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## On full display

► People from around the world kept a close eye on the sky late last month. According to a number of outlets including space.com, a series of powerful solar storms created incredible aurora borealis sightings. Those spectacles which are not usually observed in some parts of the globe were spotted in places like California and Western Australia. Closer to home where the northern lights can be found on a more regular basis than other areas of the world, the night sky here was also alive Feb. 27 (pictured).  
 photo by Daniel Bushman

# Saskatchewan ranks third for most tornadoes

■ Daniel Bushman

With at least three twisters in the local area near Manitou Beach, Allan and Young in 2022, and more spotted throughout the province, it should come as no surprise that Saskatchewan ranked near the top of the list when it came to the most tornadoes in Canada. That is according to the 2022 annual report from Northern Tornadoes Project (NTP) which has been undertaking a comprehensive analyses of active events since 2017. Launching from Western University and detecting, surveying, and documenting tornadoes and other damaging wind events across Canada, from its 2022 data, NTP indicated Ontario recorded the most tornadoes over land (43 events) with eight more over water. Quebec came in second with 26 tornadoes followed by Saskatchewan with 25 (seven on June 29 alone). NTP

indicated no tornadoes were rated higher than EF2 in 2022 but multiple provinces experienced EF2 events in 2022 including Ontario (14), Quebec (seven), Saskatchewan (four), and Alberta (two). As a whole, the Prairies experienced 39 confirmed tornadoes with 33 of them hitting during a peak period of mid-June to mid-August while in Ontario and Quebec, 77 tornadoes were recorded in 2022. NTP data showed the total number of tornadoes spanning Canada during the 2022 season tied for the highest its recorded at 117 (and closer to the 150 they thought might be occurring based on statistical analysis). To accumulate its data including registering the trio of twisters near Manitou Beach, Allan and Young, in its report, NTP conducted 447 investigations, 392 planet satellite surveys, 34 ground surveys, 30 drone surveys and 12 aircraft surveys. Hoping to better detect and document

tornado occurrences while improving communication and reducing harm to people and property, the team at NTP shared the 2022 tornado season began in mid-May and ended in late-September, “shorter than the six month stretch of active weather observed in recent years.” Of the verified events in 2022, in its report, NTP said 106 were over land, 11 over water, 94 were downburst, 36 non-tornadic vortex, 18 unclassified wind damage, and 35 unclassified visual vortex. Noting June 29 was a busy day for tornadoes in the Prairies, nine hit from Alberta to Manitoba including one near Manitou Beach. First forming northeast of Young around 3 p.m., as the system moved southeast, it was not long until a funnel dropped from the sky. Hitting near the south shores of Little Manitou Lake, approximately  
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# Local archer takes aim at Canada Winter Games

■ Daniel Bushman

Shooting for an opportunity to represent Saskatchewan at the 2023 Canada Winter Games in Prince Edward Island, Carl Bothma who is from Watrous and is a member of the Viscount Archery Club, set his sights on achieving that dream back in 2021.

With the Saskatchewan Archery Association's High Performance Program selecting 19 athletes for male and female compound and recurve divisions, Bothma attended multiple training clinics where archers were selected to represent Team Saskatchewan at the Canada Winter Games in 2023. From that group, four competitors made the cut and a few others selected as alternates.

Chosen as an alternate in November 2022 for Team Saskatchewan, Bothma was listed in the compound division. Fast forward to February, and a few weeks before archery was held at the Canada Winter Games, Carl was notified he would be going.

"The primary stepped down and it was a very very hard decision on his part," shared Bothma. "Once he stepped down, I was up and had a bit of time to get ready for that."

Practicing and ensuring his equipment was ready to go, once Feb. 26 arrived, Bothma hopped on a plane and flew east for the Canada Winter Games, remaining there until Mar. 5. Scheduled to compete in the compound individual



► Pictured above middle: Carl Bothma represented Team Saskatchewan at this year's Canada Winter Games. photo credit: Dupont Media and mixed team events, Bothma arrived at his destination where he took his best shot.

"It was exciting to shoot with all these different people in both categories. The fact that I got to shoot with these athletes and have all the different sports there was great.

We had fencing in the same building and on residence, there was hockey games and other stuff there. The closing ceremonies was awesome as well."

With the first of two qualification rounds taking place Mar. 1, Bothma joined archers from other provinces aiming to advance. Each qualification round Carl competed in determined the seeding for the individual and mixed team single elimination rounds. Shooting well enough to qualify in individual compound bow qualification, once it finished, Bothma sat third. That effort put the archer in the elimination match Mar. 3 where he lost a close quarter final to Quebec 143-141. Overall, the 17-year-old from Watrous finished sixth in individual standings.

While his individual event wrapped up, Carl was also able to qualify through the mixed team event and competed in the elimination round Mar. 4. Teaming up with Taisija Boyle from Regina in the compound event, the first time the pair of archers shot together representing the province, both Bothma and Boyle found success.

Through tremendous shooting, the duo reached the bronze medal event but ran into a tough Alberta team who edged them by a narrow margin. That placed Bothma and Boyle in fourth overall.

"Looking back at the competition, the first two ends of

(continued on page eight: GAMES)

## WHS mixed team competes at provincials

■ Daniel Bushman

With a tremendous year of curling, the Winston High School Mixed senior team of Nick Lawrence, Kade Thomas and Erika and Sarah Oakes advanced through District and Regional events to Provincials in Hanley Mar. 10 and 11.

At the provincial

event in Hanley, Dawn Lee, coach of the mixed team from Watrous said the local rink beat Maple Creek in a Friday morning draw 9-3. Following the opening ceremonies in the afternoon, the team then faced Hanley in a close game, losing 7-6. After supper, the rink was back on the ice for a 7 p.m. draw against Sacred Heart from Yorkton. In a tough contest, Watrous lost 9-2 and after day one, were part of a three-way tie for second.

