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## Local postal service marks milestones

■ Daniel Bushman

A fixture within the community for well over a century, the Watrous Post Office has not only provided a rather unique service but has acted as a hub for residents to send and receive mail. Originally operating just west of Watrous at Mandal before relocating to Watrous a short time later, the local mailing service marked 115 years last month while the current building on Main Street turns 50 years old in 2021.

Commemorating 115 years of service within the area Feb. 1, 2021, over that time, countless pieces of mail have been received and delivered. With the postal service such an integral part of the lives of many residents, especially in earlier years using it to communicate with family and friends, the move to relocate to Watrous proved to be a valuable one.

As Saskatchewan officially became a province in 1905, the mail system soon arrived locally. Opening at Mandal Feb. 1, 1906 with postmaster Tobias N. Bjorndahl, the first mail day was Feb. 6, 1906. Located at his homestead, in addition to the postal service, Bjorndahl was kept busy operating a general store and blacksmith shop.

According to the local history book, Prairie Reflections, early postal routes in 1906-'07 started from the end of the 'steel' at Strasbourg. One carrier had a route leading north to Taylorboro (about five

miles northwest of Govan), then to Arlington Beach and north. Mail addressed to Mandal would come via west to Peacock Post Office (located between Nokomis and Simpson at the north end of Last Mountain Lake), north to Ridgeford, and then to Mandal. Other routes came from Davidson and Humboldt.

John Dahl was the first mail carrier on the Mandal-Peacock-Taylorboro-Strasbourg route so he would make a round trip each week. Travelling at times with a team of horses and a democrat, Dahl navigated through blizzards and other prairie conditions without highways, roads or telephone lines to follow. Despite a lack of significant advancements in infrastructure and communications at that time, Dahl made the trek as the lone driver, navigating through the countryside.

During the summer months, mail delivery was reportedly sped up as it was carried on the William Pearson Land Co. boat which plied Last Mountain Lake for several years with Captain W. C. Higgins at the helm. While there was no indication how long mail took to get from Mandal to the rail service, in the history book it noted a letter sent from Mandal to Markham, Ont. took nine days.

Along with Dahl's mail carrier efforts, Jack Telfer was brought on to handle mail delivery from Watrous south to Simpson and Imperial until the C.P.R. line was con-



► Marking 115 years of having a local postal service and celebrating 50 years operating out of the Watrous Post Office's current facility, the fixture within Watrous has been a hub of activity for decades. With countless pieces of mail being received and delivered throughout the years, the service has been essential during that time.

■ photos by Daniel Bushman

structed in 1912. Meanwhile, the first mail carrier through the Govan-Nokomis area was D. Kempton while other early mail carriers on the route included Henry Beeler and W. A. MacFarlane.

After the local service got up and running at Mandal in 1906, it was later moved to Watrous. Officially changing Sept. 1, 1908, the post office was relocated to the Bjorndahl store on the 100 block of Main Street with Bjorndahl remaining in his position. Two years later, a frame structure was constructed on 2nd Ave. W. in Watrous with living quarters at the rear of the location.

According to Library and Archives Canada, Bjorndahl continued to be the postmaster until Dec. 16, 1913. William Emerson Wright then took on the position Jan. 12, 1914 and was postmaster for nearly six years, receiving help from his daughter Susie. Then on Jan. 3, 1920, Edward Brook Miller was appointed postmaster and it was during his time of employment that a new brick building was built.

Throughout those early years, there were some unique items of interest recorded in the local history book. Those included:

- January 1912, New Year's Day - all

business was suspended except the post office was open from 10 to 11 a.m., for the distribution of His Majesty's mail;

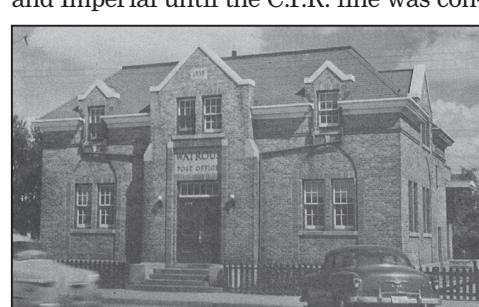
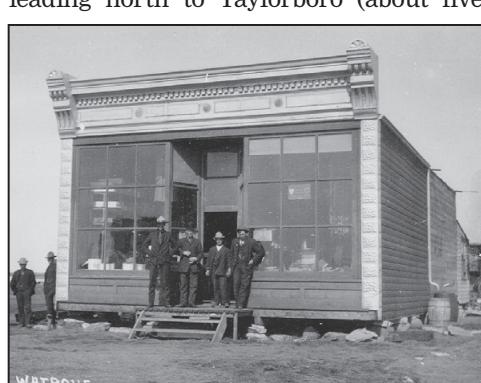
• January 1913, postal service has been improved to the extent that two mailboxes have been placed in position at the depot; one at each end for east and west mail. The mail deposited there will be lifted upon the arrival of the trains going each way;

• February 1920, there were 35 mailbags left by the passenger train from the east. Assistant mail carrier T. Fillel made three trips from the depot to the post office. T. Eaton Co. catalogues were responsible for the heavy mail; and

• February 1920, a heavy wire, strongly supported and reaching from the tops of the boxes to the ceiling, now encloses the waiting room from the other parts of the post office. Future box holders will be able to obtain their mail any hour of the day including holidays.

As the years progressed and mail service remained a valuable part of the local area, in November 1936, a new facility opened on the corner of Main Street and

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POST OFFICE)



► From its original site at Mandal to relocating to Watrous, the local postal service has been around since 1906. After the service was up and running at Mandal, it was moved to Watrous in 1908. With a couple of different locations over the years, the current Watrous Post Office building was constructed in 1971 at the corner of Main Street and 4th Ave. W.

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# Local performer part of SaskMusic's IWD concert

■ Daniel Bushman

Celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women, International Women's Day (IWD) has been held annually across the globe. Along with marking a call to action for accelerating women's equality, SaskMusic has also created a group entitled Women in Music Saskatchewan, an opportunity to connect and support women working in music within the province. As part of IWD and celebrating women working within the province's music industry, local talent Meghan Bowman had the opportunity to virtually join 22 others from Saskatchewan as part of Sask-

Music's IWD concert Mar. 7. "It was very exciting to be a part of the IWD concert," said Bowman from her home near Guernsey. "There were 23 acts in total and it was an honour to be selected as one of them."

The singer/songwriter/musician noted not only how important it was to be able to share her talents during the virtual concert but to have other female performers highlighted as well. "There are many incredible male performers in the province as well, but statistically the female to male ratio in the music industry all over the world is uneven. From the classical music world, performance, and technology/production side of things, I am often the only female or one of a few females in the room. It is nice to be a part of an or-

ganization that lifts up and supports women in music."

