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## Liquor store in Watrous closes after permit auction conducted

■ Daniel Bushman

With 14 bidders and 170 bids reaching a final bid of \$724,500, as the auction for the liquor permit for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority's (SLGA) Watrous location came to a conclusion, after opening in 1982, the business on 2nd Ave. E. closed its doors one final time.

While not the highest bid nor the lowest of the 35 permits up for grabs in the province, along with the permit in Watrous (which does not include the building itself), bids for the 35 totalled \$45,077,800, ranging from \$450,000 in Carlyle to \$3,270,000 in LaRonge.

As to who was awarded with each, according to SLGA, applicant names for liquor permits are not considered public until a permit is issued. Successful bidders also have up to 18 months to obtain their permit and open for business.

Conducted through McDougall Auctions during the majority of February, SLGA said winning bidders will now begin the application process for the retail store permit. Prospective retailers must meet all SLGA licensing requirements to hold a permit. Timelines for issuance of permits will vary, depending how soon prospective retailers submit and meet all application requirements, secure locations, hire staff and make other preparations to open for business. Bid amounts must also be fully paid before a permit is issued.

"We are pleased to see these auctions come to a successful conclusion," Minister Responsible for SLGA Lori Carr said. "The incredible amount of interest means that we will have additional revenue to put toward the high-quality public services we all enjoy."

Working over 20 years at the liquor store in Watrous, most recently as manager, Cheryl Veld said it was an emotional past few months for her and employees Jasmine Schmidt, Levi Sutherland and Tamara Bergen.

"To say the least, we were astounded when we found out that government-owned stores would be closing by March 2023. I had thought in the back of my mind it might happen one day but I didn't think it would be this quick and abrupt."

Sharing customers also felt blind-sided by the announcement, Veld added the close to 400 workers across the province losing their jobs was also tough to take. "Staff at all stores felt so bad for our customers, they had so many questions, and we did not have answers. It was a very emotional time for everyone."

According to the provincial government, in 2018-19, profits for its SLGA Retailers were \$9.4 million and in 2021-22, they had declined to \$3.2 million. SLGA Retail's projected net income for 2022-23 was pegged at \$395,000 so in order to maintain profitability, the government indicated many of the stores needed to either be relocated or physically adapted to better meet customer needs. Because of that



► With the liquor permit auctioned off followed by well wishes from staff to their customers and a closed sign placed in the window, Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority's Watrous location shut its doors on 2nd Ave. E.

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and with the dip in profits, the decision was made by government to decommission its stores and complete a transition of liquor retailing to the private sector.

"There was not much we could do," explained Veld following the announcement that the Watrous permit would be auctioned off. "We have a great team through SLGA who kept us informed with the limited information they had and it helped us to try and understand and assist our customers with any questions they had."

With permits listed for auction and the imminent closure of the stores throughout Saskatchewan, that meant Veld and her staff had to begin the task of clearing out product in Watrous. As the shelves became bare and the final day of business arrived, Cheryl and her staff wanted to express their appreciation to the many customers.

"It was an honour to enjoy the great visits, chats, stories, smiles, kindness and patience all of our customers have shown. Watrous and area customers you will be missed. I have more than enjoyed my years at the store and now officially have run out of tears for a while."

Veld also wanted to extend her appreciation to the SLGA team, former manager, regional manager, mentor and friend Ed Collins and Cheryl's staff. "I have grown

personally and professionally during my career with you all. I really found we were not just people working, we were a team and there for each other."

As of Feb. 27, a total of 27 of SLGA Retail Inc.'s liquor stores had closed with the final seven shutting down by the end of business Mar. 11. For affected staff, SLGA shared it will work with the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union (SGEU) to negotiate a workforce adjustment plan.

Along with Watrous, other SLGA stores ceasing operations are located in: Assiniboia, Biggar, Buffalo Narrows, Carlyle, Creighton, Esterhazy, Estevan, Fort Qu'Appelle, Humboldt, La Loche, La Ronge, Meadow Lake, Melfort, Moose Jaw, Moosomin, Nipawin, North Battleford, Prince Albert (two), Regina (six), Saskatoon (five), Swift Current, Weyburn, and Yorkton.

Owning 19 properties of the locations announced, SLGA indicated it will be making the vacant buildings available for sale in a separate process as the empty physical buildings do not include a liquor permit.

The sale of the permits will not impact SLGA's Distribution Centre as SLGA will continue to operate as the wholesaler of beverage alcohol for the province as well as the regulator of liquor, gaming and cannabis.