Before competing in a tiebreaker game Saturday morning, Lee said they had to deal with rough weather on the way home Friday night. "Three out of the four players had a two and a half hour trip from Hanley that normally takes 40 minutes as they tried to wait out a storm on the side of the road."

Getting home late and up early the next day, the team was scheduled to play Sacred Heart once again, this time at 9 a.m. "We started off strong but Sacred Heart got back in the game and they defeated us and that finished our provincial run and season."

With a lot of memorable games, reflecting back on the season and previous years, Lee said, "I have had so much fun with this crew. I have been with them since junior curling. It has been amazing to watch them grow as curlers and as young men and women. They show up every week to practice and put in the work. They joined the Thursday night league at the Watrous Curling Club after Christmas to make sure they would be ready for the games they would have to play to get to Provincials. This

group has a lot of fun on the ice and when they are having fun they seem to be unstoppable! They all know the game well and are amazing curlers. I'm very proud of how they play the game and what they have accomplished."

While the game against Sacred Heart signalled the final draw for Nick and Kade in their high school curling careers, Erika and Sarah Oakes will still be competing. Come next year, Lee said it will be very different not having the boys on the ice. "Nick's quiet knowledge of exactly what is going on and Kade's thought that we can make any shot he can imagine will be missed. I'm hoping this was just the beginning of what they do as curlers. Whether it's a fun league to meet people or it's something more competitive, they are capable of doing it all."



► Pictured above: the Winston High School senior mixed curling team of Nick Lawrence, Sarah Oakes, Kade Thomas, Erika Oakes and coach Dawn Lee attending the provincial event in Hanley Mar. 10 and 11. The team won its first game and would later compete in a tiebreaker following day one. In its Saturday morning draw, the Wildcats lost to Sacred Heart from Yorkton to end its provincial run.

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# RCMP Report

## Mule deer found dead with arrow at Manitou Beach

On Mar. 4, 2023, Humboldt conservation officers received a TIPP call regarding a mule deer found dead with an arrow in it in the Resort Village of Manitou Beach.

The deer was located near the back alley of Cumming Avenue on a trail that leads to Wellington Park. The deer was shot with a field tip arrow, and is believed to have been shot sometime before late February 2023.

If you know who may be responsible for this, or had seen this deer walking around with the arrow in it, please call the TIPP line at 1-800-667-7561. Anyone who provides information that leads to a conviction may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

## RCMP respond to collisions during winter storm

Saskatchewan RCMP's Division Operational Communications Centre received 139 weather-related calls for service from Mar. 10 to 12, 2023, as much of the province experienced a wintry blast that created less-than-ideal driving conditions.

This figure includes calls for traffic collisions, as well as traffic hazards such as vehicles stuck in snowbanks.

Approximately a third of these calls (49) were received from the area around Regina – in the White Butte, Indian Head, Moose Jaw, Southey, Lumsden, Milestone and Weyburn detachment areas.

There were no fatal collisions reported to Saskatchewan RCMP from Mar. 10 to 12, 2023.

As eager as we are

for warm weather to arrive, Saskatchewan RCMP reminds motorists not to pack up their winter driving skills too prematurely. If you are planning to travel, please consult with the weather forecast and the Highway Hotline. If road conditions look like they are or may become poor, consider delaying travel if possible.

Whether you're driving in snow, rain, wind or sun (and we're likely to see a bit of it all in the coming months), it's always recommended you ensure your vehicle is stocked with emergency supplies, and you drive appropriately for the current weather conditions.

## RCMP respond to break and enter and collision

At approximately 12 p.m., Cut Knife RCMP received a report of a collision on a grid road southwest of Marsden. Officers immediately responded and located a pickup truck and a SUV that had collided, with no one at the scene. Officers carefully checked to ensure there were no injured persons in the vicinity.

Around the same time, Cut Knife RCMP received a report of a break-in at a residence. Investigation determined the pickup truck involved in the collision was stolen from the residence, as well as 11 firearms.

As a result of continued investigation, Cut Knife RCMP arrested four individuals at two separate residences in Marsden later that day. One was later released without charge.

Investigation determined two of these individuals were operating the pickup truck and the SUV when they collided. No serious injuries were

reported to police.

Search warrants were later executed at the residences in Marsden. Officers located and seized the 11 firearms reported stolen earlier that day, an ATV, fraudulent documents, credit cards, as well as a significant amount of power tools and electronics also suspected to be stolen.

As a result, 29-year-old Joshua Thorne from Marsden is charged with single counts of: break and enter with intent, Section 348(1)(a), Criminal Code; one count, theft under \$5,000, Section 334(a), Criminal Code; one count, possession of the proceeds of crime, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; one count, mischief under \$5,000, Section 430(4), Criminal Code; and one count, careless storage of a firearm, Section 86(1), Criminal Code.

Thirty-nine-year-old Amy Racette from Marsden is charged with single counts of: theft under \$5,000, Section 334(a), Criminal Code; possession of the proceeds of crime, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; and careless storage of a firearm, Section 86(1), Criminal Code.

Twenty-eight-year-old Keesha Rippengal from Marsden is charged with one count, break and enter with intent, Section 348(1)(a), Criminal Code.

Cut Knife RCMP continue to investigate and will work toward reuniting the recovered items with their potential owners. If you are missing a power tool or electronic and can positively identify it by serial number or markings,

contact Cut Knife RCMP at 306-398-3500.

Saskatchewan RCMP's Battlefords, Unity and Maidstone detachments, as well as Battlefords Forensic Identification Section assisted in this investigation.

