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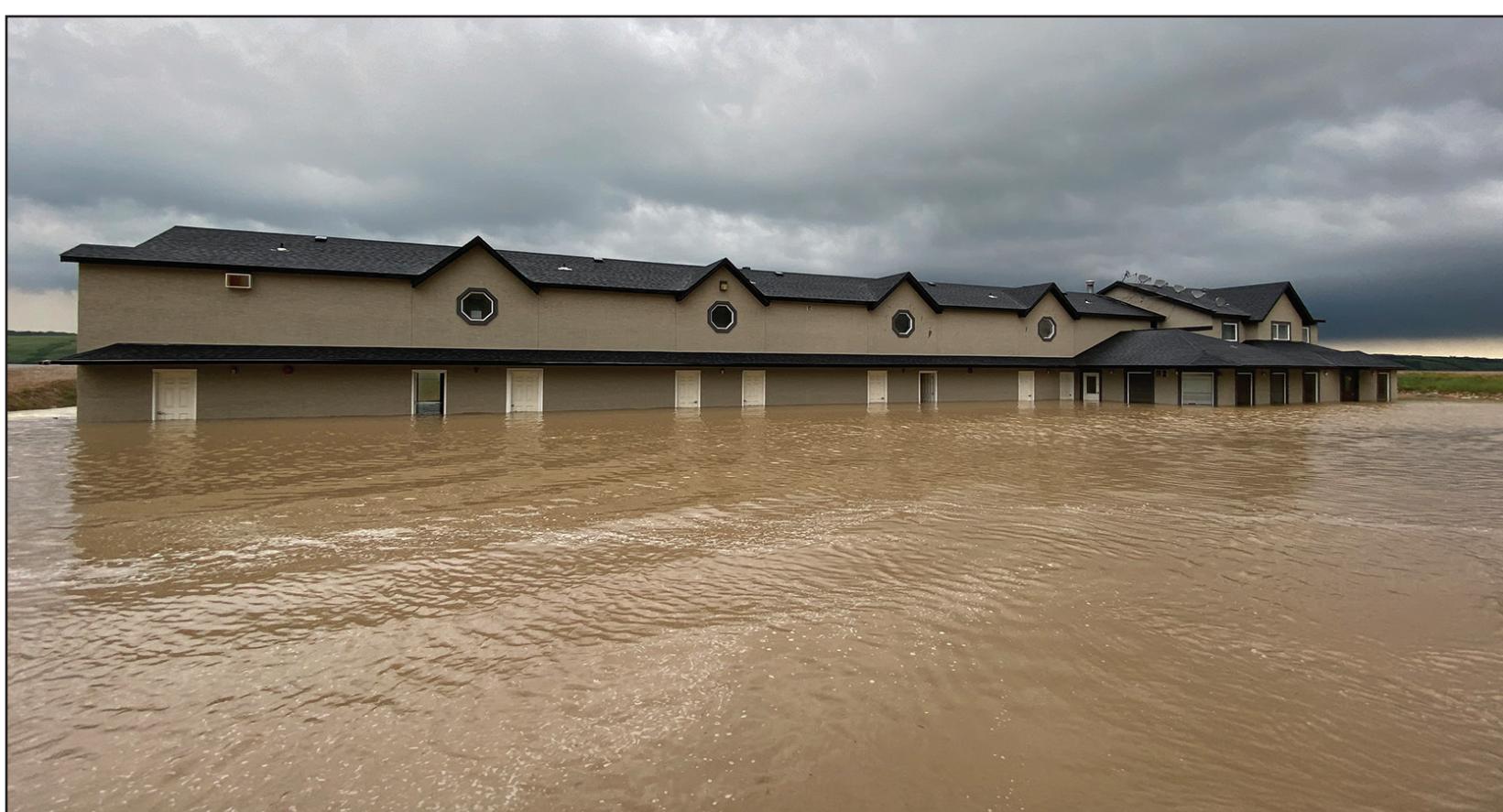
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Inside: 2022 Tourism Edition



## Under water

With reports of two inches of heavy rain falling in a 15 minute span during a June 13 storm, the communities of Manitou Beach and Watrous were left with substantial flooding. With a berm already constructed to keep lake water at bay and wrapping around the back of the former Nu-Inn at Manitou Beach (left), the building absorbed a substantial amount of water as the liquid pooled around it, flowing down from higher ground. Other areas at Manitou Beach also flooded while in Watrous (remaining pictures) a number of streets, businesses and homes also received flooding.

photos by Daniel Bushman



## Watrous and Manitou Beach hit hard by pair of storms

■ Daniel Bushman

Containing almost as much rain as what fell in Watrous and Manitou Beach during all of May, June and July of last year, a pair of recent storms wallop the two communities June 12 and 13. While the first storm soaked the area early Sunday afternoon, it was Monday's event that flooded streets, homes, businesses and washed out ditches.

With local estimates of 1.5 inches of rain Sunday

afternoon and at least that and more early Monday evening, Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) Terri Lang said the weather station near Watrous was being upgraded at the time of the two storms so she had no confirmed rainfall amounts to report. Lang did note that radar indicated the large thunderstorm cells moved over Watrous indicating rainfall rates were very high.

The storm that arrived early Sunday afternoon not only contained heavy

rain but produced some smaller hail as it intensely passed over Watrous, forcing ball games during Watrous Minor Ball Day to be cancelled.

Just hours earlier, it appeared to be a perfect day for ball as a few games were completed under sunny skies. However once the storm system arrived and began dumping massive buckets of rain, teams and spectators scrambled to

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# Manitou Beach and Watrous combine as unique tourism destinations

■ Daniel Bushman

An integral part of Manitou Beach and Watrous, the tourism sector has not only provided a really unique opportunity to residents over the years but has allowed guests to experience a number of attractions and events.

Despite navigating

through the pandemic over the past few years, as restrictions began to loosen in 2021 and people could travel a bit more, the local area was pegged as a marquee attraction. With COVID-19 restrictions being lifted and with summer arriving, many including Community Development Officer for

the Watrous Manitou Marketing Group, Sarah McKen are hoping for bigger and better things in 2022.

McKen who is no stranger to tourism, the arts and what it means to be part of a welcoming and warm community graciously took some time out of her busy schedule to share about the local area, why it is special and what people can expect for summer 2022.

## How important is tourism in the local area?

Watrous Manitou has many attractive features, and of course the one that brings it all together

is Little Manitou Lake. It is amazing to have an international tourism industry in a small Saskatchewan community like ours.