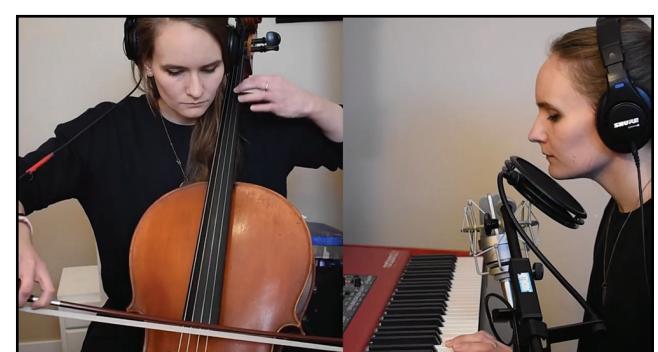
Performing the cello and voice, Bowman submitted her work entitled, 'Sparrow' with hopes of being selected as part of SaskMusic's IWD online concert. "I have been recording new things, and often record the production of it to document the process, and post it to YouTube. This performance of 'Sparrow' was just that; a documentation of the recording process."

With so many talented female performers in the province across all genres being able to highlight what they have been working on as part of the virtual event, Bowman said being able to join them with her song, 'Sparrow' was really special.

Bowman shared about what her song has person-

ally meant to her. "The song that I performed is called, 'Sparrow.' It is a simple cello/vocal/piano track that will be on my next album. There are only a few lines in the song: 'You are more than tired dreams. Scattered tears, broken wings. So Sparrow Sing. This is not the ending. Sparrow Sing.' It is about that moment when you've given up. Or about that moment when you're too exhausted to even take the next step. I wrote this song as a therapeutic exercise to myself (I am an accredited music therapist). Singing has been tiring the past year. It's not that I don't love it, but it is difficult to find opportunities and places to sing these days."

With provincial guidelines implemented and restrictions put in place due to COVID-19, Bowman said as a music therapist, she usually sings hundreds of Christmas carols every December. Due to the pandemic, restrictions put in place and not being able to gather, she was unable to. "While this song is not a protest song about rules it's just about taking the next step, and continuing to sing your song, or share what you have to share."



► Meghan Bowman (above) performed as part of SaskMusic's IWD concert. screen grab from SaskMusic's online concert

Writing music a bit differently lately, Bowman said she will often start recording the song before it is finished. "This has allowed me to experiment with the production side of things, as well as make all sorts of changes while the song is being recorded. This can take more time, but it feels more free. This is how Sparrow came to be. I actually think the song is unfinished. Actually I know it is unfinished. It will change before it's on any type of album. And that is fine with me."

Taking one step at a time and singing one note at a time, despite the pandemic creating a void for creativity, Bowman said she is still able to find a few moments to piece together music.

"I am still working on a

new album or EP, whatever it ends up being. Because I have spent the last few years learning the cello, that is a big part of my next project/album. Learning to play the cello is a difficult task, but learning to record and capture that sound is another skill all together; so I have been taking my time with it. I have also been hired to put cello and vocals on a handful of other artist's music recently, and that has been a great way for me to be creative without the same kind of pressure."

The artist has also added music teacher to her resume and through the pandemic has been able to

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BOWMAN)



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# Local COVID-19 cases decrease as changes to guidelines and new booking system launched

■ Daniel Bushman

After a number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Watrous had people self-isolating, quarantining, and some businesses temporarily closing their doors for a few weeks, cases within the local zone began decreasing this past week. The news of the decrease in local area cases also came as the province amended its public health measures for indoor gathering sizes.

While SHA does not specifically share total confirmed cases in Watrous due to privacy reasons, it does provide numbers for 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.

Looking back, Central East 1 zone had 11 active cases Feb. 21 and by Mar. 2, that had risen to 50 active cases. However, after a pair of COVID-19 drive-thru testing sites were offered in Watrous and people began curbing the spread of the virus, the positive cases fell.

After experiencing consecutive new cases, for the first time in weeks, SHA reported no new cases for the Central East 1 mini zone Mar. 7. It also reported a drop in active cases to 41. The following day, two new cases were reported while the active case numbers decreased to 39. Then on Mar. 9, when the province announced changes to indoor

gathering guidelines, there were no new cases in Central East 1 and just 25 active cases. The following day there were no new cases and 24 active cases reported for Central East 1 and on Mar. 11, there was one new case and 22 active cases.

Despite the decrease in COVID-19 activity in Watrous, at Manitou Lodge, restrictions remained in place this past week. For family presence/visitation, SHA indicated they would be limited to compassionate reasons only.

While cases were on a downward trend for the local area, SHA did declare an outbreak at Nutrien's Lanigan mine earlier Mar. 5. 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 Lanigan 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."

## Province amends guidelines

With Saskatchewan reportedly seeing an overall declining trend in confirmed COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, the public health order by the provincial government was amended to extend household 'bubbles' to those following the guidelines.

The provincial government stated, effective Mar.

9, individual households may create a 'bubble' up to a maximum of 10 individuals in a home at any one time. The 10 individuals should be from two to three consistent households and the total number in the gathering cannot be more than 10.

"You must be consistent in your household bubble: the bubble of 10 is always the same individuals, from the same households. You may not join multiple bubbles."

The provincial government noted people must still follow all public health guidelines when outside the home - including the limit of 10 people at outdoor gatherings - and plan to be vaccinated when eligible.

In addition to the changes to indoor gathering

sizes, effective Mar. 19, worship services are able to expand. Re-Open Saskatchewan guidelines for worship services will be permitted up to 30 percent of capacity or 150 attendees, whichever is the lesser. All existing public health guidance remains in effect.

The provincial government said as part of that: attendees must maintain two metres of physical distancing unless they are part of the same household group; all masking protocols remain in place. All attendees and choirs/performers must be masked throughout the service. Only clergy may remove their mask while officiating but must

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virtually teach students. "It is often the best part of my day, and a way to be social with persons outside of my immediate household as well as offer the tool of music to several students. Kids are so resilient, and the adults I teach also are finding their groove with online lessons. I have also started offering some online music therapy group sessions, as well as adapted voice lessons. Last March, I lost all of my music therapy contracts as well as several in-person teaching opportunities because of the pandemic. Offering online lessons has been a game changer for me during this time."

Looking forward to what is ahead for the remainder of 2021, Meghan continues to draw inspiration through her song, environment and her talents.

"I always am creating bits and pieces of songs or journaling lyrics. Even during writer's block, there's still little things being put to paper. You know, even if I don't like the sound of what I'm writing, it's still always a healthy thing for me to create, even if I throw the creation away or

revisit it a few years later."

To watch Bowman's performance from SaskMusic's IWD virtual concert, people can visit SaskMusic's Facebook page or find it at [www.YouTube.com/SaskMusic](https://www.YouTube.com/SaskMusic).

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**Donna Harpauer, MLA**  
Humboldt-Watrous  
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Message from Donna Harpauer, MLA for Humboldt-Watrous Constituency:

The strength and resilience of Saskatchewan has been on display like never before in the past year. Just as we have all been helping our neighbours by supporting local businesses, the Government of Saskatchewan has also been supporting those businesses and protecting the jobs that they have created through a number of programs. If you are one such employer, I would encourage you to apply for one or more of these support programs as many of the application deadlines are approaching soon.

[The Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment \(SSBEP\)](#) has now been extended for February and March 2021. Eligible businesses, like retail stores or restaurants, who have been ordered to temporarily close or scale-back operations through a public health order, could receive up to \$5,000 per month that can be used for any purpose. The application deadline is April 30, 2021. For more information, businesses can call 1-800-667-6102, email: [ssbep@gov.sk.ca](mailto:ssbep@gov.sk.ca), or visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/small-business-emergency-payment](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/small-business-emergency-payment).

