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Watrous Main Street Revitalization project rolling ahead

■ Daniel Bushman

Work on the multi-million dollar Main Street Revitalization project in Watrous is entering the final phase as crews will begin to transform the downtown. With a total cost of the project approximately \$2.7 million, substantial work has already taken place with the remainder set to commence July 17.

Following the replacement of the water mains and water/sewer services on the #100, #200 and #300 blocks of Main Street in 2022, the project now shifts to curb, gutter, sidewalk and road work. Expected to see it all completed before the end of 2023, as the third week of July arrives, the concrete work begins.

Starting with the #100 block and moving to the #200 and #300 blocks, sidewalk work is estimated to start July 17 on the east side of the #100 block and is scheduled to be completed July 21. On the east side of the #200 block, work will start July 19 and wrap up July 23. On the east side of the #300 block, work is estimated to begin July 20 and end July 24.

Seeing the project reach this stage, Watrous Mayor John Gunderson said, “We are very excited and happy it is finally going to be completed. We have been talking about doing this for a number of years and we are looking forward to later this fall when it is completed.”

During the work on each block, there will be no front door access for those businesses over a maximum five days of sidewalk construction. Vehicle traffic on Main Street will also see some disruptions but limited closures during the concrete sidewalk construction phase.

Understanding that businesses located on Main Street will have to adapt during this time, Gunderson said, “We are hoping for minimal disruptions to businesses. Obviously to do the sidewalks in front of each place, there will be some but the contractors will work with everybody to hopefully ensure that disruptions will be

as minimal as possible.”

Planning to see the entire project wrapped up in 2023, when the request for tenders was sent out, Gunderson shared, “Once the sidewalks and curbs are done then the work they have to do to prep for new pavement will be done and they will go from there.”

On the three blocks contained within the revitalization project, streetscaping, extended sidewalks, bumpouts, new light fixtures and pedestrian activity are all part of the final design by consulting engineers Catterall & Wright.

In an effort to create streetscaping while promoting pedestrian activity, angle parking will remain and new light fixtures are being added with underground wiring. Other elements like bumpouts will be constructed to provide a safer place for pedestrians. Even with the bumpouts, the consulting engineers shared there would be ample space for vehicles to utilize the road and angle park. One unique part to the #200 block will be a mid-block crossing where the Watrous Pharmacy and Affinity Credit Union are located. Citing that is a higher traffic area for pedestrians, the crossing would provide a safe access point.

Acknowledging that the road along Main Street in Watrous needed to be replaced and excited to move forward with the multi-million dollar cost-shared revitalization project (75 percent of the costs are covered by the Town of Watrous and 25 percent by the Main Street businesses), Gunderson understands it can be a substantial investment for business owners.

Offering a 15 year payment option with six percent interest, the mayor hopes that will be a fair compromise for those who occupy space along Main Street. “The option is there over the 15 years and we hope that is not too much of a financial

(continued on back page: PROJECT)



► It was a weekend to remember as residents and visitors at the Resort Village of Manitou Beach took in The Salt Shaker Festival. Held July 7 and 8, the festival featured live music from a number of talented bands on the prairies. With music played at a variety of venues including at Danceland, Mike's Beach Bar and Little Manitou Art Gallery, organizer and member of The Garrys, Erica Maier, said the festival was an absolute blast and very successful overall.

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Annual Fun Run revving up for 2023

■ Daniel Bushman

For over three decades the annual Watrous and Manitou Beach Fun Run Auto Show 'N' Shine has taken place along Main Street in Watrous. Despite substantial road work being done to the street during the summer, the Fun Run still remains a go.

Commemorating 32 years of vintage vehicles, unique cars and custom trucks, chairperson of the Fun Run, Al Madland said the vehicles will just move a little further north from where they normally are located. "We will start

parking them in front of the post office and Heritage Centre on the #400 block of Main Street as opposed to lining them up on the #200 and #300 blocks. Normally they would occupy those blocks as well but due to the Main Street Revitalization project we are just starting a few blocks over."

Expecting anywhere from 250 to 300 entries this year, Madland shared the Fun Run, which attracts hundreds of people to Watrous annually, should be another exciting one. "We were able to get enough volunteers to have the July 29 Fun Run move forward. Like previous years, we will have a lot of events being held during the day that people have come to

know and appreciate."

Along with vehicles of all makes and models lining Main Street, a pancake breakfast, pie and coffee, burgers, ice cream, a trade show, agility dogs, Beeper the Clown, a professional face-painter, live entertainment, beer gardens, Kinsmen selling 50/50 tickets and a monster truck will all be part of the festivities.

"We rented out the Watrous Civic Centre and Heritage Room so a number of those things will be located there this year. Nearby at Centennial Park, the agility dogs, face-painting, and live entertainment and beer gardens will be situated there while the monster

truck will be in the parking lot at Watrous Centennial Arena. We understand this year is not ideal for a lot of the Main Street businesses as many of our guests stop by those places during the day but despite the road work, we encourage those taking in the show to walk downtown and support them."

For vehicle enthusiasts wanting to participate, Madland said, "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 hopes they are able to get in touch before the July 29 event 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."

With vehicles arriving for the Fun Run Saturday morning and trophies, awards and a cruise to the beach wrapping up the day, Madland said, "The Fun Run is the largest one day event in Watrous and we try and do our best to make those who attend feel welcome. The planning is all coming together and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again this



► Pictured: the annual Fun Run held in 2022.

◻ TWMM file photos



year."

Once the car show wraps up Saturday afternoon, Madland shared vehicles will rev up for the annual drive to Manitou Beach. "With work being done on Main Street, we will start the cruise on 5th Ave. E. and turn and go to 4th Ave. E. From there we will head past Diamond Jubilee Court and go to 4th St. E., which is the road that runs adjacent to the Watrous District Health Complex. On that road, we will head past the lodge and hospital toward Manitou Beach. People are encouraged to take their lawn chairs or walk or bike to Memory Trail between Watrous and Manitou Beach where they can have a great spot at viewing the

vehicles as they go by. Once at Manitou, we will drive all the way to Danceland then head over to Manitou Springs Mineral Resort where the cruise will conclude."

Already attending five car shows this year, Madland said there have been a lot of people asking about the Fun Run. "People come up to me at those shows and know about our event. It is really popular and I think one of the premier events of the year for vehicle enthusiasts. We try and do our best to welcome them here. This event is a big benefit to our community and the surrounding area because a lot of those people spend money while they are here."

As for the support from Watrous, Manitou Beach and the area, Madland appreciates the businesses and sponsors who step 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 sincerely appreciate it. We hope everyone has a fun time at this year's event!"

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Integral focus group meetings taking place for Oasis Village

■ Daniel Bushman

Specializing in seniors housing and care, an engaging speaker and author will be in Watrous later this week as part of three critical focus group meetings. Led by Kate Mancer of Lumina Services, the July 19 and 20 events are aimed at getting an idea from the public of what seniors housing could look like in the local area.

Michael Byrne, Founder of Health Haven Holdings Ltd., the group behind the Oasis Village project in Watrous said, “We have a vision of becoming the leader when it comes to rural seniors housing in Canada and wanted to bring Kate out to Watrous to share her expertise and hear what people have to say.”