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Her husband Robert and Margaret farmed for many years north of Colonsay. When they felt it was getting too much they bought an acreage west of Colonsay selling the farm to their nephew. A private graveside service will be held in the spring.

A come and go tea was held for Judy Dieno's 75th birthday at the senior centre.

The Lion's Club will be holding a chili cook-off Mar. 18 at the Colonsay Community Hall.

There will be a mixed curling bonspiel and wing night Mar. 25.

There will be a Colonsay Spring Market Apr. 22.

Sheila Senga from LaRonge visited her sister Joyce and Jim Walker for a few days.

The Colonsay seniors met at Blue Horizon for supper Thursday, Mar. 2. Eighteen seniors attended. They returned to the senior centre for a meeting. It was decided to have the April monthly supper at the senior centre and supper from the Colonsay Hotel.

Get well wishes to Jordon Schmidt who had knee surgery.

Sympathy to the Joan Ann Trischuk family on her passing Feb. 21. She attended high school in Prud'Homme, Meacham and Colonsay.

We had a nice phone call from Kay Templeman Fri., Mar. 3. Kay lives in Kindersley but was a longtime resident of Colon-

say. It was nice to catch up on her news.

Several folks decided with the nicer weather it would be a good time to go ice fishing.

It was so nice to watch the Brier on TV. There were lots of new teams there this year.

Jim and Irene Gray visited Murray and Kathleen Dering at Manitou Beach to wish Murray an early birthday.

## YOUNG

Pat Bryson • 306-259-4860

Three years ago, COVID 19 was introduced to Canada and our lives changed in an instant. There were businesses closing and restrictions in others. I am sure almost every family had their lives interrupted whether it was rescheduling a family vacation, classroom attendance, compulsory mask wearing, a funeral postponed; the list goes on. A major disappointment for us was the cancelling of The Junos to be held in Saskatoon mid-March 2020. Our son's band, Foxwarren,

was nominated for a Juno and the Papa and I had almost-front-row tickets for the show. But we do not fault anyone for the precautions that were taken. The people in authority made the best decisions they could with the information they had.

Winter in Saskatchewan is anything but boring white. Have you seen the spectacular displays of northern lights the last while? Most mornings we are treated to an explosive colourful sunrise. "Land of the Living Skies" indeed!

Indoor walking in the community hall every Wednesday continues for the month of March. If you like walking for exercise, but are hesitant to walk outdoors because of the snowy and sometimes icy sidewalks, then pop in to the hall. It is fun and free; the only requirement is clean, indoor footwear. And do not forget Forever In Motion, an exercise program for those 55+, held at the seniors centre every Monday and Thursday. Enjoy your week!

## NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL VILLAGE OF ZELMA

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Village of Zelma for the year 2023 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor upon request.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against their assessment is required to file their notice of appeal with:

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# RCMP Report

Fuel thefts up 70 percent in 2022

In 2022, Saskatchewan RCMP received approximately 818 reports of thefts of fuel (diesel and/or gas), an increase of approximately 70 percent as compared to 2021.

These reports were received from all across the province and include:

- 510 reports of someone

fuelling up a vehicle at a service station, then leaving without paying. (Note: this excludes reports where investigation determined the person left without paying due to misunderstanding or oversight.)

- 117 of reports of theft from large fuel tanks or heavy machinery, either by siphoning or drilling the

tank.

- 106 reports of theft from bulk fuel tanks at businesses, farms, or rural municipalities.

- the remainder include reports including thefts of jerry cans and similar containers.

Saskatchewan RCMP received reports of fuel thefts from across the province. The detachments with the highest number of reports are Battlefords (61), Saskatoon (58), Shellbrook (46) and Swift Current (39).

Reports of fuel thefts have continued in 2023, including two incidents of gas tank drilling reported to Punnichy RCMP Feb. 27.

Saskatchewan RCMP offers the following tips to

help prevent fuel theft:

- lock privately-owned fuel tanks and ensure the area they are located is well lit;

- set up video or photo surveillance in areas where you have a privately-owned fuel tank;

- if possible, park vehicles in a locked garage or outbuilding or park in a well-lit, frequently-travelled location;

- park with your fuel door facing a frequently-travelled road;

- if possible, do not park in one area or leave a vehicle unattended for an extended period of time; and

- if your vehicle has an alarm, activate it when

you leave your vehicle unattended.

Report suspicious activity to police, even if it does not involve your own vehicle. If you see suspicious activity occurring, report it.

