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## Watrous Citizen of the Year recognized

■ Daniel Bushman

Putting her community first as a volunteer, resident, business owner and coach, the 2021 Watrous Citizen of the Year has not only tried to create a positive influence within the community but her dedication to seeing the town become a great place to live, visit and do business in has also been evident.

Named as the 2021 Watrous Citizen of the Year, Michelle Amendt said it is a huge honour and privilege to be recognized. "I am quite taken back and overwhelmed that I was chosen. I feel one has to make quite a difference in the community to be nominated."

Moving to Watrous in 1974 with her family, Earle, Gena, Earl Jr. and Rodney, Michelle was able to take part in piano, school sports, school band, ringette, hockey and softball. After graduating from Winston High School, she attended the University of Saskatchewan for a few years and worked several summers at the Kinsmen Swimming Pool and a year at the Manitou Springs Mineral Spa.

In February 1989, Amendt joined the military, serving in the Canadian Forces as an administration clerk for nine years. Working in Victoria for the majority of her service, Michelle would return to Watrous in 1998 to raise her two kids, Jacquelynne and Joshua. Working at Centennial Ford in a number of roles over the years, Michelle would eventually take on a partnership with her brother to purchase the dealership from their dad. More recently, Michelle is now the sole owner of Centennial Ford Sales Ltd. but during her time in Watrous, she has been involved in so much more.

"Throughout the years in Watrous



► Pictured above: Watrous Mayor John Gunderson (above left) with the 2021 Watrous Citizen of the Year Michelle Amendt (above right).

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I have had the privilege to work with numerous people at work and on committees like, Stage and Central Band, Music Festival Committee, Dance Festival Committee, Watrous Whitecaps Executive, Swimming Pool Fundraising Committee and I also volunteered with the Watrous and District Food Bank. My children brought me an opportunity to take on the role of coaching. I was able to coach junior basketball and speed swimming and I am proud to say I have coached speed swimming for over 20 years. I have also organized quite a few Drive for your Community or Drive for UR School Events in Watrous and the surrounding area."

With a lengthy list of volunteer roles, (continued on page nine: CITIZEN)

## Watrous Coach of the Year named

■ Daniel Bushman

With an emphasis on seeing kids learn, develop and grow in sport while having fun, this year's Watrous Coach of the Year not only ensures all of those boxes are checked off during time on the mats but he has also had an instrumental role in the lives of a number of athletes over the years.

Taking to the judo mats himself since he was a kid, through tremendous dedication, volunteering and wanting to see the sport grow in the community, Ryan Potts was recognized as the 2021 Watrous Coach of the Year.

"It means that I am making a difference in people's lives in a positive way that they would recognize me," said Potts of the honour. "It feels really good and it was definitely not something that I was expecting to have happened. We have been coaching for so long it has never really been about the thank yous or anything like that. It has all been about watching the little ones develop and grow into more capable athletes. I didn't think it would ever come back to me receiving Coach of the Year."

Joining his father Darryl and fellow coach Glen Miller who received the prestigious honour previously, when asked how special it was to be in the same company as two of his respected mentors, Ryan said, "It is a touching thing for me. Seeing that I am starting to rise up into the same ranks as people I have always looked up to in my life, it is heartwarming."

Competing in judo right from a young age and learning from some of the best instructors in the province, Potts was around 15 years old when he began to help kids become better athletes. From there he felt the desire to keep coaching and over 20 years later, he continues to volunteer his time and share his expertise.

"My dad was a big piece of that," said Potts about why he decided to coach. "We

were always taught that if you have information or if you have something that can help someone else do better at what they are doing you can offer that information to them and I guess that stuck with me in judo. It has acted as a really good means for me to be able to do that."

In the Watrous Coach of the Year nomination letter submitted by Terry Potts, it noted Ryan followed in his father's footsteps, training with mentors while learning the sport. Training with his dad Darryl until Darryl's passing in 2018, the nomination letter explained how valuable Ryan has been to the club in Watrous. "Ryan has taught many children and adults with patience, kindness, humour and firmness. He has fun while he's training but also

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► Pictured above: Watrous Recreation Board Chair Lane Manson (above left) with the 2021 Watrous Coach of the Year Ryan Potts (above right).

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# Former Watrous resident remains in ICU seeking new heart

■ Daniel Bushman

It has been and continues to be a long journey for Amanda Rogina and her family as she remains in ICU with a ventilator and feeding tube in Edmonton.