Of course it comes with challenges, and we continue to grow sustainably as we find our way, but where else in Saskatchewan do you find a year-round resort village and town that work together to provide the quality of services that we have in our community?

Yes there are cottages on other lakes, but do they have a mineral spa? There are other towns on the rail line, but do they have the variety of dealerships? And is there any place that recognizes the strengths of working together between municipalities as well as ours?

Our tourism industry creates a growth cycle. Build a place that people want to vacation and you will create jobs. Create jobs and the demand for housing grows. Develop housing and you attract services. Attract services

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► With a number of events held over the summer at Watrous and Manitou Beach including the annual Fun Run Auto Show 'N' Shine (above) and the Manitou Beach Canada Day Celebration (left), there is lots to discover within the local area.

□ file photos by Daniel Bushman

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dugouts and their vehicles while others took cover at the concession. Once the rain finally subsided, diamonds were left filled with water as people headed through soggy conditions for home. Then, in the middle of the afternoon a tornado warning was issued south of Watrous for the RM of Big Arm including Imperial and Liberty as a different system rolled through that area. The warning was later downgraded to a severe thunderstorm warning which ended at 3:49 p.m. ECCC did not report any tornadoes touching down during the warning but did say a tornado was confirmed near Maymont (located southeast of North Battleford) a few days prior.

While some ball was able to resume back in Watrous after the inch and a half of rain had mostly dried, more moisture arrived before the day was over.

With streets and yards slowly drying up Monday, as the early part of the evening arrived, another system approached. While Sunday's event left its mark, Monday's storm packed a punch.

Thunder, lightning and heavy rain rolled through Watrous and Manitou Beach, drenching the area in a short time span. Within half an hour, many roads in Watrous were filled, basements flooded and backyards turned into swimming pools.

With reports of at least an inch and a half to upwards of two to two and a half inches falling in that short time, speaking to Watrous Mayor John Gunderson, he said there were a number of calls to the town office Tuesday morning from homeowners who experienced flooded basements.

Holding an emergency council meeting Tuesday morning, Gunderson said the Town of Watrous submitted an application for the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) which was approved. Designated as an Eligible Assistance Area under PDAP, the program provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property caused by natural disasters.

"About six years ago we had a similar event but in July and like we did before, we submitted an application for PDAP for our community. Now that we are approved, for people who experienced flooding, if they are not able to receive funding from their insurer then they can either pick up PDAP applications from the town office and fill them out for a claim under that program or they can find the applications on our website ([www.townofwatrous.com](http://www.townofwatrous.com)) or a link is also on our Facebook page."

With both water damage and some sewer backups to homes and businesses in Watrous, Gunderson shared the flooding was pretty widespread around town. "Sometimes there is localized areas that receive flooding but we had heard there were a number of places around Watrous that were hit. The sanitary/sewer system



► Pictured: Watrous resident Kelvin Fellner's backyard was turned into a swampy swimming pool after the storm June 13. Fellner figured he had five to six inches that accumulated after the storm. Later that night levels began to recede and by midweek, while still wet, the yard had been cleaned up and water gone.

© photos courtesy Kelvin Fellner

can only go so fast and with it being such a flash flood Monday, it couldn't keep up."

When Monday's storm arrived, Gunderson said crews from the town did the best they could to mitigate the damage. "It was coming so fast, they tried to do all they could to keep places from flooding."

Living in the north end of Watrous in the Westby Place cul-de-sac, Kelvin Fellner explained his place was one of those hit by the flooding. With water coming through the walls of his basement, Fellner said, "We had pictures hanging up and where the nails were, water was coming out of those holes. In the storage room and furnace room it was soaked and there was a bit of water on the floor where our living room is downstairs."

Looking out of a window in one of the bedrooms in the basement after the storm passed, Fellner compared it to being on a boat. "There was about four inches of water up the window so when you looked out of it, it was like looking out a window on a boat. I am thankful we did not have those windows open before the storm hit."

Estimating he had five to six inches of water filling up his backyard, Fellner said his landscape ties floated away and a lot of the pine needles used for mulch littered the yard. "It was gross," he said adding the water levels in his yard started going down by about 10 p.m. Monday. By midnight, when a disaster team arrived to begin cleaning

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# Opinion

## PLUNKETT

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I hope all the fathers had a happy Father's Day. Did anyone see the blue moon?

Sympathy to the family of Fred Hale from Humboldt who passed away.

The trees are really looking nice now that they are filled out.

Wedding wishes go to Katlin Giddings who was married in Moose Jaw. Anyone having any news please phone me at 306-944-4852.

Dennis Credgeur was away to Meadow Lake for a few days helping out his family.

Visiting us were some of our family as our granddaughter Lisa Mazar and friend from New Zealand came home to visit for a month.

Dear Reena, I was trying to make chocolate whip cream, so I heated the whip cream in a pot. When the cream was hot, I stirred in the chocolate chips. I placed the pot into the fridge for 30 minutes and when it was cool I whipped the mixture. For some reason the cream would not stiffen. What did I do wrong? Thank you, Michelle

**Dear Michelle,**

My guess is that the whip cream was not cold enough to whip or the fat content in the chocolate prevented the whip cream from whipping. Leave the chocolate and cream in the fridge for a few hours before attempting to whip. Another option is to melt a small amount of chocolate and cream together until smooth. Cool the mixture and add the cold cream. This way the chocolate will not seize and the cream will whip.

**Dear Reena,**

I have this watch that I love that my family bought for me years ago. The orange leather band is getting dirty with wear. I have tried to clean it with a cloth and water with no success. I am worried of the colour being bleached, so I have not applied any chemical cleaner. What solutions do you recommend? Your greatest fan and reader, Esther

**Hi Esther,**

You can clean it with saddle soap or any commercial leather cleaner such as Urad, which is a cleaner for horse saddles, it is fantastic! You can also gently scrub it with Dawn dish soap and water as it is formulated as a grease cutter. Wipe with a soft cloth and water. Do not use any products containing bleach because if the colour is wiped off it will be irreversible without dyeing the strap.

**Dear Reena,**

Sympathy to Russ and Carol Lindberg and family from Saskatoon on the passing of Carol's brother Robert Baldwin from Bradwell on June 3. Both families were well-known in the Colonsay area.