[The Strong Recovery Adaptation Rebate \(SRAR\)](#) reimburses eligible small businesses for investments made to adapt their business to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic. Financial assistance includes a payment of up to \$5,000 for 50 per cent of total eligible business-adaptation investments made by the applicant prior to February 28, 2021. Eligible expenditures include establishing physical barriers or reconfiguring space to operate safely, providing services through digital tools, and shifting to delivery or curbside services, including third party delivery fees. The application deadline for the SRAR is March 31, 2021. For more information, businesses can call 1-844-800-8688, email: [SRAR@gov.sk.ca](mailto:SRAR@gov.sk.ca), or visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/strong-recovery-adaptation-rebate](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/strong-recovery-adaptation-rebate).

[The Re-Open Saskatchewan Training Subsidy \(RSTS\)](#) is also available until March 31, 2021. This temporary training subsidy provides businesses with financial support to train employees as they adjust to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The RSTS reimburses eligible private-sector employers 100 per cent of employee training costs up to a maximum of \$10,000 per business. For more information, businesses can email [cansaskjobgrant@gov.sk.ca](mailto:cansaskjobgrant@gov.sk.ca) or visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/training-subsidy](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/training-subsidy).

[The Saskatchewan Tourism Sector Support Program \(STSSP\)](#) We have also announced a second offering for eligible tourism businesses in the accommodations, attraction and tours, events, and major event facility sectors that have seen a 30 per cent drop in revenue as a result of the pandemic. Applications will be available March 8 and the deadline to apply is April 30, 2021. For more information, businesses can call 1-800-667-6102, email: [stssp@gov.sk.ca](mailto:stssp@gov.sk.ca), or visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/tourism-sector-support](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/tourism-sector-support).

For more information on all of the provincial and federal government supports available, please contact the **Business Response Team** at **1-844-800-8688** or visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-businesses](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-businesses). Any other questions or concerns, feel free to contact my office at (306) 682-5141 or email: [humboldtwatrousmla@sasktel.net](mailto:humboldtwatrousmla@sasktel.net).

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The Watrous Manitou office will reopen to the public Tuesday, Mar. 16. Thank you for your understanding and patience over the past few weeks.

# “RCMP Report”

### *Suspicious death in Swift Current*

Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crime Unit South, Yorkton RCMP General Investigation Section, Yorkton RCMP Forensic Identification Section and Regina RCMP Forensic Identification Section completed their examination of the three scenes involved in the suspicious death that occurred in the City of Swift Current Mar. 5, 2021.

Thirty-four-year-old Roxanne Poundmaker, from Swift Current has been charged with the following Criminal Code offenses: Second degree murder of Chasity Poundmaker; and Attempted murder of Lucinda Poundmaker.

The investigation is ongoing.

On Mar. 4 around

11:30 p.m., Swift Current Municipal RCMP responded to a call regarding an injured adult female seeking assistance at an apartment building on the 200 block of 7th Ave. Northwest in Swift Current. The injured female advised there was a second injured female prior to being transported to hospital for treatment of serious injuries. This second adult female was located deceased inside an apartment building on the 600 block of Chaplin Street.

As a result of investigation, a third adult female was located at a residence on the 500 block of Colonel Otter Drive in Swift Current and she was arrested without incident at 1:14 a.m. Mar. 5.

All three females are known to each other.

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Competition will close when the position is filled.

**We thank all applicants for their interest but only those applicants being interviewed will be contacted.**

Police are not seeking additional suspects and there is no risk to public safety.

### *Suspects charged after incidents in Yorkton*

On Friday, Mar. 5 at approximately 5:10 p.m., Yorkton RCMP responded to calls of an erratic driver leaving Yorkton travelling west on Hwy. 52.

The vehicle was reported to have been cutting off other vehicles and driving at incoming traffic before hitting the ditch and stopping its course. The two occupants of the vehicle were seen fleeing the scene of the collision.

As police officers arrived at the scene of the collision and began searching for the occupants of the vehicle, Yorkton RCMP received another call for assistance.

The homeowner of a nearby residence, arriving at their house, noticed two unknown individuals inside their house peeking out the window. The homeowner stayed outside of their residence and called the police. The two individuals fled while the police were on its way.

Yorkton RCMP officers pursued the two suspects by following their tracks in the snow with the help of Yorkton RCMP Police Dog Services (PDS). Tracks led to a second nearby residence. Police officers saw two individuals inside the second residence. Yorkton RCMP officers confirmed with the homeowners of the second residence they were not home and

received permission to enter.

Yorkton RCMP officers arrested an adult male and an adult female inside the second residence without incident with the assistance of Yorkton RCMP PDS.

The two were transported to hospital to treat non-life-threatening injuries believed to be caused by the collision.

Victoria Isaac from Regina is charged with: 3 counts of Break and Enter, Section 348(1)(a) of the Criminal Code; 1 count of Assault, Section 266 of the Criminal Code; 2 counts of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime, Section 345(1)(a) of the Criminal Code; 1 count of Failing to Remain at the Scene of an Accident, Section 320.16(1) of the Criminal Code; 1 count of Failing to Comply with a Release Order, Section 145(5)(a) of the Criminal Code; 2 counts of Possession – Schedule I: Methamphetamine, Section 4(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; 1 count of Possession for the purpose of trafficking - Schedule I: Methamphetamine, Section 5(2) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Isaac appeared in Yorkton Provincial Court.

Drew Cyr from Regina is charged with: 3 counts of Break and Enter, Section 348(1)(a) of the Criminal Code; 1 count of Operation while impaired of a Motor Vehicle, Section 320.14(1)(a) of the Criminal Code; 1 count of Assault, Section 266 of the Criminal Code; 1 count of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime, Section 345(1)(a) of the Criminal Code; 1 count of Failing to Remain at the Scene of an Accident, Section 320.16(1) of the Criminal Code; 4 counts of Failing to Comply with a Release Order, Section 145(5)(a) of the Criminal Code; 3 counts of Operation of Motor Vehicle while Prohibited, Section 320.18 of the Criminal Code; and 1 count of Possession – Schedule I: Methamphetamine, Section 4(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Cyr appeared in Yorkton Provincial Court.

Both Isaac and Cyr were remanded and their next appearance is in Yorkton Provincial Court on Mar. 17 by video.

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maintain three metres physical distance from all other attendees while mask is removed; no food or drink may be served; and these guidelines do not apply to receptions or non-ceremonial gatherings.

#### Initial variant survey completed

With the amendments made by the provincial government, the Roy Romanow Provincial Lab (RRPL) completed its initial variant survey of positive COVID-19 cases of individuals that initially tested positive during the period of Jan. 26 to Feb. 27. Of 190 cases sequenced for the variants, 35 were confirmed to be variants, including 28 in the Regina zone. Sequencing of positive cases for the initial survey began Mar. 1 when RRPL began in-province whole genome sequencing and were reported to the Ministry of Health on Mar. 8.

The provincial government said confirmation of 44 variant of concern cases present over the span of two months is an indication that variants of concern, particularly B.1.1.7 initially detected in the UK, are present in Saskatchewan and community transmission has been occurring over the last two months. This also indicates that while variant transmission has

been occurring over the last two months, Saskatchewan's COVID-19 data, including active cases, hospitalizations, ICU admissions and deaths, have continued to decline. The provincial government said it will continue to monitor for variants through targeted and randomized surveys of positive COVID-19 cases.