Amanda who grew up in Watrous before moving to Saskatoon was born with a congenital heart defect. While she received a pacemaker more recently, a few months ago something went wrong and she was airlifted to Edmonton from Saskatoon where she had emergency heart surgery.

On a GoFundMe fundraiser page set up for Amanda, organizer Dawn Abbott explained what has happened since that time. "She was very ill and given a poor prognosis. She underwent a serious surgery to implant a LVAD. This is an apparatus that has tubes connected to her heart and then to a backpack device in order to keep her heart pumping. When a LVAD is implanted in a patient waiting for a heart transplant, it's called a bridge-to-transplant. She was put into a medical induced coma for over a week while her

body healed. She recovered from the initial surgery and was progressing well. She no longer needed to be intubated, IVs were coming out, feeding tube came out and she was able to sit up. She was moved from the ICU out to the normal ward. Things were looking up. They started to make plans for her to eventually come home.

"Coming home would involve 24 hour care. Adam had quit his job in order to be her 24 hour caregiver. He travelled to Edmonton and has undergone training in how to care for Amanda on a daily basis. It will require several weeks of training while staying near the hospital in case of an emergency.

"However, before they were able to get to this stage, Amanda had to undergo emergency surgery for internal bleeding. She is now back in ICU fighting for her life. Under a medical induced coma, she now begins the healing process again. Amanda is on the heart transplant list. They do not know how long she will have to wait for a new heart."

Since that original post, in December Amanda has gone through a variety of procedures including taking

out her spleen, removing fluid from her lungs and a tracheostomy. Then on Dec. 17, it marked two months that Amanda had been in hospital. With most of the days being in the ICU with a ventilator and feeding tube, Abbott said Amanda continues to fight while trying to recover.

With the strain on Amanda and her family, Abbott felt the need to set up the GoFundMe page in an effort to help. "This fundraiser is to help raise some funds to help Amanda and Adam support their family during this very difficult time. It will also help pay for staying in Edmonton during her hospital stay, help pay for lodging and food for the weeks to follow while Adam is trained on how to care for her, and help pay for the gas to travel back and forth between Saskatoon and Edmonton when needed. Any amount that you can donate will be greatly appreciated by Amanda and Adam."

For those who would like to help Amanda and her family, people can visit [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) and search: Help Amanda find her heart

## “RCMP Report”

### Cash recovered after theft

A significant amount of cash has been recovered as a result of public assistance and the quick thinking of Saskatchewan RCMP police officers.

At 7:43 a.m. Dec. 13, Rosthern RCMP received a report of a theft on Beardy's First Nation. The complainant

advised investigators their personal vehicle had been stolen from their residence – with a significant amount of cash inside.

Rosthern Detachment immediately began seeking assistance from the public and following up on leads and information. A male suspect was identified

and it was reported he had just left a business south of Saskatoon and was travelling in a taxi cab towards the city.

The taxi was located just south of Saskatoon and a traffic stop was conducted by Saskatoon RCMP. Two passengers: the adult male suspect and an adult female were arrested at 9:21 a.m. Dec. 13.

Saskatchewan RCMP's General Investigation Section (GIS) were contacted to assist with the investigation and drafting of a search warrant. RCMP officers in GIS and across the province are specially trained in drafting requests for authorization

for an individual to enter and search a specific location in relation to an investigation. These requests are then reviewed by a judge or Justice of the Peace who determine if they will be granted or not.

Generally speaking, this includes speaking with officers directly involved in the investigation, reviewing statements and summarizing the overall investigation. In this instance, GIS worked with both Rosthern and Saskatoon RCMP Detachments prior to the search warrant being signed by the Justice of the Peace and executed.

"A large portion of the money reported missing was recovered in three locations as a result of the executed search warrant and overall

investigation," shared Sgt. Spence. "I would say it was especially meaningful to share this information with the victims considering it's so close to the holiday season. The excellent collaboration between multiple RCMP Detachments and support units is what ultimately led to the incredibly quick progression of this investigation and arrests in less than two hours from the initial call for service."

As a result of investigation, Waylon Gardypie and Nikki Gardypie, both of Beardy's First Nation, are charged with one count each of: Theft of motor vehicle, section 333.1(1) of the Criminal Code; Theft over \$5,000 section 334(a) of the Criminal Code; and Possession of property

obtained by crime, section 354(1) of the Criminal Code.

