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Watrous shines for TeleMiracle 45

■ Daniel Bushman

Despite doing things a little differently when it came to raising funds for this year’s TeleMiracle, Watrous and the surrounding area once again showed what a community effort is all about.

With people across the province finding unique ways to garner funds for TeleMiracle 45 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, locally, Watrous Kin members and residents also did the same. Presenting the local total during a live virtual presentation Sunday afternoon, Feb. 28, on be-

half of the community, Kin members Jillian and Jarvis Engele announced Watrous had raised \$21,000!

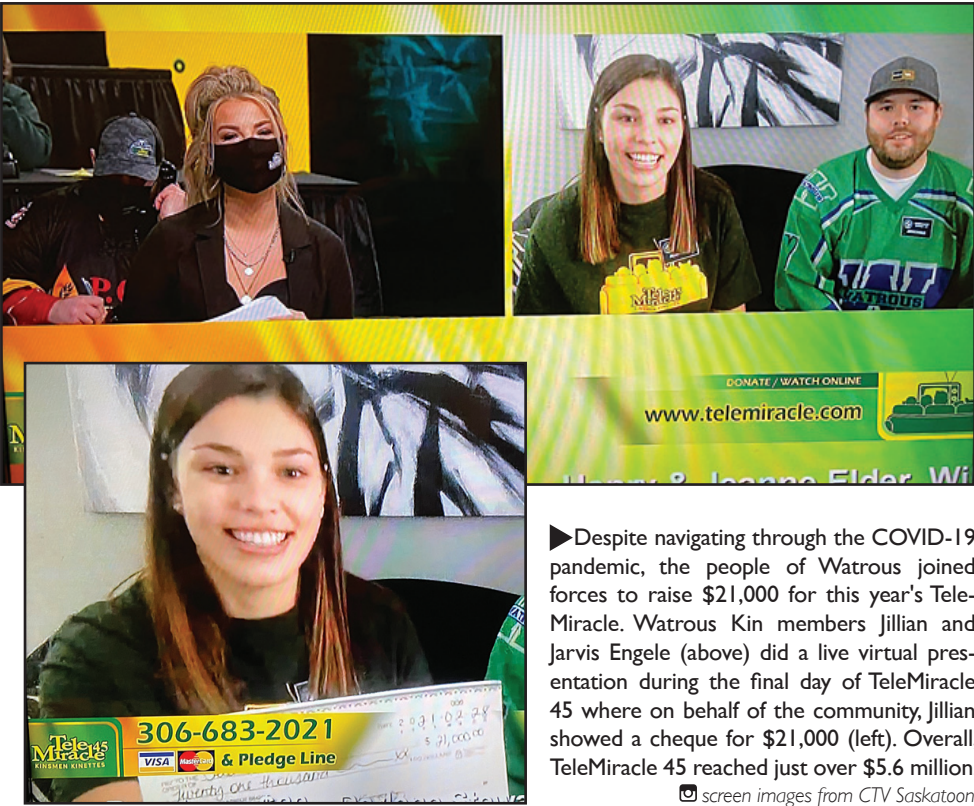
An excited Jillian said, “We were extremely happy with the community support surrounding TeleMiracle this year! I think our community understands that the need is still very much there for this very important cause, despite the year we’ve had. We had many people contact us to make personal donations even up until our presentation was aired!”

As part of that tremendous local total, nearly \$14,500 of it came from an

online auction, something held for the first time. Items were donated by local businesses, organizations and residents including some delicious baking and people stepped up in a big way to show their support by purchasing the items up for bid.

“I was personally blown away with the success of our online Facebook auction. It was our first time trying something like this and it was extremely successful! We had so many

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►Despite navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic, the people of Watrous joined forces to raise \$21,000 for this year’s TeleMiracle. Watrous Kin members Jillian and Jarvis Engele (above) did a live virtual presentation during the final day of TeleMiracle 45 where on behalf of the community, Jillian showed a cheque for \$21,000 (left). Overall, TeleMiracle 45 reached just over \$5.6 million.

screen images from CTV Saskatoon

Family and friends honour Melissa Ediger during TeleMiracle 45

■ Daniel Bushman

Having a tremendous impact within the communities she resided in over the years through volunteering, donating funds to worthy causes and being an active Kinette, after Melissa Ediger passed away in 2020, her family felt it would only be fitting that memorial donations in her honour be directed to TeleMiracle.

