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## WHS teacher named Outstanding Coach of the Year

■ Daniel Bushman

When it comes to making a tremendous impact as a coach both on and off the court, it should come as no surprise that Winston High School teacher Wendi Collins was named as this year's Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association (SHSAA) Horizon Central District Outstanding Female Coach of the Year.

SHSAA Executive Director Lyle McKellar said each of the 14 SHSAA Districts hand out an award annually to both a male and female coach who have made outstanding contributions within the coaching field and Collins was this year's Horizon Central female recipient. With a focus on team while having fun and striving for success, Collins not only fit the bill but has made an impact on her students and peers as well.

Honoured to be recognized as the SHSAA Outstanding Female Coach of the Year for Horizon Central District, Collins believes sport is one of the most important high school activities for both an educator and student. "Being involved in sport teaches life lessons about dedication and teamwork that are hard to learn elsewhere. It also provides an opportunity for a very unique relationship between the educator and student athlete which allows for further growth in the high school environment as well. There is a direct correlation between classroom success and student involvement in extracurricular activities."

After starting her coaching and teaching career in Rockglen in 2002, Collins has made stops at Lanigan Central High School (coaching from 2006-'14) and Winston High School in Watrous (coaching from 2004-'06 and 2014-present). During that time, Collins attended one boys volleyball provincials in 2002, four volleyball provincials with Watrous, and five volleyball provincial championships with Lanigan. During those appearances at provincials she earned a gold medal, two bronze medals and two fourth place finishes.

Winston High School teacher Lori Bartko

who nominated Collins for this year's SHSAA honour said there is no doubt Wendi has a passion for student involvement in athletics which has been demonstrated through her many coaching roles including senior boys volleyball, senior girls basketball, as well as badminton and track and field.

"Most of her time has been dedicated to senior girls volleyball. She has worked tirelessly building the volleyball program at Winston High School and contributed countless hours coaching while she was teaching at Lanigan Central High School."

With many of her weekends occupied with travelling to tournaments across Saskatchewan before the COVID-19 pandemic arrived, Collins said there have been some great memories including her run to a provincial championship with the Lazars in Lanigan. "That was pretty exciting. The girls worked really hard throughout their whole high school career. That group of girls, they were determined that was their goal so being able to watch them accomplish that was pretty amazing."

Collins also recalled another highlight from her coaching career. "One year when I was coaching in Lanigan the families of the athletes on my team organized to provide my family with supper each of the weekends I was away at a tournament. Every weekend a new family provided me with a meal to take home. It was a gesture that I will never forget!"

Now coaching at Winston High School and more recently dealing with the pandemic, like other coaches within the school division, Collins has had to try to navigate through it all. When it came to the teams she was coaching this past year, Wendi noted they had one month of volleyball (which included only two games) and a house league for girls basketball which only lasted three weeks.

"While everyone was disappointed in the length of the involvement of the sport this season I found it played a new appreciation in the eyes of the student athletes in the role sport plays in their lives. Once we were finally able to hit the court in Oc-



### Top honours

► Making outstanding contributions within the coaching field, Winston High School teacher Wendi Collins was named as this year's Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association Horizon Central District Outstanding Female Coach of the Year. Due to the COVID-19 guidelines, this year, Collins was presented with the award by her daughter Avery (left) and a number of student athletes that Wendi has coached (below) at Winston High School.

photos courtesy Lori Bartko



tober of 2020 I have never seen my players happier to be up at 6:30 a.m. Each practice and game they displayed a love of the game and it was heartwarming to say the least. It has really changed my perspective that it is not always the outcome of the competition that makes it a success!"

Understanding the many hours of work and dedication put into coaching, Winston High School Principal Terry Braman said Wendi was very deserving of the award. "Her commitment to our

student athletes is evident year after year and we are fortunate to have her at Winston. She will continue to make an impact on our kids with her love of sports and coaching."

Echoing similar sentiments as Braman, Bartko noted Wendi is the epitome of patience, kindness, and determination. "She has high expectations of her athletes and models the same behaviour both on

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# Budget approved for Watrous with some projects on docket for 2021

■ Daniel Bushman

After more than a year of navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic, municipal elections taking place this past fall and with 2021 being a revaluation year, Watrous Town Council spent considerable time going through this year's budget. While there are a few items that will be undertaken and completed in 2021, there are not any substantial projects on the schedule as council elected to wait and see what happens as the province starts to fully reopen.

When it came time to look at this year's budget, Watrous Town Administrator Orrin Redden explained that 2021 also included assessment revaluations. Occurring every four years across Saskatchewan, the town administrator said the revaluations create shifts and changes that relate to different property classes like agriculture, residential and commercial. With residential property assessments usually making up approximately 80 percent of the Town of Watrous' total taxable assessment, commercial about 20 percent and agriculture land less than one percent, Redden said that meant the Town of Watrous tax policies will continue to draw similar amounts from the residential and commercial sectors. Redden did

indicate however, there may be significant tax shifts from property to property depending on what has happened with individual assessments.