The vehicle reported stolen – a grey 2016 Jeep Cherokee Trailhawk with Saskatchewan license plate 967 MDH – has not been located. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of this vehicle is asked to contact Rosthern RCMP at 306-232-6400 or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477.

### Male charged with firearms offences after search warrant executed

On Dec. 10, Saskatchewan RCMP Crime Reduction Team (CRT) executed a search warrant at a residence on CFB Moose Jaw with the assistance of Moose Jaw RCMP, Saskatchewan RCMP's National Weapons Enforcement Support Team and Moose Jaw Police Service.

Officers located and seized gun parts and two over-capacity magazines in the residence.

As a result of investigation, Rhys Paradis of Bushell Park is charged with single counts of: manufacturing a restricted weapon, Section 99, Criminal Code; unlawful possession of a restricted firearm, Section 91(1), Criminal Code; unlawful possession of a prohibited device, Section 91(2), Criminal Code; and unlicensed possession of a restricted firearm with readily-accessible ammunition, Section 95(b), Criminal Code.



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# Watrous resident takes home Holiday Giveaway's grand prize

## ■ Daniel Bushman

With thousands of entries and a strong emphasis on shopping locally, the annual Watrous Manitou Marketing Group's Holiday Giveaway was another resounding success. Not only that but for a consecutive year, the grand prize winner was from Watrous. With people utilizing participating businesses within Watrous and Manitou Beach, numerous entries were submitted by shoppers with hopes of one of them winning the \$5,000 grand prize.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, for a second straight year, this year's draw took place in the home of Vickie Clarke, Community Development Officer with the Watrous Manitou Marketing Group. With a massive bag containing the entries, Clarke livestreamed the Dec. 18 draw online and pulled out Melanie Gunderson's name. Receiving the grand prize, Melanie is able to

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# Opinion

## Imperial & District Combined Appeal

■ submitted

The Imperial & District Combined Appeal 2021 is now complete and a total of \$12,725 was collected. In keeping with the donor's wishes the funds have been distributed as follows: Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility - \$1,862; Imperial & District Ambulance - \$2,533; Canadian Red Cross - \$100; Canadian Mental Health Association, Saskatchewan - \$248; Heart & Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan - \$469; CNIB - \$120; The Salvation Army - \$696; Canadian Cancer Society - \$529; Sask. Abilities - \$100; Arthritis Society - \$243; The Lung Association Saskatchewan - \$278; STARS Foundation - \$898; Diabetes Canada - \$268; Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada - \$209; Alzheimer's Society of Saskatchewan - \$396 and The Kidney Foundation of Canada - \$100.

We also accepted donations for the Town of Imperial Fire Department's campaign to raise funds for a new fire truck which raised \$3,476.

## COLONSAY

Irene Gray • 306-255-2775

Dec. 17 showed community spirit in Colonsay. There was a great turn out for the tree lighting in Harris Park. Mayor Tracy Yousie welcomed everyone to Colonsay's first tree lighting. The Colonsay School choir under the direction of Jesslyn Brickner sang several Christmas carols. Then the lights were on.

Elsie Beggs from Candle Lake spent a few days visiting her mother Beryl Wieler.

Jim and Irene Gray spent Christmas with Tyler and Venessa Hinz, Brenda and Kory Liang,

Ben, MuLing and grandma from Unity.

Get well wishes for those not feeling great. I hope you feel better soon.

Please contact me if you have news to put in the paper.

Among our many blessings, those we hold most dear;

Are memories of happy times we've had throughout the year.

And so, it's not surprising that as the old year ends,

Our hearts are filled with gratitude

And loving thoughts for friends.

## VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Four ladies met at the Viscount library this week; our last one until the new year. It has been a busy year despite the setbacks imposed by COVID restrictions as the ladies continued to make blankets on their own at home. And not only blankets but baby toques as well as small pillows and reusable cloth bags. Such generosity was shown to us in the form of yarn, crocheted and knitted squares (8" x 8") and completed blankets. We are so thankful for all this, but not as grateful as those on the receiving end. The week of Dec. 12 to 18, 2021 we delivered 19 baby toques, 20 adult blankets and 13 baby blankets. We regularly receive cards of thanks and I want to pass along how greatly appreciated it is to everyone out there who contribute to this very worthy cause. To date for 2021, we have delivered 167 blankets in three different sizes. So once again, well done and greatly appreciated. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas!

School break is presently happening. School will resume in Viscount Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Thank you to all who helped make this week's Viscount news possible. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday everyone. Happy New Year to all and may 2022 be a great year for all.