As this year’s TeleMiracle 45 approached, the memorial donations from family and friends of Melissa were tallied and with the help of Melissa’s husband Ron, the group were able to give \$10,000 to TeleMiracle in her name.

Making the special presentation virtually during the final morning of TeleMiracle 45 on Feb. 28 were Melissa’s husband, Ron Ediger and daughters, Avril Reifferscheid and Shelley Turner.

Honouring the life and legacy of her mom and speaking on behalf of family and friends, Avril said, “Melissa was an active community member and volunteer when we were growing up in Nokomis. More

recently, she and Ron have been benefactors of local community organizations in Watrous. As a Kinette, she held all the executive positions at the club level, served as Zone Co-ordinator, was the recipient of the Elspeth Rogers award, and was ultimately rewarded Kin’s highest honour - a life membership in Nokomis Kin Club. She and dad worked at many TeleMiracles, starting at the first one in 1977. For this reason, we thought it fitting that memorial donations in her name be directed to TeleMiracle.”

Shelley went on to express thanks on behalf of the family for the generous memorial donations, and to Ron for topping it up, saying, “We are so thankful for the generosity of Melissa’s friends and family.”

Along with the funds that were raised in memory of Melissa, Ron followed Avril in noting how important TeleMiracle is to people across the province. With that in mind, and wanting to help honour and remember his late wife, Ediger graciously topped up the funds raised to make it \$10,000.



►Avril Reifferscheid, Ron Ediger and Shelley Turner (pictured) made a special presentation Sunday morning during TeleMiracle 45 honouring the life and legacy of Melissa Ediger. On behalf of friends and family, the trio made a memorial donation via video to TeleMiracle for \$10,000.

screen image from TeleMiracle.com

The money which was directed to TeleMiracle was part of the overall \$5,630,215 which was raised this year. With the incredible generosity added, the total raised by TeleMiracle since 1977 is now over \$145 million.

All TeleMiracle proceeds stay in Sas-

katchewan and are granted through the Kinsmen Foundation for specialized medical and mobility equipment, and assistance with medical travel. The Foundation receives over 1,000 applications for assistance from Saskatchewan residents each year.

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Curbing the local spread of COVID-19

■ Daniel Bushman

After an increase of COVID-19 in Watrous, the determination of many residents wanting to slow the spread of the virus was on display this past week as they tried to do their part to ensure the safety and well-being of not only themselves, but of each other.

Whether it meant self-isolating or monitoring for symptoms, getting tested at a COVID-19 drive-thru testing site, teachers selflessly going above and beyond at schools, businesses temporarily closing or remaining open while ensuring safety; many have been doing what they can to keep the virus from spreading.

After Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) noted Feb. 22 that there was increased COVID-19

in Watrous, a drive-thru COVID-19 testing site was held at the curling rink the following day. During the Feb. 23 drive-thru, 359 swabs were taken and a second drive-thru testing site was brought in Mar. 2. At the second drive-thru at the curling rink Mar. 2, SHA confirmed a total of 226 swabs were taken. SHA also noted that at this time, there are no plans to hold future mobile testing drive-thru sites in Watrous.

With 359 swabs and 226 swabs taken over the two drive-thru testing sites in Watrous, in the Mar. 1 edition of The Watrous Manitou, Medical Health Officer Dr. Jasmine Hasselback noted how pleased officials were with just how many people have taken the situation in Watrous seriously.

“That is really, really

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

With confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the community, as residents began to self-isolate and monitor for symptoms in mid- to late-February, entering the final week of the month a few additional outbreaks were declared by SHA: Feb. 25 at the Co-op Food Store, Feb. 26 at The Basement Spin Studio, and Feb. 28 for Quality Plus Construction and associated contractors at a specified worksite.

Along with the businesses, the provincial government also noted on its website that at Watrous Elementary School, five positive student cases were confirmed as of Feb. 26 and at Winston High School, there were seven positive student cases confirmed as of Feb. 27.

A couple days later on Mar. 3, Horizon School Division was made aware of a COVID-19 diagnosis at Imperial School and another at Watrous Elementary School Mar. 4. Families at both schools were informed and Horizon was working closely with public health to assist in the contact tracing

process. At that time both schools remained open to students and staff.

