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Twister spins near local communities

■ Daniel Bushman

What was a beautiful Wednesday afternoon in late June turned into a tornado outbreak in the province as multiple twisters touched down including one between Watrous, Manitou Beach and Young. While there was fortunately no substantial damage done by the tornado near the three local communities June 29, it did provide for some tense moments.

First forming northeast of Young around 3 p.m., as the system moved southeast, it was not long until a funnel dropped from the sky. Hitting near the south shores of Little Manitou Lake, approximately eight kilometres east of Young and about 11 kilometres west of Manitou Beach and Watrous, the rotating twister went from a grey hue to a darker brown as it began sucking up dirt and debris from the ground. Lasting for about 15 minutes as it moved through part of Allan and Steven Leslie’s pastureland toward Watrous and Manitou Beach, it knocked over some trees before disappearing.

While not at the pasture Wednesday afternoon but rather watching the twister from his farmyard southwest of Watrous, once it was all over, Steven confirmed the tornado had gone through part of the family’s land. “There were a bunch of trees that were knocked over but thankfully there was really nothing else that was damaged.”

Viewing a number of submitted images from the June 29 event, Terri Lang, Services Meteorologist for Environment and Climate Change Canada remarked how this particular tornado was photogenic because of the way it dropped from the sky and had rotation on the ground.

Classified as a landspout twister, Lang said it formed really rapidly and did not last long as opposed to supercell tornadoes. “They can cause damage and are dangerous but are much harder to forecast. One of the things about supercell tornadoes is they come from a really well organized storm that is long-lasting and long-lived and the whole storm itself is rotating but landspout tornadoes form really quickly and often we can’t see that rotation in the clouds so we are not able to warn people on it until something has already happened. Often by the time we get the warning out it is often gone because they tend to be short-lived.”

Having never witnessed a tornado in person before, Watrous resident Doug Thomas was enjoying an afternoon at Manitou Beach with his family. Noticing a number of people on the beach looking west and pointing at a little funnel coming down from the back of a dark cloud, Thomas did not think much of it as it was nowhere near the ground. Noticing a skinny tongue of grey darting in and out of the funnel toward the ground, after a few

(continued on back page: TORNADO)



Unforgettable afternoon

►Forming near Young before hitting pastureland west of Watrous and Manitou Beach, during the afternoon June 29, a landspout twister provided a few tense moments for those who spotted it. Joining others watching from Manitou Beach, Al Bowman and Doug Thomas both posted videos of the tornado which garnered a number of views. While the tornado was short-lived and did not do significant damage, a number of other twisters were also spotted within Saskatchewan later that day.

top and below right photos courtesy Al Bowman, below left photo courtesy Doug Thomas



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Local U11 softball team takes gold at provincials

■ submitted by Julie Morelli on behalf of the Pirates

With five players from Watrous and six players from Lanigan, a group of enthusiastic girls ages eight to 11 wanting to extend their softball season joined together to attend the first-ever Saskatchewan U11 Softball Provincials.

Lanigan coaches Brynn and Brittany Smith entered the Lanigan Pirates team with Craig Anderson from Watrous assistant coaching and Julie Morelli from Watrous assisting with managing the team. The girls had a few

practices together prior to the provincial tournament while they continued to finish up regular league play with their respective teams.

The 2022 Softball Saskatchewan U11 North Girls (white) Provincial Championship tournament took place in Saskatoon June 24 to 26. There was a total of 14 teams in attendance from the northern half of the province.

The Lanigan/Watrous crew played their first game ever together Friday afternoon with a 16-1 win over the Saskatoon Phantoms Lightning. Their second round-robin game was Saturday and the Pirates defeated the Davidson Red Sox 13-10. With a first place finish in their pool after the round-

robin, the Pirates had secured themselves a spot in a semifinal game Sunday morning. They came up against the also undefeated Saskatoon Hustlers Wolves which proved to be their toughest competition of the weekend so far. The Lanigan/Watrous crew had a strong showing both at bat and in the field and defeated the Saskatoon team 14-9 to advance to face the Humboldt Thunder in the gold medal match.

It was a very exciting finish with the Pirates winning 6-4 over Humboldt to become provincial champions! This group of girls far exceeded everyone's expectations going into the weekend, while making lifelong memories, new friendships and playing some great softball!