### Tips from Reena Nerbas

be aware because shoe polish may transfer to fabrics if guests sit on the area that you repair. Your best bet is to purchase a leather touch up kit. Make sure that you follow the manufacturer's instructions for using the kit to achieve the best results.

**Dear Reena,**

I regularly purchase asparagus; however, I often leave it too long before cooking it. Do you have any advice for reviving limp asparagus so that I do not end up wasting any more money? Dee

**Dear Dee,**

Unless the asparagus is too far gone, revive asparagus the same way you would revive limp celery. Place veggies in a tall pot with ice water in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

**Dear Reena,**

What is the best way to get rid of pet (dog) smell in the house - enzyme stuff? What I am told is that the smell can permeate into the walls, floors and even the furniture? Adelon

**Hi Adelon,**

For very overpowering smells, you may want to consider renting an ozone machine because the smell will disappear quickly. This little machine is not recommended for regular use, but it is great for enclosed areas that are affected by pets, smoke or flood damage, or just smell. The machine lets out a molecule called O3 (which



### Neighbourly advice according to Ed

*A spiritual column by contributor Raymond Maher*  
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Helen Steiner Ross wrote of the mystery of life, which is a brand new baby. Babies capture the hearts of their parents and countless others. They are, as Ross said, "A wee bit of heaven drifted down from heaven above. A handful of happiness, a heart full of love. The mystery of life so deep and complete. Precious and priceless, so loveable too. The world's sweetest miracle, baby, is you."

Another writer has written, "Until you've counted little fingers,

**Dear Reena,**

My cat has put multiple nicks/scratches on my leather couch. How can I cover them so they are not as noticeable? Linda

**Dear Linda,**

Scratches become less noticeable if shoe polish is colour matched and applied to leather. However, be aware because shoe polish may transfer to fabrics if guests sit on the area that you repair. Your best bet is to purchase a leather touch up kit. Make sure that you follow the manufacturer's instructions for using the kit to achieve the best results.

## Solutions and Substitutions

is oxygen with an extra molecule attached). The third molecule escapes into the air and absorbs all odours. These machines can be rented at tool rental retailers, as well as some hardware stores. Read all manufacturers' instructions before use. If you do not opt to use an ozone machine you can remove the smell by painting, replacing flooring, washing the walls, baseboards and windows and cleaning the furniture.

**Dear Reena,**

I have tried several commercial and homemade glass cleaners to clean the inside of my car windows, but they have always left streaks when the sun reflects off the windows. Do you have any suggestions for cleaning the inside of vehicle windows? Charles

**Dear Charles,**

Purchase a good quality squeegee, a wet mop and a window scraper. Amazing window cleaner recipe: in a gallon size container mix one cup rubbing alcohol and one teaspoon cheap shampoo. Fill to the top with water. Spray windows and scrub with a wet window mop. Use a scraper to remove any dried on bugs and leaves. Avoid cleaning windows when the sun shines directly on them. The sun will dry the windows too fast which will result in streaks. Clean the water off the glass with a squeegee. Wipe the edges of the squeegee after removing the water. Dry windows with either a good quality microfibre cloth or old newspaper. Crumple it up and rub the windows until they are dry. For extra shine, put cornstarch in a bucket with water. Wipe windows and dry with a microfibre cloth or newspaper.

*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](http://reena.ca). Ask a question or share a tip at [reena.ca](http://reena.ca)*

## The mystery of life, so deep and complete

counted little toes, held a little hand, kissed a little nose, soothed a little tummy, read to little ears, powdered a little booty, wiped away little tears, you haven't known love."

Often, we get focused on what is or is not happening and forget about love and hope. Love and hope are gifts from God in the babies and children He gives us to love. In my province this year, we were tormented with a persistent deadly virus, scorched by heat, parched by drought, faced consuming forest fires, and last but not least, suffered devastating floods and landslides. These forces of nature made us remember what makes our lives worthwhile.

Consider these words, "Who says there is no magic in the world, have never experienced the birth of a child. Who says wealth is everything, has never seen a child smile! Who says this world is be-

yond saving has forgotten that children represent love!" (and hope).

Christmas means different things to people, but for Christians, it is the celebration of the birth of the baby Jesus. "For to us, a child is born, to us, a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish it." (Isaiah 9:6,7)

Matthew 1:18-24 explains, "This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph had in mind to di-

vorce her quietly. An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid, to take Mary home as your wife. Because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.' When Joseph woke up, he took Mary home as his wife."