The 107th annual Rebekah Assembly of Saskatchewan was held in Regina June 6 to 8 with president Kathy Nankivell presiding. Three members of Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge #5, Saskatoon participated. Bev Garner as warden, Irene Gray as parliamentarian and Merilyn Kirk as soloist. Also attending was the president of the IARA Kathy Richen from Massachusetts as well as two visitors from Alberta and one from Manitoba. A banquet was held Tuesday evening. Entertainment was provided by Sandra Benallack doing cowboy poetry. After the banquet, directors of works Irene Gray and Merilyn Kirk presented the installation of officers for the coming year 2022-23. Jean Knibbs from Weyburn was installed as president. Meetings continued Wednesday, June 8. It was a great time for visiting with friends.

Vern and Michelle Kirk and Barry and Merilyn Kirk travelled to Cranbrook, B.C. June 9. While there they attended the graduation ceremony of Luc Kirk, son and grandson, from hairdressing school.

Congratulations to Michael Kirk who received the Governor General award for his academics for the 2020-21 school year. Principal Brett Reis presented it at the Colonsay grad ceremonies Friday, June 10.

Colonsay school grad was held in the Colonsay school gym. Seven graduates were welcomed by a large turnout. Principal Brett Reis welcomed everyone and congratulated the graduates. Teacher Daniel Earl also gave his congratulations. Valedictorian was Kaitlin Fitzsimmons. Guest speaker was Joanne Olorenshaw. The graduates then presented a rose to their parents, grandparents and special guests. A slideshow was given on each graduate. Diploma presentations were made by Brett Reis and Jessalyn Brickner. Two graduates were presented with a scholarship from Affinity Credit Union to Kaitlin Fitzsimmons and Halle Mitchener.

Wendy Hale from Lancer spent Saturday, June 11 visiting Clarence and Donna Moen.

Colonsay hosted a Sunday night rec slo-pitch tournament June 19.

Sheila Senga from La Ronge spent a few days visiting her sister Joyce Walker and husband Jim Walker.

Congratulations to Betty Stanford from Elstow on winning \$250,000 from a Black Pearls ticket. Two weeks later during a surprise birthday party for Stanford, she turned the tables surprising her loved ones with the news of her win.

Guardian angel, I think I may go out and see the world today. So keep me safe and sound I pray that I may see another day.



**Tips from  
Reena Nerbas**

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**Neighbourly advice  
according to Ed**

*A spiritual column  
by contributor  
Raymond Maher  
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Sometimes it is the little things in life that trip me up. For example, I admit to being spoiled by the tap on my debit card. Tapping the machine with my card makes paying for purchases fast and hassle-free. However, after getting a new credit card, the tap was not working and I needed to insert my card and follow directions. It was no big deal, but it sure seemed to reinforce how comfortable it is to simply tap. Yet, it might be better if it was not so easy for me to buy stuff.

## Solutions and Substitutions

What solvent removes superglue? Pat

**Dear Pat,**

Although superglue instantly bonds to surfaces, it has one weakness, acetone. On a variety of surfaces superglue can be removed using an old toothbrush soaked with acetone. Acetone is the key ingredient in many nail polishes and may be purchased on its own at hardware stores. The bad news is superglue is very difficult and sometimes impossible to remove, depending on what it encounters.

**Hairy raising tips**

• Guys, if you are travelling, camping, or even at home and do not have your regular shaving cream with you, or have run out, try this: wet your face with warm water; then take a bar of wet hand soap (I prefer Dove) and rub it all over your stubble until its well coated. Then use your regular handheld razor to shave as you normally would. Works great for me! Submitted by: Dave

• I trim my own hair and always flip my head upside down while I cut. This way I can spot any hair that was missed. Works wonderfully. Submitted by: Rebecca

• When my daughter visits we love to play spa. I use bright pink, yellow and blue cream eyeshadows that I no longer use to colour her hair. I place her hair on top of the container of the cream eye shadow and pull. Washes out easily. Submitted by: Deidre

• Whenever I need a quick fix to cover my grey hair, I use waterproof mascara to cover my roots. Submitted by: Margie

• Spray a clean toothbrush with hairspray and brush hair to tame frizzy pieces. Submitted by: Lynda

*Note: Every user assumes all risks of injury or damage resulting from the implementation of any suggestions in this column. Test all products on an inconspicuous area first.*

*Reena Nerbas is a popular motivational presenter for large and small groups; check out her website: [reena.ca](http://reena.ca). Ask a question or share a tip at [reena.ca](http://reena.ca).*

## It's too hard to read and follow instructions

I have a troubled relationship with my computer and those who expect me to use it like I know what I am doing. I can find myself needing to stop and read and find out what I need to do to get past a problem. It is no fun to admit that I still have a lot to learn about using my computer. Likewise, I do not thoroughly understand how God's love gets us through difficult situations that we cannot change.

Many are like me because we like the easy situations and are not eager to face challenges that force us beyond what is comfortable. However, life will not leave us without challenges and difficulties. Loved ones may help us when we struggle, but no one can live our life for us.

Life happens and we are left to face what we cannot change. Jesus tried to prepare his disciples so they would be ready when he was no longer with them. His disciples tried to avoid thinking about going up to Jerusalem, where Jesus would die and how their lives would continue without Jesus. For encouragement, Jesus promised that they would have help in the Advocate or Holy Spirit when he was no longer with them.

Jesus prepared his disciples with these words, "When the Counselor (Advocate) comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning." (John 15:26-27) Jesus wanted his disciples to understand that his leaving them meant He would be sending them help. The Spirit of truth would come so they would not be alone and powerless as they testified of Jesus. The disciples needed to witness about Jesus when he was gone because they had lived and worked alongside him. The Holy Spirit would affirm the truth of the disciples' witness concerning Jesus.

Jesus did not want the disciples to stumble when their lives would become filled with opposition and dangers for witnessing about Him. He wanted them to remember that the Holy Spirit would comfort and strengthen them in their difficult days and the Holy Spirit would guide them into a further understanding of what Jesus had taught them. The Spirit would confirm to them all that Jesus had said and did.

The truth is that Jesus loved his disciples and all people enough to die for their sins. Life is about believing the truth of God and his love for all. God loves you and has biblical instructions for you to read. Ask the Holy Spirit to confirm this as truth to you.