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

In his Mar. 1 message on Horizon School Division's website, Director of Education Kevin C. Garinger said, “So much has (been) going on both over the break and in the first week back, including a significant COVID-19 outbreak in the community of Watrous that impacted our schools and resulted in students needing to learn from home and staff, students, and family members having to self-isolate. I value the relationships we have with our health partners and sometimes matters like these get a little complex as we try to deal with them. As you likely know, Horizon has five health regions (four provincial and one federal) that we deal with when it comes to the pandemic. This situation extended into both Saskatoon Health and Regina Qu'Appelle Health. I am grateful there is significant communication between both health organizations as it makes sorting out how to address this matter much more fluid. Most students and all classrooms in both schools are back this week from learning from home, and we continue to express to our families the safe way we operate our schools. The work of our staff, families, and of course, our students. I want to thank both school principals and their staffs for their undeniable efforts in continuing to support learning in a very trying time.”

With the recent positive cases at the Watrous and Imperial schools along with others in Horizon, Garinger noted there is a plan being looked at to use the rapid test in schools within the school

division and he stated: “More will be shared in the near future but we have been told that it will be administered by our health professionals. Horizon knows first-hand the importance of this test as it has been used in circumstances where an immediate response to a potential case is necessary. Rapid testing has helped us make critical decisions with our health partners based on immediate and accurate information related to virus transmission and I am certainly glad it will be even more accessible in our school communities.”

While SHA does not specifically share the overall total confirmed cases in Watrous due to privacy reasons, it does provide numbers related to the Central East 1 zone, a zone that includes places like Watrous, Simpson, Manitou Beach, Drake, Etters Beach, Holdfast, Imperial, Jansen, Lanigan, LeRoy, Humboldt, Nokomis, Young, and Zelma.

Starting on Feb. 21, there were officially just 11 active cases within the zone but fast forward to the last day of February, there were officially 47 active cases in Central East 1. On the day of the second drive-thru that took place in Watrous on Mar. 2, there were 50 active cases with two new ones within the zone. The following day, that number dropped slightly with 44 active cases and one new case and fell further Mar. 3 with 35 active cases and one new case.

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

As restrictions remained in place at Mani-

tou Lodge last week, the provincial government announced Mar. 2 that 100 percent of long-term care homes across Saskatchewan have now received their first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine with 91 percent of residents choosing to receive the vaccine. The government noted that 53 percent of facilities have received both their first and second dose. Nine percent of long-term care home residents were not immunized due to a variety of circumstances, such as the availability of residents at the time of vaccination, refusal to take the vaccine or a change in health status.

Ninety percent of personal care homes (PCHs) have now received their first doses. Forty-three percent have received both their first and second doses.

With regards to public vaccinations, the provincial government indicated it would be accelerating the COVID-19 vaccination in Saskatchewan with people ages 60 to 64 among those to receive AstraZeneca and all adults in Saskatchewan to have access to a first dose by June.

With expected deliveries of AstraZeneca in March, the provincial government said Saskatchewan residents ages 60 to 64 and phase one priority health care workers will be offered the first 15,500 doses. Making vaccines available to the 60 to 64 age sequence group is being done as an exception to phase one criteria to align with the National Advisory Committee's recommendation that AstraZeneca supply be targeted to those under 65.

Administration of the AstraZeneca doses will begin Mar. 22, distributed

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Local meat plant receives federal funding

■ media release

In an effort to keep workers safe at meat plants throughout the Prairies, the federal government announced \$7.8 million in funding, with a portion of that going to Drake Meat Processors Inc.

The one-time federal investment to help companies implement changes to safeguard the health and safety of workers and their families comes due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Through that funding, Drake Meat Processors Inc. will receive \$49,500 and joins two others from Saskatchewan and a total of 24 meat processing companies from across the Prairies to receive the funding.

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food said, “The COVID-19 pandemic has brought on many challenges for the food processing industry, in particular for meat processing plants of all sizes. The hard-working women and men in this industry continue to step up to ensure Canadians have

high-quality food on their plates. Through the Emergency Processing Fund, we are giving businesses the support they need to keep their employees safe and our food systems running strong.”

The funding for the 24 companies including Drake Meat Processors Inc. is aimed at helping the businesses keep employees safe and the regional food supply chain running strong.

The federal government stated recipients are able to use the funding to make adjustments to enable social distancing, purchase reusable personal protective equipment (PPE), install protective barriers, improve sanitation and develop training for employees. These changes are also helping the food plants avoid production bottlenecks and safely keep up with Canadian consumer demand.

