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Canucks capture Senior A provincial title to become first to win A, B, C and D championships

■ Daniel Bushman

History was made on home ice as the Drake Canucks not only won its inaugural Senior A provincial championship but in doing so, according to Hockey Sask, became the first Senior hockey team in Saskatchewan to win Senior A, B, C, and D provincial banners.

With the Drake Sportsplex packed Sunday, Mar. 20 - after losing game one at Flying Dust First Nation Mar. 13 and taking game two back home Mar. 19 - the Canucks defeated the Meadow Lake Broncos 6-3 in game three to claim the title.

"That was a very tough series and I find it a relief when you finally win it," said Drake Head Coach Duane McLaren. "It is maybe a different feeling but I have been on both ends so I find it more of a relief. I knew we were better than we were in game one, it was just a matter of doing it was the big thing."

Captain of the Canucks Cam Blair who grew up watching the team capture provincial and league titles before winning a championship of his own agreed with his coach. "Pretty relieving. It has been something that we have been going after for quite a long time. Even with how things ended the last time we went to provincials when covid kicked in, it is good to get over the hump and finally get the provincial championship."

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Provincial champs

►The 2021-'22 Senior A provincial champion Drake Canucks. Pictured back row (left to right): Bob Bergen, Darren Blair, John Lawrence, Carter Coben, Rhett Blackmur, Cody Wourms, Terrell Draude, Steven Toporowski, Kendall McFaull, Emmett Scheidt, Duane McLaren, and Scott Blair. Middle row (left to right): Andrew Johnson, Russell Goodman, Cam Blair, Nolan Blair, Chris Durand, Neil Landry (directly behind Chris Durand), Maguire Blair (behind David Stumborg), David Stumborg, Maguire Scheidt, and Cody Pettapiece. Front row: Spencer Ewen. Not pictured: Calvin Bartel, Catlin Gusikoski, Matt Rintoul, and Daigon Elmy.

photo by Daniel Bushman

Provincial government tables budget

■ Daniel Bushman

After crunching the numbers, evaluating how best to proceed and taking into account the pandemic, tabling Saskatchewan's 2022-'23 Budget, the province's Deputy Premier, Finance Minister and local MLA Donna Harpauer said, "Saskatchewan is back on track."

Highlighting the economy, Harpauer is optimistic that finances will steadily improve on the road to balancing a budget. "This budget makes significant investments that will get important government services back on track as we come out of the pandemic. This budget will fund thousands of surgeries in the first year of a three-year effort to bring the wait list down to pre-pandemic levels. This budget helps make access to high-quality child care more affordable. This budget invests

in our economy, it invests in health, education, important capital projects and it ensures our investments in those priorities are sustainable into the future."

The budget unveiled Mar. 23 in Regina by Harpauer contains a projected \$463 million deficit forecast for 2022-'23 which is a \$2.1 billion improvement from last year's budget. Over the next three years, Harpauer noted deficits are projected to be \$384 million, \$321 million and \$165 million respectively. A balanced budget is expected for 2026-'27.

Revenue of \$17.2 billion is forecast, up \$2.7 billion from last year. Non-renewable resource revenue is projected to be \$2.9 billion, up \$1.6 billion from last year, largely due to higher potash and oil price forecasts because of expected global demand.

"While volatile world events have made commodity prices difficult to forecast, as

always our revenue forecasts are based on cautious oil price projections," Harpauer said. "It's too soon to tell if oil prices will remain high for an extended period and what impact that could have on revenues. We will continue to monitor the impact on both revenues and affordability and respond as required."

Expenses of \$17.6 billion is projected, an increase of \$531 million, or 3.1 percent over last year.

As the provincial government applauded the budget, the Saskatchewan NDP said it failed to live up to expectations.

According to Official Opposition Leader Ryan Meili and Finance Critic Trent Wotherspoon the pair felt the budget deepens the affordability crisis. Claiming there are no new relief measures, 32 new taxes and fees and no support for seniors or students, Meili said, "At a time when

Saskatchewan families need a lifeline, the Sask. Party has thrown them an anchor. Hard-working people are struggling with increased costs at the grocery store, at the pump and in their housing but this government isn't listening. Not only does this budget not offer any relief for families just trying to make ends meet, it increases taxes and fees when people are already struggling to make ends meet. These are very serious times, with increased uncertainty caused by world events. Saskatchewan people deserve solutions to serious problems. Budget 2022 fails to offer any vision to grow our province."

The following are some areas within the provincial budget that were announced Mar. 23:

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First annual Unleash The Draggin' Drag Races enjoyed by many

■ Daniel Bushman

Welcoming riders and spectators from across Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba, the first annual Unleash The Draggin' Drag Races was a roaring success.

Held on a field near the Resort Village of Manitou Beach and hosted by Manitou Mini Mart, the Mar. 12 snowmobile drag racing event was the final race of the year for the 2022 Straightline Snowmobile Racing Association (SSRA).

Organizer Mike Hayward of Manitou Mini Mart said they had 64 sleds registered and ran a total of 78 races throughout Saturday. "It went fairly well. We had quite a few spectators and I think the cabaret afterward also went well."

Hoping to include all types of sleds featuring local racers, amateurs, kids and juniors right up to professionals, Hayward noted they competed on a 500 foot track immediately south on William Street on the first open field to the east at Manitou Beach. With lots of smiles, the organizer is already excited to host next year's event. "We will definitely be doing it again next year."

Hayward also said he appreciated all of the sponsors and volunteers who stepped up to help make the event a success.



► Pictured left: A successful cabaret was held at Danceland following the Unleash The Draggin' Drag Races at Manitou Beach. Pictured above and below: there were 64 sleds registered for the first-ever Unleash The Draggin' Drag Races with a total of 78 races conducted.

Left photos courtesy Toebean Media/remaining photos courtesy Andrea Toman



Watrous Dance Festival celebrates 27 years

■ Daniel Bushman

After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, the excitement has been building as dancers will

be centre stage during the 27th installment of the Watrous Dance Festival.

Featuring a number of clubs from out of town as well as dancers from

right in Watrous, put on by the Watrous School of Dance with help from its dance families, chair of this year's festival Wendi Collins said organizers are looking forward to the weekend.

"It is exciting to be able

to host the Apr. 1 to 2 event at Winston High School after not being able to have something for the past two years. With things returning to a more normal and being able to see it all come together, it will be really great."

Eight visiting clubs along with host Watrous will be competing during the first weekend in April with session one kicking off at 6:30 p.m. Friday. With the festival running through Saturday, Collins said those planning to attend can expect to see a myriad of dances. "There is a wide variety of performances to view over the two days of competition with some very talented dancers so it should be very exciting."

