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Positive COVID-19 cases confirmed in Watrous; first vaccinations arrive

■ Daniel Bushman

As the number of positive COVID-19 cases started to drop in parts of Saskatchewan, a reminder of how quickly the situation can turn hit the local area last week. Multiple cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Watrous this past week and because of it, many within the community rallied in an effort to curb the spread.

Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) issued a release early last week confirming that in fact there was increased COVID-19 in Watrous. That was followed by notification of a drive-thru COVID-19 testing site which was made available to the public Feb. 23. Held outside of the Watrous Curling Rink starting at 10:30 a.m., a line of vehicles stretching at least two blocks to the Watrous District Health Complex provided a steady stream for health care providers as they administered the tests to those in vehicles. Two lines in the curling rink's parking lot allowed for quicker testing at the site although at times there was a waiting period of about two hours. That line subsided by the time the afternoon arrived.

While SHA is unable to confirm how many positive cases there were at the drive-thru due to privacy reasons, providing services to the area, Medical Health Officer Dr. Jasmine

Hasselback said in total, 359 swabs were taken.

"That is really, really amazing. That level of engagement from the community is phenomenal and applauded across the province. I am really glad to see that many people who saw the value of knowing the status in such a tumultuous time."

Hasselback noted that right now it is a critical time in Saskatchewan where there has been multiple sacrifices made over the past number of months but added that it doesn't take much for a lot of people to become infected from a flare up of COVID-19.

With access to testing being a huge part of keeping a pulse on the virus and how quickly it can spread, Hasselback said with Watrous, there was a commitment to make sure there was an easier way to get to the tests.

"It is so valuable because knowing your status for COVID is a game changer."

Hasselback continued by noting, "This sort of event, and bringing in drive-thru testing will become more and more just part of a routine way of being. That commitment to bringing the tests closer to you, and easier to have access to it really makes sure the more people get tested the better we have the understanding of what is going on."

"It has been beautiful to see the response in Watrous and the commitment to each other and coming out to get tested is the most measurable. But we have seen it in a lot of stories in the human side as well in the commitment and co-operation and the checking on each other virtually. There has been a lot of commitment to keep each other safe and we have seen that presented in a lot of ways."

With multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Watrous, mayor John

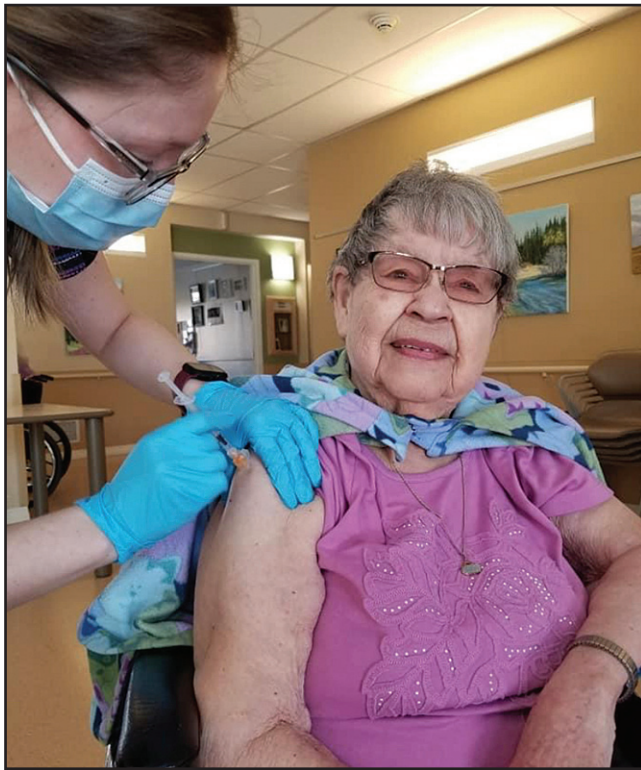
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►With confirmed COVID-19 cases in Watrous, a COVID-19 drive-thru was held at the curling rink in the community Tuesday, Feb. 23 (above) as a line of vehicles stretched just over two blocks for a large portion of the day. While positive cases were not reported by public health due to privacy

reasons, in total, 359 swabs were taken. Meanwhile, earlier this month residents at Manitou Lodge in Watrous received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination (below).

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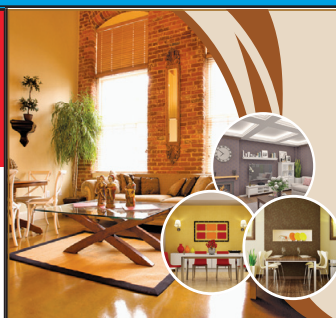


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Watrous vying for \$10,000 prize

media release

Watrous is registered for the 2021 Saskatchewan Blue Cross Go Out & Play Challenge. The Challenge offers communities a chance to win \$10,000 for a project that gets kids and families out to play.

Watrous organizer Haley Engele said, "The community that moves most during the 10-day Challenge wins the grand prize. We want it to be us!"

Engele said in order to earn the big prize, everyone has to pitch in to help. "We're counting on residents, friends, neighbours and family members to get moving to win this year's Challenge which is taking place Mar. 1 to 10, 2021!"

Watrous plans to put the grand prize to good use by using the funds for a Community Outdoor Rink Project to bring to life a new outdoor rink for the community.

For residents wanting to participate, Engele said they can log their physical activity online and be physically active. "It can be anything like walking,

active play and even shovelling snow!"

People can log on to the Challenge website (challenge.saskatchewaninmotion.ca), create a personal or family profile and then log their minutes of physical activity to add to Watrous' total every day.

"We are planning a few events to help get Watrous moving during the Challenge. People can check out the Watrous Community Outdoor Rink Facebook page for more. Help us see your stories. Tag #GOAP2021 and #10KsoKidsCanPlay on social media!"

The Challenge is designed to encourage communities to think about the important role they play when it comes to providing opportunities for outdoor play. For more information, rules and regulations visit challenge.saskatchewaninmotion.ca. For great active games, go to Push2Play.ca!



With the weather warming up there was certainly some added activity outdoors including near Etters Beach (pictured).

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Fax: 306-255-2291
Email: rm342@sasktel.net

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Instructors:

Qualifications: Bronze Cross, Red Cross, NLS, WSI, First Aid and CPR "C"/AED; LSI preferred; minimum 15 years of age.

Send resume with cover letter to:

Town of Watrous,
Box 730 Watrous, SK S0K 4T0
or watrousrecreation@sasktel.net

Please indicate which position you are applying for.
Deadline for applications is Friday, March 12th at 4:30PM
For further information please contact the Town Office at: 306-946-3369

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By Email - movementmanagement@sasktel.net

By Fax - 306-244-6122

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Thank you to all who apply; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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- Enjoyment of the game of golf
- Valid drivers license



For more information or to apply with resume, email Robin at r.lay@sasktel.net
Application deadline March 15th.
Only applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

Frigid February gives way to milder March

■ Daniel Bushman

While people living within the local region can certainly vouch for how cold it was during February, Environment and Climate Canada’s David Phillips confirmed just how bad it got before receiving a reprieve from the deep freeze as the end of the month arrived.

Thinking that perhaps it was going to be a milder type of winter after December came in at two and a half degrees warmer than normal and January was almost four degrees warmer than normal, February arrived and quashed the whole idea.

“We had February, which is the shortest month become the longest month,” said Phillips adding, “We saw a long spell of just brutally cold weather.”

Even with the mild spell, for the month of February, Phillips said locally the numbers averaged out to about

-18.8°C (all of the highs and the lows put together) which was about 6.8°C colder than it should have been.

Up until that mild spell arrived to end the month, Phillips indicated the average temperature was around -21.4°C. “That would equate to an afternoon temperature of about -16.4°C and a minimum at night of -26.4°C.”

Throw in a night where it hit -41.5°C Feb. 13 and Phillips said, “In many ways it just shows you what two weeks can do to undo what had been a rather balmy and open and soft kind of winter.”