## Charges laid

Saskatchewan RCMP's Meadow Lake Crime Reduction Team, with the assistance of Meadow Lake RCMP, executed a search warrant Mar. 12 at a residence on the 500 block of 2nd Street West in Meadow Lake. Officers located and seized approximately eight grams of methamphetamine, five grams of cocaine and crack-cocaine, two firearms, ammunition and other weapons. An adult male was arrested at the residence.

Twenty-nine-year-old John Arnold from Meadow Lake is charged with: two counts, possession of a firearm while prohibited, Section 92(3)(a), Criminal Code; one count, possession of a prohibited firearm with ammunition, Section 95(2), Criminal Code; one count, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88, Criminal Code; two counts, unsafe storage of a firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; three counts, possession of a firearm/ammunition while prohibited, Section 117.01(3), Criminal Code; one count, trafficking (methamphetamine), Section 5(1), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; and one count, possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

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# Manitou Lodge Report

■ submitted by Betty Vickaryous and Lois Martell

Now that February is over we are all looking forward to spring!

February was a musical month here at the lodge. Music with Wild Prairie, which were wonderful duets by Patti and Wendy.

Then we had Dieter Penner, the intern pastor at Philadelphia MB Church. He graciously comes to us with his piano every second Monday. On occasion, he is joined by Gary Lituany on the accordion.

February was our Valentine's Tea with special cupcakes served by our auxiliary. Lil Gingrich provided us with her piano accompaniment for this special event.

Bruce Rawling from Manitou Beach was able to also come in and entertain us. He sang some great well-known songs with his guitar.

This month's birthday party we had local entertainers, The Three Gentlemen. It was great as they took our requests.

We greatly appreciate our activity department working hard to recruit musical talent! Also for working with the school so we have the Gr. 5 and Gr. 8 classes come play bingo, bowling and all the table games with us. We always look forward to seeing the young people. The art classes provided to us by volunteers make us all into wonderful artists!

We would like to express how we also enjoy the lights on our fences surrounding the buildings throughout the holiday season. Many visitors and residents comment on the beautiful lights and we wonder if we should keep them up all year?

At this time of year we all have a bit of cabin fever and would love a breath of fresh air. Some sunshine and outdoor activities are on the menu. We are keeping our fingers crossed. Happy spring from all of us!



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# Opinion

## Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

### Golden Syrup

#### Ingredients:

This is the same as corn syrup or Rogers golden syrup. It makes just over three cups.

3 cups white sugar  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 ¼ cups water  
2 tbsp. lemon juice

#### Directions:

Mix all ingredients well in a heavy bottomed pot. Bring to a boil over medium heat stirring most of the time. Once it comes to a boil, turn it down to low and let it simmer for about 40 minutes without stirring. Let cool, then pour into jars. I store mine in a cool cupboard. I have stored mine for a couple of months without any issues. If it gets too thick you can add a small amount of warm water - start with one tbsp.



#### Tips from Reena Nerbas

ated. Thank you, Mervin  
**Dear Mervin,**

Your best bet for this conundrum is to purchase a glass scratch repair kit; results are good for minor scratches and restoration. For deep scratches that appear beyond the surface, enlist a professional with expertise in windshield repair.

**Dear Reena,**

Our fridge is spotty and the freezer drawer looks like it has streaks of water on it. What can be done to restore the stainless steel? The fridge is five years old. Thank you, Judy

**Dear Judy,**

Wipe the fridge with vinegar and dish soap. Rinse with water and dry with a soft cloth. Polish with a small amount of mineral oil.

**Dear Reena,**

Can you give me advice for making tasty biscuits that do not fall apart? Thanks, Abigail

**Dear Abigail,**

Tip number one is to use cold butter. Tip number two, do not overwork your dough. You want the dough to be handled as little as possible so that the butter stays cold. Tip number three is to add a cold egg and cold milk. This method will keep the dough cold and prevent the butter from melting. After baking, brush the tops of each biscuit with butter.

**Dear Reena,**

I dropped a piece of fish that had been cooked in grape-seed oil on my pants. How can I get the oil stain out? Brin

**Dear Brin,**

If you can get a hold of one of the following, you will have a great chance of removing that mark. Onto the stain sprinkle either cornstarch, baby powder or bak-

## Solutions and Substitutions

**Dear Reena,**

Do you have any experience or a solution to restore the finish of clear glass? I have some fine scuffing/scratches on my car windshield and would like to safely polish it. Any help bringing back its clarity would be much appreciated.

ing soda until all the grease is absorbed. Dawn dish soap is also effective, but test on an inconspicuous area first. Wash the pants as usual and air dry because the heat of the dryer will set the stain if it remains. Repeat if necessary.

#### Feedback from fine contributors

**Re: Egg salad**

**Hi Reena,**

For easy mixing, storage and no cleanup use medium size sealing plastic bags . . . simply put all ingredients for sandwich fillings in bags and manipulate to desired consistency with your hands. For devilled eggs . . . cut hard boiled eggs in half-lengthwise, remove yolks put into bag along with all other ingredients, seal bag, and then smush to combine with hands until smooth and creamy, then cut a small portion of one bottom corner and then pipe filling into egg whites; add parsley or finely chopped chives on top for colour. Voila, devilled eggs. Neil

#### Re: How to keep brown sugar soft

To keep brown sugar soft, put some in a one cup size jar in the fridge. Store the remainder in the freezer. Brown sugar does not freeze solid, transfer from freezer to fridge when needed. John

#### Hints for the kitchen

• I wrap individual chops/chicken breasts, etc. in plastic wrap then wrap them in aluminum foil then place them in a sealable bag. I have had great success with meat lasting a year in the freezer without a speck of freezer burn. Submitted by: Helen

• I have heard it said that “natural” peanut butter is better for you than many of the popular branded peanut butter options. Therefore, I decided to purchase natural peanut butter, made only from peanuts, but what I did not like is that the oil kept separating and sitting on the top of the jar. It looked disgusting and kind of grossed me out. Now I store my peanut butter upside down and it no longer separates! Submitted by: Laura

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

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

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see page six.