Break and enter

At approximately 2:15 a.m. Mar. 3, Wakaw RCMP received a report of a break and enter in the RM of Fish Creek, west of Wakaw. Investigation determined two males broke into a residence and several nearby outbuildings and stole approximately 10 firearms and some tools and electronics. No injuries were reported to police. The males then fled westbound on Hwy. 312 in a

black pickup truck. Officers issued a local advisory on the Saskatchewan Crime Watch Network to advise residents in the area of the incident to be on the lookout for the black truck and to report suspicious activity to police.

Wakaw RCMP continue to investigate with the assistance of the Saskatchewan RCMP's Forensic Identification Services. Anyone with information should call Wakaw RCMP at 306-233-5810. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

submitted by Harold Anhorn

Monday, Mar. 6 was the regular monthly supper and meeting for the Imperial & District Service Club. The meeting was attended by 16 members and we acknowledge Tracy Wilcox from the Grain & Pulse Bakery Cafe for catering a great chicken supper.

The minutes of the last meeting dated Monday, Feb. 13 were read by Keith Busche (secretary), moved by Spencer Crittenden, seconded by Aaron Webster and carried. We received confirmation from Lynn Martin of RBC advising the club that a donation was being forwarded to our service club. This was in support of the Dueling Piano show scheduled for Saturday, Mar. 25 at the Imperial Community Centre. The proceeds from this show will go towards the upgrades

and upkeep of this centre. Also, RBC committed three employees to work at the show, which will be a great help. The financial report was read by Spencer Crittenden (treasurer) and he advised the group that all membership fees had been received. The report was moved by Vernon Nolting, seconded by Joel Webster and carried. Harold Anhorn was in contact with Terry Hoknes from the Dueling Pianos and everything is moving well in preparation for the show. A cut-off time

in order to finalize the items being used in the silent auction was requested. This will be established in the next few days. It was moved by Spencer Crittenden, seconded by Jeff McDade and carried that we use a few of the donated items as door prizes. Member Randy Shaw asked for volunteers to work the three shifts at the bar during and after the show. This has been finalized. The meeting was adjourned by Peter Vanderstelt at 8:30 p.m.

## VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Monday, Mar. 6, four ladies enjoyed another Monday together for Blankets for Canada at the Viscount library. They kept busy chatting and drinking tea while working on joining squares. Saskatoon shelters are in need of adult blankets, so we are

concentrating on making the largest size. We are so grateful for all the squares we are given and appreciate the donations of yarn as well.

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

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# Opinion



## Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

### Just Like Cream Cheese Frosting

#### Ingredients:

½ cup room temperature butter  
2 cups icing sugar  
1 tbsp. cream (milk can be used)  
1 tsp. vinegar  
½ tsp. vanilla  
1 tsp. lemon juice  
¼ tsp. salt

#### Directions:

Beat butter until whipped and smooth with a mixer. Add in the sugar and mix on low until it combines, then turn to medium and add in the remaining ingredients. Continue to mix until smooth. This amount will frost an eight inch cake and the recipe is easily doubled for a larger amount of frosting. If you prefer a thick layer of frosting, then double the recipe for a single layer eight inch cake.

## Micro and Macro of the Boreal Forest on display at Gallery on 3rd

#### ■ media release

A rather unique exhibit is on display at the Gallery on 3rd in Watrous. Through the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils (OSAC) Arts on the Move Program, Micro and Macro of the Boreal Forest is being featured at the Gallery during a portion of March.

With artists Greg Allen and Jeff Meldrum, Micro and Macro of the Boreal Forest serves to juxtapose two very different yet integrally connected elements of the forest ecosystem, the microbiome found along the boulders inhabiting Canadian shield lakes and the bears and ungu-

lates which that microbiome ultimately nourishes and sustains.

Allen paints the intricacies of the algae, lichen and moss which over time slowly come to cover the rocks and boulders found along the shoreline of boreal forest lakes while Meldrum sets up camera traps to capture bears, elk and deer interacting with his artistic interventions in the landscape.

By showcasing the two works together, the artists hope to prompt viewers to consider the complexity of the ecology, systems both big and small, while fostering an appreciation for the aesthetics bound within the boreal forest.

## MOTUS O - The Prisoner of Tehran

#### ■ media release

An incredible story based on the book Prisoner of Tehran and told through a unique performance will be centre stage in Watrous.

In partnership with the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils (OSAC) and the Watrous and Area Arts Council, the Mar. 27 event is part of the 2022-'23 Stars for Saskatchewan Concert Series.

Based on the book of the same name, Prisoner of Tehran is a collaboration between Iranian born writer/speaker Marina Nemat

and MOTUS O. This unique performance piece is a synthesis of theatre, video and storytelling that swims in a landscape of movement brushing the themes of oppression, persecution, survival and most of all HOPE.