Despite forecasts suggesting a cold winter, when November, December and January arrived, the values proved otherwise. However once February barrelled through it brought along a polar vortex with quite a stretch of colder than normal conditions. “There were 32 days in a row from about Jan. 20 to Feb. 20 where the temperature did not get above freezing.”

While there were just a few days with above freezing values in February, when it came to days getting below -30°C, Phillips said there were 10 for the month when normally there would be two or three.

“When you look at the total for winter, there were 16 days where the temperature got below -30°C and you would normally see 10 or 11 of those. It just shows you what a two week period can do to skew the numbers and to just almost erase a winter that would have been warm, balmy and soft.”

Add to the fact that there were daytime highs that did not get above -30°C and Phillips said it was a really frigid time for people in Saskatchewan. “That is a cold low but for a daytime high when the temperature should be closer to -3°C, -4°C or -5°C for a high, it was like -30°C. It was tough

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Winter storms cause \$134 million in insured damage

■ media release

Two January winter storms in Western Canada caused over \$134 million in insured damage, based on surveys from Catastrophe Indices and Quantification Inc. (CatIQ).

That is according to the Insurance Bureau of Canada (CNW Group/Insurance Bureau of Canada) who noted the first event, Jan. 12 to 14, included a winter storm that brought intense winds across British Columbia (B.C.), Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The storm downed trees leading to damage and power outages in B.C. In Alberta, most damage was around Taber, Lethbridge and Calgary. Saskatchewan bore the brunt of the damage, seeing the most prolonged period of extreme wind gusts. Property owners across southern Saskatchewan reported extensive damage to farm structures, including barns and grain bins. Property damage to houses and other structures due to wandering

grain bins was also reported. Wind gusts across the Prairies exceeded 100 km/h and caused extensive damage. Damage was close to \$30 million in Alberta and close to \$70 million in Saskatchewan.

The Jan. 19 to 20 snowsqualls in Alberta recorded a wind gust of 193 km/h west of Calgary. For comparison, sustained 193 km/h winds would be the equivalent of an EF-2 tornado. While the winds that swept over the central part of Alberta were not quite that strong, the region still saw prolonged intense wind gusts reaching a peak of 107 km/h. The snowsqualls caused extensive damage, including downed trees and power lines and collapsed roofs, and shingles, vents and siding were torn off numerous homes and some businesses. The total damage of the snowsqualls is estimated at close to \$32 million.

“Once again severe storms have caused havoc in Western Canada,” said Aaron Sutherland, Acting Vice-President, West-

ern and Pacific, Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC). “These events are examples of the increasing impact of extreme weather and the need to increase investment in measures to adapt and better protect Canadians from coast to coast.”

The Insurance Bureau of Canada indicated Alberta in particular has experienced more severe weather events this decade than any other region in Canada.

In 2020, the federal government took the foundational step of creating the Task Force on High-Risk Residential Flood Insurance and Strategic Relocation. Through this task

force, insurers will work with governments across the country in a national effort to better protect Canadians from flooding, the largest climate risk the country is facing. Part of this effort is to ensure that every Canadian has access to affordable flood insurance coverage. Currently, this is a standalone effort. These efforts should be part of a larger coherent climate adaptation plan that includes expanded investments in the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund, flood mapping, as well as a commitment to include flood resilience in residential and municipal retrofit programming.

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RCMP Report

Man charged with break, enter and theft from church

On Feb. 14 at approximately 10:25 a.m., Buffalo Narrows RCMP was advised the Church of St. Leo the Great in Buffalo Narrows had been broken into overnight.

A tabernacle, chalices, robes, crosses and other religious artifacts were stolen.

The same day, Buffalo Narrows RCMP officers located some of the stolen items near the Catholic cemetery and an adult male suspect near the church.

Further investigation led police to request and execute a search warrant at a residence in Buffalo Narrows Feb. 15. Numerous stolen items were located inside the residence, including crosses, robes and other artifacts from the church.

Forty-nine-year-old Dean Chartier of Buffalo Narrows has been charged with Break, Enter and Theft as well as other charges.

Male charged for willful promotion of hate

In June 2019, Carlyle RCMP received the report

from the Canadian Anti-Hate Network regarding an alleged Anti-Semitic video on YouTube. The video features 29-year-old Travis Patron of Redvers who is the self-proclaimed leader of the Canadian Nationalist Party.

Carlyle RCMP Detachment launched an investigation with the assistance of the Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes Unit, the Saskatchewan RCMP National Security Section and the British Columbia RCMP Hate Crimes Unit.

All of the evidence gathered by police was reviewed and forwarded to the Saskatchewan Attorney General, which is a requirement for the charge of Willful Promotion of Hate, under Sec. 319 of the Criminal Code of Canada to be laid.

From April 2020 to July 2020, Carlyle RCMP received four additional reports of new alleged Anti-Semitic videos and hate speech by Travis Patron. Police are still investigating each of these reports.

On Feb. 15, 2021, Carlyle RCMP were given direction from

the Attorney General of Saskatchewan to arrest and charge Travis Patron under Sec. 319(2) of the Criminal Code of Canada for Willfully Promoting Hatred to an Identifiable Group. Travis Patron was arrested by Carlyle RCMP that day.

Travis Patron made his first court appearance on Feb. 16 in Weyburn Provincial Court via telephone.

Man arrested for stolen property and firearms

On Feb. 13 at 3 p.m. Morse RCMP responded to a report of a suspicious truck parked outside the Prairie Centre Credit Union in Morse. Upon arrival, officers found that the truck had left the area. Morse RCMP then located the truck westbound on Hwy. 1 at Herbert and were able to determine that the truck had been stolen earlier in the day from Indian Head. Officers attempted to stop the truck, but it fled and was later located stuck north of Rush Lake where members of the "F" Division Roving Traffic Unit arrested the lone male occupant. A search of the truck and surrounding area located stolen property, a prohibited modified firearm, and a small quantity of methamphetamine.

Thomas Chartrand, 29, of Regina faces numerous charges including Flight from Police, Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Possession

of Property Obtained by Crime, Theft, and eight firearms charges. Chartrand appeared in Swift Current Provincial Court Feb. 17, 2021 and remains in custody until his next scheduled appearance on Mar. 3, 2021.

Man arrested for attempted murder

On Oct. 1, 2017, just before 9 a.m., Leader RCMP responded to the report of a fire at a mobile residence located in Lemsford Ferry Regional Park, Sask. The two occupants of the residence, an adult male and female, were taken to hospital for treatment of their injuries.

The mobile residence was completely destroyed by the fire and was investigated by the provincial fire scene examiner. Due to the initial information available at the time, the cause of the fire was deemed to be inconclusive.

In February 2019, Leader RCMP received additional information reporting the fire was not accidental and the adult male who was an occupant of the mobile residence was allegedly responsible. The Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes Unit South (MCU-S) took carriage of the investigation and gathered the evidence required to lay charges.

On Feb. 16, 2021, 51-year-old Kirk Rudolph of Prince Albert was

charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault, arson, obstructing justice and counselling to commit public mischief. Police also issued a warrant for his arrest. The next day, police had reason to believe Rudolph travelled to Whitehorse, Yukon. MCU-S requested assistance from Yukon RCMP to arrest Rudolph. He was arrested by Yukon RCMP without incident on Feb. 18, 2021.

Kirk Rudolph was transported back to Saskatchewan on Feb. 20, 2021.

Leader RCMP and the Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crime Unit South would like to thank the Yukon RCMP for their coordination and assistance with the investigation that led to a safe arrest.

Eight break and enter investigations in Saskatchewan and Alberta leads to charges

Between December 2019 and February 2020, there was a series of eight break and enters throughout west central Saskatchewan and eastern Alberta.

The break and enters targeted small businesses with ATMs either inside the business or in the lobbies of the buildings. All the incidents were similar in the method of operation: suspects would use a vehicle to gain entry to the building causing extensive damage to property. Once

inside the building's ATMs, cash registers and other small goods would be taken or damaged.