Indicating there has been a solid response to develop a multi-million dollar state-of-the-art building in Watrous, Byrne felt it was integral to hold the focus group

meetings in an effort to keep the project moving in the right direction. “Kate is one of the foremost experts in the area of seniors housing and care. She is also an author who has focused specifically on seniors housing and is informative, an engaging speaker and is looking forward to coming to Watrous and doing this.”

Stressing the importance of the upcoming meetings (two on July 19 and one July 20), Byrne would like to see members of the public attend. “We want people to be part of the decision making process and to be part of the design and service element of the project. At these events, they will have the opportunity to share what they would like to have in a future home in Watrous.”

With an aggressive vision of seeing the Oasis Village project through to completion, by having people bring their ideas to the focus group events, Byrne hopes what they have to say will add to an already solid database.

“We are planning to develop a leading edge retirement community while exploring the potential for a new seniors housing development in Watrous. We undertook a pretty comprehensive feasibility study almost three years ago but the market has changed, the economic climate has changed and even advancement in the medical world has changed. By holding these focus group meetings, this will allow us to remain on the leading edge as to what the demands are. We don’t want to fit the individual to the product, we want to fit the product to the individual.”

With a passion and vision to put Oasis Village in Watrous on the leading edge, Byrne feels it is doable. “We have the resources to do it. We have the people to do it and I can’t say enough about the people and resources we have to put it together.”

For more on the focus group meetings or to RSVP, see this week’s advertisement on page eight.

RCMP Report

RCMP arrest three males related to human trafficking

Earlier this year, Saskatchewan RCMP’s Swift Current Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team (STRT) began an investigation into a human trafficking operation.

Investigation determined an adult female from Bangladesh was staying in Canada on a visitor’s permit when she answered an advertisement on a popular job bank for work at a restaurant. The woman relocated to Saskatchewan from out of province, and was provided a working permit.

The woman allegedly was forced to work 10 to 12 hours a day, seven days a week, for several months at restaurants in Gull Lake, Elrose and Tisdale. When she was not working, the woman was allegedly forced to stay in an unfinished, concrete basement, which was dimly lit and heavily water damaged. The woman was allegedly threatened by her employers that her working permit would be taken away or police would be called if she did not comply with the demanding work schedule and restrictions to her freedoms.

As a result of investigation and consultation with Crown Prosecution, on June 29, Saskatchewan RCMP’s STRT arrested two adult males in Tisdale. A third adult male was arrested in Elrose on July 5.

Forty-one-year-old Mohammad Masum from Tisdale and 52-year-old Sohail Haider from Elrose are each charged with one count, trafficking a

person, Section 279.01, Criminal Code. Masum is also charged with three counts, sexual assault, Section 271, Criminal Code. The third male was released without charge.

They were scheduled to appear in Rosetown Provincial Court on July 13, 2023.

The victim has been provided with supports, including advising her of protections available to her under Saskatchewan’s Protection from Human Trafficking Act.

“This investigation illustrates human trafficking can take many forms, including forced labour. This isn’t just a big city issue – human trafficking is present in communities both big and small, including in Saskatchewan. It’s important that residents recognize the signs of trafficking and report these occurrences to police immediately,” said Supt. Glenn Church, officer in

charge of Saskatchewan RCMP’s Saskatchewan Enforcement Response Team (SERT). “We have dedicated resources like STRT working to dismantle trafficking rings, and helping to connect victims with the assistance and resources they need.”

Investigators believe there may be more victims of this human trafficking operation and the investigation continues.

If you have information about this or any other incident of human trafficking, or if you or someone you know may be a victim of it, call police immediately. You can also contact the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-833-900-1010. It is confidential, available 24/7 and offers services in more than 200 languages. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

RCMP investigating two fatalities

On July 6, 2023 at approximately 9:30 p.m., Warman RCMP received

a report of a single vehicle rollover on Hwy. 16 near Maymont.

The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle passed away at the scene. He has been identified as a 59-year-old male from Edmonton.

On July 7, 2023 at approximately 10:20 p.m., Warman RCMP received a report of a motorcycle rollover on Auction Mart Road, northwest of Saskatoon.

The adult male driver and sole rider on the motorcycle passed away at the scene. He has been identified as a 38-year-old from Martensville.

Warman RCMP continue to investigate both incidents with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

Charges laid

On July 6, 2023 at approximately 1 a.m., Battlefords RCMP received a report of an assault at a residence in Meota.

Officers immediately responded. Investigation determined an altercation allegedly occurred between two adult males. One of them was taken to hospital

with injuries described as serious.

As a result of investigation, 29-year-old Clarence Buck from North Battleford is charged with one count, aggravated assault, Section 268, Criminal Code.

On July 8, 2023, Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes was

advised that the victim passed away from his injuries.

As a result, Clarence Buck has been charged with one count of manslaughter, Section 236, Criminal Code, in relation to the death of 56-year-old Richard Buck. The accused and victim are related and known to one another.

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There will be no papers July 24 and 31.

The office will reopen Tuesday, Aug. 1.



Opinion



Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Rhubarb Juice Concentrate

Ingredients:

10-12 cups chopped rhubarb
4 cups water
2 cups sugar
1 cup lemon juice

Directions:

Cook the rhubarb in the water for about 15 minutes after it comes to a boil. Place in cloth lined strainer and let drip for about 20 minutes. Squeeze the bag to get most of the juice. If you are not using red rhubarb, you can add about a cup of raspberries to the rhubarb when cooking it to give a pink colour.

Return the strained juice to a clean pot. Add the sugar and lemon juice and bring to a boil for 2 to 3 minutes.

This can be cooled and frozen in ice cube trays then packaged in freezer bags.

If you wish to can this in pint jars, follow the canning instructions for either boiling water bath or pressure canning. Fill jars with hot juice. Wipe rims, place lids on and bands fingertip tight. Boiling bath for 10 minutes after water comes back to boil, pressure canner is 5 minutes at 5 pounds pressure.

Makes 4 pints.

Reconstitute 1 pint juice adding 2 pints water. Store in fridge or 2 ice cubes of frozen juice in 8 oz. glass of water.



Tips from
Reena Nerbas

so outstanding. Thank you, Mariya

Dear Mariya,

Your best bet is to use an acid-based deck restoration product which can be purchased at your local hardware store. Speak with store specialists and if possible bring deck samples with you to determine the best solution for your stain colour and material type. Also, contact the manufacturer of the deck product you used for additional advice.

Hi Reena,

I am hoping you can help with a problem with getting the smell of vomit out of couch/chesterfield cushions. Relatives are away in Germany and their child has been sick on the cushions. Do you know a way to get that odour out? They have tried many things but nothing is working. Any help you can offer would be appreciated. There are also other families in the same area and one other couple with children are having the same problem. I read your column regularly and enjoy it very much. Pat

Hi Pat,

I hope everyone in your household is feeling better. If you can get a hold of a steam cleaner you will be in good shape for getting rid of the smell. Some people use pet stain removers for this challenge, others use OxiClean Spray or Nature's Miracle (enzyme cleaner). However, what I would do is sprinkle every affected area with a liberal amount of baking soda. Leave overnight. In the morning pour white vinegar over baking soda. Blot and wipe until gone. To finish, clean with one last solution of one-quarter teaspoon of clear dish soap and one cup of water. Rinse and blot. P.S. I am assuming that you are

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

My problem stems from cleaning the decking with a commercial solution. Inadvertently it ran down on the new decking and left a stain as if it bleached the area. Anyway, I want to sell my house and need to cover the spot so the stain is not

referring to fabric other than leather or suede.