After the Islamic Revolution of 1979, Marina was arrested at the age of 16 and spent more than two years in Evin, a political prison in Tehran, where she was tortured and came very close to execution. She came to Canada in 1991 and has called it home ever since.

Marina's book, Prisoner of Tehran, has been pub-



photo submitted

lished in 28 other countries and is an international best-seller. After each show a question and answer period will take place.

Prisoner of Tehran has toured much of Canada including performances to

over 10,000 high school students. Following the evening event at the Watrous Civic Centre, the tour has eight more stops within the province as part of a 15 Saskatchewan community tour.

**For Community Connection news,  
see pages two and three.**

**For Watrous Centre news,  
see page 11.**

## What we see can change our lives



### Neighbourly advice according to Ed

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

We believe what we see with our eyes. For example, a friend emails a cat video almost daily, as she knows we are the servants of two cats at our house. One cat video shows the transformation of an old

Tomcat, a leave-me-alone cat, who was unfriendly to humans and not inclined to ever play or display much personality except, 'don't bother me.'

The video documents the change in the character of the old cat with the arrival of several little kittens who did not care the old cat was unsociable. They had no intention of leaving the old cat in isolation. The kittens climbed on him and chased his tail. The fearless little demon kittens showered the old cat with attention and life.

The old cat began to play with the kittens. He groomed the little rascals

and slept with them lying on him. The old cat even welcomed human attention as never before. The old cat was not too old to change; he became a new cat thanks to the kittens' attention.

Often change comes after some time. For example, a man suffered a sudden heart attack. Thankfully he lived, but it was severe and he took a long time to recover. A friend from another province visited him some months after his heart attack. He asked the heart attack victim, "How did you like your heart attack?"

The man answered that his heart attack scared him almost to death. He would

not want to go through it again and would not recommend a heart attack to anyone.

His friend asked him, "Does your life mean more to you now than it did before your heart attack?"

The man answered, "Surprising, yes. My wife and I are closer than ever. I sure treasure that I still have time with my grandchildren. I now understand how difficult illness, hospital stays, and surgeries are for those enduring them. When you know you could die, you get closer to God than ever before and are determined to keep it that way. A heart attack can help you change

for the better."

For Jesus, when he changed instantly before his disciples, it was to become visible in his divinity. So, there was an instant change in Jesus' appearance and substance before the eyes of three of his disciples.

Jesus led Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. He became transfigured or changed before his disciples. Jesus' face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. There appeared Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Peter told Jesus that if Jesus wished, he would make three tents there on the mountain one

for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them.

A voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus touched them, and when they lifted their eyes, only Jesus was there. (Matthew 17:1-8)

Later Peter would attest when he proclaimed to others about Jesus that he and John and James were eyewitnesses of the divine majesty of Jesus. (2 Peter 1:16-18)