The Honourable Jim Carr, Special Representative for the Prairies said, “Our Prairie meat businesses have shown incredible resilience throughout this time of crisis. The investments announced are helping many lo-

cal businesses adapt their operations to help protect the health and safety of their employees which will allow them to continue supplying good food for Canadians.”

In addition to Drake Meat Processors Inc., Pineview All Natural Meats Inc. (\$40,000) and Prairie Pride Natural Foods Ltd. (\$14,175) were the other Saskatchewan projects noted as part of the March announcement.

In addition to the Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba projects, the federal government noted Olymel, a Canadian meat packing and processing company headquartered in Quebec, is also receiving up to \$1.6 million through the Emergency Processing Fund, with a portion of the funding being used to support improved safety measures at its facilities in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Creative Corner

Debussy's Wind

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exhaust everyone and bring
fear into our eyes.

We need to stay safe, wear a mask,
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I believe day follows night. Spring will come
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Helen E. Herr

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Send resume with cover letter to:
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Deadline for Resumes: Friday, March 12th, 2021

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



MLA Report

Donna Harpauer, MLA
Humboldt-Watrous
Constituency

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Multiple charges laid after chase

Just after midnight on Feb. 27, RCMP Warman officers attempted to stop a vehicle in Warman. The driver failed to stop and drove off at high speed. Police discontinued the pursuit for public safety. The vehicle travelled into the rural area in an attempt to evade police. RCMP Warman members obtained the assistance of the Saskatoon Police Air One airplane. The suspects were observed going into a residence in the RM of Corman Park. The driver and two passengers were located. The driver was arrested and charged with flight from a police officer, impaired operation of a conveyance and impaired operation of a conveyance over 80 mg/%. One passenger was also issued a ticket for open liquor in a vehicle. Corman Park police service also assisted.

Break and enter in Warman

In the early morning hours of Feb. 28, Warman RCMP were called to a home in the 100 block of Meadowlark park in Warman for a complaint of three men breaking into a residence.

Suspects brandished a firearm and a number of items were taken from the residence. The occupants inside were not injured. Investigation is ongoing.

RCMP respond to collision east of Asquith

On Feb. 28, RCMP Warman members responded to a call of a head on collision on Hwy. 14 approximately 16 kilometers east of Asquith. Two people were seriously injured in the collision. One was taken by STARS helicopter to the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon. The highway was closed for approximately two hours. Road conditions were not believed to be a contributing factor.

Wollaston Lake RCMP seize large quantity of alcohol from bootleggers

On Friday, Feb. 26, RCMP members were alerted to a vehicle carrying a large quantity of beverage alcohol passing through the Moose Island checkpoint and

heading toward Wollaston Lake, Sask.

The vehicle was located and stopped by RCMP. Alcohol was seen by police in plain sight in the vehicle.

A search of the vehicle resulted in police locating and seizing thirty-six 26 oz. bottles of whiskey, one 66 oz. bottle of vodka and three coolers.

Two of three occupants of the vehicle have been charged with Bootlegging under Sec. 138(1) of the Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act.

Thanks to the co-operation from the community, the removal of this amount of alcohol resulted in reduced calls for service for alcohol-related incidents and approximately 50 percent fewer people arrested and held for alcohol-related incidents.

Chief Coroner raises public safety concern

The Saskatchewan Coroners Service is urging increased awareness of the danger of illicit street drugs following four suspected drug-related deaths in Regina since Feb. 14.

Preliminary toxicology in these deaths indicates high levels of Xylazine in combination with fentanyl, acetyl fentanyl and methamphetamine.

"This is a fatal combination," Chief Coroner Clive Weighill said. "Anyone who uses street drugs like these is at a much higher risk of overdose, especially when they are combining drugs like these together."

Xylazine is typically used by veterinarians to sedate large animals. Its effects include central nervous system depression, blurred vision, disorientation, dizziness and drowsiness. When Xylazine and opioids are combined risks include respiratory depression causing slowed breathing and dangerously lowered blood pressure and heart rate.

Saskatchewan residents who are at risk of an opioid overdose or who might witness an opioid overdose - such as friends and family of people who use opioids - can receive a free take home Naloxone kit alongside training on how to use it. Visit www.saskatchewan.ca/opioids or call HealthLine 811 to find a Take Home Naloxone Program near you.

In an overdose situation, naloxone would not be effective against Xylazine, which is not an opioid, but it may reverse the effects of opioid(s) that are present along with Xylazine.