Wonderful feedback from readers

Re: Organization

Hello Reena,

Thanks for your excellent household hints! My best household helpers are plastic bins! I use them as drawers in my lower cupboards, they hold fridge containers, cereals, drink mixes, crackers and cleaning supplies. In closets, they hold videos, mitts, gift wrap, etc. In my sewing room they hold notions, patterns and fabrics. I even put them in the freezer to hold small packages. Keep up the good work! Joyce

Re: Body Odour

Dear Reena,

To the woman who said her teenager is struggling with body odour even though she showers and uses deodorant, I have a solution. When my daughter was a teenager, we had the same issue. The solution was to rub baking soda under her arms; the odour was no longer an issue. Anonymous

Household hints

- Get rid of odours on your chopping board by rubbing in mustard powder; add a bit of water to make a paste. Wait a couple of hours and rinse.
- Place a button at the end of a sticky tape roll so the end will always be easy to find.
- Keep your rolling pin wrapped in waxed paper and in the fridge. It will be chilled and ready to roll out pastry.
- To brighten white sheets, hang them overnight on a clothesline in the winter.
- To take the crease out of dresses, skirts and pants after letting down the hem, spray the fabric with vinegar before ironing.

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

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For more Community Connection
news, see page 11.

For Watrous Centre news,
see page 15.

Marking 90 years of The Watrous Manitou



A word of thanks

— an opinion column

by TWM's editor Daniel Bushman

Overwhelmed, honoured and appreciative are just some of the words that describe how I have been feeling over the past few weeks when it comes to The Watrous

Manitou marking its 90th birthday. The paper officially turned 90 years old in February and while I had good intentions of marking the occasion then, life happened . . . and is still happening. With three kids participating in a variety of activities and myself helping coach hockey, the winter and spring time was a blur. When June arrived and things began to feel like they were not zooming by as quickly, I felt that was the perfect time to mark the weekly newspaper's milestone.

Since that time, we have received really

great support including from our recent birthday promotion. CTV Saskatoon and CKOM (Newstalk 650) also reached out to us and did stories on the paper's big year.

I did not expect all of that. Thank you to everyone for their support and encouragement over the past few weeks, months, and years! There literally could not be a paper without your support through advertising and subscribing.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize that our industry is struggling over recent

years and so to have that support from our community and surrounding areas means ever so much.

We also could not have done this without our tremendous staff and family who support us along the way. As I have told some, it has been a privilege to share positive stories of our community. Getting to know people in the community and invest deeper in relationships of those I already know and share their stories has been such an honour for me.

Watrous is my hometown and since I

first began working at the newspaper almost 15 years ago (that is hard to believe), I try and represent it to the best of my ability. Perhaps there are times where you would disagree with some of my decisions, but I try my best to be integral, factual, and compassionate through the stories I share.

To us, owning the newspaper is more than just operating a business, it is sharing your neighbour's story, your friend's event or your family's journey. It is being able to put your child or grandchild in the paper, celebrating

their achievements. It is being able to bring a smile to your face with the latest Garfield comic or learn where the paper is off to with our TWM Around the World. It is serving you, the reader and the advertiser.

So while we now take a two week break for a much needed recharge, we want to say thank you for your support and look forward to giving back throughout 2023 as part of our 90th birthday celebration. We also look forward to giving back in the future as this paper is not just ours, but yours as well.

Enjoy your summer!

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“Comics AND Puzzles”

PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg

ACROSS

1 Birds that can turn their necks 270 degrees

5 Have a soak

10 A rising ___ lifts all boats

14 Avoid eating meat and dairy together, maybe

16 "Call Her Daddy" host Cooper

17 Swindlers known for frame jobs?

18 ___ iced tea (Southeast Asian beverage)

19 Positive reply

20 Black Panther Party co-founder Bobby

21 Organ with ventricles

22 "I figured it out!"

24 Decay

25 Fancy vases

26 ___ machine (casino fixture)

27 Performing perfectly

30 Woolly South American animal

33 Go-to doctor: Abbr.

34 Prefix with "present"

35 Online account names

37 Revolve

39 Blueprints

40 Code for the world's busiest airport

41 "Coolio"

42 "Who am ___ judge?"

43 "Who wants to volunteer?"

46 Yearly tax target

48 Separate place to go?

52 Unlikely winner of a sportsman-ship award

56 Work for something

57 Drove as fast as possible

59 Onions and others

60 Flashy performance?

61 Egyptian bird

62 ___ Fifth Avenue

63 Produce

64 Pic that may be removed with a laser

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1 Permissible

2 "Nothing more for us!"

3 "Fingers crossed!"

4 Acronym whose "S" stands for sun

5 Put to sleep with a lecture, say

6 Realm in Norse mythology

7 Chicago's business district

8 Religious dissident

9 Triage areas, for short

10 Starchy breakfast bite

11 First Somali American to serve in Congress

12 Start of a yearly letter

13 Sign illuminated in red or green

15 Boxing bout enders, briefly

21 Embrace

23 Pong company

26 ___ Arabia

28 Canvas bag from a popular broadcaster

29 Like an equal score

31 Smoke, casually

32 On and on and on and on

36 Common phishing target: Abbr.

38 Practice that's hard to break

40 ___ Dhabi

44 "Alas, poor ___!" (Hamlet quote)

45 West African language and ethnic group

46 Frozen sheets

47 God

49 Completely dark

50 Bro and sis

51 UFO pilots

52 Closest of pals, for short

53 Online alias for YouTuber Alastair Aiken

54 Awkward sort

55 Poet St. Vincent

58 Casual top

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Local couple give back following house fire

■ Daniel Bushman

Wanting to give back to a community of people that helped them during a time of great need, a celebration was held at the Gingrich farm, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

After a devastating fire that burnt their farmhouse while engulfing all of their possessions in December 2021, Don and Christine Gingrich were left to pick up the pieces. With family, friends and so many others rallying behind the pair, and in the midst of a pandemic, a new home was eventually constructed.

Able to persevere over that time and now in their new home located between Simpson and Nokomis, Christine and Don wanted to host a party as a way of saying thank you. Circling June 24 on their calendar, about 200 people arrived at the Gingrich farm for 'Gingstock 2023.' With so many in attendance, Christine was overwhelmed by the support. "We wanted to give back to the community that helped us and were thrilled to see so many able to attend."

Inviting singer/ songwriter Jeffery

Straker to the farm, guests were treated to a musical performance, delicious supper, and a whole host of other fun things.

"Along with a supper, the Langteigne boys from Nokomis were selling ice cream and my grandkids were selling cookies, chips, and candy while collecting money for a homeless shelter in Regina. The ladies auxiliary from Nokomis sold 50/50 tickets to raise money for the Health Centre and the Nokomis Legion ran the bar. Amanda Shott did face-painting and Jeffery Straker and his crew did a concert. It was a lot of fun and being able to give back to those who were there for us meant a lot."

Understanding people were busy during the latter part of June, a grateful Christine said, "Don and I were so happy and overwhelmed with the great turn out for Gingstock 2023. It warms my heart to see how tremendous the community support is for us. It was really great to have my children, my siblings, my cousins and my friends all in attendance. We really appreciated the opportunity to give back. It was such a great day."