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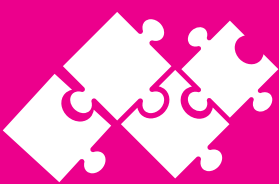
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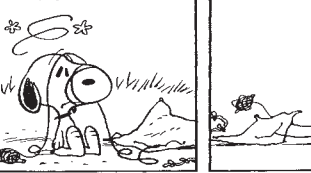
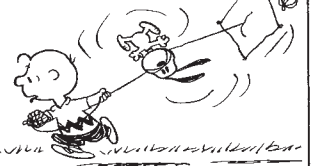
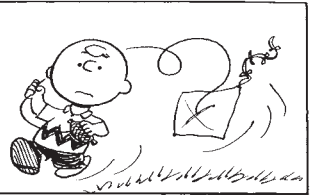
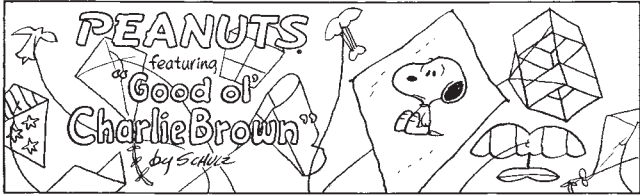
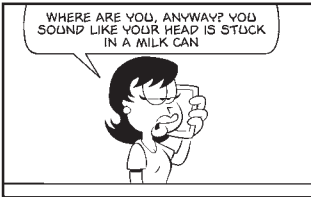
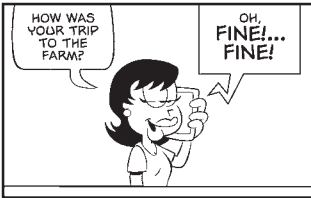
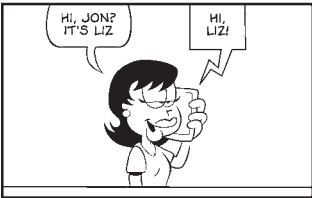
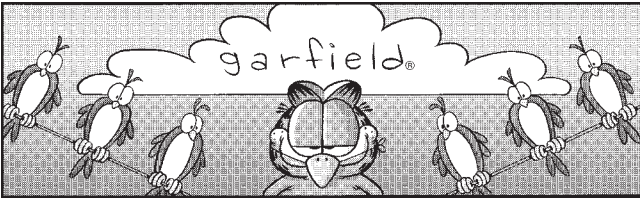
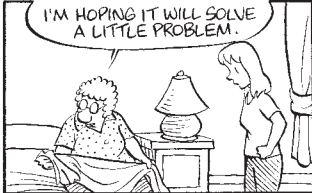
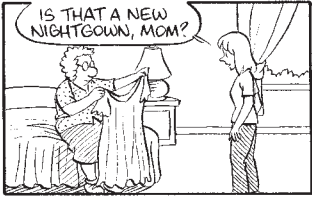
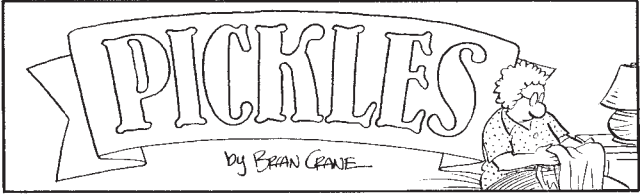
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### Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg March 12, 2023

- ACROSS**  
1 "1,000 songs in your pocket" device  
5 Troublesome tykes  
9 Bread unit  
13 Desert mound  
14 Begin  
15 "Why We're Polarized" author Klein  
16 With 62-Down, biometric reading from the eye  
17 Oscar honoree  
18 Talk up  
19 Boldly punctuates a performance  
22 Org. for the Timberwolves and Trail Blazers  
23 "Immediate-ly!"  
24 It's 100% settled  
26 What (aptly?) holds up government projects  
30 Honey or hot tar  
31 Palindromic kitchenware brand  
32 Like some diets that eschew pasta  
35 "Look \_\_\_\_\_ talking!"  
39 70 degrees F, e.g.  
41 "Goodness me!"  
42 Termite's home
- DOWN**  
7 Ad that generates hype  
8 Casserole legume  
9 "\_\_\_\_\_er rip!"  
10 O3  
11 A Caribbean island  
12 Like a major flaw  
14 Took a chair  
20 Elegant waterbird  
21 Susan Wojcicki, to YouTube  
25 Finish off, as a drink  
26 Indian bread in seyal  
27 "Suit" at a company  
28 Foam on the water?  
29 Voice-over artist's bane  
33 Earlier in time  
34 NFL officials
- ACROSS**  
43 Cold drink with a Blue Raspberry flavor  
44 Exfoliating sponge  
46 "I've solved the puzzle!"  
47 Apt letters missing from "de\_epti\_"  
49 Unexpected winter break  
51 Ancient Eurasian trade route  
56 Aunt, to Mom  
57 "Rules \_\_\_\_\_"  
58 Deteriorate  
63 Tiger : cub :: sheep : \_\_\_\_\_  
65 Home of India's Lotus Temple  
66 Green Tex-Mex topping  
67 Watery blue  
68 Set a maximum for  
69 Name in operettas?  
70 Gossip to dish  
71 Incoming flight stats  
72 Back in the day
- DOWN**  
1 "\_\_\_\_\_ it my way" (Sinatra lyric)  
2 Belly rubs ... warm milk ... what a dream!  
3 Russian church topper  
4 Tyrant  
5 React to chicken pox  
6 Defeated in chess
- DOWN**  
36 Begin to fail ... or a hint to the last word of 3-, 8- or 28-Down  
37 Work safety grp.  
38 "Don't leave me!"  
40 Quick kiss  
45 It's fired at a fire  
48 www.gatesfounda- tion.  
50 Gizmo  
51 Dressed dish  
52 Turk's neighbor  
53 Madagascar primate  
54 Face-planted  
55 Stuffed grape leaf  
59 "So it's come to \_\_\_\_\_"  
60 Far from a flop  
61 Garden entrance  
62 See 16-Across  
64 Vampire \_\_\_\_\_

FOR ANSWERS TO SUDOKU AND CROSSWORD, SEE PAGE 11

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### Mind in the Gutter by Jared Goudsmit