Naloxone typically reverses the effects of an opioid overdose temporarily, restoring breathing in a few minutes. Naloxone treatment does not replace the need to seek immediate medical attention. Call 911 immediately if you suspect an overdose.

Funding for licensed child care centres and homes

media release

On Mar. 4, the government announced the allocation of nearly \$18.9 million from the Federal Safe Restart Agreement for licensed Saskatchewan child care centres and homes to help offset additional expenses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Education Minister Dustin Duncan said, "This investment will give certainty to those who work in the sector and provide them with the support and resources they need to continue safely

caring for children."

The intent of the funding is to target support to those facilities who have been financially impacted by COVID-19 as well as to help facilities remain open, take additional safety precautions and support child care needs for those parents or caregivers returning to work.

Two grants will be provided: a one-time COVID Supplement Grant of \$600 per space to all licensed child care centres and homes totalling nearly \$10.6 million, and a one-time Deficit

Support Grant will be provided to those facilities that experienced deficits based on the financial information submitted to the ministry in February for a total of more than \$8.3 million. Facilities eligible for the Deficit Support Grant will receive detailed payment information from their Early Learning and Child Care Consultant.

Since March, the Government of Saskatchewan has continued to provide centres with their operating grants. While some of the centres closed due to the pandemic, their operating grants continued to be provided by the Ministry of Education.

In December 2020, the Government of Saskatchewan provided a one-time

\$100/space grant (\$1.764 million) for personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies using the federal Safe Restart funding.

For centres that were designated to provide child care to those working or returning to work under the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan, additional grants were provided.

Eligible Early Childhood Educators also had their salaries topped up by \$400 per month for each four-week period, up to 16 weeks, from Mar. 15 to July 4, 2020.

The Government of Saskatchewan will continue to work with the Federal Government to ensure child care facilities and staff are supported during this challenging time.

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03	09	CX219	132189847	587.55	7.28	594.83
17	10	CX219	135295229	612.64	7.28	619.92
18	10	CX219	135295241	612.64	7.28	619.92
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Dated this 8th day of March, 2021

Yvonne Goodman, Treasurer

Notice of Abandonment of Poll RM of Wreford No. 280

Whereas:

**Neil Anderson nominated for
the office Councillor Division 6**

is the only candidate, I hereby give notice that no voting for the offices will take place on April 7, 2021.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2021.

Melanie Rich, Returning Officer

(from page two: COVID-19)

to six major hubs throughout the province.

The provincial government said all doses are expected to be fully administered within one week on a by-appointment basis. Health care workers will receive notification of their eligibility directly from the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Members of the public who are eligible will be able to book by phone.

The phone-in booking system is undergoing final testing in preparation of being launched this week.

Second doses for Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca at four months: The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) has updated their recommendation on the interval between the first and second doses of authorized COVID-19 vaccines in the context of limited vaccine supply. Based on the evidence by NACI and its expertise in vaccine science, they are recommending that jurisdictions should maximize the number of people benefiting from the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by extending the interval between the first and second dose up to four months, in the context of limited COVID-19 vaccine supply.

“Implementing the new NACI guidelines in Saskatchewan means that all Saskatchewan residents should have access to their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by the end of June,” Health Minister Paul Mer-

riman said. “This will speed up both our administration of vaccines, and our return to normal.”

The province of Saskatchewan implemented this recommendation Mar. 5. Beginning Mar. 5, all vaccines administered will be a first dose, with second doses administered at an interval of four months, in alignment with the NACI recommendations. Residents will be contacted when they are eligible to book their second dose appointment, based on completing the vaccination sequencing and supply.

Note that this delayed second dose strategy does not apply to long-term care and personal care residents and staff who have yet to receive their full two-dose series and any existing second-dose appointments. Existing, scheduled appointments for second doses will be completed as scheduled.

Based on current allocations of COVID-19 vaccines from the federal government and the updated four month interval recommendation from NACI, it is anticipated that every adult in Saskatchewan will be able to access their first dose by the end of June.

Meanwhile, as residents of Watrous look forward to pushing ahead while curbing the spread of the virus, Watrous Towing planned on putting on a fireworks show Mar. 6 at Manitou Beach. On a Facebook post, the

company said it wanted to brighten everyone’s spirits during a tough time for the community. People were encouraged to stay in their cars and/or social distance.