As part of this year's

festival, thousands of dollars will be handed out in awards due to the generosity of those from the local area. "We have had tremendous support over the years from our sponsors and this year is no different. The community as a whole has always been great when the festival is held."

Like in previous years, Collins noted the importance of the ongoing generosity of Winston High School. "Every year Winston High School allows us to use their facility and it is tremendously appreciated! Being able to offer rooms for the dancers to use, a canteen area and the stage, it is such a great facility for a dance competition."

With a substantial amount of time and dedication going into an event

like the annual festival, Collins added it is not just the committee members who have given of their time. "Our dance families really step up and put in a lot of hours volunteering. In order to have our dance club remain affordable, all of the funds that we raise during the weekend all go back to the club to help offset the costs of having the teachers come out. A festival like this can really help make it affordable for our kids to dance."

Collins said people are welcome to attend the Apr. 1 and 2 festival, starting in the afternoon Friday and bright and early Saturday. They can also visit the festival's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WSDFestival/ or on Instagram at [watrous-dancefestival](https://www.instagram.com/watrous-dancefestival).

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Ted Bowes Memorial Ice Bowl 2022

a tremendous success

■ submitted by Murray Gordon

Ted Bowes Memorial Ice Bowl Tournament Director

The Ted Bowes Memorial Ice Bowl 2022 was a huge success. Held at Murray Disc Golf near Manitou Beach Sunday, Mar. 13, over 40 disc golfers attended.

Taking place during a beautiful sunny day, this year's event included fun and friendship with disc golfers representing Green Lake, North Battleford, Saskatoon, Regina, Moose Jaw, Wadena, Watrous and Manitou Beach.

At the end of competition, there was a tie for first in the Women's Division between Wendy Chapman (Saskatoon) and Samantha Dustyhorn (Regina) who scored +2. Jeri-Ann Brownbridge (Regina) took second place with a +7 and Shawna Scott (Regina) was third with a +10.


In the Men's Division, it was really close with Darcy Dastou (Moose Jaw) taking first place with a -9, upsetting the 2021 champ, Evan Zimmer (North Battleford) who was second with -7. There was a three way tie for third place between Corbin Hanson (Manitou Beach), Jason Worobec (Green Lake), and Ken Williams (Moose Jaw) who scored -6.

In total, over 40 local businesses in Watrous and Manitou Beach really got behind the Watrous and District Food Bank by financially donating to the Disc Golf Saskatchewan Ted Bowes Memorial Ice Bowl 2022. In addition, many gave gift certificates, prizes like bags, hats, toques, drink holders and mugs plus a beautiful mini fridge was raffled off and won by Shawn Whetan.

This year's event raised close to \$2,800 with more coming from merchandise sales on Disc Golf Scene sponsored by Disc Golf Saskatchewan. Our Ice Bowl Coordinator James Lawson (Saskatoon) ordered discs, towels, mini markers, socks and first, second, and third place tags. Evan Zimmer (North Battleford) ordered T-shirts, toques and hoodies for our Disc Golf Saskatchewan four Ice Bowl events held in Saskatoon, Regina, near Manitou Beach and in North Battleford!

We greatly appreciated all of the disc golfers who participated and all of our sponsors who helped the event be so successful.



► The Ted Bowes Memorial Ice Bowl 2022 included over 40 disc golfers in attendance Mar. 13.  photos courtesy Murray Gordon



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RCMP Report

Male charged after hundreds of non-emergency 911 calls

Between November 2021 and March 2022, hundreds of calls were made to the Province of Saskatchewan's 911 dispatch centre. The caller did not identify themselves during the calls, nor did they indicate any emergency.

911 dispatchers and police officers treat all calls seriously and have to ensure there is no emergency at the other end of the line, even if no one speaks during the call or the caller hangs up. Officers repeatedly checked the area where these calls were being placed and did not find evidence of any emergency or need for police assistance.

Saskatoon RCMP investigated the calls, which were made from an unregistered cell phone. On Mar. 15, 2022, officers executed a search warrant at a residence in Kenaston. As a result, Kenneth Howells of Kenaston was arrested and charged with one count, harassing communications, Section 372(3), Criminal Code. He was also charged with one count, fail to comply with probation order, Section 733.1(1), Criminal Code.

He will next appear in Saskatoon Provincial Court on Mar. 30, 2022.

"911 is the life line for Saskatchewan residents experiencing an emergency," said Sgt. David Pidlisny of the Saskatoon RCMP. "We can't tolerate any misuse of it – it needlessly ties up 911 dispatchers' and police officers' time. I'm pleased our officers were able to investigate thoroughly and determine the origin of these calls."

Tisdale RCMP seize drugs and firearm

On Mar. 16, 2022, Tisdale RCMP executed a search warrant at a residence in Bjorkdale.

Officers located and seized: 252 grams of methamphetamine; 237 hydromorphone pills; drug trafficking paraphernalia and a sum of cash; one loaded prohibited firearm; and ammunition.

As a result, Rudi Betthel of Bjorkdale has been

charged with: two counts, possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; four counts, fail to comply with release order condition, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code; one count, unsafe storage of firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, possession of weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code; one count, possession of prohibited weapon knowing possession unauthorized, Section 92(1), Criminal Code; one count, unlicensed possession of restricted firearm/prohibited weapon with ammunition, Section 95(2), Criminal Code; and counts, possession of weapon contrary to order and fail to surrender authorization, Section 117.01(3), Criminal Code.

A warrant has been issued for his arrest and Tisdale RCMP are actively trying to locate and arrest him.

Rudi Betthel is described as approximately 5'10" tall and of medium build. He has brown hair and blue eyes.

Anyone with information on Rudi Betthel's whereabouts should call their local police service. Information can also be reported anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

(from front page: BUDGET)

Health care

The Saskatchewan government is making a record investment in health care as the budget provides an increase of \$318.7 million or 5.2 percent from 2021-'22, for a total of \$6.44 billion.

"As we focused our health care resources on the pandemic over the past two years, that limited our ability to deliver health services in other areas, like the number of surgeries performed," Health Minister Paul Merriman said. "This year's budget will address

many of those other priorities and get our health system back on track."

The budget will provide funding for acute and emergency care in urban, rural and northern communities, mental health and addictions supports, cancer treatments and programs, key provincial infrastructure investments, and will protect people through the transition to living with COVID-19.

To attract and retain specialists and physicians, \$3.5 million in new funding will

increase the number of specialty and family medicine residency training seats, expand intake for the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment (SIPPA) program and enhance rural practice incentives for physicians.

"Planning work has begun for a new and dedicated agency responsible for recruiting and retaining health professionals into our workforce from across Saskatchewan, North America and overseas."

