina following her brother's passing. She enjoyed reading, listening to music, gardening, crocheting, and knitting and going to church. Her pride and joy were her 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. May she rest in peace.

Verna leaves behind three sons: **Steve** (Rita) grandchildren, Rodney (Debbie) Hobbs, Ryan, and Daniel. **Tommy** (Rod) Drake, Cassandra. Karen (Dustin) Hoffman, Alexandra and Ethan. **Ray** (Marion) grandchildren, Cari (Martin) Lemieux, Kendra, and Steven. Shawn Cherkewich (Johanna Foster) Daniella, and Lexi. Michael (Trista) Cherkewich, Hailey, Brooke, and Tori. Erin (Trevor) Folgering, Kai and Owen. **Dave**, grandchildren, Dawn Cherkewich (Brad), Dalton. Krista Cherkewich, Colten. Jodi (Greg) Cherkewich-Parks, Riley, and Peyton. A sister Olga Stepa, Brandon, Man. and a sister-in-law Kay Moleski, Regina and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Mike (1988), brother Eugene Mudry, sister Stella Semeniuk and brothers-in-law John Stepa and Nick Semeniuk.

Funeral service was held at St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Regina, Sask. on February 4 officiated by Fr. Warren Dungen. Responses led by Bill Soloduk. Cari Lemieux gave the eulogy. Crossbearer was Jodi Cherkewich-Parks.

Interment took place at St. Vladimir's Parish Cemetery, Kelliher, Sask. Officiating was by Fr. Basil Malowany. Cari Lemieux, Shawn Cherkewich, Michael Cherkewich, Erin Folgering, Dawn Cherkewich and Krista Cherkewich were casketbearers.



**OLSON,
Karl**

Karl was relieved of his battle with basilar aneurysm(s) on Wednesday, February 9th 2022, at age 65. His son

Brice Olson and daughter Erin Olson were by his side. He was predeceased by his parents George and Irma Olson.

Karl was born in Imperial on December 26, 1956, and raised in the Simpson/Nokomis area. He loved country living on his acreage in Amazon. Karl enjoyed many quadding, fishing, and outdoor adventures. He also hosted many "Amazon block parties" in "the park". Karl also enjoyed many nights hanging out at the Pepper Tree, watching football and NASCAR with his friends, planning the next adventure or Clampett pig roast. He spent the last six and a half years residing in Saskatoon closer to his kids.

Rest in Paradise Dad, we love you.

A private interment will be held at a later date.

For those wishing memorial donations can be made to the RUH Foundation (103 Hospital Dr., Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W8, 6300 Neurology Unit).

Arrangements are in care of Travis Minor – Mourning Glory Funeral Services.

To share memories of Karl and leave condolences please visit www.mourningglory.ca

Obituary



**CRAWFORD,
Donna Mae**

July 13, 1936 -

Feb. 11, 2022

The world lost a beloved Mother on February 11, 2022.

Donna Mae Crawford passed away peacefully that afternoon at Manitou Lodge. She was born in Nelson, B.C. to the late Don and Doris McKenzie on July 13, 1936.

Donna was mother to Rick, Brent, Dianna, Tammy and Morley. She is survived by her children and son-in-law Dwayne Walbaum; her grandchildren, Kelly, Jesse, Kaitlyn, Connor, Anika, Jeff, Dillon, James, Lenette, Lindsay, Garrett, Brittany, Sean and Carly; her step-grandchildren Nick, Kristen, Chris and Michael; her brother Don McKenzie (May); brothers-in-law Burt Crawford and Andy Lawrence; sister-in-law Edith Robins; and 14 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Ralph (who died from a massive heart attack in 1998 that devastated her); and her sisters Lois Kane and Carol Lawrence.

Donna held a few jobs throughout her life, but the ones

she enjoyed the most were working at SaskTel as a telephone operator in Watrous, Model Meats along side of her dad and husband, and she retired after 16 years working as an aide at Manitou Lodge. She prided herself in a clean house and loved to cook for family and friends. Mom had a great sense of style and a real flair for decorating her home and yard. She could make a "silk purse out of a sow's ear" was one of her many sayings. She enjoyed happy hour with her many friends and family, had a great sense of humour and a great laugh! A heartfelt thank you to all of the staff at Manitou Lodge for taking great care of her and for the communication we received when we couldn't visit due to the COVID-19 restrictions!