When the baby Jesus was born of Mary, an angel of the Lord said to shepherds in the fields near Bethlehem, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:10-12) The baby Jesus makes our lives complete in love and hope no matter what happens or does not happen to us.

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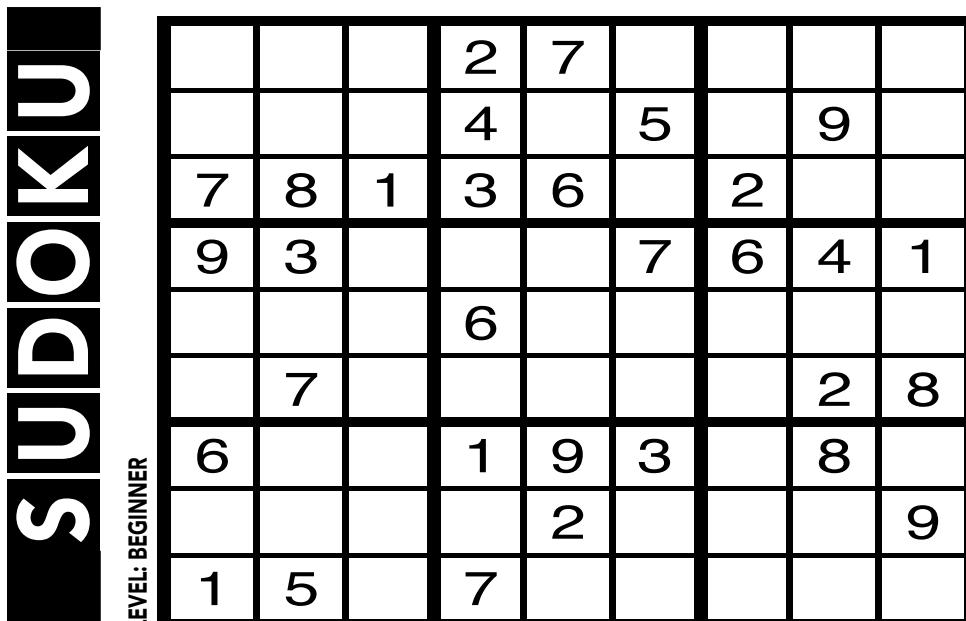
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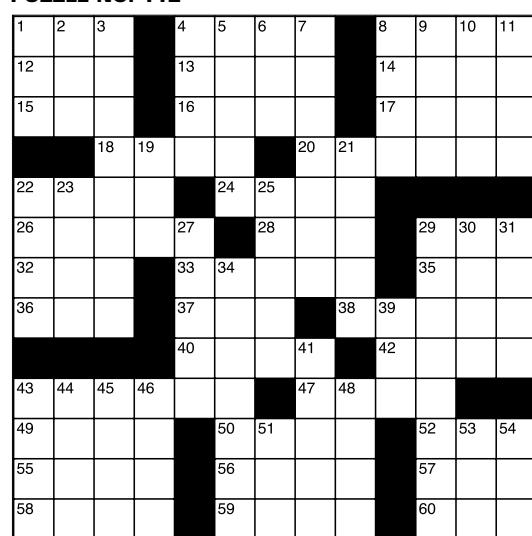


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## At the Watrous Centre

Crib winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Dec. 16 were: first - Doreen Foster, 809; second - Lylie Herman, 806; third - Marilyn Wignes, 798; fourth - Kathleen Paul, 787. Travelling - Betty Carlson and Earle Amendt. Homesteader was Bob Wignes, seven times at same table.

Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre

Monday, Dec. 20 were: first - Earle Amendt, 204; second - Alan Wilson, 172; third - Sylvia Falkowsky - 168; fourth - Fred Kahlert - 162.

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.

## From the Watrous Senior Centre

■ submitted by Watrous Senior Centre President Earle Amendt Sr.

The Watrous Senior Centre celebrated a Christmas supper on Dec. 16. Seniors gathered at the Pepper Tree restaurant for a scrumptious turkey supper prepared and served by their capable staff.

As part of the activities the Senior Centre honoured four of its longtime members by presenting them with Lifetime Memberships in both the Watrous Senior Centre and the Saskatchewan Seniors Association (SSAI). Lylie Herman, President of SSAI, was in attendance to present certificates to the honourees. Members honoured were Roger Langston, Freida McWillie, Joyce Henryk and Sylvia Falkowsky. Roger and Freida served as executive members for significant periods and Joyce and Sylvia have been loyal members for many years. Unfortunately, Joyce was unable to attend. Following the meal, members and guests returned to the Senior Centre for fellowship and games.