Since 2021 is an assessment revaluation year, the Town of Watrous sent out tax prepayment estimates in January and February that were calculated at 90 percent of the actual 2020 levies. Redden said the reason that they used 90 percent is because of the potential assessment shifts and resulting changes in taxes in 2021. Then a few weeks ago the actual tax notices were mailed June 16th which provide for a one percent discount on the municipal portion for payments received by June 30th.

"The overall municipal levy will increase about one percent in 2021. The Education Property Tax Mill Rates set by the provincial government will result in an additional \$40,000 of school taxes levied in 2021. This is a 5.1 percent increase from last year's Education Tax levy."

As for what is in this year's budget which was approved by town council, Redden provided some items of note:

- There is no major paving projects slated for 2021. Crews will mostly be taking care of any work that was not completed last fall while doing some patching work.
- The Town of Watrous recently upgraded its backhoe.

• Along with its municipal health partners, the Town of Watrous is constructing a new garage to house the two mobility vans which are utilized in the community.

• When it comes to lot development, the Town of Watrous is continuing work on the East Industrial parcel behind Watrous Home Hardware.

• Work is being done on the 100 block of 12th Ave. E. with servicing and base work. That stretch of road will be prepared for curb and asphalt work to be completed in 2022.

• Along 8th Ave. E. within the residential area, lane work and developing Mandal Street adjacent to the berm is underway.

• At Watrous Centennial Arena, lobby renovations will be completed.

• Anticipating a swimming season at the Watrous Swimming Pool, the facility's tank was sandblasted and repainted.

• A phased project spanning over four years, Well #7 will be completed this year. In addition to that, as part of the phased project, the well and supply line connecting Well #7 with Well #6 was done in 2018-'20 and this year the building and mechanical will be completed to allow the well to be fully in-service.



## RCMP Report

### Break, enter and theft southwest of Jansen

On June 18 Watrous RCMP were notified of a break, enter, and theft at a farm yard in the RM of Prairie Rose, three miles southwest of Jansen. Among the items stolen were two chainsaws, a

14" skill saw, a Yamaha generator and a Firman generator. The break in had occurred over the previous 48 hour period. If you have any information on this, you are asked to call Crime Stoppers or your local police detachment.

### Motorcycle collision results in serious injuries

On June 22 at 2:40 p.m.

Watrous RCMP received a call of a motorcycle crash south of Watrous on Hwy. 2. The motorcycle and rider were located in the east ditch just south of the Manitou Mainline Chrysler dealership. The motorcycle operator who was also the only rider was transported to hospital in Watrous and then taken by STARS to Saskatoon. Speed may have been a factor and the investigation is ongoing.

### Man passes away after collision

Around 12:45 p.m. June 18 Wynyard RCMP responded to a call of a collision between an

eastbound semi and a westbound car on Hwy. 16.

The adult male semi driver was taken to hospital as a precaution. The lone driver of the car, an adult male, passed away at the scene.

Wynyard RCMP and an RCMP Collision Reconstructionist continue to investigate.

### Mischief and theft in RM of Wolverine

Humboldt/Lanigan RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in locating individual(s) responsible for a theft and damage that occurred at farm yard located in the RM of Wolverine.

Between Apr. 27 and May 26 an Edge Agro fuel tank was stolen off an auger located at a farm approximately 22 kms south and 10 kms east of Humboldt in the RM of Wolverine. Hand tools and a catalytic converter were also stolen from a truck parked on the same property. Total theft and damage is estimated at \$3,000. No one was injured and police continue to investigate.

Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or has information about this crime are asked to contact Humboldt RCMP Detachment at 306-682-2535. Information can also be submitted anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-8477 or submitting a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).

### Motorcycle collision

On June 18, 2021 at approximately 12 p.m., Lumsden RCMP was called to the scene of a motor vehicle collision on Hwy. 734 between Lumsden and Regina.

Investigation reveals that a motorcycle, driven by an 82-year-old male from Regina left the roadway. The male passed away on scene.

Hwy. 734 was closed for investigation and a detour was available.

Lumsden RCMP and an RCMP Collision Reconstructionist continue to investigate.

### Man passes away after canoes capsize

On June 16, 2021 at approximately 7:10 p.m., Creighton RCMP received

a call of three canoes that had capsized on the south side of Amisk Lake. Six males were reported to be in the water.

Investigation revealed that the six males who were on a canoe trip were crossing Amisk Lake when a large storm moved through the area. Large waves caused all three canoes to capsize around 4:30 p.m. The occupants stayed with the capsized canoes and floated until they reached cell range. They then called 911 using a cellphone stored in a waterproof container.

The Creighton RCMP Detachment, Flin Flon RCMP Detachment, Ministry of Environment Conservation Officers and members of the public located the group at approximately 8:30 p.m. using the GPS coordinates from that 911 call.

