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Hitting the ice

►The Watrous Centennial Arena was a hub of activity Jan. 8 and 9 as Watrous Minor Hockey weekend was held. As was the case in other communities throughout Saskatchewan, teams from the local area took part in the minor hockey weekend including those from Watrous like U11 Team 1 and the U13 Hawks (pictured).

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Knoblauch called up to help lead Rangers

■ Daniel Bushman

After being temporarily called up to coach the National Hockey League's New York Rangers last season due to COVID-19 protocols, Imperial native Kris Knoblauch found himself with another opportunity in 2022.

"Whether you are a player or a coach, you want to be in the National Hockey League. Last year I was not sure what to expect. This year I know a little bit of what to expect. I know the players a little bit better. I am excited to be here and hopefully the team plays as well as they did last year."

Like in 2021, the 48 or so hours before getting behind the bench in the NHL were a bit hectic for Knoblauch. After coaching Hartford to a 2-1 victory in Utica Jan. 8, Knoblauch arrived back in Hartford around 3 a.m. Then in the afternoon Jan.

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Los Angeles Kings team Jan. 10. Heading into the Monday game, Knoblauch shared with reporters how excited he was for another opportunity.

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As was the case in 2021, in 2022 the current head coach of the American Hockey League's Hartford Wolf Pack - the Rangers' affiliate team - assumed temporary head coaching duties of the NHL club as head coach Gerard Gallant entered COVID protocol Jan. 9.

With a 4-2 record during his first NHL head coaching stint in March 2021, this time around Knoblauch and the Rangers ran into a red hot

9 he received a call by the Rangers and was told to pack his bags and be ready to head to Los Angeles. Getting official word that he would be filling in as head coach for Gallant, Knoblauch left Hartford at 7:30 p.m. and flew into Los Angeles around 2:30 a.m. With a little bit of sleep before Monday's game day preparations, Knoblauch explained how that is just life as a coach. "We are travelling a lot and looking at video and sometimes usually after a bad game we get even less sleep."

Getting set for the Monday match up against the Kings, Knoblauch explained that everything was pretty much in place. "I saw the coaching staff here this morning and I talked to Gallant on the phone just about some line stuff. As for the line combinations, the power plays and those situations they are all set. I am just communicating in the game and I am just trying to make sure they run as smoothly as possible."

Expanding on how the transition of going from being the head coach in Hartford to having the role for New York



After having the opportunity to fill in as head coach for the New York Rangers this past season as part of COVID protocols, this year Imperial's Kris Knoblauch was tasked with filling in once

again. With head coach Gerard Gallant entering COVID protocol Jan. 9, Knoblauch flew to Los Angeles before heading to San Jose where he guided the Rangers behind the bench.

■ screen grab from New York Rangers website

was fairly seamless, the former Erie Otters bench boss credited this past season's opportunities during the pandemic. "I think last year I watched more hockey than I ever had, especially the Rangers just because of COVID. They were playing, we weren't. We played maybe one game a week and they were playing three sometimes four games a week. I was very prepared and knew their team well I thought. Same with this year. Just because of our schedule, we are playing a little more games but anytime we have a day off, we are not playing that night and I am watching the games.

We are familiar with the systems and we talked going into camp." In fact, during training camp Knoblauch had the opportunity to spend three to four weeks with the Rangers staff getting to know the systems and how to run them. Then before the Rangers rookie camp, the Hartford staff got together and spent time going over everything. "Then we were there for the entire training camp so we spent a lot of time together talking about hockey and what they want in certain situations. I feel we are on the same page."

More familiar and at home with the systems

New York has in place, Knoblauch felt that has been a benefit for him, especially this year. "Obviously the first time last year there was a lot of nerves and I was nervous. I was very nervous before the game and then when the puck dropped I was into it. This year it wasn't quite the same. I didn't have the nerves but I think it was just because I feel very comfortable. I know (Rangers assistant coach) Gord Murphy very well. We've worked together for a lot in the past and just being with the organization for as long as I have, it was just an easier transition."

While the game against the Kings did not go quite as planned despite coming out of the gate strong, Knoblauch felt there were some missed opportunities including giving up a pair of goals in the second, leading to a 3-1 defeat.

Following the loss Jan. 10 to a team that had won four of its last five contests, the 23-10-4 Rangers were scheduled to remain in California to face the 19-16-1 San Jose Sharks Jan. 13. In that game, the Rangers turned things around and secured a 3-0 victory.

If Gallant remained in COVID protocol Jan. 15, Knoblauch was to face the team he was once an assistant coach for, the Philadelphia Flyers. Last year in his first stint with the Rangers, Knoblauch met the Flyers Mar. 17 in his first game as the team's temporary head coach and defeated Philadelphia 9-0.



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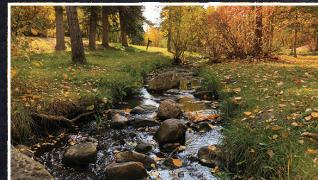
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Watrous Travel to close its doors

■ Daniel Bushman

Having to navigate through the pandemic over the past two years and with such a tremendous negative impact on the travel and tourism sectors caused by COVID-19, a local business has made the extremely difficult decision to close its doors.

First taking over Watrous Travel Jan. 1, 2018, owner Erin Wolff enjoyed the opportunity to serve residents of Watrous and the surrounding areas. However, when the pandemic arrived it began to decimate the travel and tourism sectors in a number of places around the globe.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated the travel industry and had more far-reaching and long-lasting effects on our beloved small business than we ever could have imagined," said a disappointed Wolff. "This is an incredibly difficult decision that has not been made lightly, but the time has come to close our doors."

With a heavy heart, Wolff said the storefront location

on Main Street in Watrous will be closed Jan. 31, 2022 and new bookings will not be taken.