Meanwhile, a province-wide virtual vigil is being planned to mark one year since COVID-19 was first confirmed in Saskatchewan and declared a global outbreak. Rev. Marie-Louise Ternier from All Saints Anglican Parish and Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church in Watrous is part of the provincial planning committee. She said the virtual vigil marking one year will be held in the evening Mar. 11. “People can register for the Zoom event or watch it live on YouTube. We ask that they bring a candle and together, we will shine our light in the darkness.”

As part of the evening entitled, ‘Together in Remembrance, Together in Hope,’ special guests Thomas Yu, Peach Akintade and Jim Hopson will be making appearances virtually. “As a committee, we want this event to be for people who may have lost someone close to them due to COVID-19 or for people who are grieving the loss of their freedom and mobility to come together virtually. We have designed it for people and groups of various ethnic backgrounds and beliefs to join in solidarity. People can register for the free event by visiting www.covidvigil.ca.”

Deadline approaching to remove ice fishing shacks

■ media release

With ice fishing season winding down, anglers are reminded that all ice fishing shelters south of Hwy. 16 must be removed by Mar. 15.

Shelters in areas north of Hwy. 16 must be removed by Mar. 31.

Every year, ice fishing

shelters are abandoned on the ice. When the ice melts, these can pose a danger to boaters, water-skiers and others enjoying our lakes. Pieces of abandoned shelters can also wash up on shore, causing environmental hazards.

Structures must be moved to a location where they can be loaded and

transported to the owner’s residence or property. Litter must also be removed when ice shelters are removed from the ice.

If shelters are not removed, owners may be prosecuted and the structure and contents may be moved off the ice and confiscated.

Anyone travelling on the

ice should take extreme caution. Slush indicates that ice is eroding from above and below at an advanced rate. Changing temperatures can cause thermal cracks and pressure ridges, which are indicators of unsafe conditions.

Ice fishing shelters must have the owner’s complete name, address and phone

number on the outside in legible letters that are at least 2.5 cm high.

Information about fishing in the province can be found in the Saskatchewan Anglers Guide and online at www.saskatchewan.ca/fishing.

If you suspect wildlife, fisheries, forestry or environmental violations,

please call Saskatchewan’s toll-free Turn in Poachers and Polluters (TIPP) line at 1-800-667-7561 or #5555 for SaskTel cellular subscribers. Violations can also be reported online at www.saskatchewan.ca/tipp.

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Opinion



MP

Report

Tom Lukiwski, MP

Moose Jaw
Lake Centre
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There's an old political saying that if left-wingers didn't have double standards they would have no standards at all. This maxim has proven especially true in the current debate in Parliament over Bill C-7, an act to expand access to medical assistance in dying (MAID).

The very use of the term MAID sugar-coats what it is – state-approved suicide. Already in Canada assisted suicide is permitted on compassionate grounds for people enduring terminal illness. But Bill C-7 goes much further and permits assisted suicide for anyone experiencing “intolerable suffering”, even if it is not terminal. In addition, the Liberals are also looking to amend the bill to allow people suffering from mental illness to access assisted suicide.

Just two months ago, people from all backgrounds and political stripes marked “Bell Let's Talk Day”, an annual event in which Canadians discuss the issues and seek to remove the stigma surrounding mental health. Among the issues spotlighted on those and other occasions is the epidemic of suicide in Saskatchewan, especially among our northern and Indigenous populations.

In one breath, my colleagues on the left say that not enough is being done to prevent suicide. In the next breath, when Bill C-7 is discussed, they say that suicide is a human right. Trudeau-appointed Senator Paula Scully stated, “If we cannot be sovereign over our own lives and our own souls, then we are enslaved indeed.”

It's hard to understand the mental and moral knots that advocates of Bill C-7 twist themselves into when they say that suicide should both be prevented and enabled at the same time.

Conservatives in the Senate are leading the charge to have the bill amended to exclude mental illness from the list of conditions that can access assisted suicide. Chief among the Conservative opponents is Senator Denise Batters, for whom this is a very personal and painful issue. Her husband, former MP Dave Batters, committed suicide after a long struggle with mental illness.

“The consequences of passing [the amended bill] will be dire. This will undermine suicide prevention efforts and treatment for mental illness. It places Canadians with mental illness at risk for premature death when they might otherwise have recovered successfully. Experts have repeatedly told us – mental illness is not irremediable, it is difficult to predict, and there is no consensus in the medical community on this issue,” Batters said.