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## NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL RESORT VILLAGE OF ETTERS BEACH

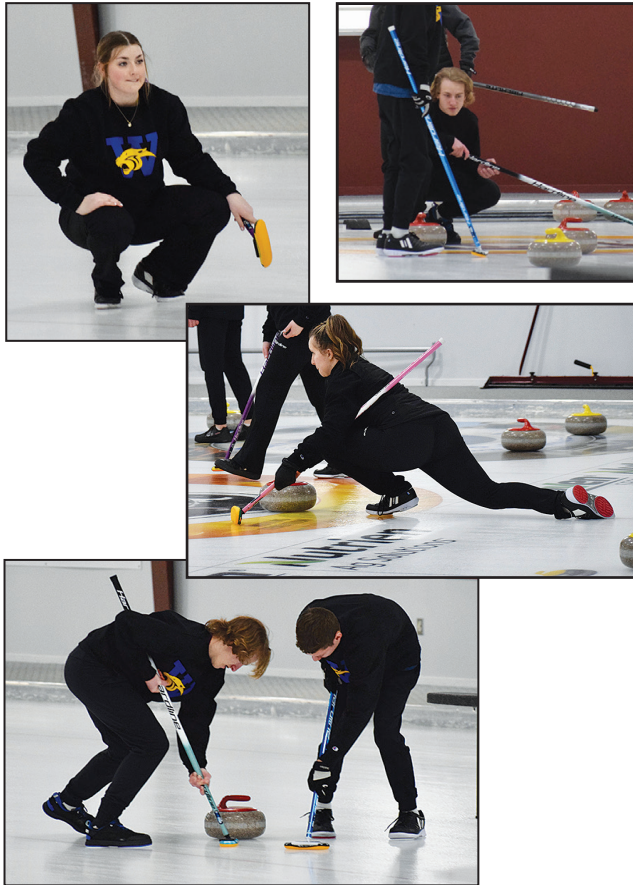
Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Resort Village of Etters Beach for the year of 2023 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the following days: Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 10<sup>th</sup> to April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$25 appeal fee (payable to the Resort Village of Etters Beach), which will be returned if the appeal is successful with:

**Kristen Tokaryk, Secretary of the Board of Revision,  
Western Municipal Consulting Ltd.  
Box 149, Meota, SK S0M 1X0  
by the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.**

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023  
Denise Brecht, Assessor



## Provincial bound

► On a roll, the Winston High School Mixed senior team of Nick Lawrence, Kade Thomas and Erika and Sarah Oakes were back at home to compete in Mixed Regionals after claiming a District title. Undefeated heading into the Mar. 3 and 4 event at the Watrous Curling Club, coach of the team Dawn Lee said the group met Walter Murray from Saskatoon in its opening draw and won 12-1 after six ends. "It was a great way to start in front of the big hometown crowd." With a 1-0 record, the team met Debden in the 3 p.m. draw Friday and won that game 9-2, again after six ends. "Winning those two games put us in the A Final Qualifier against Tisdale on Saturday morning at 10," shared Lee. On the ice Saturday, Lee said the rink got down early but scored five in the sixth end to get back in the game. "It was a great game that we lost 8-6. That put us in the B Qualifier at 1 p.m. against Bethlehem from Saskatoon." Looking to get back in the win column and move on to the next round, Lee said they won 9-4 after six ends and that victory pushed the team into Provincials scheduled in Hanley Mar. 10 and 11. "It was a great weekend that had a lot of people at the rink. We had a lot of support from the community, the Watrous Curling Club and Winston High School and we were very grateful for that."

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On a roll

► Following a third place finish in Prince Albert at the PA Optimist Toppers U13-U14 tournament in January and a second place showing out of 30 teams in Warman in early February as part of the Sask-Cup, the Watrous Volleyball Club U13 contingent recently headed to Lanigan Feb. 25 and Regina Mar. 5 where they competed in a pair of tournaments. After finishing fourth in their pool in Lanigan, the Watrous team entered playoffs and advanced to the gold medal match. In that game, the Watrous U13 girls fought hard, earning a second place finish. In Regina Mar. 5, the team once again found success, advancing all the way to the final where they placed second. With top three finishes in each of the tournaments they have entered this season, WVCC U13 is setting its sights on a return visit to Regina Mar. 25 and 26 to compete at SaskCup #2. On this year's team is coach Renee Campbell, coach Brennen Coward, manager Jodi Abrey and players Abbie Schindel, Ashlynn Coward, Bella Abrey, Ava Morelli, Kellie Campbell, Natalie Bushman, Reilly Huisman, Jaylynn Terry, Amy Campbell, Makenna Wingrove and Julia Saunders.