While the business will shut its doors at the end of the month, Erin wanted to reassure travellers still with bookings that they will be taken care of. "For our clients with existing bookings, we will continue to provide the service you have come to expect from us until your travel is completed. For our clients with outstanding travel credits from cancelled bookings, we will do our best to help you utilize those credits or enable you to redeem them in the future. You can continue to contact us at watroustravel@sasktel.net or 306-946-3379."

While the decision to shut down Watrous Travel was not the outcome Wolff wanted to arrive at, with the pandemic creating circumstances beyond her control, the owner noted she was left no choice. Despite having to close, Erin wanted to share how incredibly grateful she is of the support she received over the past few years. "I sincerely appreciate our clients, community, family and



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friends for your support throughout the years. It has been a pleasure sharing our passion for travel with you, and helping to create memories that will hopefully last a lifetime."

Top 10 Weather Events in 2021

■ compiled by Environment and Climate Change Canada's David Phillips

Not in 26 years of releasing the Top 10 Weather Events has there been anything comparable to this year, where Canadians endured such a stream of weather extremes. The year began with windstorms causing multi-million dollar damage across the West in early January, and ended with rain, windstorms and floods causing multi-billion dollars of damage in British Columbia.

Although we cannot attribute a single weather event to human-caused climate change, the evidence is conclusive - we are experiencing more intense and more frequent extreme weather. Climate change is leading to more frequent and more intense disasters around the world. This was the year southern Canadians began seeing this firsthand.

In 2021, Canadians witnessed the real threat

of weather this year - our grandparents coped with the same rain, heat, floods, fires and drought. But the extremes were of a different nature than in the past. They were more widespread, intense, frequent and impactful.

Canada continued to warm in 2021 for the 26th consecutive year, and was one of the warmest in 75 years. Canada's excessive heat in early summer helped to make July the planet's warmest month in more than a century and a half. No place in the world has warmed more than Canada's North. Three decades of gradual but relentless warming have dramatically changed the geography in the North: fragile ice shelves are crumbling into the ocean, sea ice is thinning and shrinking, sea levels are rising slowly and ocean waters are becoming less salty, more acidic and warmer throughout.

The Prairies continued to be hot and dry as they have been for the past

and impact of climate change all around them and were shocked by the variety and frequency of weather extremes. British Columbia became ground zero for weather catastrophes. The province was dried out, scorched, flooded and inundated with mud, rock and debris flows. Owing to the extraordinary early summer heat and drought, British Columbia suffered a tragic week of weather and from unbelievable fall-season rains and floods, likely the most destructive and expensive year to date.

The unseasonably warm Atlantic Ocean waters led to another very active tropical storm season. Canada was touched by six tropical storms, including Hurricane

Larry in Newfoundland and Labrador, the longest-lasting Category 5 hurricane in Atlantic basin history.

The year showed that heat can be a disaster and even more catastrophic than ever before thought possible. Temperature extremes in Canada covered a range of 100 degrees, varying from a record hot of

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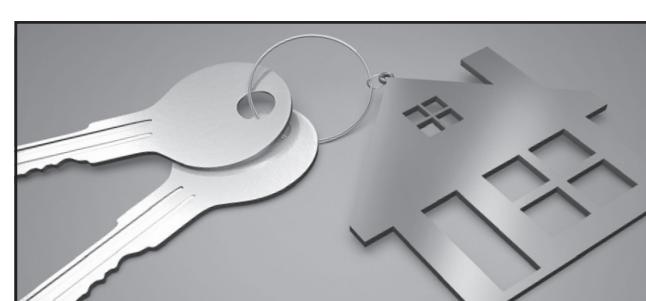
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Investment made in crop research

■ media release

Canada's Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit announced a total of \$9.1 million in funding Jan. 11 for new crop-related research projects in 2022.

This year's funding will support 55 crop-related projects in Saskatchewan through the province's Agriculture Development Fund (ADF).

"Canada's crop sector has navigated a challenging year marked by extreme climate events with resilience and determination," said Bibeau. "Together with the Government of Saskatchewan, our federal Government is committed to investing in science and innovation through critical initiatives like the Agriculture Development Fund. Investing in science is essential to give our farmers the tools they need to realize our vision of a sustainable agriculture sector in Canada."

"Saskatchewan's agriculture sector is uniquely well-equipped to accommodate the kind of growth we're anticipating in the decade ahead - not simply by increasing capacity, but also through innovation driven by academic research with strong support from industry partners,"

Marit said. "Investments are only the first step; the real work is being done by researchers on a range of topics that will deliver long-term benefits for producers."

Examples of research projects include: study of the effect of intercropping on disease levels in various pulse crops; researching innovative ways to mitigate root rot in peas; and strategies for removing undesirable characteristics of protein ingredients from canola, hemp and flaxseed.

Support for these and other ADF projects is awarded each year on a competitive basis to researchers focusing on areas of importance to Saskatchewan agriculture producers and industry partners, which creates future growth opportunities and enhances the competitiveness of the provincial agriculture sector.

In addition to commitments from the federal and provincial governments, approximately \$4.1 million was contributed by the following industry partners in support of these projects:

- Western Grains Research Foundation (WGRF)
- Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission
- Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission
- Prairie Oat Growers Association
- Saskatchewan Pulse Growers

• Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission

• Alberta Wheat Commission

• Manitoba Crop Alliance

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• Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR)

"It is evident from the substantial investment by WGRF and all industry partners, that producers are committed to investing in agricultural research," WGRF Chair Dr. Keith Degenhardt said. "We know the knowledge and tools research provides are vital for our continued success. The ADF continues to provide a great forum for producer groups to collaborate and co-fund agricultural research that improves production and sustainability for western Canadian producers."

The ADF is supported through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year, \$3 billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen and grow Canada's agriculture, agri-food and agri-products sectors. This includes a \$2-billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 percent federally and 40 percent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories. This includes a \$388-million investment in strategic initiatives for Saskatchewan agriculture.