One of the males was unconscious when they located him. He was later transported to hospital and passed away. The male was 48 years old and from Saskatoon.

The other five males were transported to hospital in Flin Flon for assessment.

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Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location:  
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## COLONSAY

Irene Gray • 306-255-2775

It is great to see that the swimming pool is getting prepared to open for another season. It is a wonderful place to have in our community.

Our volunteers past, present and future are the reason our community is such a great place to live. They are people who help raise bingo funds for the Colonsay Rec Board. The funds comprise between 20 to 25 percent of the annual budget revenue. The average annual earnings from bingos worked for our community is \$60,000 (includ-

ing quarterly gaming permit). This revenue assists in paying utilities for the town's facilities, annual insurance and audit fees.

Our rec board offers Bingo Bucks to volunteers and receive \$25 Bingo Bucks for every bingo worked. Being valid for one year they can be redeemed towards a pool or rink pass. They can also be transferred by working a bingo for a friend or volunteer.

Get well wishes to anyone in the hospital or just not feeling well.

## ALLAN

Sarah Ross • sarah\_lou@yahoo.com

The Allan Swimming Pool is getting closer and closer to opening! We are looking forward to this.

The Allan Summer Fun Program is starting in July and this is such a great thing to have in our small community. It gets kids away from the house for a couple of hours and involves structured playtime in a different environment. We are so grateful to be able to have this program!

The Allan Community Heritage Society and Museum will be opening for the year very soon. They have a bunch of wonderful new displays for you to come and browse. They will also be doing a children's hour, but ask that you register your little ones for this wonderful fun time!

There are lots of things back up and running, such as ball and golf. Make sure you make it outside and enjoy all that we have to offer!

## PLUNKETT

Deloris Wilson (Sutherland) • 306-944-4852

Farmers should be happy with the welcoming of a good rain after seeding.

Plunkett folks welcome any new folks who have moved to town or are coming soon.

Dale and Helen Miller attended the 2021 graduation of their granddaughter Sydney Hallborg of Watrous on June 4. Congratulations.

Plunkett folks send birthday greetings to any-

one who just had a birthday.

Ken and I recently enjoyed a cold drink in Humboldt with Elaine and Ed Drachenberg.

The purple lilac bushes were looking great until the wind came by and blew the blossoms off. Folks yards are looking great now with gardens nicely growing.

Anyone having any news, please phone me at 306-944-4852. Thank you.

## MANITOU BEACH

Sue Alcock

Hot news – soon sourdough bread will be baked and available here! Yes, now we can enjoy the aroma of baking bread, buy some and eat some – all from the new bakery opening soon in the former home of the Manitou Mini Mart. Chatting with “those in the know” bread will be baked here year round and shipped to current sales outlets in the province. Originally the bread was baked and dispersed from Lockwood, then Regina and now we are the lucky community. If you have bought sourdough bread from the Nokomis micro brewery then this is the same good stuff.

Great with good cheese, chokecherry jelly or whatever takes your fancy and I bet the cheese from the Little Manitou Art Gallery will be quite wonderful on the bread. I love bread and cheese and a plowman lunch – a generous slice of good English Cheddar, a slice or two of raw onion or a dollop of Branston pickle in a well buttered crusty cob (think bread roll with a crust so crusty that it scratches your mouth and inside is a very soft dough) or two slabs of bread will do. Paradise. Must have good cheese, good butter and love onion and this is really good English pub food. Please excuse me as I head down memory lane.

Talking of food, I see the concession is open near the horseshoes/ball diamonds/community hall. Does anyone know when the ball diamonds were used last for a tournament? Flea market quite recently but ball games, I have no idea.

Monday, June 21 saw a small group of willing Communities in Bloom (CiB) volunteers planting annuals in the flower bed at the hall as well as the perennial bed and wooden planter north of the Four Pillars welcome sign. Green Acres very generously and kindly donated the flowers for those beds plus the flower bed next to ODA's. There is collabora-

tion between the village and CiB as the village does the watering with equipment that CiB does not possess. Locals and visitors alike have come to appreciate and enjoy the pretty flower beds and also the barrel planters that villagers have volunteered to take care of.

Remember July 1 is the date for the official opening of Uhmman Centennial Park and the Manitou Reflections sculpture. We cannot forget the fireworks at dusk or thereabouts and we are still expected to adhere to COVID regulations though they will be lifted very soon.



► Despite the rain, Flag Day was held at Nokomis on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Pictured is Colleen McNichol placing flags at the cenotaph in Nokomis. Due to the rain and the COVID-19 guidelines set out by the province, this year's event was a small gathering.