#### Vaccine booking system opens

On Mar. 11 residents ages 85 and over from across the province were able to book their COVID-19 vaccine appointment online or over the phone.

"The launch of the new patient booking system is a huge step forward in our efforts to get faster and more efficient at delivering COVID-19 vaccines," Health Minister Paul Merriman said. "Booking your appointment online will only take a few minutes, making things simple and fast for those who are scheduling their appointments."

Users who aren't comfortable with, or don't have access to technology could book by phone. Family and friends who aren't yet eligible can also book on behalf of someone who is eligible.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority's (SHA) new online booking system can be found at [www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19-vaccine](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19-vaccine)

, and will also indicate which age category is currently eligible for appointments. It is also mobile friendly. Alternatively, patients can speak by phone to a booking agent for help with their appointment. The Vaccine Call Centre operates 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days per week and can be accessed by calling 1-833-SASK-VAX (1-833-727-5829).

To book an appointment using the new online system, you will need: a valid health card and a cell phone number or email address where notifications will be sent.

In the coming days based on an available supply of vaccine, the SHA will announce further age groups eligible to book their appointments.

"Despite being under unprecedented pressures, our health care workers keep finding ways to serve our patients and residents better," Saskatchewan Health Authority CEO Scott Livingstone said. "This is one more tool in our toolbox that will not only help us deliver COVID-19 vaccines quicker and more effectively, it is a system we can build on after the pandemic to create more seamless access for our patients to the services they rely on."

## CFL exploring opportunities for alignment with XFL ownership

#### ■ media release

The Canadian Football League (CFL) and XFL owners Dany Garcia, Dwayne Johnson, and Red Bird Capital have agreed to work together to identify opportunities for the leagues to collaborate, in-

novate, and grow the game of football.

Statement from Randy Ambrosie, CFL Commissioner: "Canada has an exciting game and devoted fans, and our discussion with the XFL provides a tremendous opportunity to build on that strong foun-

dation. We look forward to exploring how we might work with one of the most innovative sports brands in the world to grow the game, engage fans in new ways, and reach new audiences. We look forward to seeing what possibilities our discussions might uncover, and to sharing those with our fans as the process unfolds."

Statement from Dany Garcia, XFL Chairwoman and Owner: "Since we first

acquired the XFL, we have focused on identifying partners who share our vision and values on and off the field. A vision filled with opportunity, innovation and the highest level of entertainment value for the benefit of our athletes, fans and communities. The CFL has expressed that similar sentiment and jointly we recognize a great opportunity to build exciting innovative football experiences that make the most of each

league's unique strengths. I look forward to our continued discussions and we will update the sports community as we have more to share."

Statement from Jeffrey Pollack, XFL President and CEO: "We are honored and excited to be in discussions with the CFL. It's clear through our early conversations that we share a passion for football, an expansive sense of possibility,

and a deep desire to create more opportunity for players and fans across North America and around the world. Blending the CFL's rich heritage with our fresh thinking, and the unique reach and experience of our ownership, could be transformative for the game. We look forward to learning more about what's possible together with the CFL and where our shared passion takes us."

(from page four: RCMP)

#### SPSA upgrading 911 technology

In preparation for system upgrades and to ensure that the residents of Saskatchewan can continue to depend on timely and efficient emergency services, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) is upgrading its 911 technology.

In order to fund these upgrades and maintain essential 911 services for Saskatchewan, the monthly Sask911 Fee will be increasing from \$0.94 per month to \$1.88 per month, effective Apr. 7, 2021. The provincial 911 system is funded through these fees, which are applied to all phone bills.

These 911 fees have not been adjusted since January 2018.

"The citizens of Saskatchewan rely on 911 technology in order to receive police, fire and emergency medical assistance when they need it the most," SPSA President Marlo Pritchard said. "The existing system is aging, and these upgrades are required to ensure that Saskatchewan residents can continue to rely on secure, resilient 911 technology."

In the future, these fee increases will be indexed to the Consumer Price Index for Saskatchewan to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the system without requiring regulatory changes.

In 2020, 911 received 470,000 calls by the three Sask911 Public Safety Answering Points in the province.

## Resort Village of Manitou Beach

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# Opinion



## Statement made.

— an opinion column  
by TWM's editor Daniel Bushman

positive cases in the Central East 1 mini zone dropped but new cases have also been at a minimum.

While public health will not officially state exactly how many positive cases of COVID-19 were in Watrous during the outbreak, at one time (Mar. 2 to be exact) there were 50 active cases within the mini zone which includes the community. Fast forward to Mar. 11, there were 22 active cases and just one new positive case in the mini zone. While we know how fast COVID-19 can spread once it gets into a community, those figures are certainly encouraging and show just how serious Watrous and the surrounding areas have been in curbing the spread.

Hats go off to all of those who did their part in trying to curb the spread, stayed safe, followed the guidelines set out by public health and protected others by recognizing their symptoms and isolating immediately.

An outbreak like that also acted as a reminder to keep your guard up at all times. Proper hand-washing, sanitizing, maintaining a physical distance, staying home if you don't feel well and wearing a mask in indoor public places are key according to Saskatchewan Health Authority in staying safe and reducing the spread of COVID-19.

Like other businesses within Watrous, at The Watrous Manitou, we have done our best to follow the guidelines set out by the province and public health. Our staff have been tremendous while we were temporarily closed to the public during the outbreak in Watrous and I am grateful that we were still able to publish a paper during that time. With the number of cases dropping, especially over this past week, like other local businesses who temporarily closed, our office at 309 Main Street will reopen this week to the public beginning Tuesday, Mar. 16.

Thank you for your support during this time and thank you for your understanding and patience as well.

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## Tips from Reena Nerbas

After navigating through an outbreak of COVID-19 in Watrous over the past three or four weeks, I think it is fair to say many residents, businesses and the town as a whole did a fantastic job in curbing the spread.

Through self-isolating, monitoring for symptoms, following guidelines set out by public health and participating in two COVID-19 drive-thru sites, not only have numbers of

each piece. Begin by covering the floor with newspaper or hang an open umbrella under the chandelier. Into an empty spray bottle combine: one tsp. (five ml) rubbing alcohol, four cups (one litre) hot water and two tbsp. (30 ml) dishwasher anti-spot agent i.e. Jet Dry. While the chandelier is off spray the unit and let the liquid drip dry onto the umbrella or newspaper. Recycle the newspaper or rinse the umbrella in the bathtub.

**Dear Reena,**

Can you tell me why you use cold water when perking coffee? Is it alright to use warm/hot water? I was always taught that cold water should be used; is that correct? Lisa

**Dear Lisa,**

Water has the greatest impact on coffee flavour. Always start with cool water. Avoid distilled water as it lacks minerals that give coffee flavour.