“RCMP Report”

Charges laid in 2020 homicide investigation by the Saskatchewan As a result of Major Crime Unit, in

collaboration with Yorkton General Investigation Services, Meadow Lake, Shellbrook and Prince Albert Detachments, and in consultation with Crown Prosecution, two males have been arrested and charged in relation to the Nov. 17, 2020 homicide of Troy Watson from Mistawasis First Nation.

Roy Lasas from Mistawasis First Nation, Saskatchewan, is charged

with one count, Second Degree Murder, section 235(1) of the Criminal Code.

A second male from Mistawasis First Nation, Saskatchewan, has been charged with one count, Second Degree Murder, section 235(1) of the Criminal Code. RCMP cannot identify him as per the Youth Criminal Justice Act as he was a youth at the time of the offence.

Charges laid after unlawful confinement and aggravated assault

Saskatoon Police have arrested and charged a man in connection to a shooting on Bushe Place.

At approximately 9 a.m., Jan. 7, 2022, police responded to an unknown problem at a residence

in the 10 block of Bushe Place. Upon arrival, they located a 37-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported, and remains in hospital, for treatment of life-threatening injuries.

Following an investigation by Patrol and the Serious Assault Unit, a 37-year-old man was located at a hotel in the 1100 block of Idylwyld Drive North in the early morning hours of Jan. 8, 2022. He was arrested by the Tactical Support Unit and Crime Reduction Team (CRT). At the time of his arrest, he was in possession of a Kevlar vest and a pellet gun. He is charged with Attempted Murder, Point Firearm, and Prohibited Possession of Firearm.

The victim and accused are known to each other.

Arrest made after shooting

The Saskatoon Police Service Serious Assault Unit has charged two people in connection with an unlawful confinement and aggravated assault that occurred between Jan. 6 and Jan. 10, 2022.

Police, including members of the Tactical Support and Guns and Gangs Units, were directed to a home in the 200 block of Avenue L North. Three people eventually exited the home, while a 27-year-old man remained inside.

At approximately 7:45 p.m., with assistance from the Canine Unit, he was taken into custody. Police also seized a stolen truck at the home.

A 27-year-old man and a 26-year-old man face charges of Unlawful Confinement, Aggravated Assault, Assault with a Weapon, Uttering Threats of Death (x2), and Possession of Stolen Property Over \$5,000.

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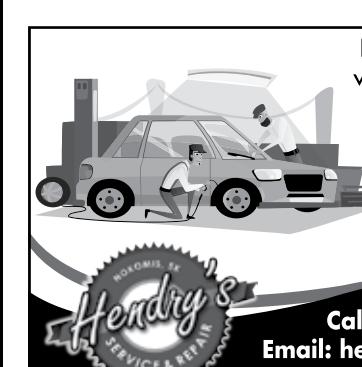
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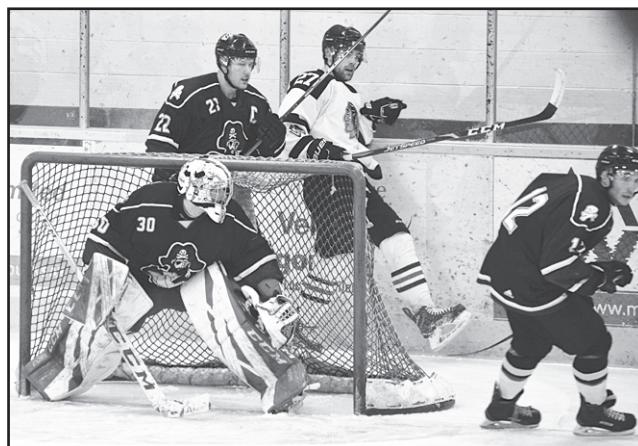
Staying focused

►The Watrous Winterhawks hit the ice at home against the Lanigan Pirates Jan. 11 (pictured). Looking to notch the first goal of the game, Watrous applied pressure but it would be Lanigan scoring first on the power play followed by an even strength marker. The visitors added a quick goal to start the second period before Watrous tallied with 15:42 remaining as Chad Murton put the puck in the net. The Pirates would add a few more before the second came to a close and heading into the third it was 6-1 for the visiting team.

Watrous connected with 19:16 left in the final stanza as Andrew Lewis scored from Austin Dyok and Murton to get a bit closer but Lanigan responded with 12:46 left. Down 7-2,

Watrous registered its third goal of the evening short-handed as Murton scored his second of the contest and it was 7-3. Lanigan added another one before the period came to a close and took the win over the Winterhawks 8-3.

■ photos by Daniel Bushman



Canucks face Cyclones

■ Daniel Bushman

After a 16-5 win in Watrous, the Drake Canucks looked to keep its winning ways going as they met the Davidson Cyclones Jan. 7.

In the opening period, the Canucks tallied first as Andrew Johnson scored from Cameron Blair with 16:24 to go. While Davidson notched a goal later in the first period, Drake added another courtesy of Terrell Draude and through 20 minutes the visitors led 2-1.

In the second, the Cyclones were unable to beat Drake netminder Spencer Ewen and that was also the case for the Canucks as they could not solve Dean McNabb in the other net. With the score remaining 2-1 in favour of Drake through 40 minutes, teams headed to period three.

Looking to add to its

lead, it was not until less than six minutes left that the Canucks were able to make it 3-1. With 5:30 on the scoreboard, Nolan Blair tallied from Emmett Scheidt and Maguire Blair and that increased the visitor's advantage to two.

However, that two goal lead would not last long as Davidson countered with 3:24 to play with an Erik Gardiner marker as the home team got back to within one. Then with 1:03 to play, Maguire Blair increased Drake's advantage as the Canucks maintained its lead to win 4-2. The shots after 60 minutes were 47-27 in favour of Drake.

With the victory on the road, the Canucks were scheduled to host Wynyard Jan. 11 but that game was postponed until a later date. Drake is currently slated to host Lanigan Jan. 21.