Like many of my Conservative colleagues, I am adding my voice in opposition to this bill in Parliament. But we can't stop the bill on our own. We need support from the public. If you feel, as I do, that the government of Canada should be helping to prevent, not enable, suicide, then please consider writing to the federal Minister of Justice David Lametti to let him know your thoughts and comments: David.Lametti@parl.gc.ca.

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**Tips from
Reena Nerbas**

Dear Edgar,

Use a piece of Silly Putty to clean the keyboard of your computer. While the computer is turned off, press Silly Putty onto the keys, the dust and grime sticks to the putty and lifts it out. Mini vacuum cleaners manufactured specifically for computers are available where computers are sold.

Dear Reena,

I have water marks on a travertine marble dining room table. What would you suggest I use to remove these? Judy

Dear Judy,

Several years ago, someone wrote to me describing a battle over the same challenge. The solution that succeeded for them was stainless steel cleaner. They discovered by accident that when they rubbed a small amount on their travertine table, it removed the marks (test on an inconspicuous area first).

Dear Reena,

Please advise how we can get oil stains off a cement driveway. Elaine

Dear Elaine,

The fresher the oil stain, the easier it is to remove. For new oil stains, cover the area with cheap kitty litter or diatomaceous earth. Leave for three hours or more and sweep. For older stains begin by purchasing degreaser; cover the area with degreaser and scrub with a brush, making sure that the entire grease stain is covered. Another option is to pour hot water onto stones and scrub

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

I would like to clean the keyboard on my computer; however, I am looking for a solution that avoids any sort of liquid cleaner. I do not want to risk damaging my fairly new computer. Any ideas of how to remove the dust? Thanks, Edgar

with dish soap such as Simple Green. Leave for 10 minutes and do not allow dish soap to sit on paving stones for an extended period. Scrub with a stiff brush and rinse. Caution: Do not use muriatic acid on paving stones, it is too strong and may damage stones.

Feedback from wise contributor

Re: foot odour in home

The woman who wrote about foot odour in her home needs to get the footwear into a freezer bag and put it outside for 48 hours. After that she should go buy wool socks, get the kids to wash their feet, and then rub their feet with underarm deodorant, do not go right up to the toes. I know this works because I had to do this for my husband's foot problem and now my house is foot odour free. Dora

Fresh tips of the week!

Store potatoes with apples, the apples prevent potatoes from sprouting. Do not store apples near broccoli or mushrooms, the gas that inhibits the potatoes from sprouting speeds the ripening in broccoli and the darkening of mushrooms. Hope these tips help; I have grown and sold all the above vegetables. Submitted by: Rodney

As an avid gardener I have learned many tips over the years through trial and error. Every spring I start my peas indoors, they germinate much better and put up a better fight against pests and diseases. Submitted by: Betty

If you are thinking of planting garlic this year, consider waiting until fall instead of spring. Fall is a better time to plant garlic, about a month before the ground freezes. Submitted by: Bertram

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

People wither and die and die like grass



**Neighbourly advice
according to Ed**

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

My old neighbour Ed, who lives in Melville, Sask., is blunt about death. I shared with him that someone I treasured as my good friend died recently. I quoted Ed, the German Proverb, “That the death of a friend is equivalent to the loss of a limb.”

“No point in getting bent out of shape about your friend's death. Even as your best friend, you couldn't prevent his death or have healed him. Suck it up, as death is inevitable and no

one gets out of life alive,” Ed said unsympathetically.

Ed was right in that to die is as natural as being born. The Bible makes it clear that “All people are like grass, and their glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall because the breath of the Lord blows on them.” (Isaiah 40:6-7) To be born and to die are both parts of God's timing.

Mother Teresa said, “Death is nothing else but going home to God.” I think these words are comforting when we are grieving the death of a friend, mate, family member, etc. In one sense, everyone knows death is inevitable, but like taxes or a toothache, we try to ignore the truth that it will happen to others and ourselves eventually.

Death means a separation we cannot fix. We can attend our best friend's funeral, but our best friend cannot be at our funeral.

The death of a mate, parent, sibling, close friend hurts or is painful in its own awful way. It can leave us without words, in shock, and feeling a significant loss. Death changes those left without their loved ones. There is stress, perhaps some guilt that more might have been said or done. Loneliness, anger, emptiness, fear, and tears can overwhelm those heartbroken by grief.