The budget provides the

Saskatchewan Health Authority with \$4.2 billion this year, up more than \$277 million, or seven percent, compared to last year.

An increase of \$21.6 million will address the surgical waitlist, and fund thousands of additional surgeries this year, the first year of a three-year plan to deliver on the largest volume of surgical procedures in the history of the province. The aggressive plan targets a return to pre-COVID levels in surgical wait times by the end of March 2025.

This budget invests \$470 million into mental health and addictions programs and services - over seven percent of total health care spending - including a targeted investment of \$8 million over last year, representing the highest investment ever in Saskatchewan for these programs and services. The increase will fund initiatives that provide counselling and treatments and introduce further proactive prevention measures.

A \$17 million increase in this budget supports seniors and includes a number of initiatives, among them: \$4.8 million for home care

services; \$4.1 million to provide high-dose influenza vaccine to adults 65 and older; \$1.6 million for operations at the Meadow Lake Northwest Community Lodge; and \$6.5 million in new funding for an additional 117 continuing care aide positions.

The new care aide workers represent the second year of a three-year, \$18.4 million commitment to hire 300 continuing care aides to work in long-term care and expanded home care services. The two-year total is now 225, and the final 75 will be funded next fiscal year.

This budget establishes a new and independent agency dedicated to recruiting and retaining health care workers. This budget also includes a \$1.5 million increase to support recruitment initiatives including the development of a settlement and relocation incentive program, to recruit 150 health care workers to Saskatchewan from the Philippines. It is the first year of a two-year program aimed at bringing 300 health care workers from the Philippines to Saskatchewan.

There is \$12.5 million in new funding for 11 addi-

tional intensive care beds across the province, the first year of a three-year strategy to add 31 ICU beds to bring the total to 110 by 2024-'25, up from the current 79.

A \$4.9 million increase will expand the number of specialized medical imaging procedures, including CT and MRI scans. An added \$3 million will fund 10 high-acuity beds at Regina General Hospital to support capacity expansion. The beds will be used to reduce demands on the ICU and improve patient flow.

A nearly \$11 million increase will support stabilization of emergency medical services (EMS) with additional paramedics, ambulances and funding in 27 communities across the province, particularly in rural and remote areas, as well as Regina and Saskatoon. This funding will also support additional training and resourcing for community paramedicine in a number of rural and northern communities.

Education

Education spending is \$3.8 billion, up more than \$47.2 million, or 1.3 percent compared to last year.

Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions will receive \$1.99 billion in operating funding for the 2022 school year an increase of \$24.9 million over last year.

A new \$7 million fund in this budget will allow school divisions to hire up to 200 additional, full-time educational assistants to support students and manage increasingly diverse classrooms.

Funding for child care and early learning is \$309.6 million, including funding provided through the Federal-Provincial Early Years agreements. Of that funding, \$4.3 million will create 6,100 new child care spaces, part of government's goal to create 28,000 new licensed spaces over the next five years.

"Starting in February 2022, parent child care fees were reduced by up to 50 percent in licensed care.

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U11 Hawks
host tournament

►Watrous Centennial Arena was a hub of activity Mar. 18 to 20 as six teams competed for a championship in U11 hockey. With Bruno, Watrous 2 and Lanigan in Pool A and Nokomis/ Drake, Watrous 1 and Wadena in Pool B, after Friday and part of Saturday's games, Lanigan finished first in Pool A while Watrous 1 was first in Pool B. In playoffs held Sunday, Watrous 2 beat Watrous 1 while Bruno defeated Lanigan. In the B final held later that day, Watrous 1 beat Lanigan while Watrous 2 won in the A final over Bruno.

photos by Daniel Bushman



Golden weekend

►The U15 Watrous Volleyball Club hosted its tournament at Winston High School Mar. 18 and 19 as a number of teams competed. Along with Watrous, clubs participating included the Lanigan U14 team, Route 20 Renegades, Momentum (Lloydminster), Loreburn, and QCVC (Regina). Watrous head coach Wendi Collins said all of the teams at the tournament were very closely matched which led to a lot of games going the distance. "It was a great day of volleyball which

saw Loreburn take the bronze medal against Route 20 Renegades. Watrous played Momentum in the final and again it was a battle with Watrous pulling through in the third set to win gold!" After its home tournament, the U15 club volleyball team from Watrous (pictured) has around one month left in the season. "We have one more Sask. Cup to attend and then will finish the season at provincials in Saskatoon Apr. 30 to May 1."

photo courtesy Matthew Tan

(from front page: CANUCKS)

Drake's quest for a Senior A provincial title started in round one against Balcarres. With wins of 5-2 and 4-3, the Canucks swept its opponents and moved on to meet a tough Milestone squad. In game one, Drake took the opener on the road with a 4-2 victory as Russell Goodman recorded a hat trick to set up game two at home. In that one, the Canucks lost 8-3 which meant a third and deciding game. Battling back after being down 4-2, Drake scored six unanswered markers to win 8-4 and advanced to meet Southey.

One round away from the provincial final, the Canucks headed to Southey for game one and took the opener 8-2. In Drake for game two, as was the case against Milestone, the Canucks were unable to close out the series, dropping the contest 4-2. In game three and looking to move on, Chris Durand would be the hero as Drake took a 3-2 victory to advance to face Meadow Lake.

Set to compete against the Broncos, the Canucks knew they had to bring their best as Meadow Lake's roster included former NHL'ers DJ and Dwight King, East Coast Hockey League player Todd Fiddler, Western Hockey League netminder Bryan Bridges, who set a WHL regular season record with 13 shutouts and Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League players like Jared Iron and Robin and Regan Yew.

Hoping to take a 1-0 series lead heading home, despite out shooting Meadow Lake in game one Drake fell short, losing 4-1. Blair felt the difference in that contest was the Broncos connecting on their odd man rushes while Drake met a pretty hot goalie. "We gave him all we had in Meadow but he was a pretty big difference. I thought we outplayed them, they just made the most of their chances."

Looking to tie the series back up at home and with a full Drake Sportsplex, the Canucks went to work in front of their home town fans, battling back from a 2-1 deficit. Eventually securing a thrilling 4-2 victory with goals from John Lawrence (two), Cam Blair and David Stumborg (who added the empty-netter), Drake also received some help from veteran goalie Calvin Bartel to push the series to a third and deciding game.

With a number of former Canuck players in attendance for game three, many sporting their black championship leather jackets from years prior, as was the case for game two, fans had to arrive at least a half hour before puck

drop in order to secure a good spot. A player with the Canucks during a number of those championship teams before becoming the head coach, McLaren also wore his black leather jacket for game three. "When I was sitting at the table watching guys come in before the game, there was a lot of those old black leathers coming in. I was quite surprised."