►The U11 Pirates pictured above. Back row (left to right): Craig Anderson, Julie Morelli, Brynn Smith and Brittany Smith. Middle row (left to right): Hunter Fitzsimmons, Kaya Shepley, Jaylynn Terry, Raya Lockie and Everlee Huculak. Front row (left to right): Kaelyn Senko, Marlee Solar, Harper Anderson, Briar Thomson, Ava Morelli and Blaire Smith.

photos submitted

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►Watrous players on the U11 Pirates. Pictured above (left to right): Harper Anderson, Jaylynn Terry, Ava Morelli, Marlee Solar and Raya Lockie.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LOCAL IMPROVEMENT TO BE PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO CLAUSE 15 (1)(A) OF THE LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT, 1993

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT:

1. The council of the Town of Watrous proposes to pass a bylaw to undertake the following as a local improvement:

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF WORK OR SERVICE	PROPOSED TIMING	LOCATION	FROM	TO
1	Watermain Replacement	September 2022	3 rd Avenue East	Main Street	1 st Street East

and proposes to specially assess a part of the cost against the lands benefited by this local improvement.

2. The estimated cost, and rate of special assessment chargeable for, the proposed local improvements are:

NUMBER	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	ESTIMATED MUNICIPALITY'S SHARE OF COST	ESTIMATED OWNER'S SHARE OF COST	ESTIMATED RATE & BASES OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
1	\$209,992	\$63,003	\$146,989	\$688.86 per front meter

The special assessment levied for the proposed local improvements may be based on the actual cost. The special assessment will be payable in ten equal annual installments commencing in 2023. Prepayment may also be made, in whole or in part.

3. Owners of land to be specially assessed may petition against the proposed local improvement. The petition must be submitted to the administrator of the municipality not later than 12:00 Noon, on the 11th day of August 2022.

To be successful the petition must be signed by a majority in numbers of owners of lands to be specially assessed for the proposed local improvement, representing at least one-half of the assessed value in the most recent assessment roll of these lands. Advice on preparing the petition, to ensure its validity, is available from the Town Office.

4. The council proposes to meet to consider a bylaw respecting this matter on the 22nd of August, 2022, at 7:00 PM at #404 Main Street.

Dated at Watrous, Saskatchewan, this 11th day of July, 2022.

Orrin Redden, Town Administrator

Fun Run rapidly approaching as event marks 31st year

■ Daniel Bushman

After last year’s tremendous turnout commemorating the 30th annual Watrous and Manitou Beach Fun Run Auto Show ‘N’ Shine, organizers are hoping that the 2022 version will also be a roaring success.

Marking 31 years of vintage vehicles, unique cars and custom trucks lining up along Main Street in Watrous, with the pandemic restrictions lifted, chairperson Al Madland is looking forward to the big day. “After not having a normal type of event in 2020, we had an overwhelming response in 2021 and hope to have the same for this year’s July 23 event.”

Excited to build off of the 30th annual show, Madland is expecting there will be lots of entries this year. “We are looking forward to having a bunch of people and vehicles back on Main Street again. Seeing people come out last year after not being able to host a typical car show in 2020 was really great to see. We know that folks are excited to return again this year.”

For vehicle enthusiasts wanting to participate, Madland is encouraging them to bring pretty much whatever they would like to enter. “We already have had quite a few pre-register and the more we get, the merrier. If you pre-register then it gets you in the gate quicker because we can have your package ready to go and get you parked into position.”

For those planning to come as a group, Madland encourages them to get in touch before July 23 so organizers can ensure they have ample space. People who would still like to register can go to the Fun Run’s website: www.watrousfunrun.com.

“Between motorcycles, cars and trucks, whatever people have to show, bring it and we will get it in.”

As for the show itself, along with vehicles lining Main Street, there are some familiar events and a few new ones. With the majority of events held along Main Street or just off of it, an automobile parts swap meet and pancake breakfast are planned, agility dogs will be at Centennial Park, a live band is coming in next to Kelvin’s Perk, a beer gardens, Beeper the Clown returns along with face painting outside the library, and at the Watrous Centennial Arena, monster truck rides with ‘Bout Time’ will be held during the day while water soccer featuring the local fire department will be done nearby in the afternoon.

Also this year, the final cruise to the beach will be taking a bit of a different route. Madland said the convoy will be leaving Watrous at 3:30 p.m. and heading north on Main Street before turning right onto 6th Ave. E. From there, it will turn left onto 4th Street E. and then left onto Hwy. 365 to Manitou Beach. At the beach, Madland said the vehicles will be heading along the main entrance road before turning left at Albert Street, then eventually left at MacLachlan Ave. and left once more, this time at Watrous Street, before the route will wrap up at the corner of Watrous Street and Elizabeth.

With registration for Fun Run vehicles Saturday morning and trophies, awards and the cruise to the beach wrapping up the day around 3:30 p.m., Madland said, “We are trying our best to make this a show to remember. It is looking like it is coming together really well. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and want to make it fun for the family.”



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As things come together, one of the biggest hurdles left to leap according to Madland is the need for volunteers. While there are some who have stepped up to help with the show, the organizer added the committee would appreciate more willing to lend a hand.