The Frenchman Butte Enhanced Policing Unit headed the investigation with the assistance of several affected RCMP Detachments in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Specialized units such as the Forensic Identification Section, Divisional Criminal Analytical Section, General Investigation Section and local detachments worked together to identify a suspect in the matter.

On July 22, 2020, police executed a search warrant at a residence in the RM of Britannia related to these investigations and found further evidence linking the suspect to these break and enters as well as a stolen firearm, 3.75 pounds of cannabis and 203 cannabis plants in various stages of growth.

As a result of the ongoing investigation, Daniel Dean of the RM of Britannia, Sask., has been charged with the following:

- Four counts of break and enter, contrary to Sec. 348(1)(b) of the Criminal Code (CC);
- Possession of a stolen firearm, contrary to Sec. 96(1) of the CC;
- Careless storage of a firearm, contrary to Sec. 86(1) of the CC;
- Possession of a firearm without a license, contrary to Sec. 91(1) of the CC;
- Possession of cannabis for the purpose of trafficking, contrary to Sec. 10(2) of the Cannabis Act; and
- Possessing more than four plants Sec. 8(1) of the Cannabis Act.

Daniel Dean has also been charged from Alberta with four counts of break and enter. Dean is scheduled to appear in Lloydminster, Sask. provincial court Mar. 9 and in Lloydminster, Alta. provincial court Mar. 16.

This investigation is ongoing and other suspects have not been identified. Anyone with information regarding this or any other incident is urged to call the St. Walburg RCMP at 306-248-6250.

Information can also be submitted anonymously to Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online using the P3 App - <https://www.p3tips.com/206> or at www.saskcrimestoppers.com where you can also view other unsolved crimes. Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information which leads to an arrest or charge of person(s) responsible for this offence or any other serious crime.

The Village of Drake invites applications for FOREMAN FOR PUBLIC WORKS

This full-time, year-round foreman is responsible to the council through the Administrator and/or Mayor.

The successful candidate will meet the following criteria:

- Have a willingness and aptitude to operate various municipal medium and heavy equipment.
- Have knowledge of servicing and maintaining various equipment.
- Good communication skills with council, staff and ratepayers.
- Organizational and record keeping skills.
- Ability to work without supervision and with other employees.
- Be competent, self-motivated with a strong work ethic.
- Must possess a valid Class 5 driver's licence; Class 1A would be an asset.
- Previous municipal experience would be an asset.
- Knowledge of environmental permitting requirements would be an asset.
- Criminal Record Check and Driver's Abstract required prior to hiring.
- Prepared to perform various duties as required or assigned by the Administrator or Mayor with strong values rooted in health and safety.
- **Must be willing to receive training and acquire certificates as needed;** such as, but not limited to: The Power Mobile Training Certification, Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Program.

Duties to include, but are not limited to:

- Mowing, snow-blowing, clearing sidewalks.
- Sign installation and maintenance.
- Providing monthly reports to council.
- Equipment maintenance and record keeping (equipment logs/maintenance forms).
- Maintaining proper occupational health and safety requirements.
- Operation of all equipment.
- Ensure proper training of employees and all equipment.
- Supervise day-to-day operations of public works.
- Oversee the activities of contractors.
- All other duties as assigned by the Administrator or Mayor.

Interested individuals should submit their resume including driver's abstract, qualifications, work experience, three work references and wage expectations by March 5, 2021 to:

Pierrette Woynarski, Administrator
117 Francis Street, Drake, SK S0H 1K0
Email: villageofdrake@sasktel.net

Thank you to all for applying, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL RM of Osborne No. 310

Notice is hereby given that the *assessment roll* for the RM of Osborne No. 310 for the year of 2021 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive.

Any person who desires to object to the assessment of himself/herself or of any other person must lodge his/her complaint in writing with the Administrator of the municipality by the 3rd day of May, 2021.

**Dated at Guernsey, SK., this 1st day of March, 2021
Anna Rintoul, Assessor**

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll RM of Big Arm, No. 251

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the RM of Big Arm, No. 251 for the year 2021 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, February 19th to April 23rd, 2021.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

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**Secretary of the Board of Revision: Aileen Swenson
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by the 23rd day of April, 2021**

**Dated this 19th day of February, 2021.
Yvonne (Bonny) Goodsman, Assessor**

(from front page: COVID-19)

Gunderson said, “First and foremost, we will assist in whatever way possible to ensure Watrous continues to be a safe community for its residents. It is unfortunate that we are being faced with a number of positive COVID-19 cases and this is a sign to everyone to never let your guard down. For anyone who has tested positive we wish them a speedy recovery. Until we have all been vaccinated, we as a community must continue to be diligent in wearing masks and staying home as much as possible.”

With a speedy response to the multiple cases, Gunderson was appreciative of SHA for organizing a drive-thru COVID-19 testing site so quickly. “We also cannot thank the front-line workers in health care and all the other people in essential services enough who have helped us get through this over the past 11 months. Our hats go off to the local business community as well. Over the course of the pandemic, they have made sure that measures were taken to ensure the safety of their customers and employees. With the recent outbreak, a number of them have voluntarily taken the initiative to temporarily close their doors. This is a sacrifice on their part, and we acknowledge this.

“Watrous is a community of resilient people and we are confident that we will bounce back from this even stronger on the other side.”

Despite speculation of how many confirmed positive cases are in Watrous, SHA does not share specific numbers due to privacy reasons. So as cases began to pop up in the local area, they were within the Central East 1 zone, a zone that includes places like Watrous, Simpson, Manitou Beach, Drake, Etters Beach, Holdfast, Imperial, Jansen, Lanigan, LeRoy, Humboldt, Nokomis, Young, and Zelma.

While not being able to confirm if all the new cases were from Watrous, there was an increase in the Central East 1 zone this past week. After less than 10 active cases heading into the middle portion of February, as of Feb. 21 there were 11 active cases with seven new ones. A day later the number for the Central East 1 zone went to 21 active cases with 10 new ones. On Tuesday, Feb. 23 there were 26 active cases with five new ones and a day later, just one new case. On Feb. 25 there were 30 active cases and three new ones.

In an effort to stay safe, Hasselback said people should be adhering to instructions from public health. “If you are someone who has been told you should get tested, then please do. If you are someone who has been told to self-isolate then please do and do until they say you are free to go. If you do have symptoms and you are not connected to either of those pathways immediately self-isolate and arrange for testing.”

She also reiterated to keep socializing to the absolute minimum and adhere to the public health restrictions. “That will make a big difference if heaven forbid when a person does get it to make sure it doesn't affect as many folks. I think Watrous is a good example of just how connected we all are even when we are trying to stay disconnected physically. That regular hand washing, checking everyday how you are feeling in terms of symptoms (is important).”

Hasselback also suggested that masks fit properly when they are worn. “If you feel the airs are blowing up to your eyes or ears or below your chin, you don't have that seal. You want that air going through the mask and the mask alone. A good check for that is to take a few deep breaths when you put your mask on and try to figure out where the leaks may be. If there are no leaks that is good and it means you are breathing through the mask.”

The following are locally confirmed cases and updates that occurred throughout this past week. While there may be additional cases amidst speculation, the following cases and updates were obtained from officials:

Schools

On Feb. 17, Horizon School Division was made aware of a COVID-19 diagnosis in an individual at Winston High School. Families in Watrous were informed of the case by the division and Horizon noted it was working closely with Public Health to assist in the contact tracing process.

Then on Feb. 21, Horizon School Division was made aware of a COVID-19 diagnosis in an individual at Watrous Elementary School. That number was later adjusted to two on the provincial government's website. Families at Watrous Elementary were informed as the division worked closely with Public Health to assist in the contact tracing process.

As students and staff at both schools returned from the February break, the schools remained open unless families were directed otherwise.

On Feb. 25, Horizon School Division was then made aware of a COVID-19 diagnosis in an individual at Imperial School. Families at Imperial School were being informed of this case. As of last week, Imperial School remained open to students and staff.