Anyone interested in taking part in Senior Centre activities is invited to attend during activities or call President Earle Amendt Sr. for more details at 306-946-7711.



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With lots of lights decorating homes in Watrous and making the season festive, three lucky winners were named as part of the 2021 Watrous Christmas Lights Competition. Watrous Recreation Director Chelsea Murfitt said this year's winners included: Marlene Coates for Most Original (pictured left and above); Ian, Jenny and Greta Jackson for Most Traditional (pictured middle); and Ray Reichert won the Clark Griswold Award (pictured below). "Each winner received a sign to display on their yard and a \$50 gift card to a local business. I really appreciated everyone who participated this year. There were a lot of beautifully decorated houses in Watrous!" Murfitt also extended her appreciation to the guest judges from Winston High School and Jubilee Court who helped pick this year's winners.

□ photos courtesy Watrous Recreation Director Chelsea Murfitt



# Dick Seeds grows 45 year legacy

■ Daniel Bushman

With a passion for farming ingrained right from an early age in Guernsey area producer Wayne Dick, it should come as no surprise that his venture, Dick Seeds operated for nearly five decades. Making the decision to call it a career after 45 years of growing, cleaning and marketing grain, Wayne along with his wife Janice not only found ways to grow and sell pedigree seed but were also integral in helping serve the local area.

As a youngster gleaning experience essentially on the fender of his dad's tractor, Wayne said farming was always in his blood. "In 1976 after completing a year of Voc Ag at the U of S and getting married, Janice and I moved home to the Guernsey area to farm together with my parents, Walter and Edna Dick. That summer we began growing pedigree seed and converting our pig barn into a grain cleaning facility (I sure didn't miss the pigs). A few years later my brother Rod joined us."

Making the decision to grow and sell pedigree seed, Wayne said the need arose for a way to have it processed. With limited options available for producers within the area to have their grain cleaned at that time, Wayne explained what Dick Seeds offered. "We were able to clean all cereals and flax to begin with. At the time all pedigree seed was bagged into jute bags and hand-sewn using basically a darning needle and jute string. Then the Canadian Food Inspection Agency would send out an inspector who sampled the lot of seed, gave it a grade based on its quality and then we had to print the pedigree tags and attach them to each bag. A few

years into this we became Select Seed Growers which gave us access to Breeder seed grown out on one acre plots. I grew and sold pedigree seed until 2005."

With the family operation growing, Wayne said it was a natural fit to add seed cleaning to the

business. "We grew seed, we processed the seed and we sold the seed. And most of it was done during the winter months when we had the time."

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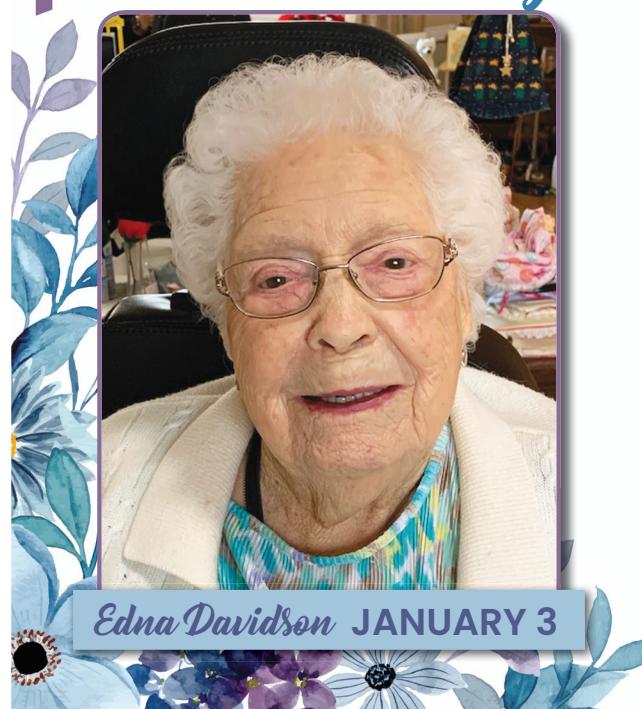


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We love you and miss you so much . . .  
Our kind and thoughtful dad  
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(from page seven: SEEDS)

Working together with his dad until he retired, and his brother Rod until 1998, Wayne noted they also required a number of others to help them over the years. As Dick Seeds gained momentum during that time, the customer base for custom seed cleaning also grew. "We had customers bringing grain from Lockwood, Drake, Lanigan, Burr, Plunkett, Viscount, Young, Watrous and other communities as well. With that we also added the crops that we could process as well. Over the years we have cleaned the basic crops like wheat, oats, barley, rye, as well as canola, mustard, flax, spelt, hemp, and I think I even did some sunflowers."