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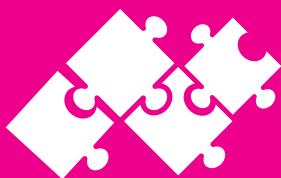
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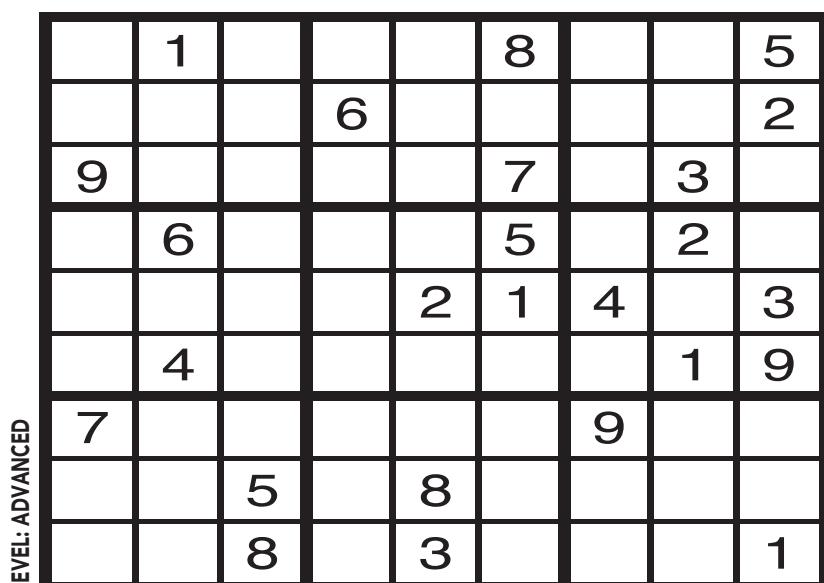
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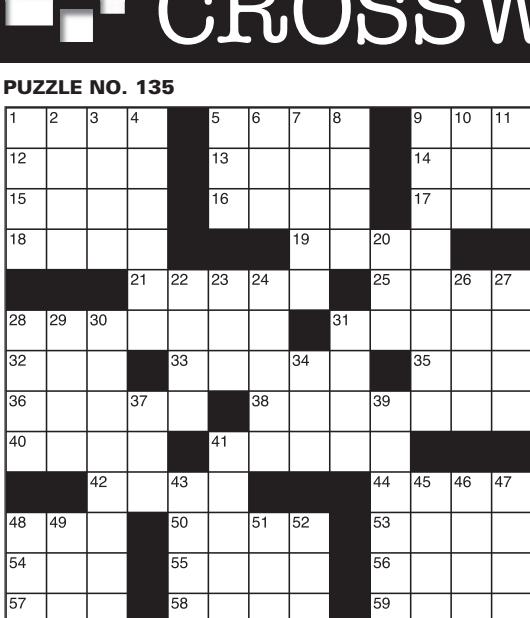
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# “RCMP Report”

## RCMP investigate mischief to Lanigan business

Humboldt/Lanigan RCMP are investigating a mischief that occurred to a local business located on Main Street in Lanigan.

Between the evening of June 12, 2022 and the morning of June 13, 2022, an unknown person(s) appeared to have used a vehicle to push over a chain linked fence at a local business located on Main Street in Lanigan. This caused significant damage to the fence and gate.

No one was injured during these events and the RCMP continue to investigate.

If you have information about this or any other crime, please contact Humboldt RCMP at 306-682-2535 or you may contact Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).

## Saskatchewan RCMP – Your Provincial Police Service - Weekly Report from June 6 to 12

### Investigative Recap

June 6: At approximately 4:30 p.m., Yorkton RCMP received a report of a possible impaired driver on Tupper Avenue. Officers located the vehicle, which was parked. The vehicle reversed, then collided with a police vehicle. It then drove away in an erratic manner, nearly hitting several police officers. Shortly after, the vehicle was disabled and no longer driveable. The driver was arrested. Investigation determined the vehicle has been reported as stolen from Kamsack earlier in the day.

As a result, Dezary Quevezance, 37, from Yorkton is charged with: 1 count, flight from police, Section 320.17, Criminal Code; 1 count, possession of property obtained by crime, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code;

4 counts, assault on police officer, Section 270.01(2), Criminal Code; 1 count, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, Section 320.13(1), Criminal Code; 1 count, operation while prohibited, Section 320.18, Criminal Code; 1 count, failure to stop after an accident, Section 320.16(1), Criminal Code; 2 counts, mischief over \$5,000, Section 430(3), Criminal Code, 1 count, operation while impaired, Section 320.14(1)(a), Criminal Code; and 1 count, operation over .08, Section 320.14(1)(b), Criminal Code.

June 6: Meadow Lake RCMP charged five individuals and is seeking public assistance locating a woman wanted on warrant in kidnapping/flight from police investigation.

June 7: Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crime Unit is investigating suspicious death on Montreal Lake Cree Nation.

June 8: Charges laid in firearms discharge incident in Cumberland house, investigations continue.

June 8: Battleford RCMP locate two wanted males, charged also with resisting arrest.

June 9: Three charged, weapons and 359 grams of cocaine seized after search warrant executed in North Battleford.

June 10: Shortly after 1 a.m. Prince Albert RCMP responded to a report of a stabbing at a residence on Sturgeon Lake First Nation. The adult male victim was transported to hospital by STARS for treatment of what were described as serious injuries. Prince Albert RCMP continue to investigate this incident. No charges are laid.

June 11: At 3 a.m., La Ronge RCMP located an injured male beside Hwy. 2 near Curtiss Street in Air Ronge. The male was taken to hospital with serious

injuries. Investigation determined the male may have been struck by a vehicle. La Ronge RCMP asks anyone with information to call the detachment at 306-425-6730. The investigation continues.

June 11: At approximately 6:15 a.m., Turtleford RCMP received a report of a single vehicle rollover on Hwy. 26, south of Turtleford. The driver, a 25-year-old male from Martensville, passed away at the scene. Investigation continues with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP Collision Reconstruction.

June 11: At approximately 8:35 p.m., Kindersley RCMP received a report of a semi rollover on Hwy. 21, approximately 10 km west of Glidden. The adult male driver reported minor injuries. The semi was hauling cattle and several died at the scene. The highway was closed while the cattle were assessed and the semi was removed.

June 12: At approximately 4:20 a.m., Nipawin RCMP received a report of an assault at a residence in Nipawin. Investigation determined that a group of individuals entered the residence, requested money and assaulted an adult male, then stole an SUV from the property and left with it. The male was taken to hospital with serious injuries. The investigation continues and Nipawin RCMP ask anyone with information to call the detachment at 306-862-6270.

Report tips and information: If you have information about any of the above crimes or other criminal activity, please report it to your nearest RCMP Detachment or police service, call 310-RCMP in non-emergencies, 911 in emergencies. Information can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).

## Crop Report

of fields were too wet to seed. With recent rain in the region, these areas will likely go unseeded this season.