For Watrous Centre news,  
see page 15.

## It's time to declutter, discard, and decide what is essential



#### Neighbourly advice according to Ed

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

Many of us have the potential to become full-fledged hoarders. Television programs where folks with stuffed homes must decide what to keep or sell, what to donate and what to trash make me

feel that our house is not that cluttered after all.

It has been my experience that we do accumulate more things or stuff than we use repeatedly or are essential for our lives. Likewise, our spiritual lives can become cluttered with our favourite sins, wrong attitudes, and actions that need to be recognized, confessed, and trashed to give room for what is essential to our faith. Therefore, the Church Season of Lent can be a spiritual cleaning and refreshing of our souls for those willing.

The Season of Lent is a time of self-reflection

where we declutter our spiritual life. It is an invitation to fast and come to terms with our lifestyle as it reflects being a Christian. It must always begin with a recognition that we do sin and fall short of obeying the fullness of God's law despite our best intentions. Romans 3:22-23 states, “There is no difference for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” God's law makes us conscious of our sins. However, God's word gives us hope beyond our sins, for the blood of Jesus purifies us from all sin.

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22/23) begins the church Season of Lent. Lent's first

day signals that in 46 days we will celebrate Easter Sunday. Lent is referred to as 40 days in length as a parallel to Jesus spending 40 days and nights in the desert fasting and praying after his baptism. Because we do not count Sundays as part of Lent, the result is the 40 days of Lent.

There are many ways to speak of the Season of Lent. Traditionally, it has been a time of fasting, prayer, repentance, self-denial, and solemnness in the awareness of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

Ash Wednesday, traditionally, features the

marking with ashes on the forehead in the form of a cross. The ashes used are the remains of the burning of the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. Ashes represent our mortality. Ashes remain from what is consumed by fire. When the ashes are applied to a person's forehead, it is with the words, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust, you shall return.” Alternately, “Repent and believe the gospel” may be said when applying the ashes.

We may ignore the reality of our sins and our ultimate death in our daily life. Sadly, we also

deny the gospel; the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. We are hesitant to admit our humble ancestry. Genesis 2:7 says, “Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the bread of life.” “All are from the dust, and to dust all return.” Ecclesiastes 3:20.

In Lent, we focus on God's love for us as sinners. “Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. If we confess our sins, Jesus is faithful and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9, 2:1-2



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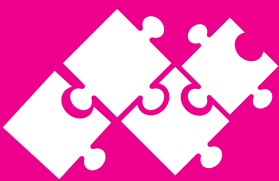
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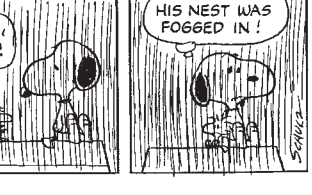
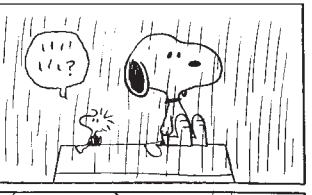
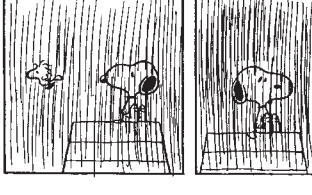
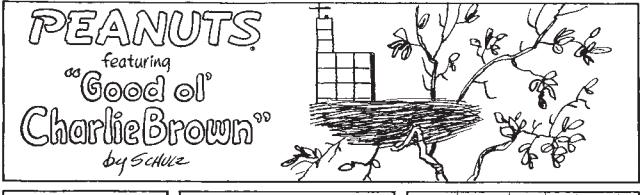
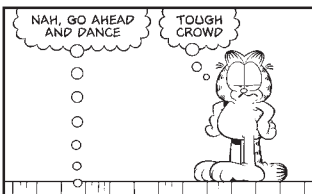
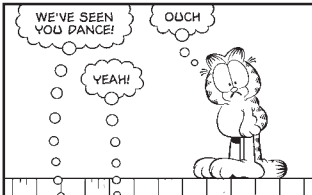
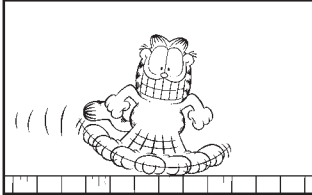
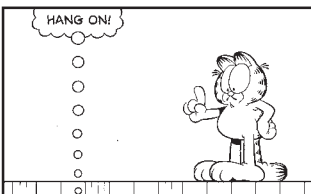
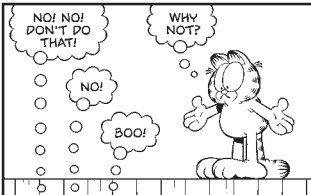
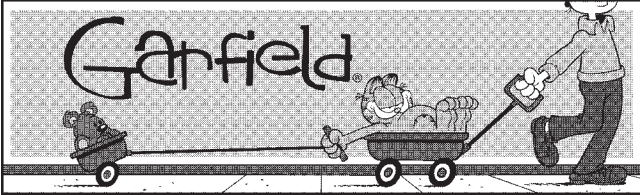
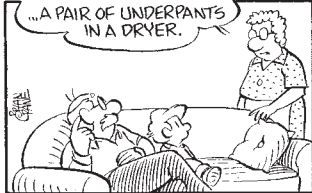
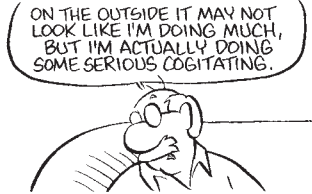
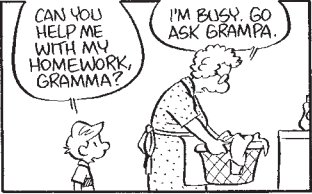
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# Comics AND Puzzles