“It is more for parking in the morning which is the biggest thing and then the night before we will be marking off the streets. If we are able to have some additional help, that would go a long way. We are excited to be able to welcome everyone to the community.”

As for the support from Watrous, Manitou Beach and the area as a whole, Madland appreciates the businesses and sponsors who have once again stepped up. “Without our sponsors and without the local support we get each year, this show would not be able to go ahead. Having that has been tremendous and we have sincerely appreciated it over the years. We hope everyone enjoys the 31st annual event and has a fun time!”

Year-end financials for Sask. indicate strength

■ media releases

With higher than forecast revenue, the provincial government stated Saskatchewan’s finances strengthened in 2021-’22 after a deficit of \$1.47 billion at year-end is a \$1.14 billion improvement over the projected deficit in the 2021-’22 Budget.

Public Accounts 2021-’22 Volume 1 released June 30, showed higher potash and oil prices resulted in increased non-renewable resource revenue, and higher personal income, corporate income and sales tax revenue than budgeted. Revenue increases in 2021-’22 underscored the province’s resilience as Saskatchewan’s economy began to recover from the pandemic.

However, widespread drought significantly impacted agriculture expense and health spending was also up in 2021-’22 due to continued COVID-19 costs as the pandemic persisted.

“Saskatchewan’s improvement through the fiscal year, and our government’s strong financial plan has the province back on track,” Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said. “Our public debt at year-end was \$529 million lower than budgeted, as government needed to borrow less, largely due to a lower deficit.”

Total revenue of \$18.14 billion was up \$3.66 billion,

from the projection in the 2021-’22 Budget. While most revenue categories experienced increases, higher taxation revenue and non-renewable resource revenue were significant contributors to the increase in total revenue.

Non-renewable resource revenue was \$2.92 billion in 2021-’22, an increase of \$1.59 billion, compared to the forecast at budget. Higher potash, oil, and natural gas prices, and resulting increases to the resource surcharge, drove the increase.

Taxation revenue of

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These treatments will take place approximately every two weeks until September 23rd, 2022.

The chemical used in these treatments is called Magnacide “H”. It is a registered aquatic herbicide that has been approved by the Water Security Agency for use in the SSEWS canal system.

It will remain active in the water for approximately 24 hours after each treatment and will diminish to non-detectable levels prior to treated water entering the reservoirs. Treated water may also be harmful to the skin, causing irritation to exposed areas.


This water treatment helps to prevent irrigation intakes from clogging and ensures adequate flows are maintained in this multi-use system.

Dosages will be maintained at a level where the water can safely be used for irrigation with no damage to field crops.

Please ensure that people are reminded that swimming, canoeing and fishing in the canal at any time is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Opinion



YOUNG

Pat Bryson • 306-259-4860

Where were you the afternoon of June 29? After researching, I learned that Saskatchewan is part of Canada's so-called tornado alley. In 2020 there were seven confirmed tornados in the province. The incredible power of a tornado leaves us speechless really. We are quite fortunate that there was no damage in our area and so very grateful that no one was injured.

Do you have any summer projects on the go? A new deck, perhaps? Shingle repairs? My ranching friends will be fixing fences (and pondering why God made mosquitoes and ticks). Our comfortable, working outside weather is such a short season that many of us are trying to check off as much on our list as humanly possible. I am doing exterior painting; always with one eye on the sky for rain clouds.

Folks from the Young United/Christ Lutheran Churches gathered for a potluck supper in the church basement June 30 to bid farewell to their pastor, the Rev. Jo-Ann Hills. During her two and a half years here, Rev. Hills was warmly welcomed into the community and many fond memories and friendships were made. Her next parish will be The Third Avenue United Church in North Battleford. Blessings to you Rev. Hills as you continue to serve Him.

Enjoy your week!

COLONSAY

Irene Gray • 306-255-2775

Sympathy to Sheila Mitchell and Dwayne Procyshyn on the passing of Sheila's mother Margaret (Margie) Sander. She resided at Diamond House in Warman. Margie and Ignatius Sander farmed in the Allan district. Her in-laws were Walter and Magdelaine Sander of Colonsay.

Get well wishes to Sheila Peever who had surgery June 27. She is now recovering at home.

A bridal shower was held for Desi Rosher, daughter of Scott and Sue Rosher in Saskatoon July 2.

Congratulations to Aron and Sylvia Franson who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary July 2. They held a come and go tea at Colonsay Community Hall.

Lacie McVicar will now be taking Colonsay Community Hall bookings.

Thursday, June 30 a crew from the Saskatoon Co-op arrived at the Colonsay store and served a barbecue lunch for the

customer appreciation day. They had a great crowd enjoying the hamburgers and hot dogs plus salads and cookies for dessert.

Several folks headed for the lake for the July 1 long weekend.