**Feedback from wise contributors**

**Re: soggy pie crust**

**Dear Reena,**

When I bake a pie, I always start at 425° for 25 minutes on the lower shelf of the oven. Then, I reduce the temperature to 350° until the pie is golden and bubbly. It works every time, no soggy crust. Have a great week, Pauline

**Dear Reena,**

I was reading the tip about cream cheese in your column and I have a tip about Mascarpone Cheese. It is

## Solutions and Substitutions

quite expensive, and for some of my recipes, I only need one-quarter cup or a half cup etc. Therefore, I freeze it and when I need it, I take the container out earlier and put it in the refrigerator to thaw. I stir it well, use what I need and return it to the freezer. When it comes on sale, I buy a few containers and freeze them so that I always have some on hand. Pauline

**Dear Reena,**

I was a trainer for many years and used markers daily. My tip is - when you buy a marker, always store it with the tip down and you will not have the problem of the marker running dry. Ruth

**Re: keeping brown sugar soft**

I read your article about hardened brown sugar. I have used all the suggestions you gave, but found one that works best of all. I put two large marshmallows in with the sugar and it is always soft. Maureen

**Tips for your bumbershoot**

Does anybody remember Dick Van Dyke in the film Chitty Chitty Bang Bang using the word bumbershoot to describe an umbrella? Here are a few tips to prepare you for the rainy season.

Position a deep vase or basket at a corner of the entrance for umbrellas. Place a sponge at the bottom to soak up excess water.

Instead of throwing out a broken umbrella, remove the fabric and hang the umbrella upside down on a rope or tree branch to hold wet clothes.

Faded canvas patio umbrellas can be rejuvenated with two coats of latex exterior paint. Latex paint has a certain amount of elasticity and can expand with the fabric.

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

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



## Neighbourly advice according to Ed

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

Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, feels church people hide behind religious words, liturgical seasons, and traditions that are smoke and mirrors to others. He tells me that if I am fasting and praying as a Christian, the fasting is not working because I am not getting any thinner.

I admitted to him that I would have to undergo a total fast (no food or drink) for 40 days and nights to accomplish a significant weight loss. Fasting is not

## Quit boxing with one hand tied behind your back!

a church weight loss plan. For Christians, fasting is essentially giving up food (or something else) for a period of time. In the New Testament, fasting and prayer are a way of growing closer to God. We fast to focus on God and His word and His will for us.

In Matthew 6:16-18, Jesus said, "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth; they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen, and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

We know Jesus went into the wilderness to fast for 40 days and nights. At the end of his fasting, Jesus was tempted by the devil to use His authority as the

Son of God for his own purposes rather than His Father's objectives for Him. Jesus was sent to save sinners, not to glorify Himself.

Fasting can help us understand God's will for our lives. God's will for us is more than for our personal pleasure and advantage.

In the Old Testament, fasting was often a way of expressing grief over one's sins and humbling oneself before God. It was a sign of repentance and a way of asking God for forgiveness and mercy. Fasting in the Old Testament might be done individually or as a call for everyone to fast. In the book of Jonah, when he told the people of Nineveh that in 40 more days, God would overturn their city, the people believed God's word to them. They declared a fast from the greatest to the least. They did not eat or drink and they all called to God in repentance and turned from their evil

ways. God had compassion on them and did not bring destruction upon them. (Jonah Chapter Three)

Lent is 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter observed as a period of prayer and fasting, repentance of sins and self-denial that we might grow closer to God and change our evil ways. In the Church Season of Lent, we seek to become one with the attitude of Jesus, who as God's Son made himself nothing taking the very nature of a servant, He humbled himself and became obedient to death even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:8)

Pope John Paul II has said that Jesus himself has shown us by His own example that prayer and fasting are the first and foremost weapons against the forces of evil.

Matt Fradd has said that prayer without fasting is like boxing with one hand tied behind your back.

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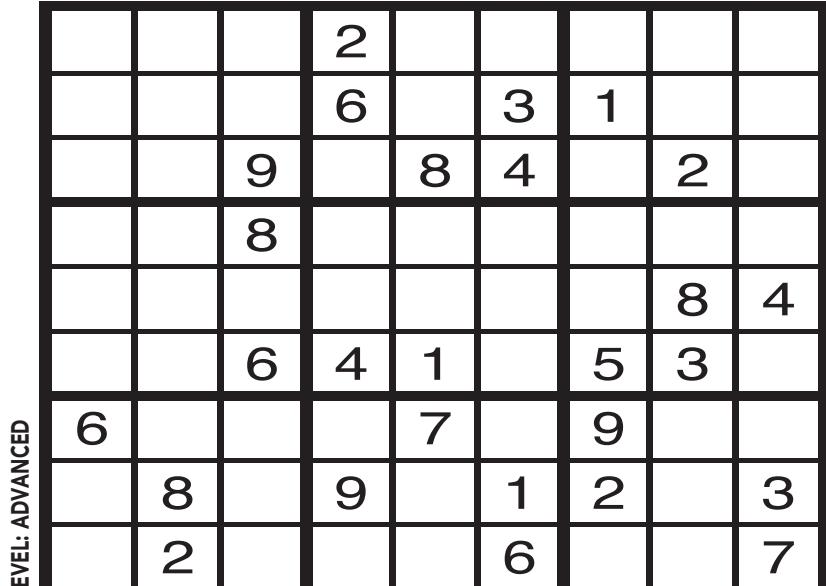


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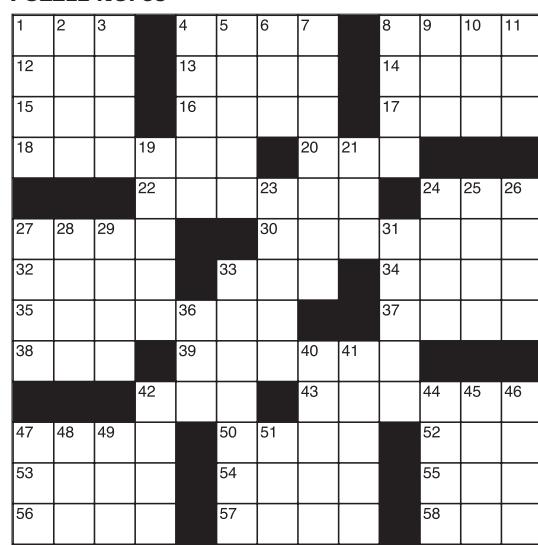
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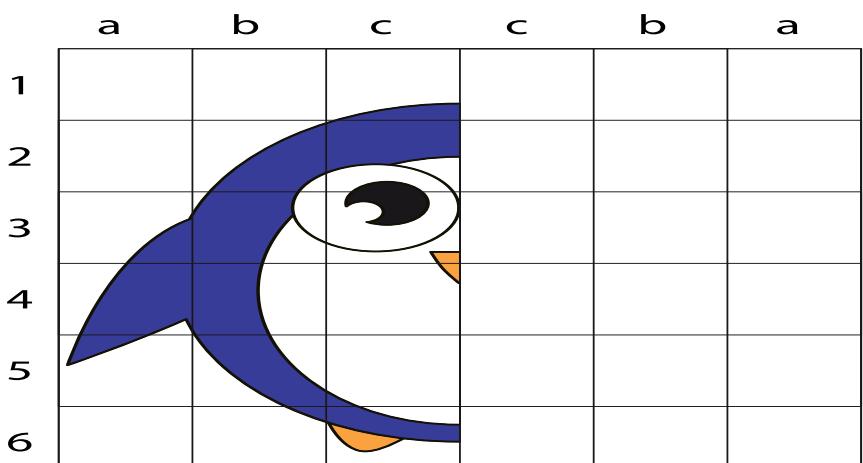
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## “Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky”

### Rhubarb Sticky Buns

#### Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 cup chopped fresh or thawed frozen rhubarb
- Cut butter into brown sugar until crumbly. Stir in rhubarb, spoon evenly into 12 well greased muffin cups. Set aside

#### Batter

- 1/3 cup softened butter
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 cup milk

#### Directions:

In mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar, beat in the egg. Combine flour, baking powder, salt and nutmeg, stir into mixture alternately with the milk. Spoon over rhubarb mixture, filling the muffin tins 3/4 full. Bake at 350°F for 15-20 minutes or until toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool five minutes before inverting onto serving plate. Best served warm.