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Major improvements on Hwy. 15 underway

■ media release

A \$22.7 million highway construction project is underway west of the junction of Hwy. 2 and 15 between Watrous and Simpson and east of Kenaston. The two-year major highway improvement project will include construction of a subgrade, widening and resurfacing on Hwy. 15.

The Hwy. 15 construction project is 22 kilometres, which runs 15 km east of the junction with Hwy. 11 to about 20 km west of the junction with Hwy. 2. The project will include culvert replacements and road

widening work this year, which is expected to be complete this fall. Paving work will begin during the 2024 construction season.

"The Ministry of Highways is dedicated to enhancing safety and improving key transportation corridors through continued investments," Highways Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "Hwy. 15, a high clearance corridor, offers shippers and commercial carriers an ideal opportunity to transport over-dimension loads."

The Hwy. 15 corridor allows goods to be trucked without the need to raise or temporarily cut utility

lines and other structures.

"This is a major project that will take time to complete," Cockrill said. "We appreciate the patience of drivers who slow down for safety as we work to enhance our transportation system."

Langenburg Redi-Mix of Regina is the general contractor.

The Government of Saskatchewan is improving 1,000 km of provincial highways this year. This keeps the province on track to meet the Growth Plan goal to build and upgrade 10,000 km of highways over 10 years.

Crop Report

■ media release

Crops continued to progress with the warm temperatures across the province. That is

according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for July 4 to 10.

Canola is beginning to pod and wheat is beginning to flower in many areas. Dry conditions are impacting parts of the province and many producers are hoping for rain immediately.

Very little rain was received this past week. The most rain was in the Dinsmore area, with 14 mm. A large decrease in soil moisture accompanied the warm weather this past week. Crop land topsoil moisture is currently 21 percent adequate, 55 percent short and 24 percent very short. Hay and pastureland topsoil moisture is currently 17 percent adequate, 55 percent short and 28 percent very short.

Crops are either ahead or at normal stages of development for this time

of year. Fall cereals are 31 percent ahead and 66 percent at normal stages of development. Spring cereals are 33 percent ahead and 60 percent at normal stages of development. Oilseeds are also 33 percent ahead and 58 percent at normal stages of development. Pulse crops are 28 percent ahead and 67 percent at normal stages of development.

Crops are generally in good to fair condition. Provincially, winter wheat and soybean crops are in the best condition, with 60 percent of winter wheat in good condition and 67 percent of soybean in good condition. Mustard and canary seed are the crops in the poorest condition. Thirty-five percent of mustard and 21 percent of canary seed is in very poor

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Accessible playground in Drake ready to be used

■ Daniel Bushman

With a number of volunteers willing to lend a hand and following tremendous work through fundraising efforts, a brand new accessible playground was installed in the Village of Drake as part of the Drake Park Revitalization Project. Spokesperson with the project, Erin Richard said installation on the playground began June 29 with the help of volunteers. Able to get the structures put together, concrete was then added to set. Following that, remaining surfacing for the space near Drake School was done and by the end of June, the playground was ready to be used. “We are sincerely grateful to the relentless group of volunteers who

came out and to those in the kitchen who provided lunch, supper, and snacks,” said Richard. “It was a long and hot day but fun was had by most.” With wood chips spread out around the area and plans to plant grass adjacent to the playground structures over the summer, kids have been able to enjoy the area between Drake School and the Drake Sportsplex. Richard noted North Star Mennonite Church in Drake also provided picnic tables which were placed in the shade for people to utilize. “This is why Drake is a wonderful community to live and grow in. We are so appreciative of the hard work by countless volunteers and are proud to share that the accessible playground is open for use.”

Started by a group of volunteers within Drake and the surrounding area, the Drake Park Revitalization Project moved from an idea to a reality after the committee secured land space and received a Western Revitalization Grant during the summer of 2022. With the grant helping cover some of the costs associated with the \$250,000 playground project, Richard shared local citizens and organizations stepped up through fundraising and events to promote the vision of establishing a gathering place for everyone in Drake and surrounding communities. “Drake prides itself on being a community that is inclusive and supportive for the success for all. We saw a need as the local

school was fundraising for new playground equipment and we wanted to ensure that this project could support their needs and also the needs of the community of an outdoor play structure for families to gather.” Hoping to add more to the remaining space adjacent to the Drake Sportsplex where the baseball diamonds are situated, Richard said along with the community, further priorities will be determined. “In the fall we will be part of a village-wide meeting to get direction from the community about the next priority in the community. We encourage anyone that is interested in being part of this initiative and project to reach out to us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/DrakeParkProject>).”



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BHP Jansen creating multiple opportunities as project progresses

■ Daniel Bushman

The future looks bright and excitement continues to build at BHP’s Jansen site as the company works towards reaching its goal of starting production in late 2026. Speaking to the great performance of the Jansen team, President Potash of BHP, Simon Thomas said, “Progress over last summer and in particular last winter was really positive – and we exceeded our expectations.” As BHP advances their plans, they have focused on securing labour, contractors and employees from the local area. Additionally, in March, they announced three new contracts totalling \$260 million that have gone to local Indigenous businesses. On site, the current focus of the work is completing the civil program, and underground development work. This includes excavations for the surface mill, storage facilities and work on the rail formation. Placement of piles and pouring of concrete foundations are taking place on the surface while underground, completion of services, installing electricity, accessing water, and creating ventilation are underway. Commencement of lateral developments underground are also being addressed this year which will be the future underground operation. Along with work at the Jansen site, at Westshore, the location of the port facilities for BHP potash, the schedule for completion remains on track. To keep pace and see its first production commence late 2026, BHP stated it will need a large workforce, Thomas shared BHP will see over 3,500 people during its peak construction period. “At the moment there is a lot of earthworks and civil contract work being done, but soon we will need to call on carpenters, ironworkers and other trades to move to the structural and mechanical aspects.”

With all of the current and future work being planned, Thomas explained BHP will be seeking operational personnel like underground mining teams, integrated operations, surface operations, maintenance planners, technicians, and supervisors. “We put a lot of effort into programs and structures that make us an attractive employer and seek to provide a rewarding career for those wanting to come into the mining industry in Saskatchewan.” Thomas also stressed the importance of diversity and inclusion. He shared that BHP wants to have a strong representation of Saskatchewan employees. “We see our site as an attractive place to come and work. You can work on a major project within a good distance to local towns and good access if you are coming inter-provincially.” In addition to the structural and mechanical work and recruitment efforts, the company is accelerating its studies for a stage two of Jansen, with studies expected to be completed in their 2024 financial year. Thomas said, “While we are excited about the study, any decision or next steps still requires BHP board approval.” Environmentally speaking, BHP Jansen continues to conduct studies in clean energy while working on programs to reduce operational emissions. Longer term, Thomas said they are working towards achieving the company’s ambition of net zero operational emissions by 2050. BHP has now been in the region for well over a decade, and Thomas shared the local support from the company and local Indigenous groups has been fantastic. “One of the really exciting things for me personally, is the relationships, the engagements, and the communication we are having with the local towns in the area. We have felt very welcome, and it is important to us that we make

a positive contribution to the community.” Wanting to give back and being able to contribute to the region in a number of different ways, BHP has committed \$45 million to date through donations, sponsorships and programs. “The relationship is really strong and it is a great place to come and develop and invest. We are really enjoying that relationship,” continued Thomas. Looking at the big picture and the years ahead, Thomas said once work is completed and production underway, the mine will provide a rather unique opportunity spanning generations. “With the potential for over a century of operations at Jansen, we are a part of building a future here which includes inter-generational employment. Many people who are joining us live in the local area. Jansen provides opportunity for their children, bringing good jobs and educational opportunities to the region. I also think the opportunity for us to work closely with local and Indigenous communities, provincial government and local businesses to grow and develop the local area is important. We call this area our home and want to be a part of developing its future prosperity.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

SaskWater’s District Operations will be treating the water in the Saskatoon Southeast Water Supply System (SSEWS) canal to control the growth of weeds and algae during the 2023 irrigation season.