Jim and Irene Gray attended some of the celebrations at Manitou Beach July 1. They enjoyed having supper with Kathleen and Murray Dering. We also had a great visit with other guests as well.

Colonsay had fireworks July 1.

Colonsay seniors will continue to have supper at Simply Kitchen the first Thursday of each month for July and August. Cards, games and visiting will continue each Monday afternoon. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Allan Wellness Clinic at Allan Horizons will be held July 22. Phone coordinator Elaine Sheriff for more information.

One of the greatest pleasures of life is conversation.



Tips from
Reena Nerbas

mat has left you with a yellow stain which is very often permanent. Many people have found three percent hydrogen peroxide to be helpful. Pour it onto the area every day for three days and observe whether or not the stain is lightening. Other options are to combine one-quarter cup OxiClean with one gallon boiling water and pour the solution onto the area. If the yellow does not budge, you may end up having to leave the stained area and cover it with a new mat. Cotton mats are a wise choice.

It is too bad that so many floors have a tendency to yellow and discolour most often from a rubber backed rug or some other weight being left on one specific area.

Dear Reena,

I enjoy reading your column every week and I immediately thought of you for advice with my problem. My father passed his old Crokinole board onto me recently. It was shipped about 20 years ago from the Caribbean to Canada. Unfortunately, the movers placed a 'fragile' sticker right on the playing surface and despite the efforts of my family at that time, only a small portion was able to be removed. I would love to remove the rest and use the board, but I have been unsuccessful with goo removers and water. Any suggestions would be greatly ap-

Dear Reena,

After using rubber backed floor mats on my bathroom floor, a yellowish stain seems to be appearing. Why is this happening and is there a solution for restoring the floor? Thanks, Sonja

Dear Sonja,

The sulphur in your

preciated. Cheers, Brian

Dear Brian,

Begin by holding a hot hair dryer under one corner of the sticker. Blow hot air onto the board and peel the sticker as you hold the hair dryer in place. You will be amazed at how well this works. Use a plastic putty knife to scrape away gummy residue. Next apply rubbing alcohol, Murphy's Oil Soap or olive oil onto the surface to give the board a good cleaning. If the sticker remains: in a ventilated area spray the area with WD-40. Leave for 15 minutes and peel. Test WD-40 on an inconspicuous area before using it on the Crokinole board.

A fun way to cool down

Yummy in your tummy homemade ice cream activity: add the following ingredients to a pint-size Ziploc freezer bag and zip shut: one-half cup whip cream, 1 tablespoon sugar, and one-quarter teaspoon vanilla (you can try other flavours). Place that bag in a larger (quart-size or bigger) Ziploc bag. Add ice to fill the bag halfway, plus six tablespoons salt (course or kosher). Zip that one shut. Shake, turn, toss and mix the bag. In about five or 10 minutes you will have cold hands and yummy ice cream!

Note: Do not try to double this as it does not seem to work. (Also, be sure you get all of the salt off the small bag before you open it.)

Decorate with chocolate syrup, sprinkles or leave plain and enjoy!

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

Who resists or rejects chocolate? Not me!



Neighbourly advice
according to Ed

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

It is not difficult to interest others in chocolate. If I were offering free samples of chocolate treats, many would accept them gladly and consume them quickly. I told Ed of Barry Callebaut's report about unveiling a brand new variety of chocolate now developed after 80 years. We have not only dark, white, and milk chocolate but also now ruby chocolate. Presently, ruby chocolate is not available for public consumption, but no doubt, when it is available, it will be as popular as the other types of chocolate.

Cacao or cocoa beans/seeds are ancient history. The trees grew in the Amazon rainforest and then elsewhere. These seeds were ground up and used as a flavouring for drinks 5,300 years ago in equatorial South America and then introduced to Central America slightly later. The Spanish were quick to recognize the treasure of cocoa/chocolate.

What we see as good and valuable about chocolate remains a blessing from ancient times. There are many quotes about chocolate. I like this quote: "As long as there is chocolate, there will be happiness." (W.G. Trotman)

Often today, what is from the past is rejected or resisted as no longer valuable or relevant for today. Canadian writer Margaret Atwell states that we can only find our own meaning in our own time. I would disagree that our own meaning and our own time are not all there is to know. Our present

existence comes in some measure from the past. What is meaningful to us must reflect a caution regarding the future. Our meaning and times are only specks in the sweep of time. Every generation suffers from the arrogance of believing they are wiser than those who lived before them.

Presently, in our more secular mindset, many dismiss the Bible as ancient words that are not valuable or relevant today. Yet the Bible continues to be the best-selling book of all time, having sold five billion copies to date. It is also now the most translated book in human history. As a bestseller, the Bible certainly challenges its readers to be focused on more than themselves and their times.