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Spring Comedy Night to benefit community of Drake

■ Daniel Bushman

With an opportunity to help keep the doors open at the Drake Sportsplex and the Drake Community Centre while having some fun, a familiar face to the community will be taking the stage as part of a Spring Comedy Night fundraiser.

Kelly Taylor, a former Drake Canuck who is also a Saskatchewan comedian and podcast host has joined up with the Drake and District Rec Board to raise money for the local facilities.

Drake and District Rec Board Spring Comedy Night committee member Naomi Seaborg shared the Apr. 7 event which will also include a ribeye meal and silent and live auction prizes is a perfect opportunity to bring the community and surrounding area together.

“Kelly will no doubt have us all in stitches with his hilarious stand-up show while helping us rally around our largest facilities to raise funds to keep their doors open for many more years.”

Due to the pandemic severely hurting the bottom line of the rink and community centre in Drake over the past three years,

decreased income in 2020 and 2021 and higher expenses forced the village to seek support. “Expenses are also expected to rise in 2023 and so we decided to reach out for support to ensure our organization and village facilities remain operational for years to come.”

Requiring upwards of \$250,000 in ice plant upgrades at the Drake Sportsplex while allocating funds for the Drake Community Centre, Seaborg said while not immediate they want to have the money set aside for when those aging facilities need to be fixed. “We can’t plan for when the compressors or plant will go down at the rink and upgrades will eventually need to take place at the Drake Community Centre so we would like to have funds in place to ensure those upgrades can be done with minimal stress or interruption to community members who use the facilities.”

Hoping for the comedy night to be a success while getting a good start on raising money, Seaborg added they are looking for help for the Apr. 7 event. “In order for the Spring Comedy Night to be a success, we

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**Free Walking Program**  
This free program is designed to allow for safe indoor walking and began at the beginning of October.  
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**Animal Control Information**  
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**MARCH/APRIL:**  
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# “Notices Classifieds”

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## Obituary



**BEAVERS, Gerald**  
Sept. 22, 1935 - Feb. 26, 2023

Gerald “Gerry” Beavers, aged 87 years, passed away peacefully at Manitou Lodge on Sunday, February 26, 2023.

Gerald was born on September 22, 1935, in Melfort, Sask. to

his parents, Buford and Hazel Beavers and six weeks later moved to Watrous. Shortly after that, the family relocated to the farm at Xena, where his sister Marilyn was born. Gerry attended a one-room school for his first eight years and finished his education at Watrous High School. He enjoyed playing trombone in the high school band and continued to play with the local Watrous band. Gerry also excelled in sports and track and field. As a young man, Gerry worked several years in Vancouver, Moose Jaw and Saskatoon in various jobs before he took up farming. On March 27, 1965, he married Theresa Schaan and shortly after had two children, Murray and Noreen. Gerry and Theresa could be found at Danceland kicking up their heels every Saturday night. They never missed an opportunity to get together with friends to socialize, play cards and celebrate all occasions, big or small. Gerry enjoyed working with his hands, curling, fishing, chess, camping and travelling. His love of travel took him to many destinations, including Europe and Australia. He loved to make daily drives around Watrous, Manitou Beach and surrounding areas. Gerry was very close with his sister and remained in contact through frequent visits and phone calls. He also found joy in spending time with his grandchildren. About a year after Theresa’s passing in 2014, Gerry moved into the Manitou Lodge where he enjoyed the activities and received excellent care. Gerry was known for his sense of humour, love of the farm, and flashy red scooter.

He is lovingly remembered by his son Murray (Michelle), grandchildren Drew and Carter, daughter Noreen, and everyone who knew him.

A private family graveside service will take place in the Watrous Cemetery at a later date.

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

To leave online condolences, tributes or to make a donation, please visit <https://fotheringham-mcdougall.com>



## Obituary



**MOONEY, Alice Loretta (Popp)**

Alice Loretta Mooney (Popp), aged 91 years, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 24, 2023 at the Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility in Imperial surrounded by her girls.