Basketball season gets rolling

■ Daniel Bushman

Looking forward to competing on the hard court, teams from Horizon School Division's basketball leagues tipped off in December. With some games already in the books as 2022 arrived, according to Horizon's website, here are some results and standings as of Jan. 11:

Senior Boys North West League - Wakaw (2-0), Watrous (2-0), Viscount (0-2), and Humboldt B (0-2). Watrous met Viscount Dec. 9 and won 66-36 and beat Humboldt Dec. 14 by a score of 76-41.

Watrous was scheduled to host Wakaw Jan. 11 while Viscount travelled to Humboldt. Watrous is scheduled to be in Viscount Jan. 18.

Senior Boys South East League - Wynyard (2-0), Foam Lake (1-1), Strasbourg (1-1) and Lanigan (0-2). Lanigan faced Strasbourg Dec. 7 with Strasbourg winning 59-26. Lanigan then met Foam Lake Dec. 14 and lost 66-31.

Lanigan was scheduled to host Wynyard Jan. 13 and is in Strasbourg Jan. 18.

Senior Girls North West League - Annaheim (0-1), Humboldt B (0-0), Lanigan (0-0), St. Brieux (1-0), Wakaw (1-0), and Watrous (0-1) are all in the league. As of Dec. 16, Watrous lost to Wakaw Dec. 15 by a score of 44-32 while Lanigan beat St. Brieux 90-52 Dec. 15 in exhibition play. Action was slated for Jan. 12 with

Lanigan in Watrous. Lanigan is in Humboldt Jan. 18 and Watrous heads to Humboldt Feb. 2.

Junior Boys North West League - Humboldt Public (0-1), Humboldt St. Aug. Eights (0-1), St. Brieux (2-0), Wakaw (0-1) and Winston High School in Watrous (1-0) are all part of the league. In exhibition play Watrous defeated Lanigan Dec. 6 by a score of 54-18. Watrous then won over Wakaw 44-28 Dec. 13.

In 2022, Watrous went to Humboldt Jan. 10 and hosts St. Brieux Jan. 18.

Junior Boys North Central League - LeRoy (0-1) is in a league with Annaheim (1-0), a pair of teams from Humboldt (both 1-0), Lake Lenore co-ed (0-1) and Middle Lake co-ed (0-1). LeRoy lost to Annaheim 49-25 in exhibition and to St. Augustine 42-11 Dec. 16. LeRoy was scheduled to host St. Dominic Jan. 10 and head to Middle Lake Jan. 17.

Junior Girls South League - Lanigan Elementary School (1-1) and Winston High School in Watrous (1-0) are in a league with Foam Lake (1-1) and Wynyard (0-2). On Dec. 9, Lanigan Elementary defeated Wynyard Elementary 61-5. Watrous then beat Lanigan 61-14 Dec. 13 before the end of 2021. In 2022, Watrous was scheduled to face Wynyard Jan. 13 while Lanigan Elementary was scheduled to head to Foam Lake. Watrous is also slated to host Foam Lake Jan. 17 and Lanigan welcomes Wynyard Jan. 27.



Opinion

VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Well, I am sitting here trying to find something to write about, but I am coming up with a blank page. If anyone has some news to share please let me know.

Presently the weather has gone from cold to extremely comfortable to be outside and getting some fresh air. It is so nice to have the community centre open for any public skating or watching hockey games.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week, stay safe and enjoy the weather. Hopefully it stays a nice temperature for awhile.

COLONSAY

Irene Gray • 306-255-2775

Sympathy to Florence Halvorson from Saskatoon, formerly from Colonsay, and family on the passing of her brother Milton Leffler Sunday, Jan. 2 in Saskatoon.

The Colonsay Food Bank received many generous donations over the past year. They also received many extra donations to help with Christmas hampers that were given out. They were extra special in their generosity. The food bank is always ready to accept any donation for the coming year. Donations of food,

toiletries and household products or monetary donations are always welcome. Hampers are given out each month.

Saturday, Jan. 8 the rink was a busy place to be. The Colonsay Initiation hockey team held its U7 tournament. Four teams participated with each team getting two games each. Teams playing were the Colonsay Kings, Viscount Vipers, Allan Flames and the Bruno Flames.

Society is always taken by surprise at any new example of common sense.

PLUNKETT

Deloris Wilson (Sutherland) • 306-944-4852

Recently visiting Roger and Isabelle Langston of Watrous, formerly of Plunkett, were their son Earl Langston of Leduc, Alta. as well as Don and Darlene Langston and their daughter and friend.

Visiting Gizella Toth of Watrous, formerly of Plunkett, were her daughter Marge and husband Duane of Regina.

Maisie Sutherland's family was recently visiting her in Watrous.

Dennis and Leona Credgeur were away to Meadow Lake to see their daughter Tanis Crawford and husband Rodney and family for a few days before Christmas. They went to Hanley to be with Grandma Rewerts and family over Christmas.

Visiting us on Christmas was my daughter Linda and her husband Trevor McDonald of Saskatoon and also with them was David McDonald and more of our family. They brought out a turkey dinner. It was very nice to be with our family.

We saw a deer sleeping in our back yard under the crab apple tree.

Get well greetings to anyone ill and we wish them well.

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Tips from
Reena Nerbas

Dear Reena,
I have a screen door and between the panes, I cannot get anything but liquid as it is so narrow. I cannot remove the inner pane. What can I pour in there that would clean the inside glass? It looks terrible. Doreen

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Doreen,
open my door easier. Now that winter is here I am worried it might break if it gets too cold. The glass is a wavy kind of pebble finish on the underside. Thanks for your insight on this. Sandy

Dear Sandy,

Glass tables are unstable and even tempered glass tables sometimes break for no apparent reason. I know because this happened to my glass table. When you add the additional element of cold temperature, this adds additional stress onto the surface of the glass. If you love your table, reduce the risk of breakage by moving it to a warmer area of the house.