The Bible makes distinctive truth claims; God exists, God communicates with us through His creation, our moral conscience, and the Bible. The heart and centre of the Bible are Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the

world. The Bible was written that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that we may have life in his name by believing in Him.

For those doubters who question whether God exists or that Jesus is the Son of God, they may need more than quotes from the Bible saying that the Bible is trustworthy. Suppose one wants the truth about the Bible. In that case, one will find that it is a reliable document with manuscripts proving its accuracy, backed up by the findings of archeology and secular writings confirming Biblical accounts.

For those who believe the Bible, it is holy words that resound from God's own heart. They are words of hope and life, giving us the strength to cope. The Bible is ancient words ever true, words of our faith that have come to us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. (Paraphrase of Ancient Words by Michael Smith)

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by BRIAN CRANE

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47. Tower

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51. Chopper

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57. "Bonnie Clyde"

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7. Superman's logo

8. Ironed fold

9. Wiggly swimmers

10. "____ on Down the Road"

FOR ANSWERS TO SUDOKU AND CROSSWORD, SEE PAGE 11

Golf Report

Thirty-three golfers made it out to the senior men's scramble July 7 at Manitou Beach Golf Course. First place was recorded by the team of Dave Ledgerwood, Ed Collins, Art Houle and Kurt Vanthuyne and second place was the team of Metro Bodnarek, Dwight Allan, Floyd Pieper and Lloyd Gullacher. Closest to the pin on hole eight was Brian Anderson and closest to the pin second shot on hole four was Dave Madill. Robert McLane made the longest putt on hole six. Gord Lamont was closest to the line on hole nine.



At the Watrous Centre

Whist winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, June 30 were: first - Marilyn Wignes, 111; second - Arlene Gegner, 109; third - Janice Deutsch and Roy Crawford (tied), 108. Travelling - Marilyn Wignes and Marilyn Crawford. Homesteader was Colleen Hunt, 13 times at same table. Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre Monday, July 4 were: first - Gail Shirley, 170; second - Earle Amendt, 166; third - Rod Degenstein, 121; fourth - Colleen Hunt, 119. 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

Cucumber Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 long English cucumber, finely sliced
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tbsp. white vinegar
- 1 tbsp. white sugar.
- dill and parsley, optional

Directions:

Place cucumber and onion (separated into rings. I cut the rings in half if they are large). Mix mayo with the vinegar and sugar and gently fold into the cucumbers. Sprinkle with fresh dill and parsley to taste (dried can be used but fresh tastes wonderful). Let sit in fridge for about an hour before serving.



►Manitou Beach was a hub of activity July 1 as the resort community held a parade, fireworks and a number of other festivities to mark Canada Day.

📷 parade photos courtesy Bryan Mierau/bottom right photo courtesy Sussanna Czeranko/firework photo by Daniel Bushman



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RCMP Report

Wakaw Pharmacy robbed

On July 2, 2022 at 2:30 p.m., Wakaw RCMP received multiple reports of a robbery in progress at a pharmacy on the 100 block of 1st Street in Wakaw. Officers from the Wakaw Detachment immediately attended and confirmed no one was injured. The officers quickly notified neighbouring RCMP Detachments and police services to be on the lookout for the suspect vehicle.

Investigators have determined two male suspects entered the pharmacy and threatened employees with bear spray. The two male suspects left the pharmacy with an undisclosed amount of prescription medication and got into the suspect vehicle, driven by a female, and left Wakaw heading northbound on First Avenue. The pharmacy was open at the time of the robbery and fortunately none of the customers or employees were injured during the robbery.

Investigators ask anyone who was in the area or lives or works in the 100 block area of 1st Street in Wakaw to check any photos, video or security camera footage captured between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on July 2, 2022. If you have captured footage or images of anything in that area during that time frame, please contact the Wakaw RCMP at 306-233-5810.

“Wakaw is in lake country and in the summer our community is bustling with visitors. July 2 was no exception,” said Cst. Brendin Feere with the Wakaw RCMP. “We are asking anyone who was on 1st Street around the time of the robbery to check their phones to see if they took any photos or video between 2 and 3 p.m. Even something as simple as a selfie may contain information investigators can use.”

The suspects robbing the pharmacy are both described as Black, adult males, tall with thin builds. Witnesses reported they spoke with accents. The suspects were both wearing masks at the time of the robbery.

The female driving the suspect vehicle is described as an Indigenous female with a heavy build who waited in the

vehicle while the robbery occurred.

The suspect vehicle is described as an early 2000s, white Cadillac CTS.