In a statement, Horizon School Division said, “We

all have a shared responsibility to limit the spread of COVID-19. We thank Horizon's staff, students, and families for all their efforts to help mitigate the risks during this pandemic. We continue to require students and staff to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19.”

Further details cannot be provided to maintain the privacy of the individuals involved.

Local businesses

Working with the Saskatchewan Health Authority, Saskatoon Co-op indicated that staff from both the Watrous Food Store and the Farm and Agro stores had tested positive for COVID-19. On its website, the Co-op noted team members were self-isolating along with other employees who had close contact.

The confirmed cases were reported Feb. 20 and 21 at the Watrous Food Store and Feb. 21 at the Farm and Agro Store.

Saskatoon Co-op stated it will follow the direction of the SHA and will continue with the health and safety measures that were put in place in response to the pandemic: increasing already high standards for cleaning and sanitization; practicing physical distancing measures (including one-way aisles and plexi-glass barriers at counters); employees wearing masks to protect others; and team members are asked to stay home if feeling unwell, and the Co-op continues to encourage all team members to seek testing and undergo self-isolation if they feel any potential COVID-19 symptoms.

“We wish a quick and safe recovery to each of the individuals who have been affected by this virus. Our priority remains to keep our team members and customers safe and healthy while serving our friends and neighbours. We care greatly for the communities we work and live in and as a local, member-owned business, we take the responsibility to protect our communities seriously.”

At Model Meats, SHA declared an outbreak at the local business Feb. 22. According to the provincial government, a confirmed outbreak is when two or more people test positive for COVID-19 and are all linked to a specific non-household setting or event within a specific time period. In an effort to curb the spread of COVID-19 and putting safety at the forefront, Model Meats temporarily closed its doors until further notice.

A number of other local businesses also made the decision to close temporarily out of an abundance of caution as they tried to help curb the spread of COVID-19. Some remained open but changed how they offered services like providing take out options or offering curb side pick up.

Under the direction of Watrous Library Board, due to the increased number of cases, the library in Watrous made the precautionary decision to not accept in person appointments to check out library materials and only offer curb side pick up until further notice.

The Town of Watrous office also closed temporarily and the community's fitness centre and arena also shut down until further notice.

Manitou Lodge

In order to keep everyone in SHA facilities and care homes safe during the increase of COVID-19 in Watrous, family presence/visitation is being limited to compassionate reasons only at Manitou Lodge.

SHA noted the decision to restrict family presence is not taken lightly. “These measures are in place to keep you, your loved ones, and health care workers safe. The Saskatchewan Health Authority is asking the public for their support and co-operation in order to contain the spread of the virus.”

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Lot 10 Blk 2 Plan G88	114418100	986.68	4.88	991.56
Lot 1 Blk 6 Plan G88	153028166	518.65	4.88	523.53
Lot 2 Blk 6 Plan G88	153028199	518.65	4.88	523.53
Lot 3 Blk 6 Plan G88	153028289	518.65	4.88	523.53
Lot 2 Blk 14 Plan G435	114420787	1525.92	4.88	1530.80
Lot 5 Blk 14 Plan G435	145885405	792.81	4.88	797.69
Lot 6 Blk 14 Plan G435	145885416	792.81	4.88	797.69
Lot 14 Blk 17 Plan G655	141926384	851.16	4.88	856.04
Lot 19 Blk 24 Plan G766	150359878	1388.06	4.88	1392.94
Lot 20 Blk 24 Plan G766	150359889	1388.06	4.88	1392.94

Dated this 1st day of March, 2021
Joslin Freeman, Treasurer

Compassionate care reasons may include, but are not limited to, family or support persons during end-of-life care, major surgery, intensive care/critical care, maternal/pediatrics, long-term care residents whose quality of life or care needs are unmet or those inpatients and outpatients with specific challenges.

SHA said no other visitors are allowed into the specified facilities or homes at this time and these limitations will remain in place until it is safe to return to the previous level of family presence.

Nutrien Mine - Allan

While not in the Central East 1 zone, west of Watrous an outbreak was declared by SHA at Nutrien Mine Allan Feb. 17. Larry Long, Senior VP, Potash Operations said, “At Nutrien, caring for the health and safety of our people and communities is a top priority. We are aware of the positive cases at our Allan site and will continue to work closely with the Saskatchewan Health Authority to investigate, maintain our protocols and take all actions necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19.”

Vaccinations

While multiple positive cases of COVID-19 began showing up in Watrous, earlier in February, local health care workers, Manitou Lodge residents, and others were able to receive their first COVID-19 vaccinations.

As part of Phase 1, just over 150 people in Watrous - a combination of health care workers, long-term care residents and community members over age 70 - received their first doses of the vaccine as part of a total of 1,379 given on that day for the Central zone. In total, as of Feb. 21, the Central East zone had received 5,973 first doses given with 111 second doses given. In total, 41,933 first doses had been given in the province with 18,810 second doses administered as of Feb. 21.

With local residents receiving their first doses including those at Manitou Lodge, Phase 1 of the province's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan continued throughout Saskatchewan. Phase 1 of vaccine delivery is aimed at targeting residents and staff of long-term and personal-care homes, identified health care providers, residents 70 years and older and residents aged 50 and older in remote/Northern Saskatchewan.

As of Feb. 24, the provincial government noted 81 percent of residents in long-term care homes across Saskatchewan had received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. In addition to 81 percent of long-term care residents having received their first dose, 46 percent of long-term care residents received both their first and

(see page 16: COVID-19)

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Opinion



A time of banding together.

— an opinion column
by TWM's editor Daniel Bushman

This past week was anything but normal, mind you this past year has been anything but normal.

While positive cases dropped throughout Saskatchewan heading into the latter part of February, it didn't take long to see how quickly they can take off. In Watrous, multiple cases of COVID-19 were confirmed this past week and following that,

Saskatchewan Health Authority issued a release noting that there was an increase in cases within the community. The following day, Watrous found itself with a COVID-19 drive-thru testing site, some businesses temporarily closed while others stepped up sanitizing and people isolated or monitored themselves for any symptoms.

Whether you believe in the severity of COVID-19 or not, the situation is very real and to see a community come together this past week in trying to curb the spread as quickly as possible is something people of Watrous should be proud of.

We have seen it on a number of occasions in the province over this past year of how quickly COVID-19 can spread. It is how quickly it can be stopped that is the key. Businesses shutting their doors or ensuring the public's safety while staying open, people staying home, others isolating and self-quarantining are all steps in being safe. And hats go off to those helping in the fight: to the health care providers, the front line workers, teachers ensuring the safety of our kids, businesses, the Town, and residents as a whole. Like Watrous Mayor John Gunderson said in this week's front page story, "Watrous is a community of resilient people and we are confident that we will bounce back from this even stronger on the other side."

At The Watrous Manitou, we are trying our best as well, following the guidelines set out by the province and public health. Our staff have been tremendous and we have closed to the public as a precaution, joining other businesses in our community. While the three of us who work at the office full-time are not experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, the increase in cases in our community has become an ever-changing situation. As we did when the pandemic first hit our province a year ago, The Watrous Manitou is taking things week by week, sometimes even day by day, much like we have since the beginning.

We don't know what is ahead and whatever that may be, we are thankful for your understanding. We ask for your patience as we are trying our best to not only keep our staff, our families and our customers safe but also navigate through this year.

Along with navigating through a pandemic, on a personal level, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many who have been supporting our family this past year. As you may or may not know our sister-in-law has gone through numerous rounds of chemotherapy and is currently receiving a stem cell transplant. We are so grateful to those who have been supporting, thinking and praying for us, especially those who have specifically supported my brother Derek, sister-in-law Lindsey and their five children. We know that once again we will all get through this together. Like other families who have also had mountains of their own to climb, this past year has been hard but we know that God is in control and that He will take care of us.

I hope that through all of this current uncertainty, whether the pandemic or other journeys that you are on right now, know that you are not alone. There are others facing adversity and challenges every day that you may never know. We are all in this together and we will get through this together.