(from front page: POST OFFICE)

2nd Ave. E. in Watrous, replacing the Dadson and Cosford buildings. Miller remained postmaster until retiring May 4, 1948 and then Reginald E. P. Preston took over and would become the first postmaster in a new building which would be constructed in the early 1970s.

After a questionnaire was conducted by Preston in 1965 relating to projected accommodation needs in Watrous, a few years later a letter was submitted from the Watrous and District Chamber of Commerce to the Postmaster General and the Honorable Eric Kierans, a Cabinet Minister at that time. In the letter dated Dec. 18, 1968, the chamber sought consideration for a new or enlarged postal facility to be built in Watrous.

Due to a smaller space in the building on the corner of Main Street and 2nd Ave. E., the chamber noted predictions for growth taken when that building was created fell short of what actually occurred over the next three decades. "The present utilization is far beyond this prediction which necessitated remodelling on two occasions to provide additional space for lock boxes. All

The Venn Post Office which was located in a store that ceased operations was also suggested to move its boxes to Watrous as well. "This together with the present waiting list, makes additional boxes for Watrous a necessity."

The local chamber also noted in its letter that the building where the post office was located was the only place in Watrous at that time still using coal as a heating fuel. "It is not uncommon to find the staff in the Watrous Post Office

wearing overshoes and extra coats or sweaters to keep warm in the winter months."

Submitting a scale drawing of the lobby, the chamber explained after the last remodelling, heating radiators were removed creating a very cold lobby. In addition, the lobby only allowed for a maximum of three people to utilize the lock box area. "This means that there is usually a line up in the lobby waiting to get to the lock boxes. This line up interferes with the orderly entrance and egress to and from the post office and the business counter."

Along with a smaller lobby area and with the potential for further growth aided by new potash mines within the area including at Allan and Lanigan, Watrous and District Chamber Secretary Treasurer R. C. Parkinson signed off on the letter in hopes that a new postal facility would be built in Watrous.

After sending the letter to the Postmaster General and to the Honorable Eric Kierans to have a new or larger building take over from the one at the corner of Main Street and 2nd Ave. E., approval was given to construct a new facility.

The new place was built

in 1971 at the corner of Main Street and 4th Ave. W. and is where the post office currently resides. With Preston being the first postmaster to occupy the new space, fast forward five decades and the building is now marking its 50th year. Over that time the current facility has received renovations including new coats of paint to the exterior and interior, new flooring, a wheelchair accessibility ramp and automatic doors, signage, new cement stairs and rocks. Inside, the facility now has 1,560 post office boxes and there is also space created in the back of the building for sorting mail, a loading and unloading area, offices and a washroom for staff.

After opening the new one-storey building in 1971 and operating out of it for a couple of years, after a lengthy career, Preston then made the decision to retire. In the Nov. 29, 1973 edition of The Watrous Manitou it noted Preston retired Dec. 28, 1973 after 43 years of postal service. Beginning his career under his father R. P. Preston at Elstow, he was later employed at Viscount, Binscarth, Man. and then Jansen. Preston arrived in Watrous May 1, 1937 to work under E. B. Miller and then took on the official duties of postmaster Aug. 1, 1948. Preston also served for many years as



► Watrous Post Office part-time staff member Lety Schalm (above left) and postmaster Bernadette Katuski (above right).



► Watrous Post Office part-time staff member Iana Ierofieieva (above left) and senior assistant Cynthia Hawkes (above right).



► Watrous Post Office Rural Route Mail Carrier Karen Bennett (above). Not pictured: janitor Janet Van Nieuw Amerongen.

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## FIGHTING FOR SENIORS IN DIFFICULT TIMES

My Conservative colleagues and I have been proud to defend our elders' interests throughout the pandemic, including advocating for:

- ✓ Reducing prescription drug dispensing fees
- ✓ Assistance for care homes
- ✓ RRIF amendments
- ✓ Expedited disability benefits
- ✓ Airline cancellation refunds
- ✓ Support for Legions, veterans and seniors' charities
- ✓ International family unification and virtual visitation
- ✓ Rapid COVID-19 testing
- ✓ Defending the rights of our faith communities

The well-being of seniors is a top priority for all of us during the pandemic.

Regards,

**TOM LUKIWSKI**

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## COVID-19 Business Support Programs

The Government of Saskatchewan is supporting small businesses impacted by COVID-19 with four financial support programs. Please review the program criteria at [www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-business](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-business) and apply soon!



### Strong Recovery Adaptation Rebate

Application deadline is **March 31, 2021**



### Re-Open Saskatchewan Training Subsidy

Application deadline is **March 31, 2021**



### Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment

Application deadline is **April 30, 2021**



### Saskatchewan Tourism Sector Support Program

Application deadline is **April 30, 2021**

[saskatchewan.ca](http://saskatchewan.ca)

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(from page eight: POST OFFICE)

an executive member of the Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Postmasters' Association, including terms as president and secretary. In 1967, he received a centennial medal in recognition of valuable service to the nation.

After Preston's tenure as the community's postmaster, a handful of others took on the role including Stanley Hawkes who was senior assistant to Preston. Hawkes held a temporary position after Preston and then James A. Longhurst took over until Dec. 28, 1984. After Longhurst retired, Eileen Hyatt was postmaster until 1995. Since that time, Bernadette Katuski has been the postmaster in the community.

Like Katuski and those who took on the role of postmaster, over the years, there have been a number of other faces employed at the post office. Currently, the staff employed in Watrous include: senior assistant Cynthia Hawkes, part-time staff members Lety Schalm and Iana Ierofieieva, Rural Route Mail Carrier Karen Bennett and janitor Janet Van Nieuw Amerongen.

"It is pretty special to reflect back and see who all worked here and contributed in making this a positive business for our community," said Katuski. "We remain a very viable business and the foot traffic that we have here is pretty incredible. Being able to provide this service for the residents of our community is certainly rewarding."

Continuing to serve Watrous, along with providing mail to 1,560 customers who utilize boxes at the Watrous location, the business also extends service to surrounding communities as Bennett delivers items to Manitou Beach, Plunkett, Lockwood, and Drake. Katuski said while technology has changed over time, the way in which mail is sent and delivered remains somewhat similar. "We get mail from all over the world; however, the focus has shifted a bit from lettermail to larger volumes of parcel mail due to the increase of online shopping. There is not as much as their used to be and it is more online ordering. We certainly saw that this past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the holiday season approached in 2020 we saw more items arrive daily than we ever had before. That continued past Christmas and into January and we are still seeing high volumes of mail arriving throughout the week."