With hundreds of people attending game three in Drake and not a lot of room to sit, Blair said it was awesome to have such strong support for the team. "It is one of those things that is tough to put into words. It shows the amount of support our small town hockey team has when there is people coming from all over the countryside to come watch our games. Even the support from surrounding communities like Watrous, Lanigan, Humboldt and all the people in Drake and people from Drake that were coming back and even giving their support online, it really meant a lot."

As game time got closer and players returned to the dressing room after warm ups, when asked if McLaren had one last message for his team, he said, "I am pretty quiet and this time of year I don't think anybody needs an inspirational speech. You either better be ready or you're going to lose. That is all there is to it. We have a very good dressing room. These guys all get along and they are all there for the same reason and that to me is 90 percent of it. They knew they were better than game one and everybody just stepped up."

After the national anthem was played, clubs got down to business to decide who would win this year's Senior A provincial title.

With Bartel unable to suit up for game three, goalie

Spencer Ewen got the nod and was tested early. After applying some early pressure, Drake gave up a breakaway and with Meadow Lake's first shot of the game, Regan Yew beat Ewen upstairs to make it 1-0. The marker, a stretch pass from Calvin Fiddler to set up the breakaway, came 1:38 into the game.

After Meadow Lake had gotten out to an early edge in the previous two games, when they scored to start game three, McLaren noted there was no panic on the Drake bench. Understanding how tough it was for Ewen to get the late call to start and then face a breakaway early on, McLaren said his netminder shook it off and settled in.

Then with 13:11 illuminated on the scoreboard and deep in Meadow Lake territory, it was Drake's turn to notch one of its own. With the puck on his stick, Maguire Blair spotted Andrew Johnson in the slot and the forward made no mistake going high blocker side on netminder Bryan Bridges to tie the game.

With a bit of momentum, Drake would receive a power play late in the period and just 39 seconds with the man advantage, former Calgary Hitmen Terrell Draude would strike with a quick shot, beating Bridges on his glove side and giving the Canucks a 2-1 edge. With helpers from John Lawrence and David Stumborg, the Canucks not only grabbed the lead, they held a 9-5 advantage in the shot department.

As the crowd watched with eager anticipation, the opening 20 minutes soon came to a close and Meadow Lake found itself in more penalty trouble to begin period two. Despite being shorthanded to start the middle frame

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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 (payable to the Resort Village of Etters Beach), which will be returned if the appeal is successful with:

Saumya Vaidyanathan, Secretary of the Board of Revision, Western Municipal Consulting Ltd.
Box 149, Meota, SK S0M 1X0
by the 29th day of April, 2022.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2022
Denise Brecht, Assessor



Opinion



VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Well, I think spring has sprung. Personally I am hoping it stays. It is always nice to see all the spring articles in stores, a refresh. I love spring, bring it on.

Wednesday, Mar. 16, three of us lovely ladies joined together at Blankets for Canada. We sewed together many crochet and knitted squares. It was an awesome afternoon joining together for a cup of tea and great conversation. We are always looking for new

or old members to join us every Wednesday afternoon at the Viscount library. We are always in need of 8 x 8 inch squares, knitted or crocheted squares and yarn if anyone has some to spare. Our blankets are made and delivered to shelters. Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Please let me know if you have some news to share. Have a great week stay warm, stay safe and enjoy all that you can.

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PLUNKETT

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Sorry that I did not write any news, but I was in Humboldt hospital for one month. It sure was nice getting home again.

TeleMiracle was a huge success this year.

Dennis and Leona Credgeur are away to Meadow Lake to drive their grandchildren to school while their father is recuperating from shoulder surgery.

We sure have had quite the winter storms. We haven't seen snow like that for years.

The curling fans had a real good week of curling.

Gary and Linda Whitehead had their grandson visit them. It was very cold and they could not drive their snowmobiles.

Lorie Giddings returned home from Mexico.

Our grandchildren recently visited us.

Soon it will be spring.

There is not much news around.

Get well greetings go out to anyone ill. We wish them well.

COLONSAY

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Joyce Walker and Joan Campbell travelled to Humboldt Mar. 16. They enjoyed watching the Louisiana Hay Ride performance.

Sheila Peever and Irene Gray attended the funeral service for Mildred Keyser Mar. 17 at Mayfair United Church. Rev. Shelly Manley-Tannis presided. Mildred passed away Mar. 5. Mildred had been a member of Queen Esther #5 Saskatoon. After the service a Rebekah service was held. Members formed an honour guard. Two beautiful pieces of Mildred's needlepoint had been displayed.

I hope Evelyn Selby

had a very happy birthday for a special celebration Mar. 26.

The Colonsay rink held a wing night fundraiser at the rink to close out the season Mar. 25.

To those sick and unable to leave their homes:

A smile can brighten every day,

And loving words make it more gay,

Be kind and loving in all you do,

And you'll find friends come smiling through,

A smile can burst into laughter,

Or hide a tear when you kneel to pray,

If your burdens are many let your joys be many.



Tips from
Reena Nerbas

Hi Noreen,

This is a great question! I really enjoy using real vanilla as opposed to vanilla extract. Let us begin with proper storage. Vanilla does not typically "go bad" but if stored in a warm place it will deteriorate and lose flavour. Refrigeration is not recommended, but if it is a choice between a hot storage area and refrigerator, opt for the fridge! Pure vanilla extract is made by "percolating" chopped vanilla beans with ethyl alcohol and water. In order to lessen the vanilla flavour, your best bet is to reduce the amount of vanilla just as you suggested. Another option is to add water to the bottle as this will lower the concentration by lessening the flavour strength.

Dear Reena,

You are the only one I can think of who might be able to answer this query. Is it possible to remove name labels that institutions like personal care homes iron on or glue on the back of residents' clothing? Thanks, Glen

Dear Glen,

Have you tried lifting a corner and heating it with a hairdryer? Often this is all that is required to soften the glue allowing the label to peel off. Other options are: Goo Gone, WD-40 or rubbing alcohol.

Dear Reena,

I spilled some red wine on my white leather kitchen chair. I wiped it immediately, but it is stained in the grain of the leather and the seams. Please help me. Trista

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

A friend has given me a bottle of vanilla, which she bought in Mexico. It is much stronger than the product we normally buy in our grocery store. Is there a secret to diluting or toning down the essence beyond merely using less of it? Thanks, Noreen

Dear Trista,

The faster you work, the better. Blot the area using a white cloth, dish soap, baking powder and water. Make a paste and gently scrub. Wipe with water or if the spill is new, sprinkle the wet area with salt or a little white wine to absorb the colour. Do not use hydrogen peroxide as some sources advise this may permanently discolour the leather. Sunlight bar soap is another great option although it is becoming increasingly difficult to find.