Alice was born in Melville on March 1,

1931. Her family moved to Watrous when she was two. She completed her schooling in Watrous and worked as a bookkeeper until her marriage to Gordon Mooney which took her to the farm 10 miles west of Imperial. Life on the farm was a challenge that she met head on. They lived on the farm until 1979 when they moved to their new home in Imperial. During these years Mom was involved in United Church activities, preparing the Sunday bulletin for many years, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir and helping wherever needed. Mom was also an active member of the community; she was involved with the local Saskatchewan Housing Authority, she canvassed for Combined Appeal, participated in organizing community celebrations and sang in both the Eastern Star and Harmony Suite Choirs. Winter would find Mom at the rink curling in both league play and bonspiels. Summers were spent camping, golfing and at many beaches. Mom and Dad travelled many miles to attend the activities of both their children and grandchildren. Family, entertaining and socializing were always front and foremost for both Mom and Dad. On a Saturday in the summer you would find them at Danceland with friends enjoying the music and dancing the night away. In later years when Dad was playing for the dances, Mom was still there enjoying the music and visiting with friends. Mom was the ultimate hostess, whether it be family celebrations, hockey parties or happy hour patio parties, she always ensured there was plenty of food and drink and enjoyed every minute of it. Out of necessity, Mom moved into the LLVIF in April of 2021 and while this transition wasn’t easy, she soldiered on and made the best of it, always offering a smile to residents and staff. Mom’s wit and sassy attitude kept the staff on their toes! She continued to take great pride in her everyday appearance as fashion, make-up and jewellery were always a passion.

Alice was predeceased by her husband Gordon in 2007, son Gary in 2021 and brother-in-law Lloyd Stein in 2006.

She will lovingly be remembered by her sister, Lillian Stein; daughter, Bonnie (Howie), Christopher (Shelly), Jason (Heather) and their children Abigail and Brayden, Andrea (Leon) and her son Cole; daughter-in-law Rhonda, Jennifer (Mike), and her daughter Alexa, Kyle, Brett (Eden) and their son Kamden; daughter, Maureen (Linda); daughter Alison (Shaun), Krista, David (Neena) and their children Layla and Everleigh and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Memorial service was held at Imperial Community Centre on March 4 conducted by Rev. Jack Robson.

Honorary pallbearers were all those who knew her. Betty Royan and Lorna Rodman were register attendants. Ushers were Patrick Mooney and Kelly Mooney. Bonnie Ulmer gave the eulogy. Soloist was Karen Schroeder-Mark and Helen Abrey was pianist.

Private family interment took place at Imperial Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to LLVIF Activities Department, Box 180, Imperial, Sask. S0G 2J0 or LLVIF Auxiliary, Box 114, Imperial, Sask. S0G 2J0 would be appreciated.

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## NOTICES

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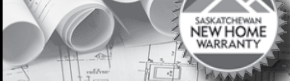
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Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre Monday, Mar. 6 were: first - Fred Kahlert, 186; second - Poppy Petersen, 180; third - Gail Shirley, 172; fourth - Earle Amendt, 154.

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# Author Afternoons at the Watrous Library

■ submitted by Lety Schalm  
Watrous Library

Author Afternoons give library visitors in Watrous an opportunity to meet local writers.

In February, Janice Dick and Emily and Konn Hawkes spent part of their Saturday afternoon reading to and answering questions from those present for the program.

In total five local writers will take part in this library event. Chad

Mierau and Michael Gaudet will continue the featured author event into March. This opportunity is open to anyone wishing to familiarize themselves with some of our local writers and their material.

Janice Dick introduced her new series, The Happenstance Chronicles. It sounds like a cozy mystery series with some very likeable, quirky characters that live in the fictitious town of Happenstance, somewhere

in northwest Nebraska. She is planning to complete a Christmas sequel to be released in late fall of this year.

The Hawkes duo shared a story time with children and parents as they presented their latest title Runaway Cow. Emily also read her favourite childhood story of the three little pigs told from the wolf's perspective. Snacks were shared afterwards, which included a Runaway Cow theme cake!



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Lety Schalm

When Chad Mierau came to talk about his book *Surviving The Crash*, he shared the background events that lead to the writing of his journey through grief, forgiveness and ultimately Hope. The author wrote with the intention of offering something helpful to others dealing with loss. In his book he shares two sides of a tragic story, as the family members of the driver responsible for the deaths of the Van de Vorst family were also acutely impacted. It was a sobering topic but listeners should have come away with a sense of hope and the positive impact of forgiveness.

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are hoping to receive silent or live auction items, event sponsors, and attendees. If businesses or organizations would like to contribute items we would gratefully accept them. For those wanting to attend, we have reserved tables and individual tickets available."

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any support that comes in. She added if people have questions they can contact one of the committee members including herself or Blake Bergen, Nolan Blair, Paige Blair or Courtney Leclair.

"We are looking forward to celebrating with everyone Apr. 7 in what should be a fun and enjoyable night."



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