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

	7							1
1	9			2	3			
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## Universal Crossword

Edited by Anna Gundlach March 19, 2023

### ACROSS

- 1 Trailer hookup  
6 Tennis star  
Gauß  
10 A short time?  
13 Nebraska's biggest city  
14 Moby Dick's pursuer  
15 Real Salt Lake's state  
16 Powell and Coeur d'Alene, for two  
17 Apple assistant  
18 Fraction of a math book?  
19 Corp. bigwig  
20 Wearing footwear  
21 IRS submission method  
22 "Coming 2 America"  
24 Arranged neatly  
26 Form a concept  
27 Prefix for "second" or "technology"  
28 Arab noblemen  
29 Meg of "You've Got Mail"  
31 First part of most resumes  
35 Bed cover  
36 Snakelike fish  
37 Play the banjo  
38 Made haste  
39 "NFL Live" channel  
40 Decide that you will  
41 Imperfection  
43 Like a messy bed

- 45 "This is close to my bedtime!"  
48 "Hogwash!"  
49 "Hello," in Mandarin  
50 "Dear \_\_\_\_" (advice column)  
52 Shopping center  
55 Character who asked Buzz Aldrin if the people on the moon were friendly  
56 Raison d'  
57 Alabama march site  
58 Signature collector's tools  
59 Dos Equis product  
60 60 minutes past 00:00  
61 Give it a go  
62 Undergarments that might be convertible  
63 Razor sharpener

- 9 \_\_\_\_-Wan Kenobi  
10 Straight-laced  
11 It beats (or might eat!) a birdie  
12 Root (for)  
15 Request for some preorders ... or what you can find in the answers to the starred clues  
20 Theatrical scenery  
21 Long period of time  
23 Dawn direction  
25 Granny, to a Brit  
26 "You awake yet?" response  
28 Newspaper VIPs  
30 "You got it"  
32 One making money with other people's work?

- 33 Sound-off button  
34 Punk offshoot  
37 A portion of  
39 Nosh on  
42 Southeast Asian language  
44 Red Sox archival, on scoreboards  
45 Hardly suitable  
46 Bathroom floor worker  
47 Like polished jewelry  
51 La \_\_\_\_ Tar Pits  
53 "ur so funny"  
54 Lava \_\_\_\_ (retro fixture)  
56 Flow out  
57 ABBA song with the words "Nothing else can save me"

FOR ANSWERS TO SUDOKU AND CROSSWORD, SEE PAGE 15

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## Hidden Costs by Guilherme Gilioli

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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## Allan New Horizons

► We sincerely appreciate Anne from My Valentine Floral Design for teaching the basics of floral arrangements. Just walking into the New Horizons Building on Tuesday, Mar. 7 and breathing in the scent of flowers made it seem like spring is coming! All participants went home with gorgeous bouquets that they put together themselves. The event was sponsored by SSM, Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism.   
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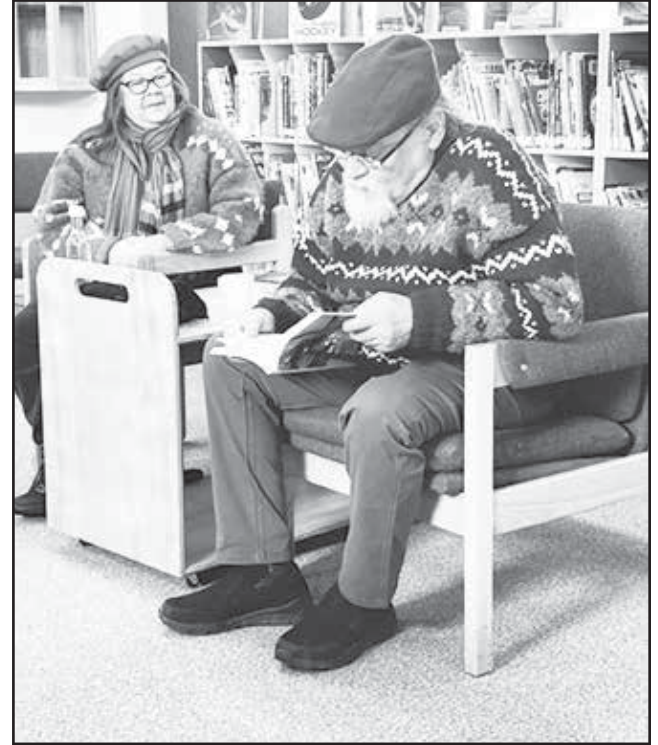


## Author Afternoons at the Watrous Library

■ submitted by Lety Schalm/Watrous Library

Author Afternoons at the library in Watrous featuring local authors wrapped up with our final guest Mar. 11. Michael Gaudet read from his most recent book, *A Work in Progress: The Life My Brother Saved*.

Michael is a local writer and distinguished artist who resides at Manitou Beach with his wife Sharon. In Gaudet's book he speaks of living with kidney disease, in



an effort to bring awareness of this harmful condition. Michael also pushes through that hardship and presents a message of a fulfilling life and how he has been able to pursue some of his dreams.

This recent title has been donated to our library collection and it will be included in the Local Authors section once it has been bar coded. Books written by various local authors should soon be available for circulation in the Watrous Library.

## VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

So excited that Mar. 20 is the first day of spring. What happened to 'spring is sprung the grass is riz'? I as well as many of you would love to see some green grass. It is coming very slowly, but it is coming!