Feedback from wise contributor

Re: Watermarks on wood

Dear Reena,

I read your tips about removing watermarks on wood furniture and they really work. Here is another suggestion: heat the watermark using a hairdryer on the high setting. Hold the hairdryer in place and watch the mark disappear!

Tips that really stink

- Regarding tearing up while slicing onions, I peel onions before I slice them and then place the onion in the freezer for 30 minutes. The cold slows the conversion of the sulfoxides which is what makes your eyes sting. Submitted by: Lucille

- The best way to store garlic is in an open basket for air circulation at room temperature. Do not remove the papery outsides until just before use as it protects the garlic. Submitted by: Lucille

- Do not store potatoes and onions near each other as gases from the onions can hasten sprouting in potatoes. Submitted by: Roy

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

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



Neighbourly advice
according to Ed

A spiritual column

by contributor

Raymond Maher

www.accordingtoed.com

I told Ed that I was at the dentist recently to deal with cavities that had materialized like weeds attacking my teeth. "You must have been lazy about brushing your teeth, as seven cavities sound like you only brushed your teeth on Sundays," Ed observed.

I confessed that I avoided regular dental appointments the last couple of years. I used the threat of COVID to keep well away from my dentist. My dentist is a nice guy, but I try to avoid him if I can.

Lent stretches the attitudes of contemporary Christians

Ed said that is how he feels about his wife's pastor. He is an okay fellow, but Ed avoids him as much as possible. Since his wife Ruby occasionally goes to church, there is no need for Ed to go too. My old neighbour informed me that he is in a good place without church services or clergy disturbing his peace. He feels satisfied that he is not bad enough for hell and that is enough for now.

One writer has commented that the church season of Lent is in trouble because it does not reflect the values and attitudes of today's Christians. Lent is a penitential period beginning 40 days before Easter, excluding Sundays. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with the tradition of being marked by a cross of ashes on one's forehead.

Ashes marked on our forehead in a cross remind us that we will die. We are dust, and to dust, we

will return. (Gen. 3:19) Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness fasting with prayer and overcoming the devil's temptations. Jesus did this for us, who, as humans, do not overcome all temptations. Not only was Jesus able to conquer temptation and sin, but He died for the forgiveness of our sins and arose in victory over death. Now death leads to eternal life with Jesus for those who trust him.

There is not a great eagerness for people to admit with sorrow that they have sinned and that they are sinners before God, others, and themselves. Most agree with the words of the rock song 'Human,' "Maybe I'm foolish, maybe I'm blind, but I'm only human after all, don't put your blame on me." We do not want to accept the truth that we are to blame for the sins we commit.

Jesus says that what we do as believers together

is not about showing off before each other. When we worship, give to the needy, pray, or fast, they are to be done simply and sincerely for God's recognition without glorifying ourselves. Ashes on the forehead can be meaningless before God if there is no desire in our heart to return to God in confession, prayer and newness of attitude towards God's will and away from our own will.

Psalm 51:1-12 is often used on Ash Wednesday because King David fell in temptation and sin and was unaware of his guilt before God and all people. Nathan, the prophet, confronted David and David became aware of how sinful he had been. (2 Samuel 12:1-23)

Lent invites us to pray: O God, blot out my iniquity and create in me a pure heart. Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not from your presence and restore to me your salvation's joy. (Psalm 51: 9-10)

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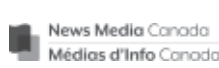
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“Comics AND Puzzles”

PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE PARK!

OKAY, ARE YOU READY?

GO FETCH, BOY!

YAWN

HERE YOU GO, GRAMPA.

THANK YOU, NELSON, BUT I MEANT THE FURRY, LONG-EARED BOY.

YOU DON'T MEAN ME, DO YOU?

SUDOKU

LEVEL: BEGINNER

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CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**

1. Aerosol spray

5. Tricky

8. Marble slice

12. At a standstill

13. Stick for billiards

14. Wear down

15. Sports group

16. Exit's opposite

18. Packing down

20. VIII

21. Eden dweller

22. Rhymes with pain

23. Pushy

26. Broom's relative

27. Hurried
30. Litter's littlest

31. Title

32. Folder

33. "You ____ Sixteen"

34. Grass-covered ground

35. Moved slowly

36. Heroic poem

38. Rightful

39. Shaving need

41. Got slimmer

45. Oversight

47. Dam

48. Clamors

49. In fashion

50. Unzip

51. Brink
- DOWN**

1. Catcher's catcher

2. What's the big ____?

3. Close with force

4. Violent storm

5. View

6. Breathing organ

7. Nonetheless

8. Blot

9. Undies

10. Building curve
11. Garden produce

17. Gather in

19. Climbing plant

22. Tearful moan

23. Half of a bikini

24. " ____ Day Will Come"

25. Sniffing's partner

26. Wet dirt

28. Swiss peak

29. High-wire precaution

31. Physician, briefly

32. Liberation

34. Knights' titles

35. Mug

37. Sheriff's helpers

38. Fine

39. Went by carriage

40. In a group of

41. Hammer or chisel

42. Ready to be picked

43. ____ out (barely makes)

44. Comfortable rooms

46. Mythological being

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Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre Monday, Mar. 21 were: first - Arlene Genger, 197; second - Colleen Hunt, 192; third - Alan Wilson, 177; fourth - Lorelei Stewart, 166.

Anyone interested in submitting local Watrous news can do so by faxing 306-946-2026, emailing watrous.manitou@sasktel.net or stopping by the office.

Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Pulled Pork

Ingredients:

1 tsp. canola oil to coat bottom of slow cooker

4 pound pork roast

1 cup barbecue sauce

1/2 cup apple cider vinegar

1/2 cup chicken broth

1/4 cup brown sugar

1 tsp. mustard

1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

1 tbsp. chilli powder

1 extra large onion, finely chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tsp. dried thyme

Directions:

Use the oil to coat the bottom of your slow cooker. Place the roast in the slow cooker. Combine all remaining ingredients and pour over the roast. Cover and cook on high for about five hours. Remove the roast from slow cooker, shred the meat with two forks and return to slow cooker to coat with the sauce. We usually cook about a two pound roast, halve the sauce ingredients and check it after three hours. This freezes well.

FOR ANSWERS TO SUDOKU AND CROSSWORD, SEE PAGE 14

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Stanley Cup winner Dwight King, who sported number 74 for the Broncos, found some space with the puck and rang a hard shot off the post. Coming close to seeing a 2-2 contest, Drake maintained the lead as the puck stayed out of the net.