Multiple rain showers and thunderstorms hit the province over the past week. Several areas reported minor to severe flooding. While the rainfall caused damage in some areas, it was still very welcome to those who were desperately in need of moisture. In the west, the rain will hopefully allow crops to recover from the drought conditions, but due to the localized nature of the rainfall, much of the western regions will need more widespread rains soon to keep crops from failing. Some areas

received hail over the past week, damage is currently unknown since many crops have not yet emerged, but enough hail was received in some areas to make it appear as if it had snowed.

The most rain was received north of Rosetown, in RM 317, where over 125 mm was recorded Monday night; the area experienced some flooding but most of the water was able to soak in. The Biggar area received 69 mm, the Dinsmore area 65 mm, the Bienfait and Rhein areas 41 mm, the Duck Lake area 34 mm and the Tyner and Bruno areas 25 mm. Many other areas received rain this past week.

With the rainstorms came the wind, which delayed many producers from being able to spray for weeds and insects such as flea beetles, cutworms and grasshoppers.

Provincially, topsoil moisture conditions have improved compared to the previous week. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated seven percent surplus, 65 percent adequate, 19 percent short and nine percent very short. Hay and pasture land is rated as six percent surplus, 61 percent adequate, 24 percent short and nine percent very short. For some hay fields in drier areas, the rain might have come too late and the hay crop may not be ready for first cut in a couple of weeks. In areas where moisture was abundant, the crops look very good.

Provincially, 69 percent of fall cereals, 60 percent of pulse crops, 50 percent of spring cereals and 41 percent of oilseed crops are at their normal stages of development for this time of year.

Crop conditions across the province mostly range from fair to good. With the recent rains, producers are hopeful that conditions will improve, especially in the west. Most damage was from drought, flooding, insects (flea beetles, grasshoppers and cutworms), gophers, hail and wind. Producers have wrapped up some of their reseeding operations and are now turning their focus back to spraying to keep pests under control.

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and you build a place where people want to live and vacation.

It is very special that we have so many opportunities for residents and visitors. I have heard from many of our visitors that they appreciate the inclusive community. I believe the Watrous Manitou "community" is comprised of several layers: First Nations peoples continue to honour Manitou and the healing waters that have been recognized since stories began; residents hold our community dear to their heart and steward the lake while developing opportunity for people to experience the joy of this area; seasonal residents look forward to their getaway at the beach; return visitors are sometimes continuing a tradition of coming to Manitou that has been in their family for generations; and there is even an excited group of our "community" who are discovering Watrous Manitou for the first time and falling in love with the spirit of it.

**How special is the local area when it comes to tourism?**

The leisure services available in our communities are amazing!

Our outdoor activities, entertainment and creative outlets are accessible and authentic. They are the reason people extend their stay at Manitou Beach. I was told once that for every one hour that it takes for someone to travel to a destination, there needs to be four hours of things to do. Congratulations to operators who work so hard through the peak of summer to provide the entertainment and opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy.

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The trails and off-leash dog park are also integral to that good space. The staff and volunteers' work put into our parks, and trails is very much

appreciated. We are sincerely grateful to Ron Ediger of Melron Services Ltd. and everyone working to create the walking trail between Watrous and Manitou Beach. It is unifying the walking trails and provides a safe connection for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

*Is it exciting to see businesses involved within tourism ramping up again after the pandemic restrictions have been eased?*

The summertime is always about getting outside and enjoying sunny days and warm summer nights. This summer is jam-packed full of things to do and places to explore. We are already feeling the increase in attendance, and many of our accommodations are booking up fast. People are excited to come camping, relax in a cabin, or book a room at one of our many accommodations. Day-trip numbers have increased as Saskatoon, Regina and other larger communities in the area rediscover the getaway close to home at Watrous Manitou.

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## THE TOWN OF WATROUS WISHES ALL OF ITS RESIDENTS AND VISITORS A SAFE AND *Enjoyable Summer!*



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Are there some unique opportunities coming up for the summer at Manitou Beach and Watrous? There are several community events, up of events presented by groups from a sprinkle of events presented by groups from outside of our community, and an amazing line-up of events presented by several of our small businesses. Danceland has an updated schedule

available at Danceland.ca, Little Manitou Art Gallery has live music every Saturday, Mike's Beach Bar and Manitou Waters are offering several events and The Drive-In at Manitou Beach features movies during the summer.

For more information about events and what our local businesses have to offer, people can pick up a local Activities Guide available in all

our stores and outlets. People can also follow "Watrous Manitou Beach Tourism" on Facebook and Instagram, join the Facebook group called "Watrous Manitou Beach Events and Activities," or visit watrousmanitou.com. Your help liking, sharing, and promoting the area is appreciated by all the business people and community leaders.

A few highlights of

summer events include: June 24 to 26: Manitou Beach or Busk!; July 1: Canada Day at the Beach; July 8 and 9: Salt Shaker (several community locations); July 9 and 10: Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail (several community locations); July 23: 31st annual Watrous and Manitou Beach Fun Run; July 31: Sunday in the Sand at Mike's Beach Bar; Aug. 2 to 12: Manifest Sculpture Symposium, and Grand Finale; Aug. 2 and 3: Rock 'n' Roll Weekend at Danceland; Aug. 13: Skye's the Limit Fashion at Manitou Waters; and Sept. 4: Music Fest at Little Manitou Art Gallery.

**How important is it to support local during this summer season?**

Your help promoting and supporting the local businesses and events is the small town advantage that helps our community thrive. Thank you in advance for coming to support your neighbours and encouraging a summer full of making wonderful memories.

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# Manitou Mini Golf sold as family swings into new venture

■ Daniel Bushman

With a deep understanding of the rich history and traditions of Manitou Beach and looking forward to taking over the Manitou Mini Golf, Darwin (Naytowhow) Mercer along with his niece Dakota and father Rodney, Dakota's Mosom (grandpa), are eager to welcome residents and visitors to the course.

After owning and operating the unique business for the past 10 seasons, Howie and Bonnie Ulmer recently sold the mini golf to the Mercer family. Looking forward to continuing to offer a welcoming atmosphere and fun place for people of all ages to enjoy, Rodney said, "A Neechie encounter awaits you. Neechie is Cree for my friend while Darwin means dear friend and Dakota means ally or friend."

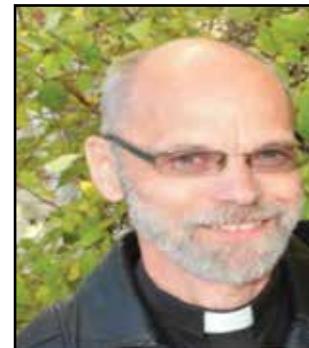
Wanting to maintain that welcoming and friendly environment, Rodney explained how his family has been raised with those types of themes over the years in their own lives. As the Mercer family grew up under open skies and prairie winds, Rodney said it was important for them to create a refuge or shelter from the storms of life. Darwin's "Kokum (grandma) and Mosom (grandpa) were like a shelter belt to so many. It was never a problem to throw another potato into the pot and have someone pull another chair up to their table."