These treatments will take place approximately every two weeks from May to September, 2023.

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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NOTICE OF POLL TOWN OF COLONSAY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a poll has been granted for the election of:

COUNCILLORS - TOWN OF COLONSAY

Voting will take place on
Wed., August 9, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
at the Colonsay Seniors Centre, Colonsay, SK.

I will declare the results of the municipal election at the Town Office on the 9th day of August, 2023 at 9 p.m.

Dated at Colonsay, SK, this 17th day of July, 2023
Maureen Moen, *Returning Officer*

NOTICE OF ADVANCE POLL TOWN OF COLONSAY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that provision has been made for an advance poll for electors who:

- 1) Are physically disabled;
- 2) Have been appointed as election officials; or
- 3) Anticipate being unable to vote on the day of election.

Voting will take place on **Wednesday, August 2, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at the Colonsay Seniors Centre, Colonsay, SK.

Dated at Colonsay, SK, this 17th day of July, 2023
Maureen Moen, *Returning Officer*

Students take in Food Farm program as part of Agriculture in the Classroom

■ Daniel Bushman

Learning about where food comes from while experiencing what it is like to farm through fun and engaging stations, for a group of students from Watrous Elementary School, taking part in a Food Farm program was a memorable one. Celebrating 10 years of Agriculture in the Classroom Saskatchewan's Food Farm program, students gathered at McArthur Ag Ventures south of Watrous June 16 for the unique opportunity.

With the ability to immerse students in the sights, sounds, and smells of agriculture, Communications Manager Chandra Gusikoski with Agriculture in the Classroom shared about the program. "Food Farms are a two-part agricultural learning program where students spend a half day learning about all different aspects of agriculture and food production. Students come in the spring to plant crops and vegetables, and return in the fall to harvest their crops! They participate in hands-on activities at stations to learn about topics like dairy, beef, farm equipment, crop inputs, soil, and water management just to name a few."

Marking 10 years of the Food Farm program in 2023, Gusikoski said they visited 10 locations around the province including Watrous, Melfort, Tisdale, Norquay, Prince Albert, Yorkton, Moose Jaw, Kindersley, Swift Current and Lumsden. During each visit, Agriculture in the Classroom worked with a host partner and for the Watrous stop, it was McArthur Ag Ventures. "Many volunteers from the agriculture community put on these immersive learning opportunities for students. At the Watrous Food Farm students learned about soil, technology, farm equipment, crop inputs, seeds and byproducts, and more. We are grateful for our host partners who, like AITC-SK, are dedicated to providing meaningful experiences for students and building their personal connection to food and agriculture."

Amanda McArthur along with her husband Brennan



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who hosted this year's event south of Watrous were excited to have students take in the program. "Brennan and I organized and planned the event and the learning stations, then with help from volunteers and sponsors the vision came to life and made the event a success. We sincerely appreciated the help from Flaman who provided lunch for everyone, Ashley Hart with Timac, Bobbi Anderson from P & H, and many other volunteers from Bayer Crop Science, FBN, Green Acres Greenhouse and Brandt John Deere."

With such a great turnout and support, Amanda said

the initiative is something they are looking at wanting to do year after year.

Agriculture in the Classroom Saskatchewan (AITC-SK) inspires the next generation of big thinkers to grow into agricultural leaders of tomorrow. As a registered charity, AITC-SK partners with the agriculture and education communities to connect kids and agriculture through innovative, experiential, and curriculum-based programs and resources. Last year AITC-SK provided 259,460 student experiences to 72,653 students from 618 schools in 247 communities in Saskatchewan.



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Health Haven Holdings Ltd. is pleased to be hosting speaker **Kate Mancer** of Lumina Services, one of Canada's foremost experts in the area of seniors housing and care, to discuss this question and more. She is also the author of *The Future of Seniors Housing: Planning, Building and Operating Successful Seniors Housing Projects*.

Where: Heritage Room, 404 Main St., Watrous, SK

**When: Wednesday, July 19 @ 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 20 @ 10:00 a.m.**

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Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail 2023 a success

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diverse and functioning communities. We hope to see you all next year!

July 8 and 9 saw many visitors from Saskatoon, Regina, Humboldt, Lloydminster, and Foam Lake, joining “local” art lovers to enjoy the unique works presented by the Spirit of Manitou Trail artists.

Members from Watrous, Manitou Beach, Meacham, Guernsey, Viscount, and Plunkett welcomed folks to their homes and venues. As a group they were satisfied with their number of visitors despite the growing competition of other events in their communities.

The enthusiasm of the guests, enhanced by the wonderful summer weather, strengthened members’ belief that the promotion of art plays a vital role in





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The Watrous Manitou is on holidays the weeks of July 17 and 24. There is no paper July 24 and 31. The next edition will be Aug. 7.

Sask. Gen Z author hosting first-of-its kind writing workshop

■ media release

Award-winning Gen Z journalist, author, and owner of northwest Saskatchewan’s leading fiction publishing company, Supernova Press, Miguel Fenrich, will be hosting the first-of-its kind for youth, by youth workshop at the Words of Wonder Festival Literary Festival on Aug. 5.

The free event will take place at Manitou Waters Naturopathic Clinic & Healing Arts Centre, and will run for three and a half hours from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. To RSVP email supernovapresssask@gmail.com

The From Concept to Publication: Gen Z & Millennial Writers workshop is designed to teach emerging writers how to author a short story, poem, or piece of fiction during the course of the three and a half hours. Topics of discussion include the myth of the muse in writing, how to utilize AI, writing an elevator pitch, and more, that will leave guests with an in-depth understanding of how to publish a short work to jump start their creative career.

“It’s important to acknowledge that writers are the lifeblood of Saskatchewan and Canadian publishing

companies. Editors, agents, publishers, bookstores, all exist because of the talents of millions of writers who make that a reality. There needs to be more resources for emerging writers,” Miguel Fenrich said.

“A chance at an in-depth, intimate workshop for emerging writers is few and far between. But all authors were emerging at some point, and the more support for them, the better writing we will have in the country.”

This workshop with Miguel Fenrich of Supernova Press, comes on the heels of a Saskbooks and Saskatchewan Writer’s Guild panel where Fenrich was able to speak about the company’s author-focused publishing model and the inclusion of several progressive plans for the press including the removal of submission guidelines, work to create accessible eBooks, and working with authors on a personal level.

“Supernova Press is and will always be dedicated to authentic communication with writers, this workshop just being one of those avenues for that communication,” Fenrich added.