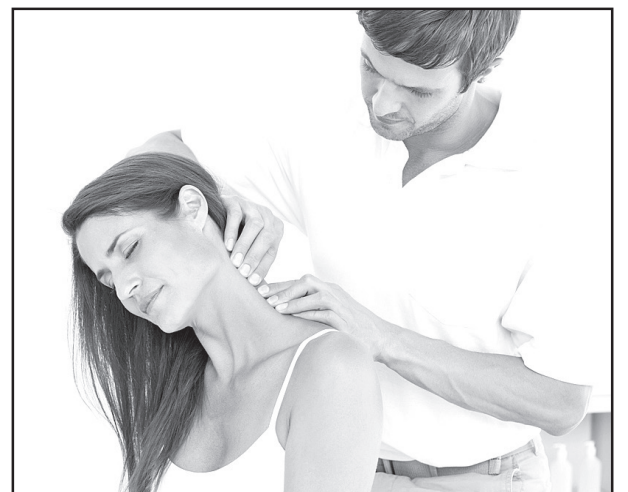
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# Opinion



## A thank you to teachers and school staff.

— an opinion column  
by TWM's editor Daniel Bushman

For a lot of us this past year has not been without its challenges and as we continue to navigate through the pandemic so many people have stepped up in a big way. From health care professionals to doctors, hospitals, clinics, first responders, pharmacists, coaches, organizations, churches, businesses and residents, so many have been doing their part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to make things as safe and as normal as possible. That list also includes schools and the teachers and staff within them.

As the last day of school arrives June 28, I wanted to extend a big thank you to the teachers and staff at our local schools. That also includes our preschool as both my wife and I have sincerely appreciated all the work and effort that has gone into this past year.

We feel so fortunate to have the teachers and staff that we do in our community and with all the stresses of navigating through a pandemic and the effort that has gone into this past year by those in our schools, we just want to thank you. Thank you for helping to keep our kids educated, to keep our kids safe and for allowing them to not only learn but to have fun while doing it.

I also want to extend my gratitude to Horizon School Division for doing its best through the pandemic. There are not easy choices to make sometimes and whenever a decision is made, there are times when some will not be happy while others will and so I just wanted to thank those within the division as well for doing what they could during this past year.

Understanding how this pandemic can also affect our mental health, I am so grateful our kids were able to have essentially a full year in school, able to learn from their amazing teachers, spend time with their classmates in school and have some sort of normal during a very not normal type of year.

So as this is the last day of school, I just wanted to say thank you to the teachers and the staff for the work that you do, the work that you have done, and the work that you continue to do.

If you are not a teacher or member of a school, I would encourage you to extend your gratitude to the teachers and staff at your local school. Being able to do their best through a pandemic and the many hours during and after school that they have put in is no easy task. Here is to wishing you as teachers and staff a restful and relaxing summer ahead. You definitely deserve it!

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## Tips from Reena Nerbas

and viable solution? Thanks for any help you can give.  
George

Dear George,

The easiest remedy is to turn the bedsheet inside out and position it onto the mattress. Pin the excess of each corner. Remove the sheet and sew a dart along each excess seam. Another option is to purchase bedsheet garters to hold the sheet in place. The downside to garters are that they are fiddly to attach.

Hello Reena,

I enjoy your column and have picked up some clever tips! Four years ago, I had my kitchen renovated (I am an old widower living alone and I needed to prepare the kitchen for the day I sell). Lately, I have noticed that sliding my kitchen chair in and out of position at the table has resulted in scratches from abrasion. The flooring is a nice chocolate brown and looks a lot like ceramic tile, but the scratches reveal the next layer is white! Is there anything that can be done to mask these scratches or do you think this tile can be lifted out and replaced? I watched them install it and it seems the different "planks" were interlocked. I could use your help with this! Sincerely, Bernie

Dear Bernie,

Thank you for your letter. If you have access to a matching tile you may choose to hire a professional to break the tile using a cold chisel and replace it with a new tile or you may wish to tackle the project if you

## Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

There is a large, ongoing conversation about how to manage fitted bed sheets that are too large for "regular" sized mattresses. We have tried the elastic tricks which are cumbersome and do not work. Is there an easy way to sew a permanent

are confident in your DIY skills. A much simpler remedy is to make a paste using the grout that was originally used between the tiles and some water. Sprinkle about a tablespoon of grout onto the scratches. Add a little water to make a paste. Dampen a sponge and wipe the grout paste off the tile. The grout will fill the cracks and no longer be noticeable.

Dear Reena,

I make my own fresh buns every Sunday and then I put them in the freezer. To thaw them, I take them out of the freezer and place them in the oven at 350° for eight minutes. Sometimes they become hard and overbaked, but it seems that many experts advise this as the best way to thaw buns. Do you agree with the experts? Kimberley

Dear Kimberley,

Actually, I am with you on this one, the risk of overbaking the buns is too risky! When I remove frozen buns from the freezer, I take them out of the sealable bag. I then gently wrap them with a tea towel and place them on the counter at room temperature. The towel absorbs the moisture and the results are fresh tasting soft buns.