Dakota's Mosom hopes to have the Manitou Mini Golf also remain a welcoming place, a place where people will be treated like family. "We look forward to continuing to offer the TLC warmth or Tawaw, which means welcome or there is room. We also want our facility to remain a tranquil haven of peace and serenity. Witaskiwinihk, which is Cree for peace and brotherhood, and with Darwin's Kokum and Mosom being an aunt and uncle to a Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor, he has a special bond to the Crown and Treaty relationship."

Excited to promote the community and its rich history, Rodney whose family also has Scottish roots

added, "We will celebrate our prairie roots, both Cree and settler, at this Manitou meeting place, as we offer you an opportunity to putt your way down memory lane with family and friends."

Along with welcoming residents of the area and visitors to Manitou Beach an opportunity to enjoy a game of mini golf, Reverend Rodney Mercer added, "We wish to acknowledge the Creator (Manitou), so as new owners we are planning to see the venue used this summer for other activities as well. Some of those include a free five day CEF Kids Club Aug. 22-26 and a Spoken Word Ministry free family event and concert Aug. 27. We look forward to your visit this summer."



► Rodney Mercer (left) along with Darcy (below) and Dakota are eager to welcome visitors to the Manitou Mini Golf. Purchasing the place from Howie and Bonnie Ulmer, the Mercer family aims to keep it a welcoming and fun place to visit. photos submitted below left file photos



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# Gallery on 3rd highlights local arts community

■ Daniel Bushman

It has become a hub for showcasing artistic works by talented people in and around the Watrous area and as summer approaches, there is a full lineup of items to check out. With an opportunity for residents and visitors to view works and even purchase some, the Gallery on 3rd in Watrous is a unique place to gather and discover.

With a growing number of artists, artisans, writers, educators and associated practitioners within the local area, Visual Coordinator and Co-Chair for the Visual Arts with the Watrous and Area Arts Council, Toni Ambrose said the Gallery on 3rd tries to feature a variety of works throughout the year in addition to promoting the arts through various other methods.

One of the gallery's

current exhibits has caught the attention of a number of people passing through. Donated by the late Bryce Erickson, a total of 24 pieces were selected from his array of works and are being displayed until July 7. "Bryce's pieces are really good and are worth checking out. Bryce resided in Watrous before his passing and was a big part of the local arts community. We are very grateful he decided to donate his works to us before he passed away."

In addition to Erickson's items, in July Ambrose said the Gallery on 3rd will be one of the stops during the annual Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail. "Myself, Helen Herr and Aimee Nulle will have our work on display at the gallery July 9 and 10 as part of the local trail. People are welcome to stop by and view it and if they like, they can also

purchase items as well."

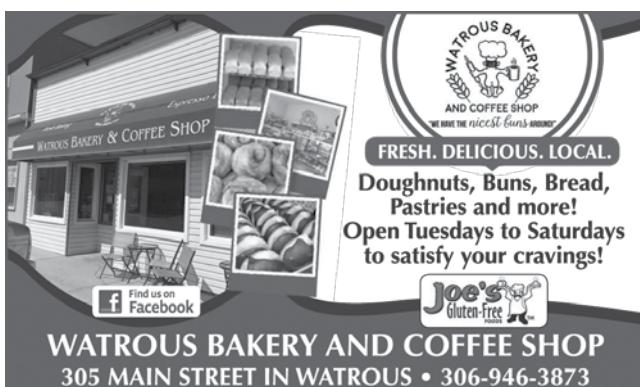
Following the Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail, Nulle's oil paintings will be featured at the Gallery on 3rd July 12 to 29 before a travelling exhibit from the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils (OSAC) titled "Madhu Kumar: The Stories of Immigrant Women" will be highlighted in August.

"With things returning to a more normal, we are looking forward to seeing more visitors to the Gallery on 3rd this summer. We have a really unique opportunity to showcase the work of our talented artists at our facility and look forward to sharing it with others."



► Featuring works by local artists along with an opportunity to purchase some, the Gallery on 3rd in Watrous contains a variety of items throughout the year. Currently, the late Bryce Erickson's pieces are on display after Erickson donated them to the local gallery (pictured).

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# Studio Trail will ring your bell in July with 21 artists opening their doors

■ submitted by  
Frank Wilson

In what has become a 14-year-old tradition in the district surrounding Watrous, Manitou Beach, Meacham, Guernsey, Plunkett and Viscount, 21 artists are opening their doors with an invite to view their work throughout the second weekend of July this summer.

The Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail is a group that has varied slightly in numbers over the years but still provides a solid slice of artistic talent to the public each summer. This year the Trail includes 21 artists with a varied selection of works ranging from paintings, sculpture, high end wood working, pottery, copper sculpture, dazzling quilts, ceramics, artistic fabric works, and to top it off, very solid works in concrete.

The public is invited to visit one or all of the sites where they can take in what each artist has

to offer and discuss their work in person. It may offer encouragement to those who have thought about creating art but need that little spark of enlightenment to get started. And the Trail allows one to enjoy the countryside while they are at it.

More information about the artists, samples of their work and location is included on the Trail's website: [www.spiritofmanitou.ca](http://www.spiritofmanitou.ca). The Trail is held over two days on July 9th and 10th.

►Pictured above right: Frank Wilson is one of a number of local artists participating in the annual Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail. Last year Wilson welcomed people to his place to view his work.

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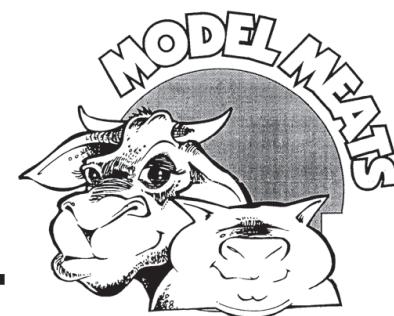


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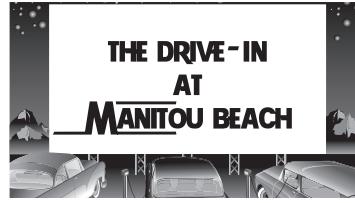
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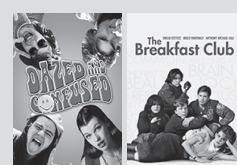
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## Obituary



### GALT, Irene Marilyn (French)

Irene Galt, aged 91 years, passed away at Manitou Lodge, Watrous, Sask. on Monday, June 6, 2022.