While the online way of doing business continues to grow, other changes of significance have also taken place over the years. Some of those include the implementation of postal codes for communities and the introduction of computers for employees to use.

More recently, as the pandemic reached Saskatchewan, specific guidelines were put in place to keep staff and customers safe. Like other businesses within the province,



► Unveiling a pictorial cancellation mark in 2009, Watrous Post Office Postmaster Bernadette Katuski displayed the first official use of it during the event. Making the announcement May 7, 2009, the unique pictorial cancellation mark of the CBK tower which was located east of Watrous has been used ever since. The cancellation mark was unveiled to coincide with the community's 100th birthday.

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masks are mandatory and social distancing and hand sanitizing is a must. "We have tried our best as we follow the guidelines set out by public health and the provincial government. We also wipe down mailboxes, sanitize within the facility and have a maximum number of people allowed inside at one time. Even when our retail counter service is closed for the day, masks remain mandatory as our lobby mail service area falls under the provincial mandatory mask area. By doing that we hope to minimize potential exposure and also ask that if anyone is not feeling well that they stay home. We want to be a safe place for our staff and our customers during this stressful time."

Over her time as the postmaster in Watrous, Katuski recalled numerous highlights including seeing a myriad of stamps like one with a hole in it and another with special significance.

"All stamps have a special story; however, for me, my favourite was the Canadian Forces Snowbirds stamp unveiling in 2006. This was a very special experience as my son Nicholas was a member of the Snowbirds team and I unveiled this commemorative stamp alongside him in Moose Jaw. Having our two very different career paths meet in life was a very sweet moment."

Katuski also had the opportunity to visit Canada Post's headquarters in Ottawa and then when Watrous marked its 100th birthday, the postmaster was able to unveil a CBK pictorial cancellation stamp May 7, 2009. Displaying the iconic building and tower, Katuski said, "That was really neat to be able to announce that cancellation stamp, especially now that the CBK building has been demolished. Being able to have that CBK pictorial on our mail is a re-

minder about the community's significant history."

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's 50,000 watt prairie transformer was the only CBC outlet between Winnipeg and Vancouver and went live just outside of Watrous July 29, 1939. At the time of the 2009 unveiling, Katuski said the reason they chose the CBK building was because

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# Community Connection

## Allan eyeing upgrades to local park

■ submitted by  
**Ashley Carrobourg**  
**Allan Parks and Recreation Board**

The Allan Parks and Re-

creation Board has been hard at work developing a phased rejuvenation plan for the Allan Centennial Park.

In our first phase we are seeking out a professional de-

sign of the park and adding a spray pad. The goal of the board is to create a beautiful, functional space for all ages within and around Allan.

Our park has quite a few activities to choose from but we have noticed certain age groups are missing. The proposed spray pad will be amazing for daycares, families, and toddler/preschool aged children.

With the go ahead from Town Council we have begun our journey of fundraising, creating a sponsorship package and taking in donations. As part of that, Allan Parks and Rec greatly appreciated Ron Ediger's generosity as Melron Services has provided funds for a silver sponsorship towards the spray pad. Without the generosity of community members and business owners this dream would not be possible.

On behalf of the board, we sincerely appreciate helping make this long time dream come true for the residents in and around Allan. To make a donation contact Ashley Carrobourg at 306-321-2229 or ashley.carrobourg@gmail.com.

### 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 2021 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from **9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** on the following days: **Mondays and Wednesdays, March 5<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

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 which will be returned if the appeal is successful with:

**Secretary of the Board of Revision  
 Aileen Swenson at Gord Krismar & Associates Ltd.  
 2405 Gordon Road, Regina, SK S4S 4M4  
 by the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.**

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.  
 Denise Brecht, Assessor

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► Morning sunrise near Allan. (photo courtesy Sarah Ross)

### MANITOU BEACH

**Sue Alcock**

Firstly, sincere condolences and sympathy is extended to the family and friends of the late Edward Assie who sadly passed away Feb. 12, 2021. Edward and his wife Carol (nee Telfer) spent many summers

at the family cabin here. Carol is the daughter of Alyn and Phyllis Telfer who ran the post office many years ago.

Congratulations to Bev Jay who had one of her photographs selected

as photo of the day for the Canadian Wildlife Federation. The delightful photo was of a pair of skunks somewhere near Regina.

So we have had sunny days, foggy mornings and a chilly nip in the air. Spring is on the way along with icy/sloppy streets to be dealt with. More snow was expected Tuesday, Mar. 9 but we only received a dusting and did not need to dig out the shovel.

Warmer weather means the cats that stayed home in the warm are now out and about prowling where they should not be! A local feline came onto our deck and managed to rob a grosbeak of its tail feathers and leave a bloody hole in her back. I suspect she will die of infection from the bite, she did manage to fly into a tree and we have not seen her around since the attack.

Saturday evening we were treated to a sizzling fireworks display, courtesy of Watrous Towing at the top end of Jean Street. This was a wonderful "pick-me-up" for the community and people were very appreciative of the colourful and noisy gesture.

Recently I re-discovered a small book put out by the City of Yorkton to celebrate their 75th birthday. The Whiskey Man was written by the city archivist Therese Lefebvre Prince, heritage researcher for the city and I met her when visiting

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021  
 Orrin Redden, Town Administrator

For more  
 Community  
 Connection news,  
 see page 11.



# “Notices AND Classifieds”

## Obituary



MOONEY,  
Gary Allan  
Aug. 7, 1956 -  
Mar. 4, 2021

Gary Mooney, aged 64 years, passed away alongside his family on March 4, 2021, at the Watrous Hospital after a short battle with leukemia.

Gary was born in Imperial, Sask. on August 7, 1956 to Gordon and Alice Mooney. He attended Imperial School until grade 11 and entered the work force thereafter. Gary's first job out of school was at Mel-Cam, currently known as RiteWay. He farmed alongside his dad for several years and then went on to long haul trucking with Bobby Lewis. In 1992, he started working for the RM of Big Arm as a grader operator and then foreman. While working at all of his other jobs, he was able to fit in driving the school bus for 47 years. In the winter months, Gary enjoyed playing minor hockey, continuing on to play for the Imperial Sabres senior team. During the spring and summer, you would often find him on the ball field playing for the local ball team. Gary met the love of his life, Rhonda Van Damme, in 1978 and they were married August 9, 1980. They raised their three children on the family farm west of Imperial and then moved into town in 1997. Gary continued his love of hockey by coaching his son's minor hockey team. Over the years, you could always find Gary watching or attending the kids' sporting events, including those for his granddaughter Alexa. Gary always spent time with friends and family whether it was on the golf course, sitting on the deck, or around the fire. Gary was always up for a family road trip such as Disneyland in 1997, Whitehorse in 2001 and 2012, and Texas in 2011. Gary's love of music led him and Rhonda to enjoy many concerts and summers spent at Craven.

Gary will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 40 years, Rhonda; children: Jennifer (Mike), Kyle, and Brett (Eden); grandchild: Alexa and step-grandchildren: Bailey, Chloe and Tyson; his mother Alice; sisters: Bonnie (Howie), Maureen (Linda), and Alison (Shaun); father-in-law: Ernest Van Damme; brother-in-law: Randy (Debbie) and Jason (Jade); sister-in-law: Karla (Mark); and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father Gordon Mooney and mother-in-law Eileen Van Damme.