Miguel A. Fenrich was born in 2002. He is an award winning homeschooled Canadian novelist, journalist and photographer. Born of German and Sudanese descent,

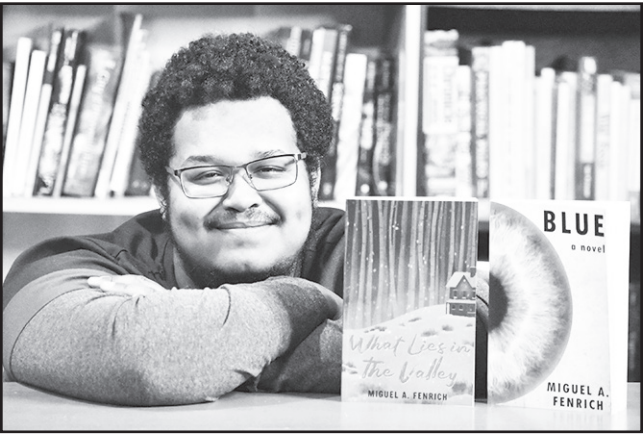


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he has a long-standing passion for racial justice and equality. He is serving a term as a director for SaskBooks and the Saskatchewan Writer’s Guild, and writes and lives on a farm near Battleford, Sask.

Construction to begin on new school in Lanigan

■ Daniel Bushman

With students and staff representing the two schools in Lanigan joining dignitaries and residents from the community before the end of the school year, sod was officially turned June 19 to officially mark construction on a new Pre-K to Gr. 12 school.

Originally announced in July 2020 as part of the Government of Saskatchewan’s \$7.5 billion two-year capital plan to stimulate the province’s economic growth, following a number of delays due to rising costs and the pandemic, construction on the approximately 400 student \$26 million school moved one step closer with the sod turning ceremony.

With an estimated date of completion for the Pre-K to Gr. 12 school slated for the fall of 2025, Deputy Premier, Finance Minister and Humboldt-Watrous MLA Donna Harpauer remarked how exciting the ceremony was. “We are thrilled to witness this milestone occasion of the new school that will serve the community for generations. Our government is committed to providing our students and staff with the best possible learning environment and this new school is a testimony of our commitment.”

With the provincial government investing approximately \$26 million into the new school and Horizon’s Board of Education contributing up to \$500,000 for the mini gym as part of the project, Harpauer who attended school in Lanigan during her youth said, “I am looking forward to the new school. Of course you always have a little bit of a heartstring when the school you went to is going to be gone but yet it needs to. Obviously it is a very, very old school and it is time to move on and modernize it.”

With Quorex Construction retained as the Construction Management team for the multi-million dollar project, the new school will feature a modern and spacious design, with an estimated area of 4,829 square metres to accommodate students and staff.

Horizon School Division CEO Kevin Garinger noted the division and its board has worked collaboratively to ensure that the facility meets the needs of the

community. As part of that, the facility will feature state-of-the-art labs for Industrial Arts, Science, Home Economics and the Arts, as well as a large main gymnasium and a smaller secondary gym. The new school will also prioritize accessibility and will strongly emphasize mental wellness, with welcoming counselling spaces available to students and staff.

During the morning ceremony June 19, a handful of students shared about what they would like to see in the new school. A number of items came up multiple times by the students including having air conditioning, adding more space, creating two gymnasiums and providing a strong connection between students from the elementary and high schools under one roof.

Seeing the smiles on the faces of students in attendance during the sod turning and hearing about what they would like to see in the new school, Garinger said, “This is what it is all about. It is all about them and just listening and talking about how it is going to impact their learning, that is really important. Everything will be brand new so it will be exciting for our students. We heard loud and clear from them how excited they are.”

Being a part of the groundbreaking ceremony, Garinger extended his appreciation to Horizon’s Board who cited their support has been unwavering. “At one point they committed to put forward \$2 million which would be challenging for them to do but they are committed to putting some funds together to support little pieces of this project.”

Garinger also shared how grateful Horizon is of the provincial government and their willingness to see the project move forward despite the cost increases. “The government has always wanted this project to get off the ground and we are now there. It is a big price tag. It started at \$15.2 million and that has since jumped. Those are big dollars that the government has had to deal with in these times and we are grateful that they are putting that effort and those funds toward the project for the sake of 400 plus children in this area.

“I also can’t say enough about my staff who have worked tirelessly through this entire process. And it is imperative to thank our SCCs, our students, staff, and

families from Lanigan, Drake and area for their input and patience throughout this project. We are moving forward and it is an exciting endeavour.”

Speaking on behalf of Horizon Board Chair Jim Hack, Trustee for Subdivision 4 Mark Fedak appreciated the Government of Saskatchewan for their commitment to the students, and also to the students, staff and SCC for the work they did on the initial design of the new facility. “We are looking forward to the modern, welcoming and functioning school that will serve the needs of our growing community.”

Appreciating the Town of Lanigan, contractors, and Horizon for its expertise and commitment, Fedak said as a board they remain steadfast to the project. “I am extremely proud to be part of the board that has such dedication to the success of our students and our community.”

Joined by other members of town council at the ceremony behind the elementary school, Lanigan Mayor Tony Mycock was pleased to hear construction will be happening. “To see some ground turned over now, this is a huge thing for our community. I am so happy to see the kids from both schools here. This is all for them and they are our future. I want to thank Horizon School Division as well. They have been really good to work with and we are willing to do whatever it takes as a town to make things run smoothly. And thank you to Donna Harpauer and the provincial government for funding this project. This is going to help us as a community and will be a big boost for us as well.”

With Quorex Construction working with SaskBuilds and Procurement, Garinger shared construction is ready to begin right away. Once the shovels are in the ground for the facility that will be built near the current schools in Lanigan, Garinger said, “Once the majority of the building is up and close to ready to go, the decommissioning and demolition of the other buildings would occur nearly simultaneously to create the parking lot space we need where the buildings are currently standing. We certainly appreciate that those facilities have served our children and families for a number of years, but it is time for this new build.”



► Pictured left: official sod turning at the site of the new Lanigan school. Pictured above: Deputy Premier and local MLA Donna Harpauer.

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YOUNG

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Oh Mother Nature, frost in July, really? Fortunately, locally our temperature did not go below four degrees celsius the night of July 4.

Congratulations to Brenda Moen of Colonsay, winner of the 2023 Kinsmen Home Lottery! We are absolutely thrilled for you and Harvey.

How did you celebrate World Chocolate Day on the 7th? Did you indulge in a big slice of chocolate cake or a chocolate dipped ice cream cone? Maybe a handful of chocolate chips is all it takes to satisfy your craving. I have heard chocolate described as its own food group; I think these people are on to something.

Watrous and Manitou Beach were brimming with artistic offerings and talent the weekend of July 8 and 9, including the Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail where Sandy Christensen, formerly of Young, was one of the artists featured. So much talent so close to us was shared for everyone to enjoy and appreciate.

The community of Young and area send their sincere condolences to Louis and Agnes Thompson and Marlene and Mel Dieno and families on the passing of their mother, grandma, great-grandma and cookie baker extraordinaire, Dorothy (Thompson) Fletcher. Dorothy called Young home for several years and made many lasting friendships while here. May it help in some small way to know that loving and caring thoughts are sent to you today.