Irene was born into the loving home of Ben and Pearl French on Feb. 26, 1931 welcomed by many brothers and sisters! She married her sweetheart Jim on Oct. 12, 1948 and

together they welcomed two sons Claire and Ken. Later on in life Irene and Jim welcomed their granddaughters Tricia and Dawn into their home and raised them as their own. Irene worked a variety of jobs while she raised her family, but the most important to her was that of wife and mother, a role she cherished and excelled at. A beloved wife to Jim, a loving mother to Claire and Ken (Brenda), and adored grandma of Tricia, Dawn and Danielle, a proud great-grandma to Kaesha, Logan, Kyle, Devon and Aidan and great-great grandma to Rhett and Rowe. Her life centred around them as well as time spent with her sisters, brothers and their families. Family and faith were the centre of her life. She was active in her church community and spent countless hours volunteering and helping others whenever she could. She will be forever loved and missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.

Irene was predeceased by her husband Jim in April of 2014 and her son Claire in May of 2022.

Memorial service was held at Watrous United Church, Watrous, Sask. on June 17 conducted by Rev. Jo-Ann Hills.

Urnbearer was Ken Galt. Tricia and Dawn Galt gave the tributes. Pianist was Elva Turner.

Private family interment followed at Simpson Cemetery.

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

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## In memory

**BRADDOCK** - In memory of Jack, husband, dad, papa, great papa, Aug. 4, 1927 - June 23, 2013:

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and stay a while, I want  
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see your smile. I want to  
hold you tight and never  
let you go and tell you  
how much I love you so.  
- Eric

## Obituary



### McDADE, James A. (Jim) Jan. 23, 1928 - June 6, 2022

James Alan McDade, aged 94 years, passed away peacefully at the Pasqua Hospital in Regina, Sask. on June 6, 2022.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Mary McDade, brother Robert E. McDade and two sisters Helen and

Margaret Vanthuyne.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Lois, son Alan (Yvonne), daughters Joann (Jim) and Wanda (Lyle), 11 grandchildren Shelly (Dustin), Jeff (Fern), Scott (Nicole), Derek (Vicki), Jennifer (Sean), Jonathan, Joel (Brandy), Michael, Jeremy, Christopher and Joshua (Michelle), 18 great-grandchildren Kendall (Jarrett), Fraser, Dahlton (Madyson), Emma (Brennan), Summer, Taylor, Charlie, Jayden, McKenna, Emma, Chloe, Nolan, Jamison, Nate, William, Caleb, Berkley, Wren and four great-great-grandchildren Brooklyn, Zoe, Mia and Elizabeth. He is also survived by his brother Glen McDade, sister Doreen Gross and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jim was born January 23, 1928 on the farmstead northwest of Imperial where he was raised as a farmer and his love of the land continued for the rest of his life. A second love was carpentry that resulted in a house, cabin, and many sheds and outbuildings on the homesite.

“And on the eighth day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, “I need a caretaker. So God made a Farmer.” – Paul Harvey

Graveside service was held at Imperial Cemetery, Imperial, Sask. on June 14 conducted by Aline Guillas.

Memorial donations directed to Long Lake Valley Activity Fund would be appreciated.

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## In memory



**ROBINSON** - Marjorie, Feb. 6, 1925 - June 19, 2017:

The five years since you left us have gone so quickly!  
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- Love, your family.

## Thank you

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to family, friends, neighbours and the community at large for your assistance, your prayers, phone calls, gifts from your kitchens and gardens over the past three to four years of Jake's struggles with Parkinson's disease. Thank you for rides to appointments, for assistance with shopping, etc. as my mobility became more challenging and Covid-19 restrictions came into play. A special thank you to Pat, Betty and Cindy for respectful assistance. A huge thank you to all departments of the Manitou Lodge long-term care facility, it was always with respect and understanding, if washing the floor, bringing food, laundry services, activities, nursing or medical care. Manitou Lodge became our extended family. Also a huge thank you to Fotheringham-McDougall Funeral Service for your professional approach, especially Gail Shirley who walked me through step by step one of the most difficult times of my life. We are so fortunate to be living in this caring community. May God bless you all.

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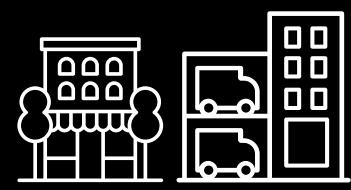


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## Project in Nokomis receives funding through Community Spaces program

### ■ media release

Through its Community Spaces program, Co-op is investing \$1 million in 13 community projects across Western Canada including in Nokomis.

"Co-op Community spaces is about our commitment to protect, beautify and improve the spaces where communities across Western Canada come together," said Pam Skotnitsky, Vice-President of Strategy at Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL). "The work and dedication of our recipient groups is inspiring, and we are proud to contribute to projects that will benefit the people in these communities for years to come."

Since 2015, Co-op Community Spaces has provided \$11.5 million to 160 projects in three categories: recreation, environmental conservation and urban agriculture. The program was developed as part of Co-op's commitment to invest in the communities it serves.

FCL administers the program on behalf of more than 160 local Co-ops operating in 600 communities. Registered non-profits, charities or community service co-operatives are invited to apply each year in February for a grant worth \$25,000 to \$150,000 per project.

As part of the project in Nokomis for Horizon School Division – Nokomis School Outdoor Learning Commons, the funds will be used for a new outdoor space dedicated to STEAM learning for students will allow for hands-on learning experiences, and can also be used by the public outside of school hours.

Along with Nokomis School and Horizon School Division, this year's Community Spaces recipients are: Active Communities Alberta Society – Outdoor Recreation and Community Hub (St. Albert, Alta.); Bengough Municipal Parks, Recreation and Cultural Authority – Bengough Regional Park Swimming Pool Improvements (Bengough, Sask.); Hornby Island

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## YOUNG

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Happy 97th birthday to Murray Bryson! His family Delores and Mel McGifford, Winnie and Craig Burgess, Cecil and Pat Bryson, and Olive and Roy Hargreaves gathered at Herbert, Sask. to celebrate a life well lived.

Viola Olson, a vibrant 97 years, has moved "home" and is residing at Manitou Lodge, Watrous. These older folks are the cornerstones of our district. They, and others, worked hard building the community hall, churches, the skating and curling rink, etc. to establish a stronger local community to all those who follow. With respect, much gratitude to all our seniors.