Tips from Reena Nerbas

and let it sit for one hour with the cap on. Test on a scrap paper before using it on your good paper.

Dear Reena,

I usually purchase spaghetti noodles in bags. After the bags are open, the noodles fall in my pantry and make a mess. Any ideas for a better way to store long noodles? May

Dear May,

Here are a few options, so that you do not have to "noodle around" your pantry collecting the mess of fallen food. After opening the bag, fold the top and close it with a bag clip or a clothes pin. In some cases, the bag rips; several stores sell long pasta storage containers. If you like the taste of Pringles chips, eat the chips, and then clean out the container with a cloth. Store spaghetti noodles in the empty container.

Dear Reena,

The tile backsplash directly behind the stove has grease marks. Any solutions? Pam

Dear Pam,

There are products on the market designed specifically for cleaning beautiful tile; here are suggestions in case you do not have access to commercial products. Begin with a combination of dish soap and water, scrub with a non-scratching abrasive cloth. Next make a paste of baking soda and three percent hydrogen peroxide, scrub with a non-scratching abrasive cloth. Worst case scenario; clean the area with household ammonia (test on an inconspicuous area first).

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

Do you have any tips for how to rejuvenate Sharpie markers? Radah

Dear Radah,

Soak the tip of the marker in rubbing alcohol until you see the ink start to bleed out. Remove the marker from the alcohol

Feedback from reader

Re: Soggy apple pie crust

In your column about soggy apple pie, I found your advice rather odd. A soggy apple pie means the pie was baked at too low a temperature. All pies should be baked at 400 degrees or higher so the crust will bake before the juice is able to soak in. I have been baking pies for 60 years, without soggy crusts. I also find that Granny Smith apples do not make good pies. McIntosh, Spartan, or Rome Beauty apples are much nicer. Apple pie should have a juicy, tender filling in a crisp, browned crust. Nobody leaves the crust from my pies! Submitted by: Edna

Clip it!

Instead of bag clips, I close bags of frozen food that I purchase with binder clips. That way I can clip the bags onto the wire racks in my freezer. They hang on hooks in an orderly fashion, instead of lying aimlessly at the bottom of the freezer, becoming forgotten. I also close my bags of spices with binder clips. I fashioned a rod with metal hooks in the pantry and hang the bags of spices on the rod. Submitted by: Henry

Use a binder clip on the end of your toothpaste. As you empty the tube, roll it and clip it with a binder clip. Makes getting the toothpaste out a whole lot easier. Submitted by: Mary

I purchase packages of small, colourful, metal binder clips and then use them in many of my gift wrapping projects. I usually attach a note underneath each clip. This makes the gift look extra special. Tiny clothespins also work for this purpose. Submitted by: Mary

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

Reena Nerbas is a popular motivational presenter for large and small groups; check out her website: reena.ca. Ask a question or share a tip at reena.ca



Neighbourly advice according to Ed

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

I forgot that Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, has no stomach for bellyachers and whiners. When I phoned him yesterday, I launched into my story of a disastrous start to my day. Upon rising, I had gone to the kitchen for my wake-up cup of coffee, but before I could put my cup in the coffee maker, the hydro went out. The Keurig was dead as a corpse. So was the toaster.

After cold cereal, things went from bad to worse.

Helpless - can't buy, beg, or borrow a cup of coffee!

There was no Internet, so I could not check my emails. Our part of the city was powerless. Stoplights flashed neither stop nor go. There was no point in shopping as the stores close while the power is off. I could not watch television or listen to the radio, so it was talking to the wife or nothing. Before I could continue my story of woe, Ed said in impatience, "Get to the point of this, Ray, or I'm going to hang-up."

"The point of the story is that I was helpless this morning as I couldn't buy, beg, or borrow a cup of coffee. More than that, I was hopeless because the power might be back on quickly or off all day," I told Ed. Then I asked him accusingly, "Where is your compassion, man? How would you like to miss your first cup of morning coffee?"

"I wouldn't be bellyach-

ing about it three provinces away, I'd put it on the national news," Ed said with sarcasm. So, I asked him what was new with him, and he said, "Just the same old pain in my neck."

Of course, I told him that he should get a new pillow. Even Ed would agree that when the coffee maker, toaster, stove, and all our appliances are working, we forget that we are lost when they do not work. We do not like to be helpless. When we feel powerless, hopelessness may get a hold on us. Hopelessness is hard to cure because it is an attitude that holds us captive to the feeling there is no way out. Hopeless thoughts suggest that we are doomed to our present state of affairs. Hopeless thoughts focus on our power and ability to make things better.

The pandemic has left many feeling depressed. The light at the end of

the tunnel is getting dimmer rather than brighter. Will we ever get past this virus? Will we ever get everyone vaccinated? How do you keep from despair when you are poor, facing physical handicaps, chronic pain? From where do we get a hopeful attitude when there is no hope that things will ever get any better?

In the Bible, we see that hope comes from allowing God to help us through His Son Jesus Christ. In Luke 7:11-17, we are told that Jesus arrived at the village of Nain during the burial ceremony of the only son of a widow. The young man was dead and on his way to his grave. His mother, as a widow, was left in desperation, but Jesus' heart was full of compassion, and he raised her son from death. The widow's despair or hopelessness was broken. She knew firsthand that all things are possible with God.

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“Comics AND Puzzles”

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BY BRIAN CRAW

EARL, ARE YOU READY?

EARL, REMEMBER YOU SAID YOU'D GO SHOPPING WITH ME?

I'M READY. LET'S GO.

YOU'RE NOT WEARING THAT SHABBY OLD SWEATSHIRT, ARE YOU?

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9. Was in the red

10. Lounge around

11. Resist openly

19. Succotash bean

21. Snow White's pal

23. Basted

24. Shuttle boat

25. Cow chow

26. Time period

27. "___ Stoops to Conquer"

28. Dashed

30. Exclamation

31. Beverage

32. Pea's envelope
35. Food plan

38. Fabric layer

40. Brought to pass

42. Upper crust

44. Travel document

45. Pumping

46. Certain amphibian

48. Margarita ingredient

49. Skinny

50. Low female voice

53. Endeavor

54. Stage signal

55. That woman

- ACROSS**

1. Swine food

5. Soothing medicine

9. Not young

12. Grandma

13. On the briny

14. Sorrow

15. Superior to

16. "___ Might Be Giants"

17. North-Pole helper

18. Aromatic herb

20. Strangely

22. Bro's sib

24. To's associate

25. Fine wool
29. Crack and roughen

33. Yuck!

34. Prize medal

36. Bother

37. Not shallow

39. More nutritious

41. ___ Zeppelin

43. Affirmative vote

44. Record-album material

47. Oklahoma city

51. Bad humor

52. Prickly feeling

56. Window part

57. Boar's mate

58. Accurate

59. Send out
- DOWN**

1. Snooty person

2. Volcano's output

3. Small bills

4. Church district

5. Club

6. Powdery residue

7. "Malcolm X" director

8. Municipal official

60. Carpenter or army

61. Ogler

62. Audition tape

FOR ANSWERS TO SUDOKU AND CROSSWORD, SEE PAGE 15

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS USE AMERICAN SPELLING

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“Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky”

Marinated Steak

Ingredients:

1/3 cup soy sauce

1/4 cup oil

1/4 cup brown sugar

2 tsp. ground mustard powder

2 tsp. ground ginger

1 tsp. garlic powder

1 and a half pounds boneless beef sirloin steak

Directions:

In large resealable bag, combine the first six ingredients. Cut the steak into serving sized pieces. Seal in bag with marinade, best if refrigerated overnight (or at least 6-8 hours). Drain well, discard marinade and bbq to your desired doneness. I sometimes also add Frank's Hot Sauce (about 2 tbsp.) or sweet chili sauce (2 tbsp.) or both to the marinade.

(from page three: WEATHER)

to take.”