### Wonderful feedback from contributor

Re: changing the furnace filter

As a service tech for a natural gas utility, furnace filters should be changed once a month if there are smokers or pets in the house. There is a lot less stress on the furnace heat exchanger, as a clean filter prevents overheating. Filters also need to be changed in the summer if you have central air. Tim

*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)



## Neighbourly advice according to Ed

A spiritual column  
by contributor  
Raymond Maher  
[www.accordingtoed.com](http://www.accordingtoed.com)

Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, had Ruby, his wife, send pictures by computer of the ice storm that hit Melville on May 21. In May, such an uncommon ice storm was mind-boggling to hear about and to see all the broken tree limbs and damage.

When the unexpected happens, we must scramble to deal with the event that we did not want but got anyway. It goes without saying that some situations like a tree limb dropped on

## Give thanks in all circumstances including the ones you didn't want

your car roof means you must deal with it right away. Life happens despite us or what we would like most or least.

Things have a way of turning upside down without warning. Robert Baden-Powell taught that a boy scout smiles and whistles under all circumstances. Extraordinary events force us to deal with them. How we deal with them is our individual choice.

It is hard not to take circumstances personally when you have a flat tire. You need to get it changed. You are the one stuck at the side of the road. It does not do much good to complain or blame the tire because the flat tire does not care what you say about it. Why blame yourself as you have to live with yourself? The damage a storm causes to your property feels like a personal loss and or expense. Storms impersonally pick on people all over the world.

Dealing with circumstances without complaining and blaming is positive and so is praying and giving thanks even in the most challenging situations. Praying always and giving thanks in all events is a valid way of doing life. I did not dare to say it is easy to pray and give thanks. We all do things that are not easy; some must go to work each day while others have to deal with snippy or smart-alecky teenagers or cranky babies as well as holding a job. It may seem others enjoy perfect or excellent circumstances, but everything is subject to time and change.

Most people have a daily blend of facing what needs doing in the best and worst of everyday life. It is not effortless to always pray and give thanks in all things. Doing so can lead us to rejoice in God's will for us. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) "Rejoice always, pray continually,

give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

We may not control what happens to us when it comes to storms or other situations, but God is greater than our circumstances. God calls us to rejoice that He is on our side and loves us in storm or sunshine. He, calls us to fix our thoughts on Him in prayer and thanksgiving while cleaning up what we did not break or destroy.

The fact that we have many days without storms should encourage us to pray and give thanks in all situations. Praying and giving thanks is not easier when things turn out good. Jesus met 10 men suffering from leprosy who asked Jesus to help them. As the 10 went to the priests, they were completely healed of their disease. All were happy, but only one returned to Jesus to thank him. (Luke 17:11-19). Pray and give thanks in all circumstances.

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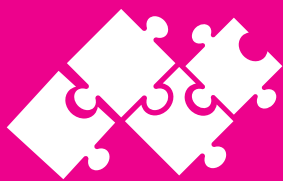
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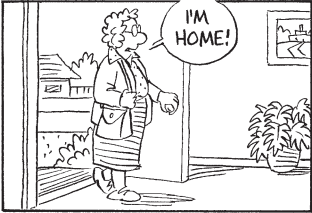
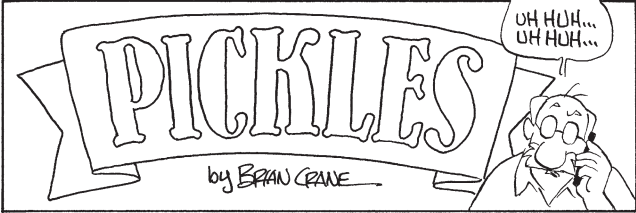
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- Women's undergarment
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- Student's mark
- Cut
- Jazz instrument
- Nothing
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- Mr. Linden
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- Reason's partner
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- Like a hermit
- Pale
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- Chew
- Loaded
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- Danger
- Fix up
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- Owl or eagle
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FOR ANSWERS  
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## DOT TO DOT



## Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

### Easy Rhubarb Dessert

#### Ingredients:

- 4 cups chopped rhubarb
- 1 pkg. raspberry or strawberry Jell-O
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 box yellow or white cake mix
- 1 cup water
- 1/3 cup melted butter

#### Directions:

Place rhubarb in a greased 9 x 13 pan. Sprinkle with Jell-O, sugar and the cake mix. Pour water evenly over the top and drizzle with the melted butter. Bake at 350°F for about an hour. Serves well with ice cream.





►With an opportunity to celebrate this year's Winston High School graduating class, families of the graduates organized a parade along Main Street in Watrous during the afternoon June 13.

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## Pondering poetry

■ submitted by  
**Maria Vanderbie**

Saturday, May 29, 2021, after much planning and anticipation, the Watrous Blue Sky Writers held a poetry workshop. This took place in the Heritage Room of the Watrous Civic Centre. All COVID-19 rules and regulations were abided.

The workshop was facilitated by Beth Gobeil. Ms. Gobeil is a published writer living in Prince Albert, Sask. with her husband. She has facilitated many workshops in the past. Her book, *Breathing Room*, illustrates some of the ideas and techniques she had us develop in the workshop.