Investigators are trying to identify anyone who may have information about this robbery. If you have information, you can contact your local RCMP detachment by calling 310-RCMP. Information can also be reported anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Stolen vehicle results in charges

At approximately 7 a.m. on June 29 Warman RCMP received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Range Road 3061. Investigation determined the vehicle had been reported stolen from Leask on June 28, 2022. Officers located the vehicle, activated their emergency lights and attempted a traffic stop. The vehicle did not stop, rammed a police vehicle, then continued to drive away. The police officer inside the vehicle received minor injuries and the police vehicle was heavily damaged. Officers located the stolen vehicle approximately 10 minutes later on Hwy. 12 and arrested the driver. A firearm was located and seized during the driver's arrest.

As a result, Mitchell Pechawis, 32, of Mistawasis First Nation is charged with single counts of: assault with weapon, Section 267(a), Criminal Code; assault police officer with weapon, Section 270.01(a), Criminal Code; occupy a motor vehicle in which he knew there was a firearm, Section 94, Criminal Code; flight from police officer, Section 320.17, Criminal Code; dangerous operation of a conveyance, Section 320.13(1), Criminal Code; mischief over \$5,000, Section 430(3), Criminal Code; possess firearm without a licence, Section 92(1), Criminal Code; possess firearm with tampered serial number, Section 108(2), Criminal Code; possess weapon contrary to order, Section 117.01(1), Criminal Code; failure to stop at the scene of an accident, Section 320.16(1), Criminal Code; possession, Section 4, Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; and three counts, fail to comply with release order condition, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code.

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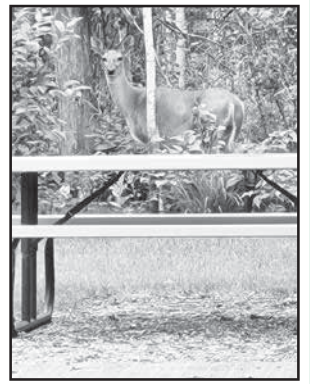
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Another school year is over. I hope everyone enjoyed the July long weekend.

We were able to join in on a Christmas in July golf cart parade at Good Spirit Lake. There was a total of 27 decorated golf carts. Then we were able to take in the Cruise the Spirit car show also at Good Spirit Lake.

A beautiful doe kind of posed for me to take her picture, which was also at Good Spirit Lake.



► A doe poses for a photo at Good Spirit Lake.

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The women are busy working on crocheting squares and putting afghans together.

Recently visiting Marge Haynes in Lanigan were her sister and her husband from Saskatoon.

My granddaughter Lisa Mazer of New Zealand visited her parents in Saskatoon and us in Plunkett and school pals in their homes.

Also here visiting us from Kelowna, B.C. were Dean and Rosanne Mattson and Trevor and Linda Macdonald of Saskatoon.

We wish Wendy Bishop and her husband Lyle Phillips a great move to Lucien Lake by Middle Lake.

The gardens are growing. We seem to be missing out on the rain.

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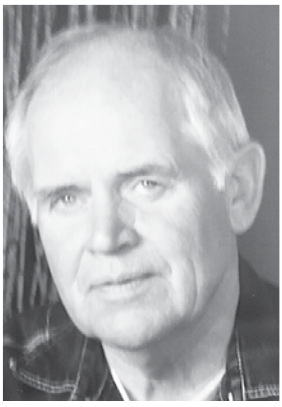


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Obituary



FISHER, Garry N.
Oct. 9, 1963 - July 3, 2022
Garry N. Fisher, aged 58 years, passed away at Watrous District Health Complex, Watrous, Sask. on Sunday, July 3, 2022.
A celebration of Garry's life will take place at the family farm at a later date.
Private family interment will take place at a later date.
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WILSON, Elaine Helen
Elaine Wilson, formerly of the Simpson District, aged 79 years, passed away peacefully at Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility, Imperial, Sask. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.
Elaine is survived by her husband of 59 years Ken; their children Lori (Randy) Hoover and Ian (Una) Wilson. She also leaves behind her brother Keith (Annette) McLaren and sister Gwen (Glen) Kopp, sister-in-law Donna McLaren, brother-in-law Don Wilson, as well as many nieces and nephews.
She was predeceased by her Mom and Dad, Joyce and Ralph McLaren; her brothers Ross McLaren and David McLaren; sister-in-law Judy McLaren; niece Lorna McLaren and daughter Deanna in infancy.
Elaine's family would like to thank the wonderful and caring staff at Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility in Imperial for the care they provided during her time there. Elaine's family thank you for joining them in the celebration of her life and hope you found lots of memories to share with one another.
Celebration of Elaine's life was held at Simpson Community Centre, Simpson, Sask. on June 29 conducted by Rev. Jo-Ann Hills.
Register attendants were Josh Kelly and Lexi Kopp. Gwen Kopp and Donna McLaren gave the eulogy.
Interment followed at Simpson Cemetery.
Memorial donations directed to Long Lake Valley Auxiliary or Simpson Cemetery Fund would be appreciated.
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THIESSEN, Harvey Henry
Harvey Henry Thiessen, aged 71 years, of Peace River, Alberta, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at University Hospital in Edmonton, Alta. due to complications from a cardiac arrest.
Harv was born in Watrous, Sask. to Edna and Henry Thiessen on April 19, 1951. He married Marilyn