With some big hits, crisp passing and hard shots, teams sought the next goal, one that would come with 4:14 left in the second. Looking for some separation on the ice, Cam Blair found room and drilled a laser that found the back of the net. With Chris Durand feeding the former University of Saskatchewan Huskie from beside the Bronco cage, Blair blasted a shot at the faceoff dot on Bridges' blocker side to beat the goalie and give the Canucks a 3-1 advantage.

Feeding off of the crowd's energy after



►Pictured left: Andrew Johnson puts Drake on the scoreboard in the first period beating net-minder Bryan Bridges. Pictured far left: Terrell Draude scores for the Canucks to give the home team a 2-1 first period lead. Pictured below: a packed Drake Sportsplex celebrates as the Canucks defeat Meadow Lake in game three of the Senior A provincial final.

photos by Daniel Bushman

notching the team's third of the game, Blair said, "Coming home to a full rink, that was as many people as I have ever seen in Drake. It definitely made

a pretty big difference."

Shortly after getting a two goal lead, Drake found itself with a late power play. While the team was unable to score, not long after, both clubs were assessed penalties and the period came to a close. Up by two through two, Drake outshot Meadow Lake 25-14 after 40 minutes of play.

Noting how game three was more physical than the previous two, with his team leading, McLaren said, "I think maybe it got a little rougher when they were on the ropes a little bit. I understand that, we'd be

the same way I'm sure."

Just 20 minutes away from capturing its first ever Senior A provincial title, Drake headed out to a raucous crowd for period three and took aim at securing the victory.

Having strong depth on the bench throughout the team's provincial run, McLaren explained how the team continued to roll. "That really makes things easy. Any one of them can be on the ice and you don't have to worry about anything and that makes it easy."

After a slashing penalty just over four minutes into the third, Meadow Lake went down a player once again. Looking to his bench and hoping to add to Drake's total, McLaren's

club took advantage of the power play. A rocket from the blueline by Cody Pettapiece with 16:36 left hit the back of the net and made it 4-1. With Russell Goodman adding the assist on the team's fourth of the night, the Canucks looked to lock things down.

However, with tremendous fire power themselves, Meadow Lake had other ideas as Shane Hounsell cut the lead in half 27 seconds later, burying a cross-ice feed into the back of the net. Wanting to build off that momentum, the Broncos continued to press and with the intensity cranked up, tempers also started to rise.

With both netminders making big saves in the final frame, less than

halfway through the period, Meadow Lake would manage to get to within one. With assists from Trevor Bailey and Taylor Arnold, Regan Yew notched his second of the contest and it became a nail-biting 4-3 score.

Still with over 12 minutes left, teams went back and forth and it was not until the latter part of the period when Meadow Lake received an unsportsmanlike and misconduct to put Drake back on the power play.

Looking to regain some separation on the scoreboard, Drake attacked the Bronco zone and with less than three minutes to play, Stumborg set up Durand and he made it 5-3. The Canucks would then add an empty net goal from Lawrence as tempers flared and a few fights broke out.

With some rough stuff near the end of the game, that put Drake back on the power play, the eighth penalty for the visiting club in the contest. But with just nine seconds remaining on the clock, the power play didn't matter as time ran out and the Canucks took a 6-3 victory on home ice while outshooting the Broncos 36-24.

As sticks and gloves flew in celebration and fans

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►After finishing in first place during the Long Lake Hockey League 2021-'22 regular season a number of Drake Canucks were recognized by the league for their achievements. With LLHL President Ryan Collins on hand during game one of the league final between Drake and Foam Lake Mar. 22, Collins presented Drake's Duane McLaren with the Coach of the Year award (top left). Collins also presented John Lawrence with the Most Gentlemanly award (top right) and netminders Calvin Bartel and Spencer Ewen with an award as Drake had the best combined goals against average (below right). The Canucks also received recognition for taking first place in the league standings (above right). Also winning awards this year were Foam Lake's Ron Zadorozniak as he was named Coach of the Year along with McLaren, Travis Mayan of Foam Lake received league MVP honours and Lanigan's Colby Harmsworth was named Top Defenseman. The individual awards were selected by votes from the teams in the league.

photos courtesy Calla Blair





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cheered, the team marked its first ever Senior A provincial title before plaques, a banner and trophy were presented by Hockey Sask to the Canucks.

The win at home gave Drake its 12th Senior title, previously winning Senior B in 2021, Senior C in 2010 and 2005, and Senior D in 2013, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1990, 1978, 1976, and 1974. While no other team in Saskatchewan has won A, B, C, and D, according to Hockey Sask, Drake ranks only behind Kindersley (15), Shellbrook (14), and Wilkie (13) for total overall Senior titles.

Winning five of those championships as a player and now four as a coach, McLaren said being able to make history as the only team in Saskatchewan to win in all four categories says a lot. "With a small population our local guys seem to be dwindling and there is not that much coming up but it is connections, everyone knows somebody. And to get everyone coming out, I think they enjoy coming out there. There are so many other places to play but these guys like to come out there and they are a good bunch. As far as 12 for our town, I think that is pretty spectacular. It is pretty remarkable to win A, B, C, and D."

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**BYRD,
Audrey Jean**
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We are sad to announce the passing of our beloved mother, Audrey Jean Byrd.

Audrey Byrd (nee Craib) of Kenaston, Sask. passed away peacefully at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon, Sask. at the age of 91.

She was predeceased by her late husband George Byrd (1990), brother Bob,

sisters Evelyn, Doris, Eunice, Anne, Shirley, and spouses; two great-grandsons Drew Kolbeck and Cody Weselak, two nephews Bob and Wes Dezotell and niece Hilda Manz.

Audrey is survived by her sons Bill (Diane) Byrd and Jim Byrd; grandchildren Tanya (Jeff) Kolbeck, Travis (Amanda) Byrd, Twila (Dave) Livingstone, Quetin (Gennie) Byrd, Leah Weselak, Melissa (Eric) Hjorteland; great-grandchildren Dustin, Drayden Kolbeck, Kailey, Trace, Luke Byrd, Parker and Mason Livingstone, Anha Byrd, Chantelle (Scott) Richie, Tanner (Vanessa) Weselak, Bailey (Payton) Weselak, Kavanugh Weselak; great-great-grandchildren Ryker, Malachi and Harlow Richie and Autumn Weselak.

Audrey worked hard on the farm, loved gardening, playing cards and visiting friends and family.

A special thanks to Martensville Care Home, St. Paul's Hospital and Diane Anderson.

The celebration of Audrey's life will take place on May 14, 2022. Interment will take place first at Kenaston Public Cemetery at 1 p.m. with lunch to follow at Kenaston Place, Kenaston, Sask.