Blue Sky Writers were delighted to host this four-hour workshop, fol-



photo courtesy Maria Vanderbie

lowed by readings from *Breathing Room*. This was a fun day of reading, writing, tears and laughter shared by seven attending poets of ranging experience.

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for participation. Funding was provided through the Saskatchewan Writer's Guild. For more information about the Blue Sky Writers group, please contact Maria Vanderbie at 858artist@gmail.com

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and off the court. Her camaraderie with her players and other coaches that she meets has led to lifelong friendships. Wendi exemplifies dedication to the sport of volleyball by giving endless hours to her players while still finding time for her family of three children and husband Scott. She also has a full-time teaching career at Winston High School. Wendi is most deserving of the SHSAA Outstanding Female Coach Award for her contributions to both her players and the sport of volleyball."

Also named as the recipient of the Watrous Coach of the Year Award for 2019, reflecting on her years as a coach, Collins said it has been a pretty special experience. "What means the most to me as a coach is when I run into former players that I have coached and hear the memories that they have from their years spent with me. It is never about the success or failures, it is always about the crazy trips we have had in the 15 passenger van (getting stuck, running out of gas, me hitting the curb, etc.) or the sleep overs we had on numerous school floors. Whenever I hear of one of my former athletes coaching a team it puts a smile on my face as I like to believe they have learnt the value involved in becoming a coach and mentor."



# WHS students recognized for achievements

■ Daniel Bushman

Despite navigating through another year of the COVID-19 pandemic, Winston High School students were celebrated for their hard work and achievements as part of this year's WHS Student Awards.

Here are this year's students who achieved awards including the Honour Roll (Honours 80-89%; Honours with Distinction 90-94%; and Honours with Great Distinction 95-100%):

**Grade 8**

Honour Roll for Gr. 8: Honours - Burke Bartko, Cade Armstrong, Carter Fendelet, McKenna McDade, Wyatt Hedlin, Eduard Mehlmann, Ben Johns, Layton Thoner, Maddison Martin, Vaughn Mancao, Matthew Johnston, Matt Schmidt, Marissa Miettinen, Hudson Edwards, Simon Vanthuyne, Cade Bartel, and Joey Wingrove. Those with Honours with Distinction - Sarah Oakes, Ella Thoner, Bryn Mensch, and Olivia Tan. Honours with Great Distinction - Vel Marhiz Brockman, Emma Schindel, Maya Collins, and Shylo Frey.

Highest Average - Vel Marhiz Brockman with 97%.

PAA Awards - Home Economics: Maya Collins and Vel Marhiz Brockman; and Industrial Arts: Shylo Frey.

**Grade 9**

Honour Roll for Gr. 9: Honours - Kyla Comprá, Cree Swan, Teagan Lee, Briel Mendoza, Caitlynn MacNeill, Randi Saunders, Justin Huang, Amanda Shott, Preston Stokke, Emmitt Nielsen, Sherisse Edwards, Laikyn Thomas, Elih Herman, Rylee Wood, and Hayden Jennett. Honours with Distinction - Brynn Murfitt, Erika Oakes, Lauren Mensch, Leah Rutz, Myanna Holland, Brandon Pankratz, and Clara Morelli. Honours with Great Distinction - JeMar Brockman, Tehya Armstrong, and Makaila Lawrence.

Highest Average - JeMar Brockman with 99%.

PAA Awards - Home Economics: Tehya Armstrong and Makaila Lawrence. Industrial Arts: Tehya Armstrong.

**Grade 10**

Honour Roll for Gr. 10: Honours - Brielle Morningstar,



Matthew Schroeder, Zoey Wheten, Jayda Braun, Lite Shu, Ryland Martin, Rylan Thoner, Carl Bothma, and Christopher McLaren. Honours with Distinction - Faith Schindel, Taylar Johnston, Nickolas Lawrence, Gabe Dyck, Sophia Toledo, Nikolai Somers, Kade Thomas, Charlie Pilling, Hudson Mierau, Eli Weber, and Leah Vielhauer. Honours with Great Distinction - Kennedy Rheume, Cheyenne Peters-Stewart, Breanna Cruise, and Alea Dengler.

Highest Average - Kennedy Rheume with 97%.

Most Improved Students - Erica Harding, Chris McClaren, and Lite Shu.

PAA Awards - Home Economics: Breanna Cruise. Industrial Arts: Kennedy Rheume.

Band Awards - Most Improved Performer: Nickolas Lawrence.

**Grade 11**

Honour Roll for Gr. 11: Honours - Mae Liu, Caiden Hendry, Braxton Martin, Cohen Sundquist, Richard Mehlmann, Karlee Bedard, Haiven Thomas, Jade Langston, Dominic Harding, and Camden McNichol. Honours with Distinction - Naomi Schmidt, Penny Lounsbury, Tori Masich, Jacee Mensch, Chantel Hilts, and Annaka Miettinen. Honours with Great Distinction - Kaelin Hardy, Tyler Walker, Marasia Brockman, Pearce Bartko, and Jocelyn Knouse.