A celebration of Donna Mae's life will be held in Watrous, Sask. in July of 2022.

Interment will take place at a later date at Watrous Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Manitou Lodge Activity Department would be appreciated.

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**GOOD,
Grace**

Grace was born on May 8, 1934 in Lanigan, Sask., near the Guernsey/Drake area to Walter and Nelda (Snider) Steiner.

When Grace was 10 months old her Daddy passed away and that left her Mom to raise her alone for a few years. Nelda married Addison Gingrich when Grace was 10 years

old, and they completed the family with younger siblings for Grace: Wayne, Ron, Vi and Stewart. Grace attended school, first in the Waterloo School (Drake, Sask. area), then went on to complete Grade 10 in Guernsey School. Grace kept herself busy babysitting and house cleaning for several of the families in the area around Guernsey. She also worked as a clerk in the Guernsey Store, where she eventually met Edgar Good. Grace and Edgar were married on June 10th, 1964 and moved to his farm near Acadia Valley, Alta. To this union was born four children: Sharon (1966), Ross (1967), Cameron (1969) and Neil (1971). Grace was the typical farm wife of the late '60s and '70s. Cooking, cleaning, rearing children, teaching Sunday School, being a part of the Home and School Board and generally keeping everything together. In 1982, the family moved from Acadia Valley to Ryley and there Grace, again, was the stay-at-home Mom, always available for husband, children, extended family and friends. In 1986, Grace found herself working in a store again, managing The Good Store while trying to keep her chil-

dren busy and off the streets. In 1996, Grace fully retired from The Good Store and trying to raise her four rowdy children. Living in Ryley, Grace was never Mrs. Good but everyone's "Mom Good", "Gramma Good" and the "Candystore Lady". In 2007, Grace and Edgar moved to Tofield and very shortly thereafter, Edgar was in need of additional care due to his Parkinson's. He was moved to a care home in Camrose, and in 2010, Grace followed to be closer to him, visiting him multiple times a day, until he passed in 2014. Grace continued to reside in Camrose, where she was visited by her family, found a home-church, enjoyed Tim Hortons regularly, honed her diamond-painting and puzzle skills and making many friends, settling into senior life.

Grace departed this earth for her new home with her Savior and Lord on January 30th, 2022. She will always be remembered for her unwavering faith, her continual prayers for her family, friends and acquaintances, and her immense love for the people in her life.

Grace will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Her children: Sharon (Dave) Reum, Raelene, Weston (Kolly), Montana, Wyatt (Payton); Ross (Kyle), Shyla (Rob), Crystal, Desirae, Bryce (Jasmine), Austin (Heidi), Ryan; Cam (Trena), Jed, Bret, Decon; Neil (Susan), Stephan, Caleb, Matthew, Andrew; her siblings: Wayne (Judie), Ronald (Karen), Viola (Ortwin) Rupp, Stewart (Karen); sister-in-law Viola Roth, as well as numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

A private family service took place on February 4, 2022.

Memorial donations may be made to Mennonite Central Committee.

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- Love Mom, your sisters Bonnie, Maureen, Alison and their families.

Obituary



**ROWAN,
Norma G.
June 27, 1961 -
Feb. 11, 2022**

It is with profound sadness, but peace in hearts, that we announce the peaceful passing of Norma Gayle (Reinhart) Rowan, aged 60 years, at Watrous District Health Complex on Friday, February 11, 2022.

Left to cherish her memory is husband Brian, twin sons Aaron and Brennan (Jadi), and her pups Steiger and Chevy; brothers David, Bruce (Deb), Grant (Lori); and many special Reinhart and Rolles aunts, uncles and cousins; several extended Rowan family members and many friends gathered along life's journey.

She was predeceased by parents Gerald and Hazel

(Rolles) Reinhart.