Ann Neufeld on June 28, 1975.
Harv's heart was always on the farm, even when he left the farm in 2004 to pursue a career as a Journeyman Welder in Nisku, Alberta. The annual ritual was to take time off work in Alberta to go back to the farm in spring and fall to help his brothers seed and harvest. This plan was made clear to his employers at the onset of employment. . . non-negotiable.
Harv enjoyed the simple things in life. He never yearned for things he couldn't afford. He was content and thankful for what he had. He loved his wife, his children, his grandchildren and would do anything for them. Simple excursions and visits with family was where his heart was. Simple road trips, nature hikes, picnics with his wife or family were a treat. The combine would be fired up in May just to give his grandkids a ride on the combine. These times will be remembered, cherished, and missed.
In 2012 Harv and Marilyn's son, Clayton, had a life-altering accident. Harv and Marilyn moved to Peace River, Alberta, where Clayton lived, to help get a business up and running for him. The shop for this business was Harv's domain. He took a bare-bones shop and turned it into a well-organized productive space. When he wasn't fixing and welding, he was welding and fixing. He modified machinery to meet Clayton's needs, he engineered and machined and invented equipment in order to optimize efficiency. Harv's dad always said, "Harvey can fix anything." Harv's grandson, Cedrick, said, "Grandpa can fix anything." His wife, Marilyn, said, "If he wasn't so busy fixing for his kids, perhaps he would have time to fix a thing or two around the house."
A few years ago, Harv developed a hobby. Trail blazing!

Our home in Peace River is located along the river bank with a few acres of pastureland behind the house. In his spare time, he blazed dog walking trails for the community to enjoy. At the farm he created gorgeous trails amongst the mature trees that his grandpa had planted, just so his grandkids would have a nice place to drive the garden tractor and quad.
Over the years, Harv served on the Wheat Pool Committee, the Hog Producers Committee, treasurer for the church, condo board, to name a few.
Harv's quiet unobtrusive way will be missed by all who knew him. Harv was an intelligent thinker in all he did. We loved Harv deeply and deeply respected him. It's comforting to know that his children and grandchildren will continue to learn and grow from the great legacy he provided.
Harv is preceded in death by his parents, Henry (2013) and Edna Thiessen (Schroeder) (2021).
Harv is survived by his wife Marilyn Thiessen (Neufeld), his daughter Angela (Wight) and son-in-law Guy Wight, his son Clayton Thiessen, his son Graham and daughter-in-law Chelsea Thiessen (DeKok). He is survived by seven grandchildren, Brodie, Presley, Angelica, Cedrick, Jayce, Eben and Ayanna. Harv is also survived by his brother, Bernie and sister-in-law Phyllis (Rempel), his brother John and sister-in-law Vicki (Gross), his brother David and sister-in-law Patti (Peters), his brother Garry and sister-in-law Ruth (Amos), his cousin who is like a brother, Ed Drachenburg and Ed's wife Elaine (Dopko), eight nieces and nephews and their children.
A visitation for friends and family was held at Fotheringham's Funeral Chapel, Watrous, Sask. on July 2.
Funeral service was held at Philadelphia Mennonite Brethren Church near Watrous, Sask. on July 3.
Interment followed at Philadelphia Mennonite Cemetery.
Memorial donations directed to S.T.A.R.S. would be appreciated.
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minutes Doug thought it was dissipating. Recording videos of the event, just as he figured everything was coming to a conclusion, a dust storm began to form. Shortly after that, the rotating funnel joined up to create a large column.

“That is how they develop,” shared Lang of the landspout variety. “Normally we see a funnel coming down from the clouds and often you don’t see any connection to the ground but you can see rotation happening on the ground as it is picking up the dirt. Because it is air, you need something there to be seen or be visible. You can see it as water vapour but when it gets into a field it can kick up dirt and suck it in and then it really becomes visible.”

Guernsey resident Al Bowman works for the Manitou and District Regional Park Campground and part of his role is to do upkeep of the park near Camp Easter Seal. Enjoying taking photos and videos, on this particular day, Bowman noticed the clouds forming over Little Manitou Lake and thought he would set up a time-lapse on his camera while he rototilled. Further west from where Thomas and his family were enjoying the day, Bowman got his camera rolling and began working away when he looked up to see the twister already in motion.