Feedback from wise contributor

Re: storing asparagus

When bringing fresh asparagus home, cut off the end about half inch, and place ends down, and tips up in a high glass and place in fridge. Asparagus will last longer than a week and stay crispy. Peggy

Fill your home with the aroma of chestnuts

Preheat your oven to 425°. Score each chestnut around the shell. Be very careful as they are slippery. Put the chestnuts in a pot of water to simmer. When the water begins to simmer, remove the chestnuts and place them on a baking sheet. Bake for 15 minutes (or until they begin to peel). Remove them from the oven, drop them into a bowl and cover the bowl with a tea towel. Leave for 15 minutes. Some chestnuts will be easier to peel than others. Throw away any gooey nuts. Remove the outer shell and the tough brown skin. The house should now smell delightful and the chestnuts are ready to eat.

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



Neighbourly advice
according to Ed

A spiritual column
by contributor
Raymond Maher
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Specific years make a significant difference in our lives. 2022 may be particularly eventful for some folks and not so much for others. Some will grow wiser and more satisfied with their lives in the year ahead. Some will face life changes they did not ask for and do not welcome. Every year unfolds one day at a time as it wills. Is the coming year about our effort and control? How much will it have to do with the actions of others or God's actions? Some say their lives have noth-

In 2022 God has good works for us to do!

ing to do with God. Some blame others and God for what has gone wrong for them every year.

Alexander the Great, of ancient history, who led a great army of between 48 and 90 thousand soldiers, believed, "Upon the conduct of each (soldier) depends the fate of all."

The actor Randolph Scott stated, "I'm a great believer in fate. I think things happen in spite of and despite yourself."

Many today are satisfied believers in their own wisdom, power and authority. Yet every year, we are invited to live in the authority of God. God is the creator and sustainer of all that is visible and invisible. God is almighty, all-knowing and is the one who holds everything in his authority. We know God best through Jesus, his Son.

Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit, took on flesh as the word of God and lived as the baby of Mary

and Joseph. Jesus grew as all babies do into a child and young man. He "Grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him." (Luke 2:40) Jesus,

"Increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:52)

The year Jesus was 12 became particularly important for him. When Jesus with his parents went up to the Feast of the Passover at Jerusalem, he did not return with his parents when they started for home. They were not aware that Jesus was not with them among their relatives and friends.

After a day, they discovered Jesus was not with them in their group bound for home. They went back to Jerusalem looking for Jesus. It took three days to find Jesus. When they did, Jesus was at the temple among the teachers listening to them and asking them questions. The teach-

ers were amazed at the understanding of Jesus.

Mary was dumbfounded that Jesus had treated them so thoughtlessly, causing their frantic search for him. Jesus said to Mary, "Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:46) His parents could not understand what Jesus was saying to them. Jesus did return to Nazareth with his parents and he was obedient to them.

Mary and Joseph would learn that Jesus had work to accomplish for God his Father in heaven. Jesus put what he needed to do for God his Father first. He lived and died so that His Father's will was done in the work on earth that His Father had prepared for Jesus to do.

Every year God's word challenges us; "For we are God's workmanship to do good works which God has prepared for us to do." (Eph. 2:10)

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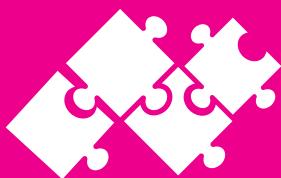
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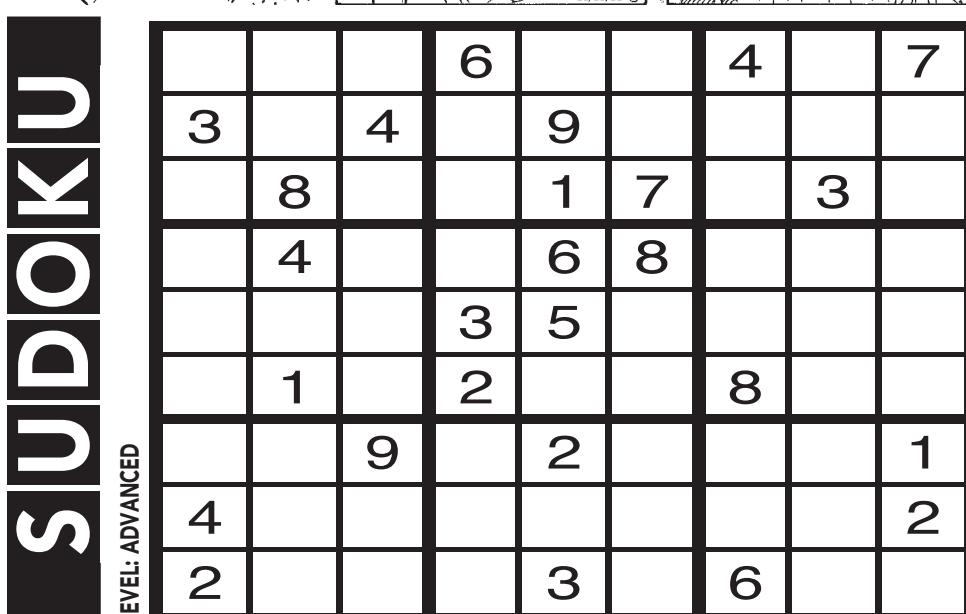
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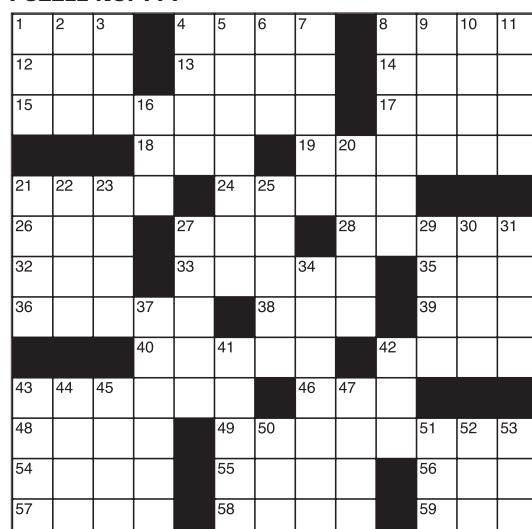


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- 21. " Madonna"
- 24. Neck scarf
- 26. Mine and yours
- 27. Winter illness
- 28. Cut apart
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- 33. Snaky letters
- 35. Eden inhabitant
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- 38. Fodder
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- 40. Robert Stevenson
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At the Watrous Centre

Whist winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Jan. 6 were: first - Gena Amendt, 72; second - Marilyn Crawford, 70; third - Olive Sundquist and Earle Amendt (tied), 69. Travelling - Olive Sundquist and Betty Carlson. Homesteader was Earle Amendt.