Norma grew up on the family farm in the Valparaiso/Tisdale area where she was raised in a family of love and taught the value of a strong work ethic and helping others in any capacity she was able to; it costs nothing to be kind. Upon graduation from Tisdale Unit Composite School, she obtained her Bachelor of Education Degree from the U of S. This enabled her to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a teacher. This was a profession she enjoyed and excelled at for 25+ years at McClellan School in Young, Sask. Norma loved being a teacher but her greatest accomplishment was being a mom to her two sons Brennan and Aaron. Norma was active in many committees in the community of Young right up until her passing. Norma was always the first to offer help to anyone in need and the last one to ask for it if she needed it herself. Norma enjoyed many trips to Mexico with family, the most recent being Brennan and Jadi's wedding in January. Norma's family would like to thank the doctors and nursing staff for their compassionate care on many occasions, and right up to her final hours.

Celebration of life service was held at Young Communi-

ty Hall, Young, Sask. on February 16 conducted by Rev. Marilyn Stobbs.

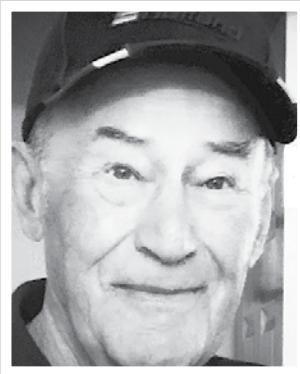
Urnbearers were Aaron Rowan and Brennan Rowan. Denise Dewey, Blanche Allingham and Jackie Millich were register attendants. Ushers were Fred and Cheryl Schaan. George Hellman gave the eulogy. Readers were Sharon Haines, Jacquie Rowan and Cheryl Schaan. Flowers were arranged by Jacquie Rowan.

Private family interment followed at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Watrous Palliative Care Fund or STARS would be appreciated.

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**TAYLOR,
James E. (Jim)
May 2, 1943 -
Feb. 12, 2022**

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. James (Jim) Taylor was born in Loon Lake, Sask. on May 2, 1943 to Edna and Clarence Taylor. Jim grew up

in Meadow Lake, Sask. and graduated from Carpenter High School. At the age of 18, Jim left Meadow Lake and moved to Imperial, Sask. for a couple years and then from there into the City of Regina. Jim had a suc-

cessful career working for the City of Regina in the Water Department. He retired in 1998 after 31 years of service. After retiring from the City of Regina, Jim and Betty moved to various locations in Saskatchewan with the last 11 years being spent in Watrous, Sask. Jim was known to be a people person. He loved to visit and strike up a conversation with anyone who would listen. He loved to talk cars but most of all he loved to talk about family. He was so very proud of them. Dad's favourite place on earth was Meadow Lake and he returned there as often as he could. He loved to camp in the beautiful parks of Meadow Lake.

Jim will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 40 years, Betty; his daughters Tina (Mike) Salter, Shelley (Corey) Stamm, Tracey (Scott) Hendriks, Lorna (Troy) Wrobel, Fawn (Sheldon) Hagen, Janice (Matt Johnston) Taylor; and son Dickie Bear; along with 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Jim is also survived by his two brothers and one sister Chuck (Lorraine) Taylor; Earl

(Verna) Taylor and Sandra (Wilfred) Kulczycki; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Clarence and Edna Taylor.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at Meadow Lake, Sask. in the summer of 2022.

Interment will take place at a later date.

Memorial donations directed to Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

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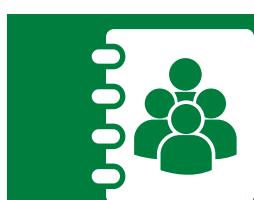
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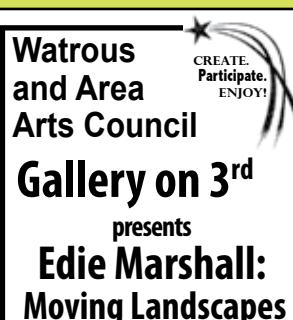
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still want to be careful when you go with groups and so on, even though the government isn't mandating that, if it makes sense to you, do that. I think it would be a big mistake for everybody to just throw all their masks in the air and say it is over. It is not. I think there is a difference between mandating and then just using our judgement to be safe."

With people on different sides of the spectrum when it comes to the pandemic, as regulations and different changes have occurred, Nelson said throughout the past two years, his office has received quite a number of calls related to the uncertainty of it all.