But as the polar vortex finally left and February neared an end, Phillips hinted the cold air may be over. While it could try and

return for one last blast, Phillips said the sun is now higher in the sky and shines for three minutes longer each day. That also provides more heat compared to late

December and early January. “Going forward, we see the forecast for March to be normal to milder than normal for most of Saskatchewan. It is not as if the punishing weather won’t come back but I don’t think it will come back to the brutality it was because it is hard to do that when you are later in the season.”

As for the spring season, Phillips suggested that for the local region it does not look like flooding will be an issue but rather the lack of moisture.

“If March is what we say it is, normal to milder, that will ease away any snow that does come. The problem is where you have lots of snow and you delay the melting of it and it rushes out at once. The ground is still frozen and you are dealing with a lot of melt water and maybe some spring rains and you end up with flooding situations. (As of now though) I think that fields won’t be



► After dealing with a polar vortex for a large chunk of February, people in Saskatchewan were treated to warmer weather as the month came to an end.
photo by Daniel Bushman

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flooded and ditches won’t be full of water and one hopes

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Thirty-nine blankets were delivered last week from the Viscount Chapter of Blankets for Canada. Twenty went to Humboldt and 19 went to two different places in Saskatoon.

We are hoping to be of help during the frigid days. Although the ladies work on their own from home, many continue to carry on working on our knitted and crocheted squares. If you would like more information on how we make our blankets, please call Evelina at 306-944-4820.

Viscount Central School break was Feb. 15 until 19 with school resuming Feb. 22. Friday, Feb. 26 was the 100th day of school for this year at Viscount Central School.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon.

Thank you to all who helped make this week's Viscount news possible. Have a great week and try and stay safe.



For more Community Connection, see page 10



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►As the weather warmed up heading into March, more and more wildlife could be spotted in open fields. After seeking shelter during the recent polar vortex, once the temperatures warmed up, people were not the only ones seeking to enjoy the sunshine and nicer weather. 📷 photos by Daniel Bushman



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An afghan was donated by Myrna Fleischhacker of Plunkett and a sunflower stepping stone was donated by Clara Georgson of Humboldt (Myrna's sister). Winner of the afghan was Paisley Matsula of Meacham (Wendy Bishop's granddaughter) and winner of the stepping stone was Maddie Hamilton of Saskatoon (Dale and Helen Miller's great-granddaughter).

Plunkett and Glynfield folks send their deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Norman Wignes (Beryl) on her passing in Saskatoon. She had been a teacher years ago at Glynfield School.

The weather was great for a few days and then it turned bitterly cold for a while.

There are several deer roaming around our town at night looking for food. We have had one sleeping under our apple tree in our back yard.

Plunkett folks send their get well wishes to anyone ill and in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

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

Thank you kindly.

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Sue Alcock

We send sincere condolences to Yvonne Mann and her family on the passing of her husband Stuart on Jan. 17. Stuart was just five days shy of celebrating his 94th birthday. For many summers the couple enjoyed their cottage here on Albert Street. Yvonne actually grew up here as her grandparents were John and Elizabeth MacLachlan.

Some time ago I was approached and asked about previous owners of Mike's Beach Bar, when it was Central Hotel. So - ask and eventually ye shall receive. After spending time digging and foraging I have info! So Alf Pearce opens the new building in 1929. Back then it had a grocery and rooms. There was no bar because of prohibition. It is likely that the premises became licensed in the mid-1930s but who knows? His son William took over the hotel in 1947 and operated it until 1951 when he sold the business to Mrs. K. Markham - think Ted Markham the guy who built a mineral salt business and hostel to the east of the hotel. Whether Mrs. Markham operates or leases out the hotel I am not sure but she does sell to Sid and Helen Drabot in 1957 who in turn sell it to Roy Heinrich in 1962. Next year Gilbert and Roy Heinrich appear on the tax records and they run the hotel until 1968. Ray Reichert and Arnold Eytcheson, under the name of E. & R. Central Hotel 100 Ltd. take over the hotel in 1968 and next year sell it to Emanuel Buan who then sells it next year to C.J. Buckmaster. Remember this is a summer season business so these folks have other jobs too. In 1973 Tom Magnuson and H. Ulmer become landlords and they sell in 1976 to Frank Ujlaky. He hangs on to the hotel until 1979 when he sells it to Dorman and Norma Hutchinson, Chalet Pool owners. In 1982 they sell the hotel, which by then houses The Little Brown Jug pub, to the Lannan Bros. and in 1999 the hotel with the bar The Rising Sun change hands again as Larry and Maxine Nicholson buy and operate the pub. I believe their son Mike is now the owner. I have no idea when the hotel rooms were rented out last to overnight visitors. If anyone knows do please give me a call. Yes, I am still plodding away on the Manitou Beach Timeline, which is morphing into an encyclopedia, for the Watrous Manitou Beach Heritage Centre. This community was/is loaded with fascinating people and businesses and whenever somebody shares a story or gives information about their business they are certainly appreciated.

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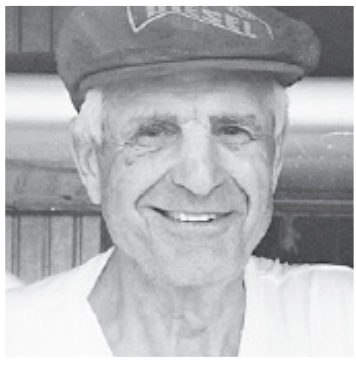
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Obituary



ERNST,
Delmar Eugene Ira
June 13, 1931 -
Feb. 16, 2021
Mr. Delmar Eugene Ira Ernst of Humboldt, and formerly of Watrous, unexpectedly passed away on February 16, 2021, at the age of 89, at the Humboldt District Hospital.

Delmar was born in the Guernsey district on June 13, 1931 to Ira and Martha (nee Bumbullis) Ernst. He obtained his education at the Guernsey and Watrous schools. After graduating high school, he trained in Regina to become a laboratory and X-ray technician and worked for several years in Regina, Moose Jaw, Maple Creek, and Watrous hospitals. He later returned to the family farm but continued to work at the Watrous Hospital part time. While working at the Watrous Hospital, Delmar met Shirley English, a registered nurse. Little did he know that she would steal his heart and become the love of his life. On April 21, 1956, the couple wed in Sifton, Sask. and were soon blessed with four children. Delmar loved to work and thoroughly enjoyed life on the farm. In the '60s, Delmar challenged himself by obtaining his pilot's licence through Mitchinson Flying School. He purchased his own plane and developed an airstrip on their farm. Delmar belonged to the Saskatchewan Flying Farmers' Association and was involved with the Civil Air Search & Rescue Association, which took him to many communities around the province. He was always ready and willing to give a ride to anyone interested. Delmar was a man of faith and was an active member at the Bethany Mennonite Church. Delmar believed Sunday was the Lord's day and made sure it was spent going to church and flying. Delmar and Shirley enjoyed travelling and visited places such as Australia, Germany, and several destinations across the USA. In 2013, they moved to Humboldt and resided at Caleb Village. They enjoyed their time together in Humboldt. They spent time with their grandchildren, which brought them much joy, and they were immensely proud of each and every one of them. Delmar remained in Caleb Village for one year after Shirley's death in 2016 before moving to St. Mary's Villa.

Delmar's gentle, warm personality and winning smile will be lovingly remembered by his four children and eight grandchildren: Bradley (Mearl) Ernst of Watrous and family Brayden Ernst (Peyton) of Regina and Treyl Ernst of Watrous; Michael (Charlene) Ernst of Mission, B.C. and grand puppy Willie; Cathy McAnally (Harold) of Rosetown and her family Conor McAnally, Calum McAnally (Desiree) and Eilish McAnally all of Humboldt; Julie Yungmann (Dale) of Humboldt and her family Molly Yungmann of Regina, Lily Yungmann (Jan Mark) and Ben Yungmann both of Humboldt; sister Evelyn (Frank) Rasich of Kamloops, B.C.; sisters-in-law Barbara Ernst of London, Ont. and Madge Hull of Red Deer, Alta. and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Delmar was predeceased by his parents Ira and Martha Ernst; wife Shirley Ernst; sister Sylvia (Les) Mills; brother Edward Ernst; and members of the English family.