Friends and I attended The Highlanders Pipe and Drum concert held at Uman Centennial Park on the shore of Little Manitou Lake at Manitou Beach. Their renditions of Amazing Grace and Scotland The Brave were magical. (I bet you have never heard bagpipes described that way). It was a picture perfect summer afternoon, feeling a cooling breeze off the water while listening to music.

Enjoy your week!

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Congratulations to Roy and Patsy Grey who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary July 5. Daughters Lezlee and Cal from Alberta and Shelley Stewart from Pennsylvania arrived to help celebrate their anniversary. A family supper July 2 also included their son Darren and brother Jim and Joyce Walker.

Neil Thomas from Edmonton visited his father Ray and other friends before heading to Fishing Lake with Ray to get some fishing in July 5.

Sympathy to Phyllis O'Grady and family on the passing of her husband Terry O'Grady at home Tuesday, July 4. Terry was well-known in the Colonsay area.

With the nice weather lots of folks headed to the lake.

Congratulations to Brenda Moen for being drawn for the Kinsmen Lottery home in Saskatoon.

The YXE Streets team brought a new summer food and wine festival to the city. Ben Quattrini, Maygen Kardash, Gary Huang and our granddaughter Venessa Liang worked hard to fill a gap after Taste of Saskatchewan was cancelled this year. The event ran July 11 to 16 at River Landing. Venessa told us that she was in charge of the entertainment. They hope to make this an annual event.

July 8, Judy Dieno and her daughter Annette Glendenning went to Saskatoon to celebrate Art Rathje's birthday with family and friends. There were 40 some people in attendance. Some of the musicians in the family played and sang. Many memories were shared. George Dieno, wife Lana, son Cole and daughter Gabrielle from Regina also attended. They spent the latter part of the weekend in Colonsay.

Thoughtfulness is just a way of life for certain people. However, they can help, they always do their best. Anything you need, at any time - no need to ask. No task too large or small, they'll see it thru.

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Full house on our Oriole feeder (pictured right). They are really amazing this year. I have been noticing that we have one eating one of our flowering plants. That is a little disappointing, hopefully our flowers survive.

Work has begun on the Outdoor Learning Space at Viscount Central School. The Outdoor Learning Place will be an inclusive place to create new and exciting ways of teaching the curriculum. It will be a space to incorporate natural elements, grow their own food, Indigenous studies, invite nature into their learning, take time to breathe and self-regulate. They are creating a classroom outdoors.

Coffee is being enjoyed at the Viscount Seniors Centre Monday morning and afternoon and Tuesday to Saturday mornings.

Viscount library this summer has Monoporead. All ages are welcome. You can win prizes just for reading. The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Hopefully everyone is enjoying their summer, whether you are travelling or staying at home. I hope it is very relaxing. Summer goes too fast.

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



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Celebration of Life for Alan R. Vanthuyne will take place Saturday, Aug. 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. "Come and Go" at the Regina Royal Golf Club 5401 11th Avenue West, Regina.

Obituary



BUSCHE, Helen Isobelle
We are sad to announce the passing of Helen Isobelle Busche of Imperial, Sask. Helen passed away peacefully, in the early morning hours of Sunday, July 2, 2023, with her son Terry at her side.
A Celebration of Helen's Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2023 at St. Andrew's United Church in Imperial, Sask.

Helen is survived by her family, daughter Darlene Roney (Ron) of Osoyoos, B.C., daughter Wendy Petrick of Chilliwack, B.C. and son Terry Busche (Diane) of Imperial, Sask., eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.
Cremation arrangements in care of Mourning Glory Funeral Services 306-978-5200.
To share memories of Helen or send condolences please visit www.mourningglory.ca



BUSCHE, Donald Kelly 1949-2023
Kelly was born and raised in Port Alberni, B.C., son of Ralph and Rosella (nee Fisher) Busche. After earning his PhD in Economics from Simon Fraser University, Kelly taught economics in Canada as well as Hong Kong. Diagnosed with MS in 1997, he endured its effects that slowly took his memory, his cognition and finally, his

life, on July 2, 2023.
Kelly passed away peacefully thanks to the superior and caring staff at Astoria at Origin, Nanaimo, B.C. He is survived by his twin daughters, Emily and Meaghan Horner in the United States, siblings Ron Busche and Janet Busche Walker on Vancouver Island, dear friends in Vancouver and Hong Kong, as well as extended family in Bruno, Imperial and Saskatoon, Sask. No flowers by request.

Thank you

Thank you everyone who sent condolences (whether by cards, Facebook, visits, texts or calls), also for flowers, food and donations. Thank you to Fotheringham-McDougall Funeral Service, The Homemakers Club for serving and to the Manitou Lodge staff for the excellent care and welcoming ear. We know mom would have been so happy to see the many faces of family and friends at the celebration tea.
- Family of Sadie Gullacher

I would like to recognize and thank the organizing committee of the Winterhawk Reunion Golf Tournament: Jeff Siegfried, Scott Collins, Ken Harding, Cody Isherwood and Geoff Bedard. Their hard work, along with many other volunteers helping out that day, made it a great event. The weekend was fantastic giving us the opportunity to renew friendships, re-cite old stories and create new memories that will be with us long into the future. For those players, coaches and executive members that were unable to attend, you can rest assured you were missed and figured into many of the conversations that happened.
Thanks so much, Phil Benson

Obituary



POTTS, Rose Marie
It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of our mom, grandmother and friend, Rose Marie Potts of North Battleford, Sask.
Mom grew up in Green Lake, Sask. area where we have heard many stories of how she enjoyed working at the family store as a young girl. In her early adulthood she worked in Regina and then moved to the Watrous/Manitou district when she married Brian (Barbara) Potts. Together they farmed "North of the Lake" where they raised their two children Fran and Darren (Lehanne) and four more extended family members Bob, Lana (Dennis), Laura and Irene (Kent). Time was spent running the household with six kids, a huge garden, plus Mom worked various jobs over the years including her own shoe repair, Robinson's, and a long cleaning career. After selling the farm north of the lake, Brian and Rose moved to Amazon, Sask. where they made their home for a few years after the kids had grown, and then Rose lived in Simpson for a lengthy period, where she was active in the community including serving on town council for a term and helping out at the various businesses, mainly "Colleens". Rose was always available to lend a helping hand wherever one was needed. While living in Simpson, Rose also worked at the Wildlife Federation at Long Lake. She loved that place . . . she helped keep the grounds inside and out nice and tidy along with the native to the area seed harvest. When it was time for Mom to retire, she moved to the North Battleford area for her final years, to be closer to the land she loved and some of her family.
Rose had a spark and had a feisty way of doing things. She was full of energy and loved to dance. Her kids reminisce about