Monday, Mar. 13 in the afternoon, five Blankets for Canada women met, undeterred by the big wind, at the Viscount library. I was so excited I was finally able to join them. Yeah me, I am no longer under the weather! We sewed and sewed and exchanged news and accomplished a great deal of work on making blankets. We sure look forward to the inclement weather ending! We are working on the adult-sized blankets these days as there is a shortage

of them in the shelters. Drop in on us to see what we do or join us in making these fun blankets. Call Evelina at 306-281-8196 if you would like more information. I hope to see you at the Viscount library Monday afternoons.

The Gr. 7/8s from Viscount Central School had a great time when they went curling in Colonsay. The seniors are enjoying their morning coffee at the senior centre as well as the games and coffee Monday afternoons.

People are starting to join our community garage sales this year; looking good!

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week!

## YOUNG

Pat Bryson • 306-259-4860

Are you patiently checking your mailbox for a special package from Vesey's Seeds, Lindenberg Seeds, Stokes or Early's Farm and Garden Centre? Receiving your seed order is a little like Christmas morning, if you are a gardener.

The soup and sandwich lunch held Mar. 7 in the community hall offered a wide selection of homemade soups, sandwiches and irresistible desserts. After the meal, folks had the opportunity to check out the recent renovations. Everyone agreed the hall is looking mighty fine.

The Young Wheatland Regional Library held its annual meeting Mar. 13. Librarian Maria Vanderbie reported that there is a noticeable increase in interest from the community and touched on some of the programming successes. She has more creative activities and fundraisers planned for 2023, so stay tuned. How fortunate is our village to have a library that not only lends books but also movies, music CDs, audio books, etc. and has free computer and Internet access for patrons.

Is spring cleaning on your to-do list? Gone are the days of sooty stovepipes which necessitated a thorough house cleaning when warmer days and the calendar indicated. However, I feel we still get the itch to "open the shutters and throw up the sash" for some fresh, invigorating spring air.

Enjoy your week!

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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:

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Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.  
Yvonne (Bonny) Goodsman, Assessor

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Moving on

► Local basketball teams from Watrous advanced to Regional action following play in Conference brackets. In 3A Boys in Fort Qu'Appelle, the senior boys from Winston High defeated Wynyard 112-25 to advance to the Conference final. In the Saturday afternoon game, Fort Qu'Appelle who defeated Lanigan in its first round, beat Watrous 93-72. Both Winston High and Fort Qu'Appelle advanced to Regionals Mar. 17 and 18. Watrous (ranked fifth) was scheduled to face Assiniboia (ranked 12th) in its first game. On the senior girls side, Winston High headed to Wynyard in 3A Girls action. Watrous beat Dalmeny in game one 67-24 but lost to Lanigan 74-27. Lanigan went on to win the tournament over Wynyard 73-61. The Wildcats advanced to Regionals Mar. 17 and 18 and Watrous (ranked 10th) was scheduled to face Regina Christian (seventh) in its first game.

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Taking the title

► The U17 Humboldt Hurricanes soccer team competed in this year's SaskTel Soccer for Life 6-A-Side Youth Provincial Championships in Regina held during the first weekend of March. Competing in the U17 Boys Division, the team consisted of players from the Humboldt, Lanigan and Watrous area. In a fast-paced close game, the Hurricanes defeated the Regina FCR Allstars 1-0 before facing The Battlefords United FC. Taking on The Battlefords, Humboldt won 3-1 and ended up 2-0

in round-robin play, advancing to the final. In the final, they faced the Regina FCR Allstars again. In the final, they faced the Regina FCR Allstars again. The FCR Allstars scored early to take a 1-0 lead but the Hurricanes fought back earning a 3-1 victory and the title. Congratulations to local area athletes Sawyer Allin, Zoe Mau and Kyler Lone on this great accomplishment. Coaching the team were Courtney and Brittany Ward and Sean Bradow from Humboldt.

photo and info courtesy Kevin Lone



A full house

► What first started out in 2013 at the Watrous Curling Club (pictured above right) has not only grown over the years but has included curlers of all ages. Ready to rock Feb. 25, 2023, 28 curlers took part in the 10th annual Stick Spiel at the Watrous Curling Club (above). With 17 curlers competing in the inaugural event back in 2013, organizer Lorne Bradbeer said stick curling has become more popular over the years. "It is for all ages but for those who are unable to go down and slide from the hack or who want to extend their curling careers despite some health issues, this is a perfect opportunity to do that. It is also a lot of fun and we look forward to the 11th annual Stick Spiel in 2024."

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Email: rm310@sasktel.net

We thank all applicants for their interest in this position; however, only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.



(from page two: GAMES)

the qualifying round I was a little nervous but after that it was like shooting with buddies,” shared Carl adding the entire experience was a memorable one. “I went there with the knowledge I was more than likely not going to win but went knowing I was competing against some of, if not, the best athletes in Canada and even in the world. Being able to compete with them and alongside them and get their take on stuff, it was awesome and helped me a lot.”

Not only did the

competition provide lifelong memories but Bothma explained the Canada Winter Games as a whole was fantastic. “The volunteers were awesome and everything was run well. It was awesome to be with all of the athletes from all the different sports. The people who put the Games together did an amazing job and I always felt safe. The residences were brand new buildings and it was an amazing experience.”

With a passion for shooting since he was 10 years old, seven years later, Bothma felt the support from teammates

at the Canada Winter Games and from those back home. During his events, Carl’s parents were able to watch online from Watrous and Bothma also heard from classmates as they watched from school.