Kaiser winners at the Senior Cen-

tre Monday, Jan. 10 were: first - Earle Amendt, 192; second - Rod Degenstein, 186; third - Lorelei Stewart - 180; fourth - Coleen Hunt - 171.

Anyone interested in submitting local Watrous news can do so by faxing 306-946-2026, emailing watrous.manitou@sasktel.net or stopping by the office.

Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients:

1/3 cup butter

1 egg

1/2 cup white sugar

1/4 cup brown sugar

Beat these together well, then add:

1 cup flour

1/2 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. salt

Directions:

Blend well, then fold in one cup chocolate chips. Scoop into one tablespoon size balls. I flatten mine slightly on the greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375°F for eight minutes. They will still be soft but they crisp up as they cool. Makes a smaller batch, but is easily doubled. If you are going to double the recipe, make sure to measure carefully so the cookies come out the same as the single recipe.

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blast impacted the entire country. In 2021, Calgary reinforced its reputation as the hailstorm capital when a half-billion-dollar hauler struck the city for a few minutes on July 2.

Volatile weather also occurred when a rare tornado, the first one in 45 years, touched down in Vancouver. In addition, the usual hot spot for tornadoes in Canada, the central Prairies, had a two month period in mid-summer without a single tornado. Yet Canada, overall, has never seen so many major EF2 tornadoes with winds exceeding 175 km/h, as in this year.

At times in 2021, Canada even broke records for the number of records broken. Property damage from weather cost Canadians millions of dollars and the economy billions. Based on preliminary estimates compiled by Catastrophe Indices and Quantification Inc. (CatIQ), there were 13 major catastrophic weather events with billions of dollars in insured losses. It will be months before final figures are tallied. In the end, insured damages will only be a fraction of the total economic costs and together with business losses and infrastructure costs for repairing and rebuilding, 2021 will undoubtedly be the most expensive in history.

From a list of at least 100 significant weather happenings across Canada in 2021, events were ranked from one to 10 based on factors that included the degree to which Canada and Canadians were impacted, the extent of the area affected, economic and environmental effects and the event's longevity as a top news story. Incredibly, British Columbia's terrible weather led the way in the first five of the Top 10 Weather Events in 2021.

Overall, the Top 10 Weather Events of 2021 are: Record heat under the dome; British Columbia's flood of floods; Canada dry coast to coast; Wildfire season - early, active and unrelenting; Canada rides out four heat waves; Year of the EF2 tornado; Dreaded Arctic blast freezes Canada in February; Another hauler-flooder in Calgary; Hurricane Larry belonged to Newfoundland; and number 10 is January prairie clipper.

While Saskatchewan was noted in other events within the Top 10 of 2021 including the forest fires up north, very cold temperatures and a January clipper, two other significant events also impacted the province and are below:

3. Canada dry coast to coast

Veteran farmers and ranchers do not hesitate to call this year's drought across Western Canada one of the worst in history. Farmers compare it to 1988 and 1961; historians compare it to the 1930s. What made the drought extraordinary was that the dryness was so widespread, severe and long lasting. Even before summer was half over, dozens of rural communities had declared states of agricultural disaster. With a week to go before harvest, the Canadian Drought Monitor classified 99 percent of the Prairie agricultural landscape as a drought scene.

The lack of summer rains in the West contributed to the searing heat and spreading wildfires. Persistent blocking ridges redirected the jet stream farther north keeping water-bearing clouds from forming. As a result, southern regions between British Columbia's Lower Mainland and Interior, to the eastern Prairies and Northwestern Ontario faced one of their driest summers in 75 years, with many places recording less than half their normal rainfall during the growing season.

However, the seeds of this drought were sown months, if not seasons, before 2021. Across much of the West, fields through winter 2020-21 were brown for more days than they were white with snow. Winter had not been this dry in 50 years in parts of Alberta. Edmonton had its second driest winter in 136 years. In Calgary, the spring rain was less than half of normal. Southern Manitoba was Canada's epicenter for drought, especially in the Red River Valley and the Interlake region. Some places like Winnipeg had their two driest back-to-back years in over a century.

Crops were scorched and stunted as they withered under the blanketing dry-heat. Add strong moisture-sucking winds, and the meagre crops were beyond salvaging. By mid-July, as the hot became hotter and the dry became drier, no one thought it could get much worse. But it did. Hordes of heat-loving grasshoppers and teams of gophers started invading the West, moving fast and feasting on anything green. At harvest time, grains, instead of being "armpit high" were mere "boot-high". Further, with hay crops only 10 to 25 percent of normal, cattle ranchers faced the prospect of auctioning off animals they could no longer feed. All Canadians felt the impacts of the drought through higher food prices. August rains came too late to help the cereals and canola although they did help later, producing crops such as corn, soybeans, potatoes and sunflowers.

At the end of summer, there were a few days of heavy rain, opposing the growing season drought. In the Red River Valley, the end-of-August rainfall over three summer months totalled as much as 20 percent above normal. But, in agriculture, timing is everything.