A private family funeral service was held on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 2:00 p.m. from Watrous Baptist Church officiated by Pastor Doug Gregory. Service was live-streamed and will be available to watch until Mar. 6, 2021 at <https://www.md-funeralhome.ca>

Interment followed at Watrous Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Delmar's memory may be directed to Watrous District Health Complex Foundation, Box 130, Watrous, Sask. S0K 4T0.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Malinoski & Danyluik Funeral Home & Crematorium.

Obituary



HABERMEHL,
Kristopher (Kris)
The death of Kris Habermehl, aged 35 years, occurred unexpectedly on February 6, 2021 at Sayward, B.C.
Kris was born on March 7, 1985 at the Watrous Hospital. He grew up on the family farm north of Manitou Beach. He attended school in Watrous and Viscount. During Kris'

early years he was a true little farmer, shadowing his dad everywhere. He loved to go on family camping trips. Additional camping trips were taken with his grandparents and his cousins. The dirtier those little boys got, the more fun they had. Family get-togethers were a big part of his childhood: reunions, visits and taking wild Datsun rides in the pastures with his squealing cousins. Kris was an animal lover, having numerous pets during his childhood including sheep, rabbits, pigs, a hedgehog, a potbelly pig, cats and dogs. As Kris got older his interests changed. He could not be coaxed to climb into a tractor to do field work but would jump at the chance to spend time in the shop. He loved using his mechanical skills; working on vehicles, tractors and machinery, and fabricating his own tools and machines. Kris inherited his carpentry skills from both of his grandfathers, building furniture and repairing buildings on the farm. Kris was a very talented artist, amazing family members with his drawings and pencil sketches. Kris was well known for being a jokester, starting with being the little ham in the classroom, to making us belly laugh at the supper table at his goofy jokes and impressions. Skydiving was Kris' passion. He even had to go for a jump right before his sister Kim's wedding reception in Calgary. At the age of 16, Kris ventured out on his own and headed to Alberta. There he worked in the oil patch industry for a couple of years. He eventually got his 1A licence and drove semis for the oil companies. This even included some ice-road trucking in the North. When Kris tired of Alberta life he returned home. He then continued his trucking career in various areas of Saskatchewan. In 2016, Kris ventured out to B.C. for a holiday. He loved Vancouver Island so much he decided to stay. For the last time Kris has returned home into the arms of his loving grandparents.

Kris was predeceased by his grandfather Les Farago, grandparents Cliff and Kay Habermehl and Aunt Donna Bourgeault.

Memories will be cherished by his loving parents Brad and Lorna Habermehl, his sister Kim (Warren) Harding, nieces Emily and Hailey, grandmother Edna Farago, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Until we meet again . . .

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private family memorial will be held at a later date.

A private family interment will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations directed to Watrous - Manitou Beach Heritage Centre Inc., Box 735, Watrous, Sask. S0K 4T0 or Saskatchewan Abilities Council (Camp Easter Seal) 1410 Kilburn Avenue, Saskatoon, Sask. S7M 0J8 would be appreciated.

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Obituary



McDADE,
Wilhelmine "Gladys"
(nee Gross)
It is with great sadness that the family of Wilhelmine "Gladys" McDade (nee Gross) announces her passing at St. Paul Lutheran Home in Melville, Sask. on Friday, Feb. 12, 2021, at the age of 90 years.

Gladys was born on April 5, 1930, at Earl Grey, Sask. to Bertha and George Gross. She attended Sweet Hill School. Gladys met her future husband at the age of 13 years at a school dance. They attended a box social, where Bill bought Gladys' box lunch so that they could spend time together. They were united in marriage in Watrous, Sask. on October 25, 1952. The couple farmed for two years in the Simpson district, welcoming a son, George Alexander, in 1953. The small family moved to Simpson in 1954, where Bill started working as a mechanic. They welcomed a daughter, Valerie Jean, in 1957. The family then moved to Watrous in 1962, where Gladys worked as a cook for the Manitou Mineral Spa, and Bill continued to work as a mechanic. The family moved to Melville, Sask. in 1969, where they settled for the remainder of their lives. Bill worked as a mechanic, eventually having the opportunity to work as the head mechanic for the Deer Park School Division. Gladys worked in the kitchen at St. Paul Lutheran Home for one year. She then decided to open a foster home in 1971 with Bill, where they served children and some adults with intellectual disabilities, as well as others who were in a time of need. Bill continued to work as a mechanic while also helping Gladys with the foster home. Gladys had a servant's heart and wanted to help others in need. She cared for many people over the years, about 100 in total. At one time, they took care of 12 people at once but usually had six people in their home at one time. Gladys was always there for people in need and never made anyone feel less of themselves for asking for help. Some of the people who stayed in their home stayed for months, some for years. Their home was a place of refuge where foster children were loved like family. Gladys and Bill were foster parents for decades until the passing of Bill in 1987, after which Gladys continued until she had health issues at the end of 2002. She ran the foster home for 31 years in total. To this day, foster children and people who stayed at her house were still in contact with Gladys, which is a testament to the positive impact that she had on so many lives. Gladys spent her remaining years at St. Paul Lutheran Home, where she continued her ministry of helping others. She always helped the staff and residents as she was able. Gladys enjoyed the activities at the nursing home, including dances, adopt-a-grandparent, bingo, bowling and musical performances. She also enjoyed many visits with family and friends over the years during her stay at the nursing home. The staff loved her like family, as did Dr. Eshawesh, who cared for her for decades.

Gladys will be lovingly remembered by her children, George (Betty) and Valerie (Dennis); her brother, Ervin (Carol); sisters-in-law Doreen and Nancy; her grandchildren, Raquel, Carlene (Lloyd), Derek, Crystal (Brian), Terence (Dee-Anna), Joseph, Melissa (Darryl) and Paige; numerous great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces, foster children, foster family members and friends.

Gladys was predeceased by her parents, Bertha and George Gross; her loving husband, William (Bill); sister Annie (Bernie); brothers Sigfried (Frieda), Alfred and Edward (Lois); brothers-in-law Robert (Shirley) and James; and her best friend, Edith (Harold).

A funeral service was held for Gladys on Saturday, Feb. 20 at Matthews Funeral Home, Melville, with Pastor Tim Oehler and the Rev. Dave Taylor officiating. Soloist Carlene Schwartz sang Amazing Grace and How Great Thou Art accompanied by Gaylene Matthews. Several tributes to Gladys were presented by family members.

Interment took place in the Melville City Cemetery with Dennis Exner, George McDade, Randy Gross, Terence McDade, Brian Garrett and Lloyd Schwartz acting as pallbearers.

Arrangements were entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home Melville and Whitewood.

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Obituary



REMLINGER,
Nicholas Paul
Mar. 30, 1933 -
Feb. 12, 2021

Nicholas Paul Remlinger (“Paul”) passed away on the morning of February 12, 2021 at 87 years of age.

Paul was born on March 30, 1933 in Saskatoon, Sask. the second of four children and only son of Paul and May Remlinger. An avid

traveller from the beginning, Paul was six weeks old when the family moved from Liberty to Crooked River, Sask. by horse and buggy, returning to Liberty in 1936. Paul grew up around Liberty as well as Illinois and California. He farmed in the Liberty area his entire life, wintering with his folks in southern California where he met Carol Cook. They were married November 30, 1956 in Fullerton, Calif. and welcomed four children. Paul enjoyed spending time with his family playing games, camping in Saskatchewan and Alaska, traveling, building rockets, barbecuing and going on picnics in all weather. He was a highly respected member of the community who believed in serving those around him. He was a member of the Church Board, Sports Association, the Liberty Service Club (Optimists Club), was Chairman of the School Board, Counsellor (1991-2004), and Reeve (2005-2012) of the R.M. of Big Arm No. 251. Paul enjoyed travelling with Carol. Their extensive trips included Hawaii, Norfolk Island, Easter Island, Australia and other islands in the Pacific, Antarctica, the British Isles, Iceland, bus trips that stretched the length of North America, and several trips through the Panama Canal and along the Amazon. He loved spending time by and on the ocean.