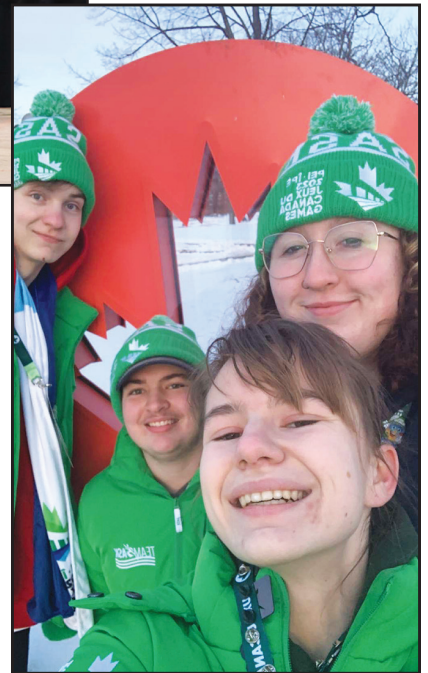
“It was awesome. I also had people text me wishing me well from everywhere in town, it was great. I really appreciated all the support I received from back home. The community, fellow students at Winston High School and my bow buddies from the whole archery community in Saskatchewan. The volunteers and officials at the Canada Winter Games also made the experience great and a reality.”

Enjoying the sport of archery and thankful for the opportunity to practice his skills at the nearby club in Viscount, Bothma wanted to emphasize how grateful he is for the encouragement and support he has received. “I really appreciate everyone who has helped me. Some of my peers like Jacob Bourassa who was at the Games in Red Deer in 2019 gave me a bunch of tips and I shot with him a lot and he really helped me. I want to thank all the teachers, my friends, co-workers, mom and dad and everyone. The support I got was tremendous.”



► Able to compete in archery and take in the closing ceremonies, Carl Bothma of Watrous competed at the Canada Winter Games in Prince Edward Island.

competition photos by Dupont  
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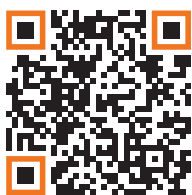
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# BHP building strong partnerships at Jansen

■ media release

As construction progresses at BHP’s Jansen potash project in Saskatchewan, the company has awarded three new contracts in partnership with local First Nation communities. Covering BHP’s camp management, site services and raw ore/handling foundation, the contracts include representation from the six First Nations surrounding the Jansen site, with whom BHP has Opportunity Agreements in place.

The Opportunity Agreements were first developed in 2012. These were the first of their kind and aim to create long-term mutual benefit for BHP and First Nation communities. The agreements enhance the company’s mutual capacity and are a way that industry can forge new relationships with Indigenous Peoples to create local employment, business opportunities and build the skills and capabilities of local residents.

“Across our operations, it is our ambition to create long-term relationships with Indigenous Peoples based on trust and mutual benefit – and these contract awards demonstrate this ambition in action,” shared Vandita Pant, Chief Commercial Officer. “By integrating local suppliers and Indigenous businesses into our supply chain we

are working hand-in-hand with First Nation partners to build long-term positive outcomes for communities and for BHP.”

The three and a half year contracts are valued at over \$260 million (CAD), and will support more than 400 local jobs with over 50 percent planned to be Indigenous. Since sanctioning Jansen Stage 1 in August 2021, a total of \$470 million (CAD) in contracts have been awarded to Indigenous businesses in the region.

To support the work at Jansen, BHP has been a catalyst for First Nation Opportunity Agreement holders coming together with industry partners. The camp management contract has been awarded to Wicehtowak Frontec Services, a joint-venture between ATCO Frontec Ltd. and George Gordon Developments Ltd. The joint venture was originally created in 2011 as a 50-50 partnership to support the construction of the Jansen Discovery Lodge, and today has evolved to a majority Indigenous-owned company.

The site services and raw ore/handling foundation contracts have been awarded to 2Nations Bird - a new partnership between Bird Construction Inc., Beady’s and Okemasis Cree Nation’s Willow Cree Developments General Partner Inc., and Fishing Lake First Nation’s Development Corporation, FLFN Ventures. 2Nations

Bird will work closely with KDM Constructors, who represent Kawakatoose, DayStar and Muskowekwan Nations, as well as George Gordon Developments Ltd., the economic development arm of the George Gordon First Nation.

Chief Ananas of Beady’s & Okemasis’ Cree Nation explains the impact of the contracts on his community, “Indigenous and industry partnerships, such as these, create economic and employment opportunities for our Nation and its members. It also allows us to develop capacity, learn from one another, and grow in tandem. More importantly, these types of relationships are critical to advance economic reconciliation which allows us to develop long-term, meaningful, and sustainable outcomes.”

As BHP moves towards its operations at Jansen, anticipated to start in late-2026, the company is working with First Nation Opportunity Agreement partners, and other Indigenous groups to identify jobs and skillsets it will require long term at Jansen.

BHP have partnered with local organizations in Saskatchewan to provide pre-apprenticeship programs to help build awareness of opportunities in the trades and prepare individuals for the skills necessary to enter the mining industry. Through these programs the



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company hopes to attract more people who may not have considered a career in mining, particularly women and Indigenous people in the region.

“We deeply appreciate our mutually beneficial agreements with

First Nation partner our work together we seek to better understand Indigenous voices, values, knowledge and perspectives and to incorporate them into the way we work. We strongly believe this will make BHP a more successful company.”

Storm number four ended July on a stormy note, with ever-present heat and humidity. Between July 29 to 31, the weather featured clusters of severe thunderstorms, including a couple of tornadoes, strong rotating or straight-line winds and flooding rains. While a tornado touched down in Coronation on July 31, another weak, non-destructive tornado struck between Kindersley and Swift Current.

Following the four major July storms, Phillips said property insurance damage, not counting crop losses, was nearly a quarter of a billion dollars across the Prairies, with Alberta suffering the majority of the loss.

While tornadoes and severe weather events in Saskatchewan are becoming more and more common, NTP hopes by accurately identifying areas at risk in a daily forecast will be an important step in heightening awareness and providing advance notice for those on the ground.