For those so wishing, memorial donations in memory of Audrey may be directed to STARS Air Ambulance or Jim Pattison Children's Hospital.

Hanson's Funeral Home of Davidson in care of arrangements.

Obituary



**CONN,
Anna Mae**
Oct. 13, 1923 -
Mar. 18, 2022

Anna Mae Conn, aged 98 years, passed away in her home in Saskatoon, Sask. on Friday, March 18, 2022 and will be forever missed by her family and friends.

Anna Mae was born on the family farm near Horizon, Sask. and developed a passion for reading early in her life that she retained for

her 98 years. Riding ponies to the one-room rural schoolhouse was the norm for her and her brother in those early days. She graduated high school in Ogema, Sask. and went on to nursing school at Regina General Hospital. Her first nursing job took her to Shaunavon, Sask. where she met Lyle (Roy) Conn and they were married in 1948. Three children were born in Shaunavon and friendships developed there that carried on her entire life. Roy and Anna Mae moved to Radville, Sask. and then Watrous, Sask. with Roy's work with the Saskatchewan Liquor Board. Anna Mae continued to nurse both in Radville and Watrous. They were both enthusiastic campers and travelled to many locations in western Canada, including annual trips to Penticton, B.C. to visit Roy's brothers and parents. Anna Mae was an active member of the Watrous UCW and loved her flowers and yard in Watrous. Married for 63 years, Roy passed away 2011.

Anna Mae is survived by daughters, Audrey and Ann (Rick) and son, Larry; three granddaughters, Erin (Gary), Kara (Jon), Kelsey (Carson) and five great-grandchildren, Ethan, Harrison, Ella, Everly, and Quinn. "Good night . . . sleep tight."

Memorial service will take place at Watrous United Church, Watrous, Sask. on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Jo-Ann Hills officiating.

Interment in Watrous Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Watrous Community Health Foundation would be appreciated.

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



Obituary



**SMITH,
Robert J. (Bob)**
Jan. 12, 1943 -
Mar. 8, 2022

Robert (Bob) Smith, aged 79 years, passed away at his residence in Watrous, Sask. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Bob was born to Lenora and James Alfred Smith in Wilkie, Sask. on January 12, 1943. As a kid, his favourite thing to do was play hockey. As an

adult, Bob's passions included food, politics, law, hockey, football, food, baseball and more food.

Bob leaves behind four children: Pamela, Lynn, Michael and Jillian; eight grandchildren: Ory, Colby, Robbie, Daniel, Ryland, Keevan, Lee and Dax, and three great-grandchildren: Cooper, Marcus and Amara. Bob was so proud of each of them. He would tell anyone who would listen how smart and talented they all are. And he loved going to see his grandson's various sports games and graduations. Bob's legal career spanned decades. He graduated from law school at the U of S in 1980. One of his proudest moments was when he was appointed to be a judge in 1987. Throughout his career he was a prosecutor, a provincial court judge and a defence lawyer.

Bob is survived by his older brother, David, David's five children, and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents and his sister-in-law Rose Marie Smith.

A celebration of life service will take place at the Wilkie Municipal Cemetery on Saturday, June 25, 2022.

Interment will take place at Wilkie Municipal Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial donations directed to Saskatchewan Heart and Stroke Foundation, 1738 Quebec Ave., Unit 26, Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 1V9 would be appreciated.

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Obituary



**McIVER,
Scott**
Apr. 7, 1959 -
Mar. 14, 2022

The death of Scott McIver, aged 62 years, occurred peacefully at his residence at Manitou Beach, Sask. on Monday, March 14, 2022.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Interment will take place at Young Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial donations directed to Saskatchewan Heart and Stroke Foundation, 1738 Quebec Ave., Unit 26, Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 1V9 would be appreciated.

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The family of Audrey McCallum wish to express our deep appreciation to relatives, friends, and neighbours for their words of comfort, cards, flowers, food, and memorial donations to Imperial United Church. Thank you to Fotheringham-McDougall Funeral Service for their compassion and care, Dale Worrell from Biggar United Church for the beautiful service, Helen Abrey for organizing the choir and playing piano, Gord and Loretta Lamont for attending the register, the ladies who organized and prepared the lunch, and all who attended the memorial service. It is comforting to us that the community and surrounding communities that Audrey loved, came out and were there for us during this difficult time. Your friendship, kindness and love mean more than words can express.

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With his dad and uncle earning a few of those provincial titles before winning one of his own with his brothers, Blair said, “It is pretty cool. It is an interesting piece that our little small town has been able to do all of that and win all these different championships of different sizes. It just goes to show the support and the guys in the room that make it happen. We might not have the payroll that other teams have so in order for us to compete, we have guys that want to come out and play for the right reasons. They want to win and play for each other in the room and it is pretty awesome.”

When asked what McLaren has done as a coach to have so much success over the years, he said, “Ninety-percent is the guys that you have. You have to have guys that get along. If you have a good dressing room that is very easy for me. I don’t think I do anything different than others. I am very soft spoken so I just try to keep everybody loose and enjoy it. You don’t know if it is going to be your last one so make the most of it.”

Recognizing the value of having a coach like Duane, Cam shared the dedication that he brings. “Duane has been awesome, he is there every game. He is the first one to the rink every day. He helps pack bags, he is the one pulling the trailer behind his truck to every game and it shows quite a bit of how much he cares about the team with the amount of time he puts in. You know he cares a lot. Sometimes he might not have the most to say but when Duane does speak up and says something, everybody listens. He has been a huge part of the Drake Canucks - long before I was there - even when he was a

player. His accolades and the amount of championships he has been a part of shows that.”

Having a captain who essentially grew up at the Drake Sportsplex before competing for the Huskies while developing his skills and leadership, McLaren noted how valuable Cam has been to the team. “He is definitely a leader by example for sure and he is probably the hardest working guy I’ve ever seen. He is great in the room, has all the connections and is the hometown kid. He is very easy to work with and he helps out a lot.”

As both coach and captain have been able to celebrate championships in the past, when asked where the 2022 title ranks, the pair acknowledged pretty high.

“Since we have never won A before that is pretty huge,” shared McLaren. “We have won some series in the past that maybe we shouldn’t have and those always stick out in my mind. As far as ranking one ahead of the other, this one being most recent, it is probably my favourite at the time.”

Explaining it was the best game he has ever been a part of in Drake, Blair said the win on home ice was his number one highlight of Senior hockey. “I played in quite a few good games before. The Can West championship (with the Huskies) would be up there as well, winning it at Rutherford, but this would definitely be right up there with it.”