Illuminating the sky

►Storms, frigid weather, heat waves, fires, smoke and dry conditions all made up the elements in Saskatchewan during 2021. As 2022 began, the mixed bag continued as January featured a few nice days along with some very cold ones like the one pictured. As the temperature stayed below -21°C along with an added wind chill Jan. 8, what appeared to be a sun halo, similar to a sun dog, was present above the Nutrien mine by Guernsey. According to skyandtelescope.

org, "a sun halo, a circle of light that creates a circle 22° wide around the sun, is a related phenomenon. As with sundogs, hexagonal ice crystals suspended in cirrostratus clouds refract sunlight to create the halo, sometimes also called an icebow, nimbus, or gloriole. Unlike sundogs, which generally can only be seen when the sun is near the horizon, the halo is visible even when the sun is high. Sundogs appear along the 22° halo and disappear as the sun rises."

photo by Daniel Bushman

5. Canada rides out four heat waves

Across Canada, summer 2021 ranked as the fifth warmest season in the past 74 years. Only Nunavut had temperatures closer to normal. In the far west, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan experienced their warmest summers in at least 60 years, where heat warnings prevailed across entire provinces. Although the British Columbia heatwave was certainly the most impactful heat event of the year, the frequency of extreme heat all over the country was a significant part of all Canadians' weather experience in 2021. As a mark of how scorching and consistently hot it was, days with temperatures of 30°C or greater occurred for five months. In Edmonton, hot days numbered more than all such days for the previous eight years combined. In Winnipeg, no year has ever had more days above 30°C (35 in 2021, compared to a normal of 13). In Saskatoon, July 2 topped 40°C. While summer went missing in the East in July, heat came roaring back during the second and third weeks of August. Montreal recorded its warmest August on record with records dating back to 1871. Several cities also experienced very warm nights - part of a long-term trend seen across North America and Europe over the past several decades. For instance, Toronto had 14 nights with temperatures above 20°C compared to an average of four such nights. Worst in the East was the oppressive and sultry humidity. At times the air in the East was not only hot and humid, but also loaded with ash and smoke from wildfires in Northwestern Ontario and Manitoba.

Whereas Canada was consistently warm from May to August, the heat came in waves, with at least four bouts of 40-30-20 days: humidex values near 40 or above, hot afternoons exceeding 30°C, and tropical nights above 20°C.

In addition to the Top 10 Weather events provided by Phillips, he also shared regional weather highlights and runner-up events in 2021. For the Prairie provinces, those included: Alberta wind squall; Late March Prairie blows; Pleas for rain finally answered on May long weekend; Winds damage Manitoba property in early June; Return to winter in June following May heat wave; Altona tornado; Bring the rain, forget the wind; Rare multi-tornado day; First tornado in weeks; Rescue rains - too little too late; August ends with a weather bang; Time to let the cows out of the barn; Sensational September across the Eastern Prairies; Summer comes back in October; and Remembrance Day storm to remember.

For the full article by Phillips on the Top 10 Weather events of 2021, visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/top-ten-weather-stories/2021.html>

Members of local Air Cadet Squadron recognized

■ Daniel Bushman

With years of hard work, dedication and the ability to navigate through the current pandemic, the local 797 K of C Lanigan Air Cadets Squadron along with one of its longtime members was recognized during an Oct. 22 virtual awards night and annual general meeting. During the evening, the Air Cadet League Saskatchewan Provincial Committee presented an award to Captain John Douglas Potter and the local squadron. Former Lanigan resident Larry Sinnett was also highlighted for his involvement with the provincial cadet program.

In appreciation for his outstanding support and dedication to the Air Cadet League of Canada and the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, Captain John Douglas Potter of the 797 Squadron was presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

According to the nomination letter regarding Potter's service, beginning as a Civilian Instructor (CI) for the local squadron in 1984, after being recruited, Potter brought along his expertise as a competitive rifle shooter to help grow the shooting program within the squadron.

Holding the position of Range Safety Officer (RSO) and coach for the next year and a half, Potter then signed up to become an officer. After receiving the proper training and earning his stripes as a Training Officer, he would later take the position of Supply Officer and then Commanding Officer. During that time, Potter also held the job of RSO and rifle coach and was able to go back to that after receiving a promotion to Second Lieutenant.

In August of 1996, Potter made the decision to make room for new officers and applied to be placed on the COATES reserve list. On reserve until 2006, Potter was asked to return to resume command of the squadron until he was able to recruit a replacement five years later.

Also a member of the Saskatchewan Provincial Rifle Association and Royal Canadian Legion, Potter is currently a Supply Officer and RSO for his local squadron but will be retiring from his duties this coming spring.

With decades of helping the squadron and being an influence to the youth of the program, Potter was presented with the Certification of Recognition Award virtually. Former Lanigan resident and current Director of the Air Cadet League of Canada and Saskatchewan Provincial Committee Larry Sinnett said Potter's dedication, knowledge and being an excellent role model for the youth enrolled in the cadet program have been

a great asset to 797 Squadron and made him the perfect recipient of the award.

"During the years that he was on the reserve list, he continued to assist in finding funds for the squadron as well as youth to join. Captain Potter continues to show enthusiasm for the Cadet program and has just found an organization to donate a computer so the squadron could start using a 'flight simulator'. His years of knowledge have assisted the many officers that have been involved in 797 operations."

In addition to Potter's recognition, the 797 Knights of Columbus Lanigan Air Cadets Squadron was also honoured with a Squadron Recognition Award. Presented by the Air Cadet League of Canada and the Saskatchewan Provincial Committee, Sinnett stated: "The efforts of the Squadron Officers and SSC volunteers has allowed 797 Knights of Columbus to substantially grow their cadet strength and maintain them through the cadet year. For their continued strong recruiting and retention of cadets in a rural setting, 797 Knights of Columbus is deserving of the Saskatchewan Air Cadet League Squadron Recognition Award."