A private family celebration of life service was held at Fotheringham's Funeral Chapel, Watrous Sask. on March 10 conducted by Rev. Jo-Ann Hills.

Urnbearer was Kyle Mooney. Howie Ulmer gave the eulogy.

Private family interment took place at Imperial Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Imperial Community Rink - c/o Town of Imperial, Box 90, Imperial, Sask. S0G 2J0 would be appreciated.

To leave online condolences, tributes or to make a donation, please visit [www.fotheringham-mcdougall.com](http://www.fotheringham-mcdougall.com)

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## COLONSAY

Florence Halvorson • 306-255-2358

A speedy get well to Tony Kugler who is in the hospital.

There has been some real good curing on TV again. It is nice to have something to watch.

The weather sure has been great. The snow is starting to leave us but as I write this Tuesday, Mar. 9 we are getting big flakes as I look outside.

I hope people are getting phone calls to get

the COVID vaccination. I went Thursday, Mar. 11.

Dwaine and Colton Halvorson and his friend Kennedy of Saskatoon visited Florence Halvorson last weekend. the library. Over \$500 was raised through donation and coffee money for the Alzheimer Society. Erna Sander and Iris Fredrickson were in charge of looking after coffee that week.

## Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll

Town of Colonsay

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Town of Colonsay for the year 2021 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the following days: **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursdays, March 10 to May 10, 2021.**

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 \$50 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful, with:

**The Assessor, Town of Colonsay**  
Box 190, Colonsay, SK, S0K 0Z0  
by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021  
Maureen Moen, Assessor

## Manitou Beach news from page 10

Yorkton a long time ago. She kindly signed my book. The Whiskey Man is a historic and folkloric story of the Bronfman brothers – Abe, Harry and Sam and the book discusses their ownership of the Balmoral Hotel which they bought in 1905 (and other properties as they came available on the cheap) as well as their involvement with the liquor business in Yorkton and in this province. The brothers, as many of you know, were heavily involved with the liquor industry during prohibition and worked any loophole they could find to make money. Occasionally they fell afoul of the law and the loopholes were stitched up causing them to move away from Yorkton. Not only did they own “The Bal” in Yorkton until 1945 but several properties too. By the mid-1920s the brothers had moved to Montreal.

In 1928 they acquired the Seagram Company of Waterloo, Ont. and amalgamated it with their Distillers Corporation Limited thus the Bronfman brothers became the second largest distillers in the world after Grand Metropolitan.

Now where am I going with this? Guess who feels that Harry or Sam or Abe or any of the Bronfman relatives could well have visited here, after all Yorkton is not that far away. Manitou Beach was the place to be for a vacation so why would the family not come here for a dance or a swim or to rub shoulders with other Jewish people who travelled from further afield. I wonder too if the Bronfmans did any business with Al Capone – they were of the same era after all and had similar interests. So what do you think folks?

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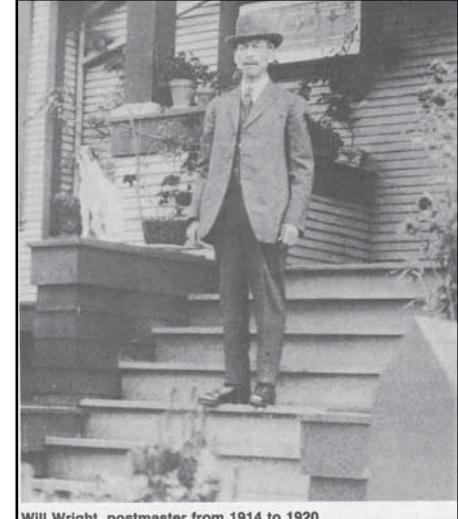
they wanted to have a design that would be an icon to the communities.

The committee for Tourism and Economic Development along with local resident Gary Bergen came up with a design of the cancellation mark at that time and Katuski then submitted it to Canada Post for approval. "That is our rubber cancellation mark and it is used every day."

Now 12 years later, Katuski and the staff are able to celebrate once again, this time for the 115th birthday of the local postal service and the 50th anniversary of the current building in Watrous. "Being one of the postmasters involved with the local service has been a real privilege for me. It is an interesting job to have because you never do the same thing. There are so many different facets of the services we provide and new challenges that arrive like the current pandemic that we are navigating through. Every day has been very unique and interesting."



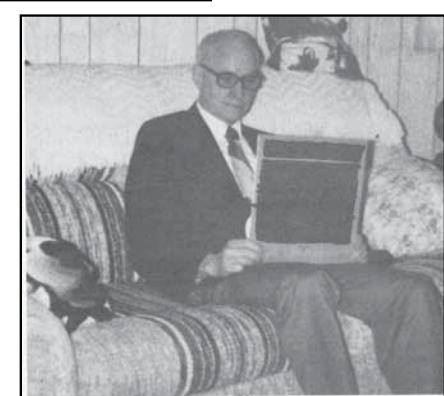
► Some of the previous postmasters from Mandal and Watrous post offices (pictured). photos from Prairie Reflections, used with permission



Will Wright, postmaster from 1914 to 1920.



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## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meetings: Watrous, Thurs., 8 p.m. Anglican Church Hall on Main Street in Watrous. (306-946-2466)./7tfc

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# Couple with local ties win \$25,000

■ Daniel Bushman

When Jamie Regier and his girlfriend Lila Skinner decided to take some bottles to a SARCAN recycling depot in Regina, little did the pair know that their luck was about to change. Never winning anything larger than \$100 on a scratch ticket, Regier said the pair's decision to stop in at a nearby convenience store ended up being worth \$25,000.

Growing up on a farm just outside of Watrous, Regier said the unbelievable February day all started when the couple wanted to unload some empty bottles at a SARCAN recycling depot. Since one person is allowed in the facility at one time due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Regier decided to head next door to cash in a few other lottery tickets at Circle K. After Skinner finished at SARCAN, the pair ended up purchasing a few Zing scratch tickets which included a \$2 Calendar Cash. "We carried around the tickets all day," said Regier who said to Lila, "If we



■ photo courtesy Jamie Regier

win big, are we sharing?"

Agreeing to split any winnings, Jamie began scratching the Calendar Cash ticket and as three of the same numbers appeared, he exclaimed, "I think we won \$25,000!"

Checking the ticket on the Lotto Spot app, the pair were almost entirely certain they had won the max

prize of \$25,000. "We raced to the gas station and got there five minutes before they closed to confirm the ticket was a winner. They checked the ticket and had to call the lottery number and confirmed it was a winner."

Phoning their families with excitement, both Jamie and Lila agreed to

split the \$25,000 and are also planning to save some money for a hot winter vacation when the pandemic is over and for their future.

"It was such an amazing feeling to win the lottery and we said to each other before we scratched the ticket that it sure would be nice to win! Then when we did, it was incredible!"

# Manitou Beach resident wins big



■ photo courtesy Sask Lotteries

■ media release

ber, 35.

He found out about his win by calling the winning numbers phone line after the draw. "I was quite excited," recalled Hayden. "I said 'Holy cow!'" he laughed, noting that he'd mostly use the windfall to pay bills.

Hayden picked up his winning ticket the day before the draw at the Watrous Co-op Gas Bar.



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