music always playing in the house. Rose could be caring, compassionate and helpful, but could be in your face if she felt it was necessary, all at the same time!
Mom's first passion was her family. She was an "Auntie" to many including Ashley, Chanelle (Freddy two boys: Braxton and Kaiden), Keith (Ashley), Laurissa (Arron, daughter Madison); Angela, Joelle, Crystal (Joshua, son Avery), Tory Jr. (Jessica), Olivia; and she enjoyed her three grandchildren: Taylor, her "#1" (Jolene); Christian, "her gift" (David); and Cassandra, "her princess". Whenever one of her nieces, nephews, or grandchildren came to visit, they were always sure to go home with fresh baking and care packages . . . along with "a little something" stuck in a pair of socks, a book . . . you always knew to check out every nook or cranny when Mom gave you something, for that spare change or a few bills she would have hidden.
Mom's second passion was her friends. She enjoyed visiting over a game of crib or scrabble and catching up on the latest news. She checked in on her neighbours daily and usually just happened to have some baking for them to enjoy when she dropped in.
Mom's other passions included gardening, plants, and crochet . . . we all have several blankets from Mom, and of course Coronation Street. We all knew not to call her when her beloved program was on!!
Mom will be dearly missed by her family, extended family, her friends and her neighbours. As she loved being up North, we will be having a small family interment at Green Lake later this summer where she will be laid to rest next to her own Mother.
If friends so wish, donations in memory of Rose can be made to the Diabetes or the Kidney Foundation.
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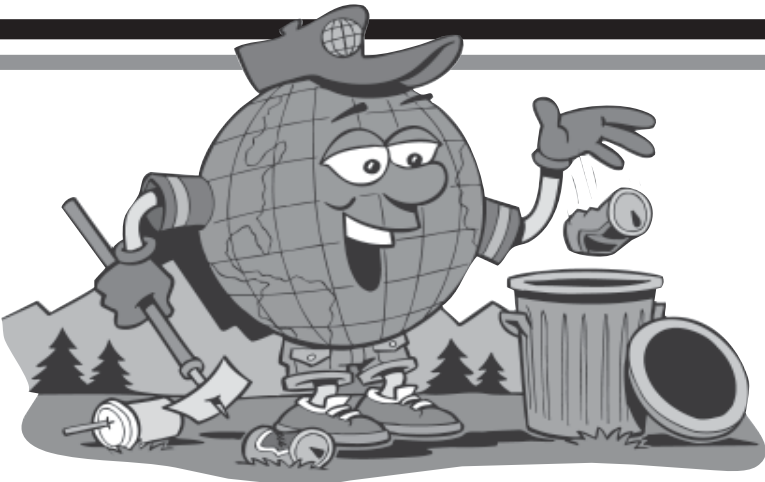
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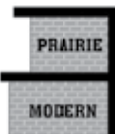
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Coming Events

JULY

- DATES FOR MANITOU Beach Communities in Bloom bingo are: July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 8 (Tuesday), 17, 24, 31. Doors open at 6 p.m. with bingo starting at 7 p.m. Manitou Beach Community Hall./31ffc

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- AL-ANON MEETING THURSDAYS 8 p.m. Ph. 306-946-2466, 306-946-2217./22-48p

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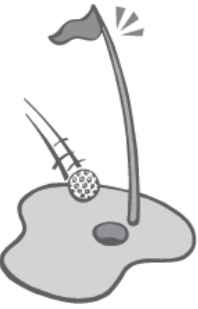
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Golf Report

Thirty-six golfers made it out to the senior men's scramble Thursday, July 13 at Manitou Beach Golf Course. First place with a score of 32 was recorded by the team of Glenn Crawford, Harvey Woiden, Shaun Lewis and Bob Lewis and second place with a score of 32 was the team of Bing Vanthuyne, Rod Hartley, Scott Murray and Earle Amendt. Mystery team was Metro Bodnarek, Doug Schultz, David Ledgerwood and Herb Kornelsen. Closest to the pin on hole eight was Bing Vanthuyne and closest to the pin second shot on hole four was Garry Schaan. Shaun Lewis made the longest putt on hole six. Bing Vanthuyne was closest to the line on hole nine.



(from page six: CROP REPORT)

condition. Producers have made swift and steady progress with haying this week. Fifty-one percent of the first cut of hay has been baled or silaged, while 26 percent is cut and 23 percent is still standing. The quality of hay ranges from excellent to fair, with 59 percent in good quality. Crop damage this week comes from heat and moisture stress and grasshoppers. Producers are reminded to

keep in mind economic thresholds when scouting for grasshoppers and to reach out to their local regional office if they have any questions. Many producers are haying and monitoring their pastures now. With the heat, water quality is at the top of mind for many. If producers are concerned about the quality of their water source for livestock, they can bring in samples to their local regional office for testing.

TWM WILL BE ON SUMMER HOLIDAYS MONDAY, JULY 17 TO FRIDAY, JULY 28. NO PAPERS JULY 24 AND 31. NEXT PAPER WILL BE AUG. 7

At the Watrous Centre

Crib winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, July 6 were: first - Shirley Birtles, 880; second - Arlene Gegner, 850; three-way tie for third - Marilyn Crawford, Fred Kahler, Doug Gregory, 843. Travelling - Sharon Carlson and Kathleen Paul. Homesteader was Kathleen Paul and Harold Kalynovich. 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.

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(from front page: PROJECT)

burden to be added onto their property taxes. I know with smaller businesses that can be a challenge but I hope that would be enough to help them.”

With the project coming

in right around the budgeted amount following its approval, construction is expected to take place over the next three to four months. Realizing that summer is the busiest time of year when it comes to local tourism, the mayor explained the seasons in Saskatchewan do not really allow for the work to be done anytime else. “In the spring you have to wait for the ground to thaw and there is not enough time between then and summer. In the fall you run the risk if you are halfway through the project and the snow comes to stay.”

Since the work is being done over the summer, it falls during Watrous’ 32nd annual Auto Show ‘N’ Shine Fun Run. Consistently attracting over 250 vehicles each year who line up along Main Street, Gunderson said despite the work, the July 29 event will still be moving forward, just at a different spot from where it normally is.

Despite the inconveniences that people will experience over the next few months, Gunderson feels that the project will be worth it in the end. “I know it is a disruption to the businesses but I just ask for their patience. At the end of the day I think everybody is going to be extremely happy with the result of the project. It is going to be just another drawing card of the downtown. That is one of the goals besides doing the infrastructure and beautification, it is something that hopefully we can attract some new businesses and draw more people towards downtown.”



► Pictured: Prairie Renegades along with Team Ukraine at the 2023 Canada Cup in Surrey, B.C.
photo courtesy Canada Cup

Prairie Renegades raise funds for Team Ukraine

■ media release

The 2023 Canada Cup, the premier women’s softball event in Canada got underway in Surrey, B.C. and Ukraine’s U19 National Team is taking part after a successful fundraising campaign that raised \$60,000 to bring them to Surrey.

After their game against Prairie Renegades U19 July 13, they were surprised when their Saskatchewan opponents presented them with \$1,400. The money will go towards aiding Ukraine’s softball program back home.

The team from the prairies, which includes some local faces, heard about Team Ukraine’s quest to come to Canada and spent the last month doing bottle drives in their hometowns including in Watrous. Following the July 13

game, they delivered the funds to their competitors.

“We were honoured to be able to play Team Ukraine at the Canada Cup,” said Prairie Renegades U19 Head Coach Alana Armstrong. “The girls felt it was very important to do something for these brave Ukrainian women after learning more about what they were going through to play the sport they love. With no adult involvement, they organized bottle drives and there was massive community support. When we had an opportunity to share our donation with them it was very emotional and there were lots of tears.”

The Canada Cup, now in its 30th year, showcases some of the top female athletes from all-across Canada and the world as well as more than 1,600 athletes at the national and club level. .

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