Then in 2000, a couple years after operating the company on his own, Wayne made the decision to switch over to organic farming. "The seed plant then became a facility that we used to process our crops up to human food standards and opened up new marketing opportunities for us."

With the tremendous customer support over the years and making things easier to manage for the local producer, Wayne added he was fortunate to have all of his facilities located on his yard, specifically after one occasion. "I demonstrated a mobile plant on a very blustery November day. It wasn't hard after that experience to put all our machines inside a building with a heated office. As a good portion of our cleaning those days was our own, it made sense to have it in our yard."

Reflecting back on that experience and others, when asked if there were changes throughout his time cleaning seed, Wayne said, "Over the years grain has been separated from weeds and other crops using length, width, and weight as the basic separations. Not much has changed in that regard. Equipment has advanced to become easier to adjust or make modifications and in the last number of years, colour sorters have been added to make further improvements to seed quality. We still have the original equipment purchased in 1976 with the addition of a couple machines since. One of the changes though came with the closure of local elevators and the ability to weigh your trucks for seed sales. So fairly early on we purchased and installed a truck scale which was used widely by the community over the years."

While those tweaks and advancements aided in the longevity of Dick Seeds, what stood out the most for Wayne and his 45 years of operating the company were the friendships he made. "A highlight for me over the years is the friendships I have had the opportunity to make sitting in the office or shovelling out truck corners. Our community has been great to work with and we want to thank each and everyone for your loyalty and business."

Now that Wayne has elected to call it a career in the seed business, nearby neighbours, Randy and Rick Toman have taken on the plant. Like Wayne and his brother Rod did in earlier years, the Toman brothers have joined forces and have been growing pedigree seed. After Wayne decided to call it a day, the Tomans made the decision to rent Dick's seed cleaning plant and Wayne added, "It is a fairly natural transition for both parties."

Operating Toman AgVentures, Randy and Rick were pleased with the opportunity to rent the cleaning

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►After operating Dick Seeds for nearly five decades, Wayne Dick (pictured) decided to call it a career. With his venture near Guernsey, over the years Wayne had customers bringing grain from Lockwood, Drake, Lanigan, Burr, Plunkett, Viscount, Young, Watrous, and other communities. Now that he has decided to stop growing, cleaning and marketing grain, nearby neighbours, Randy and Rick Toman have rented Wayne's seed cleaning plant as part of their operation, Toman AgVentures.

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plant and are looking forward to the future. "Wayne has been a big part of this area for a lot of years and we were fortunate to be able to rent his plant and gain from his experience. We wish him the best and look forward to serving the area."

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(from front page: CITIZEN)

dedicating her time and efforts to worthy causes and striving to be an outstanding citizen, Amendt feels it is so valuable to give back to a community that has given back to her.

"Watrous has always been 'home'. I moved here as a small child and grew up in this kind, caring community. It has helped shape me into the person I am today. I attended school here and was involved in school sports, extracurricular activities and minor sports. I developed lifelong friends and a love for this community. When it came time to put down roots for my children, I couldn't think of a better place."

Feeling a significant importance of giving back to the community through volunteering, Michelle said, "You always get back more when you give. It's like the saying, 'You reap what you sow.' When you give you are helping the community to carry forward with programs and/or events. If we sit idle things do not happen. I think that is what we are supposed to do – serve others. I feel we should serve others more and do our best in everything we do."

Those words were echoed in the nomination letter for Watrous Citizen of the Year submitted by Irena and Andy Broadfoot. In a portion of the letter it outlined the impact of Amendt's volunteering efforts, her support of

local initiatives through Centennial Ford and Michelle's desire to create a better community.

"What drives a person to volunteer season after season, year after year; long after your children are grown up and no longer involved? What drives a person to get up super early in the morning to drive other people's children to an event? What drives a person to give up their lunch and supper time to spend hours as a volunteer coach? What drives a person to say yes we can, and accomplish the task; even when being told no you can't do that, there are no funds available for that? Consistent Commitment."