“It was happening fast and was coming towards us,” explained Bowman who did not think he had time to drive the tractor all the way back up the hill to the campground. “I grabbed my camera and headed for a sheltered building. All of the sudden a lady showed up who was paddling in a kayak. My understanding is at first she didn’t see the tornado behind her while on the lake but at some point she must have turned around and saw it and then started heading for the beach to get home.”

Reaching one of the docks along the

berm, Bowman said she brought the kayak on shore and attempted to take cover with it. “She thought she could weather the storm there and by then I think the tornado had blown itself out but it was starting to really hail.”

Seeing Bowman in the sheltered building nearby, she joined him as hail came barreling down. “It is good she came over because the hail really came down. It was not for long, but it came down super hard and you could not see 50 feet in front of you.”

After the hail let up and the sun returned, Bowman hopped on the tractor and went to the regional campground at the top of the hill where he heard that others saw the twister. With adrenaline pumping, Bowman checked his camera thinking he had faced it the wrong way; however, when he viewed the time-lapse, he could not believe he had captured the twister - and the woman paddling her kayak.

Posting it on his Facebook page, after he allowed CBC to use it on twitter, Bowman’s video went viral. “I checked on July 5 and there had been 50,000 views of it.” With his video getting noticed, Al also began conducting a lot of interviews. “You are interview number 10 and I’ve talked to people from all over the place like Austria, France, the United States and Canada asking what happened that day.”

Like Bowman who was amazed with the whole experience, Thomas also posted his videos on social media. Not thinking a lot about it, Doug said they soon started to garner attention. “By the end of the afternoon my phone was buzzing non-stop with notifications and the number of views quickly grew into the thousands.”

With weather related inquiries coming in from news and weather outlets wondering if they could use the videos in their broadcast or online, Thomas was happy to share with them. “Before long the

number of views jumped above 100,000 and my phone was constantly making noise.”

Because of the thousands of views from around the world, Thomas said a company reached out and made a deal with him to utilize the images and in turn, will give him a portion of any money made as views hit around 625,000.

Looking back on that day, both Al and Doug were amazed at the tornado and also thankful no one was hurt. While Thomas had never witnessed one first-hand, Bowman compared his experience to one he had decades earlier when a plough wind rolled through the area in June of 1976. “That was much more frightening because we were in it. Here the wind just started to come up and then it dissipated. I was in Jansen that night and was driving a big Buick home that got tossed around. That storm tore down our farm and lots of places. I’m thinking this tornado happened in about 15 or 20 minutes and that storm in ‘76 lasted hours. Don’t get me wrong this scared me big time. I hope I don’t see one again, that’s enough for this old boy. I will keep watching the weather but let’s just do thunderstorms.”

Rating tornadoes on strength and damage using the Enhanced Fujita Scale (EF) with a zero being the weakest and a five the most powerful, in the case of the twister near Watrous, Manitou Beach and Young, Lang said it was classified as an EF0. With about 90 to 130 km/h winds and minor damage, she added: “What was neat about this one was that you can see all the way up into the clouds and you could see the column spinning all the way up.”

As people witnessed the tornado touch down June 29, others were also spotted in the province later Wednesday. At approximately 4:55 p.m., Environment and Climate Change Canada reported a second tornado was observed, this time near Margo. Then at approximately 5:25 p.m., a third hit near Cymric. Damage

was also reported in the Foam Lake area, including to bins, farm equipment, power lines and trees. The tornadoes were given preliminary ratings of EF0 and there were other reports of one or two more touching down later that day near Serath.

Lang noted the tornado that headed toward Watrous and Manitou Beach was in a different system than the one near Foam Lake but Environment and Climate Change Canada was trying to figure out if the one near Foam Lake was part of the same system from Margo. “That was a more organized storm and a big rotating storm.”

As for having multiple tornadoes in Saskatchewan during the same afternoon, Lang said it does not happen all the time but there can be what she calls tornado outbreaks. “We do tend to get them once or twice a season but the last few years due to drought conditions there has not been the storms that Saskatchewan normally experiences. What is happening this year is much more typical of what a summer is like on the prairies. Hail storms, flooding, rains and tornadoes, that type of thing.”

With summer now in full swing, Lang said people on the prairies can expect to see more tornado watches and warnings, at least until about August. “Once the crops start to dry out, we lose a big source of moisture - moisture being one of the fuels for the storm. We tend to see a dropping off particularly of tornadoes and flooding rains in August. We can still get wind and hail events but we tend not to get as many tornadoes and flooding rain events into August just because the crops are drying out and it is taking out that source of moisture for those storms.”

As more warm weather is on the horizon and with people in Saskatchewan trying to take advantage of the outdoors during the brief summer season, Lang reminds residents to pay attention to the forecast when they go out and if warnings are issued, to keep an eye on the sky.



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