The Book Club participants will tell you the books that they have read these past few months have been thought-provoking, heartwarming, hilarious and sometimes a bit weird, and the discussions about them equally so. If this sounds like fun, call Maria at the library and she will let you know when the Book Club resumes in

the fall.

The Papa and I met Nellie and Ferris, and their parents Dallas and Holly, in Yorkton for a weekend of visiting and grandbaby cuddling. If I knew grandchildren were this much fun, I would have had them first!

We do not forget the dear people in the Ukraine. May our hearts not grow weary in praying for a peaceful outcome in their war against Russia.

My business highlight of the week: Amateur Photographer Amanda Sutherland. Amanda has called Young home for the past year and you will often see her out and about with her camera and four-legged companion Gertie. Do you have a family gathering, basket of puppies, a favourite farmer out in his blooming canola crop? Amanda is your gal to capture these special moments for you. She can be contacted at [Facebook@a.sutherlandphotography](http://Facebook@a.sutherlandphotography). Enjoy your week!

## VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

This year has gone fairly quick. Here we are into the last week of school. With summer vacations coming up I am hoping the weather does not give us too many surprises this year.

There was no great-grandma readings with their reading buddies this week. They will have the last one June 22.

A Women's Wellness Summit was held Saturday, June 11 at Viscount Central School.

We toured to Plunkett Saturday, June 11 and took in some garage sales. Then we came home and enjoyed a day working in the yard.

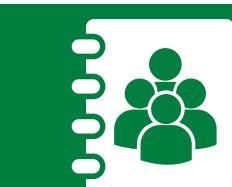
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Pictured is a deer I came upon on a walk around Viscount one early morning. There was actually two deer, I kind of lost track of the other one as I was taking the picture. Next thing I know they are both running across the road in front of me.

photo submitted by Sandra Reid

pictures of Watrous and Manitou Beach area after the rain Monday, June 13. It was amazing to see so much water. Hoping recovery from this goes well for all. Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week!



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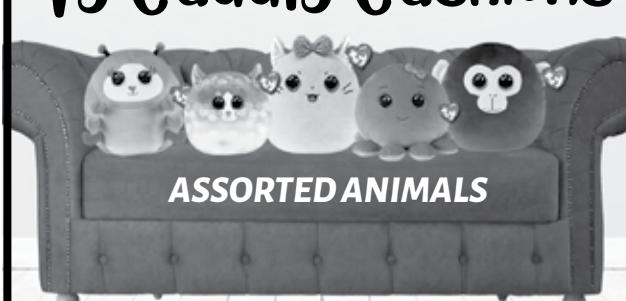


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up, the water had pretty much disappeared. "Our rear drainage ditch was still full at that time and the yard was a mess. I just hope we don't get another big rain like that for a while because there is no place for it to go."

With his own home also experiencing flooding, Gunderson sympathizes with Kelvin and others who had wet basements. "We feel for their situation and understand what they are going through. We will do every bit we can to help and that included receiving approval for PDAP."

As people were busy cleaning up in Watrous Monday night and Tuesday, at the Resort Village of Manitou Beach, it was much the same as parts of the community were also under water. Similar to Watrous, Manitou Beach Mayor Poppy Petersen said it appeared the resort community had over two inches of hard rain in about 15 minutes during Monday evening's storm.

Village staff were deployed as soon as possible and Petersen said they worked through the night Monday, opening roadways while keeping pumps running. "Our pumps are running at capacity and our lift stations are being pumped and monitored around the clock."

Doing everything necessary, Petersen said cleanup was well underway Tuesday as all roads were open. She also noted the heavy rain created some major ditch washouts and large pools of water accumulated near the berms along the lake as water flowed down from higher ground. Recruiting help from the Town of Watrous, Petersen said they were able to provide a grader to help repair the damage. As of Tuesday morning, the mayor said the damage assessment was difficult to peg but added the berm remained solid, allowing roadways to be restored.

As the rain began letting up Monday evening, one of the more noticeable areas that was hit hard was where the former Nu-Inn is located. Privately owned, the building along Maclachlan Avenue has seen its fair share of flooding and Monday evening was no exception. With a few doors of rooms open and the berm backing the place, water pooled in front of the facility from other areas and began filling up the interior. Petersen said the village was doing its due diligence in getting the water pumped out of the privately owned property and by Wednesday, the pool of water was virtually gone around the perimeter.

The area where the former Nu-Inn is located was not the only place hit. Along with that location, different parts of the west side and along the east side of Manitou Beach also absorbed water. Closer to Danceland, east of the iconic structure and on lower ground, cleaning crew vehicles were parked outside of homes next to garbage bags that were



filled with items set to be tossed out.

On top of the hill, the Manitou and District Regional Park Campground also experienced water as some campsites were temporarily flooded. Across the street at the Manitou Beach Golf Club, it was closed Tuesday after cart paths were washed out and locker rooms were placed out of order. By Wednesday, golfers could be seen back on the course.

As people continued to clean up and evaluate the flood damage, like Watrous, the resort community's council held an emergency meeting Wednesday morning to declare for the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program. Hoping to be approved for the funding, it would allow those applying to receive help.

With little rain last year, from the two storms hitting both communities June 12 and 13, the total amount of rain from those easily surpassed last June's entire rainfall for the local area which was 26.2 mm or just over one inch. A month prior in May of 2021, the Watrous area received 41.2 mm or about 1.6 inches and in July, there was 41.2 mm or 1.62 inches of rain.

Depending on the exact amount of rain that fell between the two systems this year, the overall number from the June 12 and 13 events sits anywhere from three to four inches. That amount nearly reaches the overall total of 4.25 inches that fell during May, June and July in 2021. Add in May 2022 with the two storms and as of June 14, there had been around six to seven and a half inches of rain between the two months. And while the communities received a large amount of rain, a short drive west and roads remained fairly dry as that area received much less moisture over those two days.

The Watrous and Manitou Beach areas were not the only places to see substantial moisture last week as ECCC issued a rainfall warning June 14 for northern areas like Melfort, Arborfield, Nipawin and Prince Albert National Park. A low pressure system tracking through the Prairies brought a prolonged period of rain through Wednesday including scattered thunderstorms. In general, storm total rainfall amounts were forecast to be in the range of 50 to 70 mm; however, ECCC indicated higher rainfall amounts were likely in areas with thunderstorms.

► Pictured: flooding at Manitou Beach and Watrous caused by a storm system moving through June 13. Following the heavy rain, water levels began receding and by midweek (below) places were still wet but not to the extent they were on Monday evening.

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