Encouraging, going above and beyond, mentoring and leading by example, Amendt said she has thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of Watrous. "For me, there are a number of highlights from over the years. Some of those include: working with kids in speed swimming and band and being able to watch them grow up as little people into fine young adults; watching them improve and develop into little athletes and/or performers; developing many friendships over the years on various committees and Drive for Your Community events; having pride of hosting various swim meets in Watrous and the overwhelming support from the community of Watrous; and Centennial Ford has been fortunate enough to give back financially to our

community on several occasions and most recently we (Centennial Ford) were able to partner with other Sask. Ford Dealerships. Through that, Centennial Ford raised over \$16,000 for STARS Ambulance for our province."

With an appreciation for striving to be and do better, achieving success, and going above and beyond, words which were noted in the nomination letter, for Michelle, the reason why she does the things she does in Watrous is because of the people. "The people are friendly and willing to pitch in to lend a hand when help is needed. They say it 'takes a village to raise a child'; Watrous is a safe place to raise children and you have that extra comfort of knowing others are looking out for your child as well as theirs. It is also a big enough community to support numerous recreational activities and has a number of tremendous service groups which play a huge role in fundraising for community projects and events. I am grateful to not only be a resident of Watrous but also so appreciative of the friends I've made and the people I've developed relationships with over the years. I am proud of the community I call home and honoured to be named this year's Watrous Citizen of the Year."

On behalf of the Town of Watrous, Mayor John Gunderson extended his congratulations and said, "Thank you for your contributions to our community."

(from front page: COACH)

takes it very seriously. He has been a referee in tournaments as well as competing in them. In 2021, the club made a big change joining together with several other organizations and opened up their own space."

A dream of Ryan's to see a space in Watrous dedicated to the club, the nomination letter also shared about what his passion for

the sport and for coaching means to those participating: "I spoke to a few parents and my favourite quote is, 'They love him. It's like hanging out with a friend two nights a week.'"

The president of the judo club in Watrous and a certified provincial referee, Ryan noted how special it is to also be able to coach his own children in judo, like his dad was

able to do. Quick to point out that the program is a team effort and not an individual one, Ryan said, "There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes. I might be the person on the mats but there are a lot of volunteers who make the club a possibility. A big shout out to everyone else who helps out: to fellow coaches, especially Glen Miller who is head coach and to the

juniors who are starting to coach as well, I am glad to have them on the mats. It is really nice to be able to offer a quicker path to a higher level of coaching while encouraging them along the way."

Reflecting back on his own life and what the sport has meant to him over the years, Ryan said, "Allowing the little ones find themselves in sport is something

that was very important to me as a child. It was easier for me to do that athletically than it was academically. Some of these kids are in the same situation and it is very nice being able to see them come to practice and having a smile all the way through. At the end of the year, looking back they can see how far they progressed and they smile. That smile is worth all the

time, all the hours, all the travel and everything like that, just watching them realize how much better they have become because of us, it is really encouraging to see."

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### ■ media release

The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to announce the completion of the province's first-ever Provincial Public Library Sector Plan. This plan was created in collaboration with Saskatchewan's 11 public library systems, representing more than 300 public library branches around the province. The plan will support the libraries systems working in collaboration with each other and the Ministry of Education to meet the needs of Saskatchewan residents now and into the future.

“I am pleased to see the advice given to government through this comprehensive plan,” Education Minister Dustin Duncan said. “A stronger Saskatchewan library system means easier access to critical resources for the public.”

The Provincial Public Library Sector Plan 2022-2027 consists of five main priorities:

- Build and maintain library systems that support the current level of services and promote growth.
- Plan for technological changes that will augment library services and provide additional resources for residents.
- Build and develop library services and programs with Indigenous peoples in the spirit of reconciliation.
- Support the literacy development of all of Saskatchewan's citizens.
- Provide accessible and welcoming community spaces through infrastructure development.

The Public Library Sector Plan was developed in consultation with Saskatchewan public library systems, using feedback gathered from Saskatchewan residents.

In 2019, over 5,800 residents provided their feedback on a library engagement report. That report was developed after meetings with public library stakeholders, and the majority of respondents supported the themes identified in the report.

The Public Library Sector Plan can be found at [saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/ministries/education#annual-reports](http://saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/ministries/education#annual-reports).

Results of the public survey can be found on [saskatchewan.ca](http://saskatchewan.ca).

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