Highest Average - Kaelin Hardy with 99%.

PAA Awards - Industrial Arts: Penny Lounsbury.

Most Improved Students - Camden McNichol and Jade Langston.

Band Awards - Most Outstanding Performer Concert Band: Jocelyn Knouse. Most Outstanding Performer Garage Band: Kaelin Hardy.

**Grade 12**

Honour Roll for Gr. 12: Honours - Spencer Stokke, Mitchell Harding, Lucas Holmes-Gundry, Connor Stewart, Jacob Siegfried, Jackson Mark, Jeremy Wiebe, and Sydney Hallborg. Honours with Distinction - Shelby Allin, Reier Lee, Avery Collins, Amy Sundquist, and Sikwan Swan. Honours with Great Distinction - Jaycee Sperling, Megan Fisher, Morgan Hendry, Jaida Yanoshewski, Maddison Rheume, Sarah Pilling, Daniel Martin, and Carter Pidhorodetsky.

Highest Average - Jaycee Sperling with 99%.

PAA Awards - Industrial Arts: Lucas Holmes-Gundry. Most Improved Student: Spencer Stokke.

**Scholarships and Bursaries**

Here are this year's Gr. 12 WHS bursary and scholarship winners:

**AJ Gordon Memorial Awards:** Megan Fisher, Jordyn Parker, and Shelby Allin.

**Bill and Delia Habermann Scholarship (\$500):** Jaida Yanoshewski.

**Conrad Borsheim Agricultural Scholarship (\$1,500):** Amy Sundquist.

**The Co-op Spirit Award (\$1,000):** Morgan Hendry.

**Horizon School Division Student Recognition Award (\$500):** Megan Fisher.

**Kinette Club of Watrous Scholarship (\$2,000):** Maddison Rheume.

**Kinsmen Club of Watrous Scholarship (\$2,000):** Jaycee Sperling.

**Affinity Credit Union Build a Better World Scholarship (\$1,000):** Jaycee Sperling, Shelby Allin, Maddison Rheume, and Amy Sundquist.

**Manitou Lodge Scholarship (\$500):** Reier Lee.

**Marjorie and Neil McArthur Memorial Scholarship (\$750):** Sarah Pilling.

**Watrous and Area Arts Council (\$500):** Shelby Allin.

**Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church Humanitarian Award (\$200):** Avery Collins.

**Western Financial Inspiration Award (\$750):** Shelby Allin.

**BHP Scholarship (\$2,500):** Maddison Rheume and Shelby Allin.

**Bev Bertram Memorial Writing Contest:** Winner (\$1,000) - Jaycee Sperling. Runners-up (\$150) - Carter Pidhorodetsky, Maddison Rheume, and Sarah Pilling.

**Linda Martin Memorial Scholarship (\$500):** Carter Pidhorodetsky.

**H & R Block Award (\$500):** Spencer Stokke.

**Lorne Strueby Sportsmanship Award (\$1,500):** Daniel Martin.



► Despite navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of students at Winston High School not only excelled but were recognized for their achievements as part of this year's WHS Student Awards. photos courtesy Doug Thomas





# “Notices Classifieds”

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## Obituary



**WARD,  
Robin  
1958 - 2021**

Robin Ward, though born in the United States, was raised in the Liberty, Sask. district. She received her B.Ed from the University of Saskatchewan in 1981. In 1980 she married Colin Ward to whom she was married for 40 years. They lived in Saskatoon

and reared three children, Jared (Christina), Carolyn, and A.J. (Sarah).

Robin was predeceased by her father Paul and an infant brother. She is survived by Colin and the kids; her mother, Carol; grandchildren Hannah, Isaac, Laura, Alistair, and Maverick, as well as sister Launa

and brothers Nick and Trent and their families. Robin home-schooled the kids in preparation for high school, and became a familiar fixture at Walker’s Pharmacy over the past two decades. Her recent passing followed a brief illness. Her greatest joys in life were her children, her home, and quilting. She was an avid reader and loved going for walks at the farm.

A private family service will be held at Liberty. Memorial donations directed to the Hospice at Glen-garda, 301 Hilliard St. E., Saskatoon, SK S7J 0E5 would be appreciated.

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## Unmarked graves found on Cowessess First Nation

■ Daniel Bushman

Hundreds of unmarked graves have been found in southern Saskatchewan on the Cowessess First Nation as Cowessess First Nation Chief Cadmus Delorme shared the devastating news during a press conference June 24.

With Marieval Residential School opening its doors in 1898 before closing in 1996, Chief Delorme said radar penetrating research began June 2, 2021 and as of June 23, there were 751 hits of unmarked graves. “This is not a mass grave site. These are unmarked graves,” said Chief Delorme who added, “We cannot affirm that they are all children but there are oral stories that there are adults in this grave site as well.”