As for where the confirmed 2022 tornadoes were in Saskatchewan, NTP’s list includes: Caron (May 17), Furness (June 10), Maymont (June 10), Rheinfeld (June 20), Log Valley (June 23), Manitou Beach (June 29), Foam Lake (June 29), Cymric (two events on June 29), Serath (two events June 29), Arbury (June 29), Glidden (July 5), Smiley (July 5), Paynton (July 8), Lambert Lake (July 8), Oliver Lake (July 8), Blaine Lake (July 8), Allan (July 15), Young (July 15), Avonhurst (July 15), Radville (July 17), Lake Athabasca (July 25), Little Island Lake (Aug. 4), and Erin ferry (Aug. 4).

Downbursts include: Langbank (June 19), McAdam Lake (June 26), Kelliher (July 10), Grenfell (July 15), Wapella (July 15), Moosomin (July 15), Red Jacket (July 15), Kerrobert (Aug. 2), Erin ferry (Aug. 4), Amyot Lake (Aug. 4), Namekus Lake (Aug. 4), Watson (Aug. 13), and Kelvington (Aug. 13).

Unclassified wind damage include: Ocean Man First Nation (June 19), Churchbridge (June 23), Biggar (July 17), Halbrite (July 18), Lake Four (Aug. 4), and Kelvington (Aug. 13).

Unclassified visual vortex include: Forgan (June 13), Laporte (June 19), Melville (June 21), and Briercrest (July 26).

Non-tornadic vortices include: Indian Head (May 7), Bethune (May 8), Smuts (June 24), Hoosier (July 5), Hitchcock Bay (July 10), and Lloydminster (July 30).

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eight kilometres east of Young and about 11 kms west of Manitou Beach and Watrous, the rotating twister went from a grey hue to a darker brown as it began sucking up dirt and debris from the ground. Lasting for about 15 minutes as it moved through part of Allan and Steven Leslie’s pasture land toward Watrous and Manitou Beach, it knocked over some trees before disappearing.

In an interview last year with The Watrous Manitou, Steven Leslie confirmed the land spout twister had gone through part of the family’s land. “There were a bunch of trees that were knocked over but thankfully there was really nothing else that was damaged.”

Having never witnessed a tornado in person before, Watrous resident Doug Thomas was enjoying an afternoon at Manitou Beach with his family when the twister hit. Like Leslie, Thomas shared with The Watrous Manitou last year he noticed a number of people on the beach looking west and pointing at a little funnel coming down from the back of a dark cloud. Noticing a skinny tongue of grey darting in and out of the funnel toward the ground, after a few minutes Doug thought it was dissipating. Recording videos of the event, just as he figured everything was coming to a conclusion, a dust storm began to form. Shortly after that, the rotating funnel joined up to create a large column.

Guernsey resident Al Bowman was working for the Manitou and District Regional Park Campground that day and also spotted the clouds forming over Little Manitou Lake. Capturing the event on a time lapse which eventually went viral, Bowman would conduct interviews from all over the place like Austria, France, the United States and Canada asking what happened that day.

Like Bowman, Thomas also posted his videos on social media and they started to garner attention. “By the end of the afternoon my phone was buzzing non-stop with notifications and the number of views quickly grew into the thousands.”

Looking back on that day, the pair were amazed at the tornado and also thankful no one was hurt.

Rating tornadoes on strength and damage using the Enhanced Fujita Scale (EF) with a zero being the weakest and a five the most powerful, in the case of the twister near Manitou Beach, NTP said it was rated EF2

over land. Occurring around 3 p.m. it was tracked at 7.47 kms with a width of 210 m and max wind speeds of 190 km/h. While not as lengthy, the event near Allan and Young came a few weeks later: At 11:11 a.m. on July 15, the tornado near Allan was tracked at 0.85 km over land with a max width of 160 m. There was no wind speed data available and no definite EF rating. The event by Young later that day at 1:05 p.m. did not have any data but could be spotted southwest of town and from motorists going from Watrous to Young.

As for having multiple tornadoes in Saskatchewan during the same day, in an interview last year with The Watrous Manitou, Terri Lang, Services Meteorologist for Environment and Climate Change Canada indicated it can happen. “We do tend to get them once or twice a season but the last few years due to drought conditions there has not been the storms that Saskatchewan normally experiences.”

With Saskatchewan being a hot spot for tornadoes, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada’s Top 10 Weather Events in 2022, the active weather in the Prairies throughout July put it seventh on the list.

Compiled by David Phillips with Environment and Climate Change Canada, at least four powerful and dangerous July storms spanned from Alberta to Manitoba. Bringing heavy rain, large hail, damaging wind gusts and tornadoes, the storms inflicted millions of dollars in property damages.

On the afternoon of July 7, Phillips shared the first severe super thunderstorm developed over central and southern Alberta spawning an EF2 tornado with wind speeds between 180 and 190 km/h. The next day, four tornadoes were spotted in parts of Saskatchewan near Paynton and Blaine Lake on July 8, followed by a small, non-destructive tornado near Argyle, Man. on July 9.

The second storm system developed on July 15 across the Alberta foothills including large hailstones before entering Saskatchewan the next day.

A third storm complex started in Alberta on July 18 just west of Medicine Hat, triggering an EF2 tornado with maximum wind speeds of 190 km/h. Plough winds peaked between 100 and 115 km/h. leaving thousands of residents without power for several days. Localized flooding also occurred over many areas across Alberta and Saskatchewan.





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## Obituary



**WHETEN,  
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Wrenley Sage Wheten, aged 74 days, of Manitou Beach, Sask. passed away at Watrous District Health Complex, Watrous, Sask. on Thursday, March 9, 2023.

A private family service was held Wednesday, March 15, 2023 with a private family interment

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►Heading into spring, the northern lights dancing in the night sky have provided some pretty re-

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