Sinnett noted the cadet training program has been holding its events virtually for the past 20 months and with the assistance of the senior cadets, the squadron followed their training from home. Some of those things included: outdoor fire making, outdoor cooking, making outdoor emergency shelters as well as hearing pertinent information from many provincial celebrities.

With the cadet program headquartered in the former Guernsey School and led by Captain Krystal Klenk-Potts, during the program the squadron parades Thursday evenings. Heading into the latter part of 2021, Sinnett said the squadron follows the provincial COVID-19 health regulations and is planning day activities such as marksmanship as well as in-person training on Thursdays.

"All youth ages 12 to 18 are welcome to join the free cadet program as all uniforms, training material and camp courses are free. Dedicated youth wanting a pilot's licence can work their way to that goal for basically the time and dedication it takes."

After Potter and the local squadron were recognized for their efforts and dedication, Sinnett was also recognized and awarded Director of the Year for his dedication to the cadet program. Larry has now received this award three times over the past 44 years working with cadets.



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Obituary



BODNAREK, Raymond (Ray) Scott (a.k.a. Mr. B)

Raymond Bodnarek, aged 53 years, passed away at his residence in Maidstone, Sask. on Friday, December 31, 2021.

Raymond was born August 13, 1968 at the Langenburg hospital. A sign of how he was to live his life, he impatiently arrived a month early to meet his parents, Metro and Amelia, and big brother, Del. Five years later he welcomed his little sister, Cindy, a very special Christmas present.

Growing up in Watrous, he developed a passion for sports, especially hockey, and later, golf. Raymond completed his education at the U of S with an Education degree, majoring in Math and Art. This led to his career as a math teacher at Maidstone High School teaching math, art and music. His love of music had him developing a sideline career as a DJ. An avid collector, he loved the art of the 'find', with collector toys and comics. Raymond enjoyed travelling, especially Maui; speculating in stocks and real estate; attending concerts, and visiting friends. When he was 12 he developed a brain bleed because of a congenital AVM (arterial-venous malformation) in his brain. He had an intercranial surgery when he was 12 and another a year later. As far as he was concerned, this was a little blip in life, and he went back to hockey as soon as possible. Eight years ago the AVM (which was supposed to be gone), redeveloped, this time causing a bit of slow down in his life. This condition probably led to his early death.

Raymond is survived by his parents, Metro and Amelia Bodnarek, brother Delbert Bodnarek (Carmen), sister Cynthia McKauff, nephews, Colton Vangardson, Nathan Bodnarek, Connor McKauff, Carter McKauff, Colby McKauff, niece, Kristen Dam (Ryan), and special cuddle pal, Meow-meow. Also Aunts Grace Bodnarek (Gord), Darlene Andrusiak (Merle), Aunt Giselle Treflin (aka Nellie) (Bob) and Uncle Sam Yaremko (Ardyth), and many cousins.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, Mike and Katie Bodnarek; Joe Yaremko, and Mary Crotenco; Uncles Domenty Yaremko and Andrew Yaremko; and Aunt Irene Ruby.

Memorial service was held at Watrous United Church on January 8 conducted by Rev. Jo-Ann Hills.

Urnbearer was Delbert Bodnarek. Earl Hayhurst and Kevin Holmes were register attendants. Ushers were David and Sherron Reid. Delbert Bodnarek gave the eulogy. Tribute was given by Dave Speers. Soloist was Terilee Stokke. Elva Turner was organist and pianist was Shelley Engele.

Family interment will take place at a later date at Watrous Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation, Kinsmen Foundation - Telemiracle or Saskatchewan Abilities Council - Camp Easter Seal would be appreciated.

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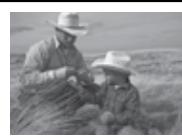
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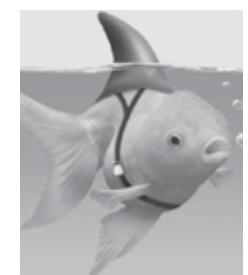
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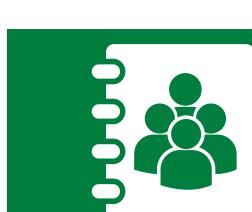
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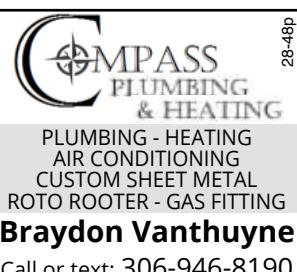
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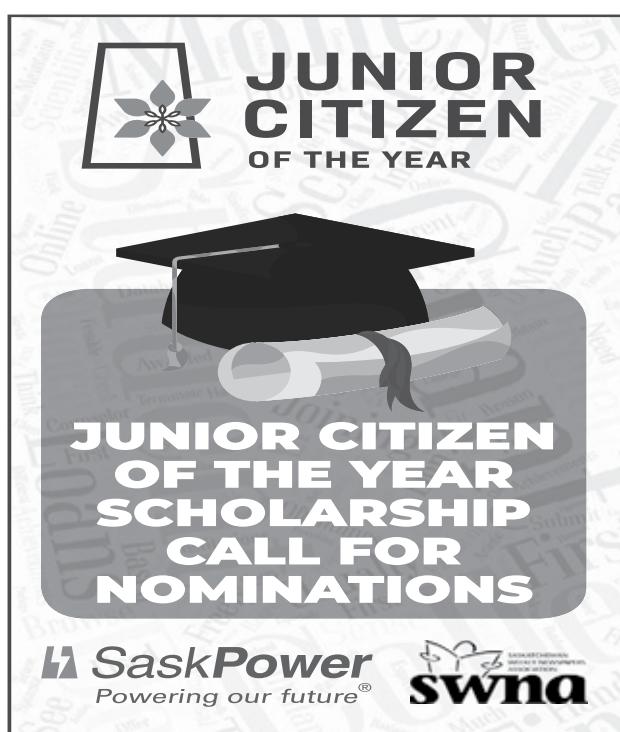
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