Speaking to news agencies from around the world during the press conference, Delorme said, “All we ask is all of you listening is that you stand by us as we heal and we get stronger and that we all must put down our ignorance and accidental racism of not addressing the truth that this country has with Indigenous people. We are not asking for pity but we are asking for understanding. We need time to heal and this country must stand by us.”

After the announcement, Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, issued the following statement: “I am terribly saddened to learn that the remains of children had been found in unmarked graves near the former Marieval (Cowessess) Residential School in Saskatchewan. My heart breaks for the Cowessess First Nation, and for all Indigenous communities across Canada.

“No child should have ever been taken away from their families and communities, and robbed of their language, culture, and identity. No child should have spent their precious youth subjected to terrible loneliness and abuse. No child should have spent their last moments in a place where they lived in fear, never to see their loved

ones again. And no families should have been robbed of the laughter and joy of their children playing, and the pride of watching them grow in their community.

“I recognize these findings only deepen the pain that families, survivors, and all Indigenous peoples and communities are already feeling, and that they reaffirm a truth that they have long known. The hurt and the trauma that you feel is Canada’s responsibility to bear, and the government will continue to provide Indigenous communities across the country with the funding and resources they need to bring these terrible wrongs to light. While we cannot bring back those who were lost, we can – and we will – tell the truth of these injustices, and we will forever honour their memory.

“The findings in Marieval and Kamloops are part of a larger tragedy. They are a shameful reminder of the systemic racism, discrimination, and injustice that Indigenous peoples have faced – and continue to face – in this country. And together, we must acknowledge this truth, learn from our past, and walk the shared path of reconciliation, so we can build a better future.”

Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe also issued a statement on the discovery of the unmarked graves: “Today, all of Saskatchewan mourns for those who were discovered buried in unmarked graves near the former Marieval Indian Residential School site. I understand many were children, and it is heart breaking to think that so many children lost their lives after being separated from their families, and away from the love and solace only a family can provide.

“I have spoken with Chief Cameron of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations and Chief Cadmus Delorme to offer the full support of the provincial government as Cowessess deals with this tragic discovery. Sadly, other Saskatchewan First Nations will

experience the same shock and despair as the search for graves continues across the province.

“We are grateful for the work Indigenous leaders are undertaking and will continue to offer our unwavering support as we work together to help bring closure to survivors, families and communities in our province.”

The announcement of the unmarked graves comes a few days after provincial Métis and Northern Affairs Minister Don McMorris announced on June 18 that \$2 million of provincial funding will be provided to the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) to support research into undocumented deaths and burials on formerly federally operated residential school locations in the province.

Currently, the FSIN is putting together their approach to support First Nations and help carry out this research, as many Indigenous communities across the province have already announced their intention to carry out investigations into former school sites in their communities.

“The Province of Saskatchewan has committed \$2 million to begin the work and research necessary to bring these little lost souls some peace,” FSIN Chief Bobby Cameron said. “It’s a good start but much more will need to be done as Saskatchewan had one of the highest numbers of residential schools in the country. This work will take years to complete and proper ceremony and protocol must be followed at every site. Elders, knowledge keepers, survivors, their descendents, and First Nations communities must be a part of this process every step of the way. This work is vital for many of these survivors who have been sharing their stories for years. We must come together to help them heal.”

According to the provincial government, the residential school system operated in Canada for more than a century. The federal government reports that 150,000 Indigenous children were removed and separated from their families and communities to attend these schools. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission estimates that approximately 20 federal residential schools operated in Saskatchewan from the 1880s to the 1990s.




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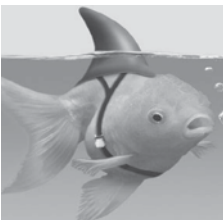
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Re-opening Roadmap

media release

With over 70 percent of Saskatchewan residents over the age of 18 having received their first dose, and 69 percent of all residents over the age of 12 having received their first dose as of June 20, Saskatchewan announced that the full implementation of Step 3 of the Re-Opening Roadmap will occur on Sunday, July 11.

That means that as of Sunday, July 11, all public health orders will be removed. This includes the removal of the province-wide mandatory masking order, and the removal of limits on events and gathering sizes.

On June 20, Saskatchewan entered Step Two of reopening, with in-person gathering limits increasing across a number of sectors and

for private gatherings. Private indoor gatherings increased from 10 to 15 people while the provincial masking mandate remains in place under Step Two.

Step Two of the Re-opening Roadmap commenced three weeks after 70 percent of residents age 30 and above received their first dose, with at least three weeks passing since the commencement of Step One.

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- 150 person maximum capacity at event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, art galleries, libraries and recreational facilities, must maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing, restaurant guidelines apply at venues that serve food;
- No change from Step One at gyms and fitness facilities, primary, secondary and post-secondary education and childcare;
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