As for the dedication of the players on this year’s team, both McLaren and Blair appreciated the effort made by them throughout the season.

“I would like to give a shout out to those city guys that drive every game depending on weather it doesn’t matter,” said the head coach. “Even late nights, they are off to work the next morning. That is a huge commitment and I really

appreciate that.”

Blair shared that the objective when it came to bringing in players was to have athletes who were going to be there when it really mattered. “They are going to go the extra mile or take a hit or block a shot for you. I think the guys we brought in were all there for the same goal, everybody cared and everybody wanted to win. It is easy to say that but you could just tell. There was no quit.”

And it was not just on the ice that the captain explained was a big part of the team’s success but off it as well. Appreciating all of the volunteers and people behind the scenes that helped to make things tick, Blair said, “They are a big part of these small town teams that keep things going. Whether they are running the gate, the 50/50, making meals for the team, sharpening skates, there are a lot of people that probably go unrecognized that mean a lot to not just our team but to every small town senior hockey team keeping these small town rinks thriving. It is definitely a community run organization and it goes a long way. It was nice to finally win one to give them a little bit of something to be proud of as well.”

The 2021-’22 Drake Canucks provincial roster included: Calvin Bartel (35), Spencer Ewen (1), Catlin Gusikoski (3), Cody Pettapiece (4), David Stumborg (5), Matt Rintoul (6), Maguire Blair (7), Rhett Blackmur (8), Terrell Draude (9), Chris Durand (10), Russell Goodman (11), Emmett Scheidt (14), Nolan Blair (15), Neil Landry (16), Cam Blair (17), Maguire Scheidt (19), Carter Coben (20), Steven Toporowski (21), Andrew Johnson (22), Daigon Elmy (24), Kendall McFaull (27), John Lawrence (28), Cody Wourms (90), Head Coach Duane McLaren, Assistant Coach Darren Blair, and Manager Scott Blair.

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This year’s funding will support further reducing parent fees as early as September 2022, making life more affordable for Saskatchewan families,” Harpauer said.

The budget also includes a \$4.9 million increase to expand nurse training by 150 seats. More than \$680 million for operating and capital grants to post secondary institutions is included in this budget. As well, this budget includes \$38 million for student supports.

Agriculture

This year’s budget is \$462.4 million, a 19.5 percent increase from the previous year that is driven by the 2022-’23 Crop Insurance Program and record agriculture research funding.

The budget includes \$338.5 million to fund a suite of business risk management programming, includ-

ing Crop Insurance, Agri-Stability, AgriInvest and Livestock Price Insurance. More than \$250 million is budgeted for Crop Insurance. Average coverage will reach a record level of \$405 per acre this year, due to higher commodity prices and increased yield coverage.

Effective Apr. 1, 2022, a number of clarifications are being made to Provincial Sales Tax (PST) related to farming and agriculture activities, including establishing the exemption for the on-farm digging of dugouts, among other activities.

Agricultural research funding in 2022-’23 is a record \$33.8 million. This includes \$2 million in new funding for the Global Institute for Food Security to define, accelerate and communicate the agriculture sector’s contributions to improved environmental outcomes.

Again this year, \$2.5 million of additional provincial support is being provided for irrigation development to help producers develop irrigation infrastructure projects.

The budget provides \$1.6 million to Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan (APSS) for sustainable animal welfare enforcement in the province. This is an increase of \$800,000 from the previous year’s budgeted amount and it will enable the organization to expand its effective services to include the City of Saskatoon.

Municipalities

The provincial budget provides more than \$448 million in support to Saskatchewan municipalities.

The 2022-’23 municipal investment includes over \$262 million in Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS). The funding formula is based on a percentage of the amount the province collects in Provincial Sales Tax.

This provincial budget also invests more than \$135 million in municipal infrastructure. This includes the provincial portions of \$71.2 million for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan, \$32.7 million for the New Building Canada Fund and \$22.5 million for the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Program.

Additional municipal investments include: \$21.1 million in policing grants; \$11.3 million to provincial libraries; \$3.8 million for the Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Program; \$1.7 million for the Community Rink Affordability Grant; and \$1.4 million funding for Urban Parks.

Investment in Film and Television industry

The budget includes an increase of \$8 million, bringing the total funds available to \$10 million, for the Creative Saskatchewan Production Grant Program,

for film and television. Only Saskatchewan labour, goods and services are eligible for support under the program, ensuring dollars stay in the province.

“This investment is estimated to generate a \$50 million increase in film and television production and millions in annual economic activity, including significant increased spending in the hospitality industry, which has been hit hard by the pandemic,” Harpauer said.

Capital Projects

There is \$3.2 billion for capital projects in the 2022-’23 Budget, record investment in Saskatchewan. This budget includes \$156.6 million for health care capital, including \$15.2 million for urgent care centres in Regina and Saskatoon, \$13.5 million to continue construction at the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital, \$6 million to continue the project to replace the Weyburn

General Hospital, and \$6.5 million to continue design and procurement activities for specialized and standard long-term care beds in Regina.

The budget includes \$846 million to operate, maintain, build and improve the province’s roads and highways, through the Ministry of Highways.

The budget provides for over 1,100 kilometres of improvements on provincial highways. Upgrades include Hwy. 3 twinning west of Prince Albert, and Hwy. 5 corridor improvements east of Saskatoon.

The budget includes \$168.6 million for school infrastructure. This budget includes \$95.2 million to support the ongoing planning and construction of 15 new schools and the renovation of five existing schools, as well as \$55.9 million for

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Implementing revenue measures

The existing application of PST is being broadened to match the federal GST base for admissions and entertainment events. Effective Oct. 1, 2022, the PST will apply to sporting events, concerts, museums, fairs, movies, gym memberships, green fees - among others. There are exemptions for children's activities, amateur events and events run by schools and non-profits. This change is projected to add \$10.5 million in PST revenue this year, and \$21 million annually.

Mill rates for the education portion of property taxes (EPT) are being adjusted slightly, including a decrease to the differential between the highest and lowest EPT mill rates, to improve overall fairness. Slight increases to mill rates, combined with forecasted base growth are expected to total about \$20 million in 2022-'23.

Tobacco taxes are in-

creasing by two cents per cigarette and eight cents per gram and 1.3 cents per stick of heat-not-burn products. Tobacco tax increases were effective mid-night Mar. 23, 2022, and are expected to generate \$12.1 million in additional annual revenue.

Total public debt is forecast to be \$30 billion at Mar. 31, 2023, a \$2.3 billion increase from the public

debt forecast in last year's budget.

A strong economy and higher revenues have reduced operating debt requirements by \$450 million in 2021-'22, bringing operating debt to less than \$10 billion.

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