"Lots of people just want to talk to somebody and be reassured it's okay. Other people it hits much harder and they are really getting into depression, really getting into high anxiety; therefore, we might be able to refer them to some professional counselling to speak to someone who is not family, who is not politicized, and just kind of help sort out things a little bit."

If someone is still experiencing anxiety, depression and is unsure of what to do, Nelson assured there is help. "You can phone us and we can see what we can do or you can phone 811 and they will give you some help."

On the provincial government's website, under Mental Health and COVID-19, there are links to find support in your area, tips on coping, managing stress and staying connected.

In addition, on the Do More Agriculture Foundation's website (www.domore.ag), there are links for support including provincial farm stress lines and mobile crisis services.

Nelson also suggested a person see their family doctor or visit a walk in clinic doctor if they are feeling like they are moving into a state of depression. "Everybody has a day, or two or three when they are feeling down. Everybody has what they call the blues. That is really not clinical depression. Clinical depression is maybe you start to feel like that for a few weeks or longer. Maybe you really start to lose interest in the things you have always been interested in. Maybe you find it really hard to just get out of bed in the morning."

When that occurs, Nelson said that is when things begin moving towards clinical depression. However, he added clinical depression can be easily treated. "Don't hesitate to go to your family physician or a walk in

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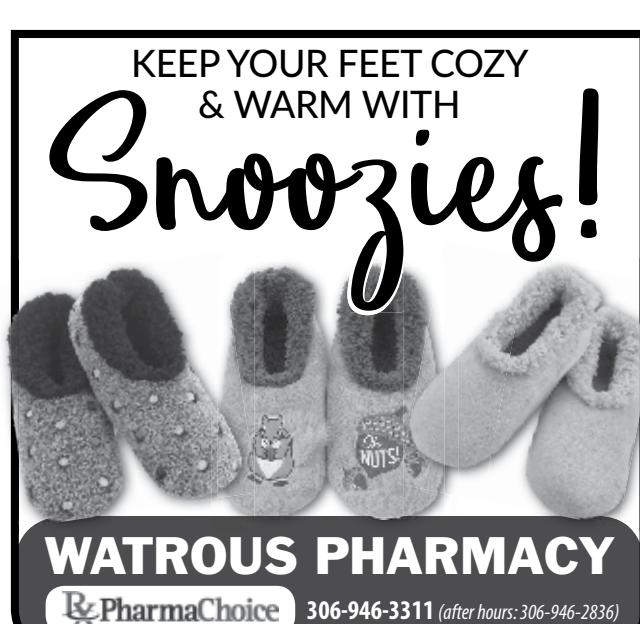
If you see someone you know experiencing clinical depression, Nelson said talk to them and encourage them to get some help. "It is treatable, very much so. Over 80 percent treatable. Of course like almost anything else, the longer you wait to deal with it, potentially the worse the outcome could be."

As people in Saskatchewan and around the globe are beginning to adjust to 2022's new normal as restrictions are lifted, Nelson hopes that the pandemic will move toward an endemic.

"There is a light at the end of the tunnel with this. It is going to be a fairly slow kind of a thing that this goes away and becomes much like a flu. But I think it is important to understand that this isn't the flu and is not going to be seasonal likely."

"We will gradually get through this. Please keep socially active with people either in person or online. We are social creatures by nature and when we don't do that we start to get into real trouble with mental wellness."

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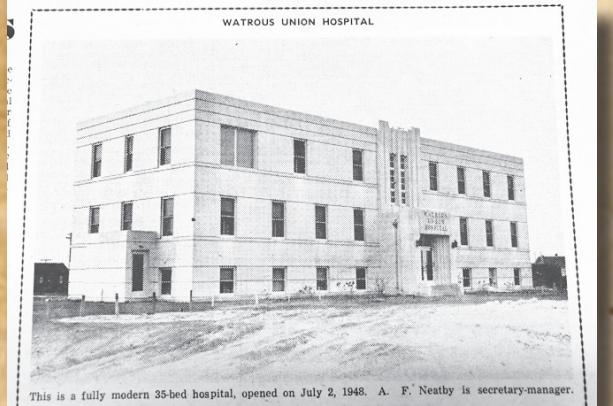


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