Paul will be remembered for his dedication to farming, sense of fun, pursuit of education, and love of travelling. He always enjoyed talking about farming and machinery. One of his favourite things was running the combine at harvest time, looking out over the lake, the sun-covered fields and watching the geese fly south. Being out on his land in the beauty of nature brought him great joy and watching the passing seasons from the house he built for his family was something he never tired of. His enthusiasm for life helped him through his difficult last few years and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Paul is survived by Carol, his wife of 64 years; children Robin (Colin) Ward, Launa (Randy) Patrick, Nick (Gail), and Trent (Paula Jane); grandchildren Jared, Carolyn, Savannah, AJ, Richard, Tonya, Adrianna, Matthew, Caleb, Celina, Chantelle, Tara, and Brandon and great-grandchildren Hannah, Isaac, Laura, Alistair, and Maverick.

He was predeceased by his parents, Paul and May, an infant son and sisters Columbine, May, and Luetta.

The family would like to thank the staff of Glen-garda Hospice for their kindness and accommodation during this time. It was his wish that donations in his memory be made to Parkinson’s Research c/o Rajput Research – Royal University Hospital Foundation, 103 Hospital Drive, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W8.

A private family funeral service was held at Fotheringham’s Funeral Chapel, Watrous, Sask. on February 20 conducted by Major Mike Hoeft.

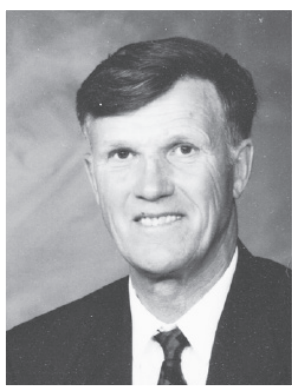
Pallbearers were Colin Ward, Jared Ward, Carolyn Ward, A.J. Ward, Matthew Remlinger and Chantelle Remlinger. Tribute was given by Jared Ward. Bev McLane was organist.

Private family interment followed at Liberty Cemetery.

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Obituary



STEWART,
Harvey John
Nov. 18, 1928 -
Feb. 11, 2021

Harvey Stewart, aged 92 years, passed away peacefully at Watrous District Health Complex on Thursday, February 11, 2021 with family by his side.

Dad was born November 18, 1928 to Jim and Esther Stewart on the family farm in the Lilyholme school district. He was

part of a family of four brothers: Mac, Harland, Tim and Pete and seven sisters: Lois, Helen, Anabel, Margaret (deceased in infancy), Nicki, Shirley and Pat. He went to school at Lilyholme School until it closed, then Sweet Hill and finally one day in Simpson. After staying home to help harvest one fall, he felt when he returned to school that he was too far behind so quit to go farming. He met Norma Evans at the local community dances and ball games and they were married July 9, 1954. Dad was a hard worker on the farm and was often gone before daybreak and done work after sunset. While Dad enjoyed farming, his heart was definitely in the cattle/livestock side of the farm. He often helped neighbours when they had problems calving. Softball was a passion of Dad’s. He and his brothers and cousins Bob and Bernie McKay played on the Lilyholme ball team for many years. Dad played first base and loved to reminisce about those years and had many stories. “Just thrower to the bag and I’ll be there!” Another love of Dad’s was playing cards. Hundreds of games of crib were played in the after harvest - before seeding tournament he played with Dean. Playing whist with the in-laws was something he looked forward to as well. Crib games with his niece Carmen in the hospital and whenever he got the chance. And then there were the all night Kaiser tournaments where he and his good friend Andy Tschetter never had to draw for partners! Dad was a people person, not someone who took much interest in possessions. People were important to him, but especially his family - his wife, children and grandchildren were cherished, but he also dearly loved the brothers and sisters he grew up with. And the friends he made over the years that shared good times, laughter and travel together enriched his life as well. His faith in Jehovah God was especially important to him. He was baptized as one of Jehovah’s Witnesses on March 3, 1974. He helped us to learn about the wonderful future in store and Dad firmly believed in the Bible’s promise of a resurrection on earth where he will again enjoy good health, his family and friends. We also look forward to the time when we will see Dad again, healthy and happy and able to do all the things he loved doing. Revelation 21:3,4; Job 33:25

Dad was loved and respected and will be missed by many - his children Charlene (Byrne) Sagen and Dean (Holly) Stewart and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren Jody (Amanda) Sagen, Tyson and Emily; Garrett (Amber) Sagen, Noa and Avery; Curtis (Lea) Sagen; Tiana (Bryce) Currie, Liam and Lyla; Chelsey (Owen), Hipkins, Ainsley and Sawyer; Lacey (Jeremy) Atema; and Halle Stewart.

He is survived by brothers Tim (Linda) and Pete (Lynne) and sisters Nicki (Maurice) Bartzen, Shirley Armstrong and Pat (Gordon) Goldfinch and sisters-in-law Dorothy Kostyna, Darlene Evans, Isabel Evans and Doris Evans and many nieces and nephews.

Dad was predeceased by his loving wife Norma, parents Jim and Esther Stewart, brothers Mac (Louise) and Harland, and sisters Lois and Gordon Weflen, Helen and Roy Crittenden, Anabel and Alex McCallum and Margaret and brother-in-law Dave Armstrong.

A memorial was held via Zoom on Feb. 27. Jody Sagen officiated.

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

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second doses. Along with that, 76 percent of Saskatchewan’s personal care homes received their first dose and 24 percent have received both doses.

“Our health care workers are doing an excellent job of administering vaccines quickly, safely and efficiently in long-term care facilities across the province,” Health Minister Paul Merriman said. “The only thing slowing them down is the shortage of vaccines from the federal government.

“When we get enough doses, we will be able to quickly finish vaccinating all the residents and staff in our long-term care homes. We look forward to having our seniors in long-term care fully vaccinated as soon as possible so they are protected from the threat of COVID-19.”

For the remainder of the general public, Phase 2 is anticipated to begin in April, May or June of 2021, depending on available vaccine supplies. The second phase will focus on vaccinating the general population in 10-year increments. In an effort to offer the vaccination to all residents in Saskatchewan, SHA will operate 230 clinics in 180 communities.

Locally, for Watrous, Lanigan, and Nokomis, mass immunization clinics will be set up in those communities. In places like Humboldt, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Swift Current and Yorkton, drive-thru clinics will be created in addition to mass immunization clinics. Mobile clinics will be set up in communities like Ituna, Yorkton, Saskatoon and others further south.

In total, 43 mass immunization clinics will be set up in the Central region, five drive-thru clinics and seven mobile clinics.


In addition to SHA clinics, the provincial government noted there will also be many others including: participating pharmacies (last year 385 pharmacies in 113 different communities participated in the flu immunization program); participating physicians’ offices; First Nations clinics; community-based settings; and partnerships with large businesses/industries.

As local vaccination dates draw closer, information will be shared to let people know when they can be vaccinated. A central scheduling system for online access is being developed so appointments can be booked online through the Government of Saskatchewan website and a toll-free telephone line will also be established for residents to book appointments. Both are scheduled to be operational by March 2021.

On its website, the provincial government stated: “The timeline for Saskatchewan’s COVID-19 Vaccination Delivery Strategy is dependent on vaccine supply and availability. The federal government is working to obtain as much vaccine as possible to distribute to provinces and territories. It’s important to understand the timeline for each phase may change due to vaccine availability. You will not miss your chance to get the vaccine when a new phase starts. Once you become eligible, you are always eligible. If you are in Phase 1, you can still get the vaccine in Phase 2.”

Phase 1 (the current phase) is expected to run until March 2021 with Phase 2 commencing April 2021 and running to Fall 2021.

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