Grief is personal and we cannot fix someone else's grief. It is a process or an experience a person works through at their own pace. Those grieving need the kindness of others who allow them to express their feelings with acceptance. What can you say to those sorrowing over the death of a loved one? I suggest the words of Winnie the Pooh; “There is something you must always remember; you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem,

smarter than you think.”

As Christians, we grieve in the truth that Jesus Christ is our Good Shepherd who has lain down his life for us as sinners. “He is the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to God the Father except through Jesus.” (John 14:6)

Jesus is our Good Shepherd in life and death. As we live, Jesus tends us like a shepherd. He gathers us in his arms and carries us close to his heart, especially when we are lost in grief and its power. He leads us gently as he restores our souls, calming our fears and sorrows.

Thankfully, we can hold our heads up in the death of a loved one for, “God gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.” (Isaiah 40:28-29) The Lord is the everlasting God who increases the power of those grieving.

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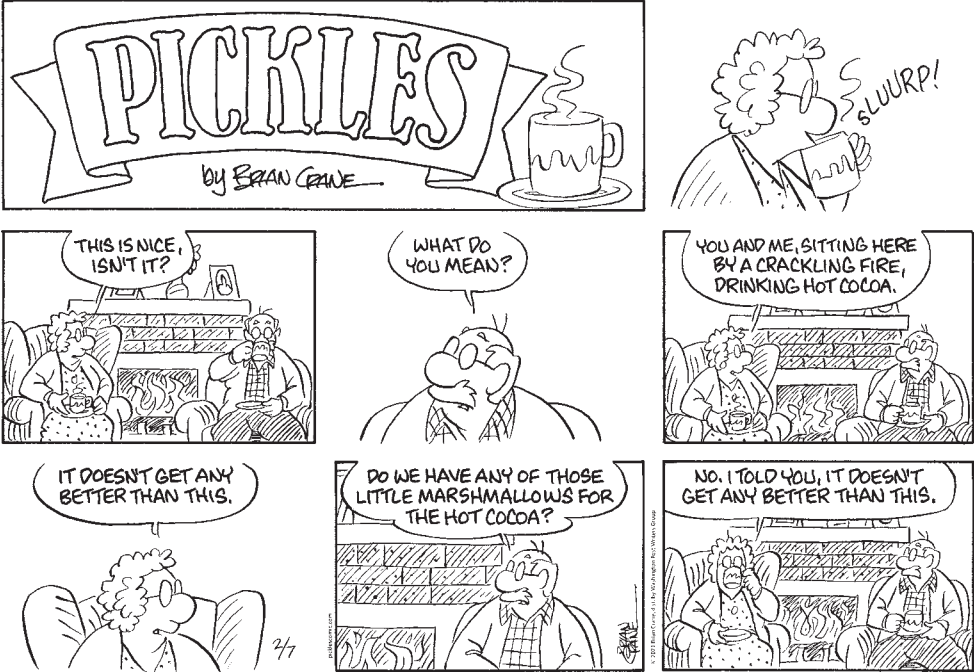
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ACROSS

1. Hearty meal

5. Pens' fluids

9. Flow back

12. Belief in future success

13. Post

14. Court

15. Spends

16. Mimicking bird

17. Long timespan

18. Not harsh

20. Foul

22. Takes on

25. Speck of residue

28. Yearn for intensely
29. Divisions of time

33. Dart

35. Into thin ____

36. Vehicle

37. Classify

38. Carry

40. ____ Haven, Connecticut

41. Sports palaces

43. Fragrance

46. "Treasure ____"

51. Legal decree

52. Graceful waterfowl

55. Certain woodwind

56. Connecting link

57. Vatican City resident

58. Small lump

59. Dated

60. Plant

61. Had delivered

DOWN

1. Train sound

2. Firefighter's need

3. Unzip

4. "____ Side Story"

5. Instant

6. Anti's answer

7. Family

8. Angle

9. Fleecy females

10. Cowboy's gear

11. Skinny

19. Lick at

21. Totally confused

23. Leek's relative

24. Related

25. Rearward, nautically

26. On the ____ (secretly)

27. ____-hop

30. Move quickly

31. Grabbed lunch
32. Miss Piggy is one

34. Colts or Mets

39. Road bend

42. Scrapes

43. Choir voice

44. Fence part

45. Felt obligated

47. Tosses

48. Ready, willing, and ____

49. Midnight's opposite

50. Bankruptcy cause

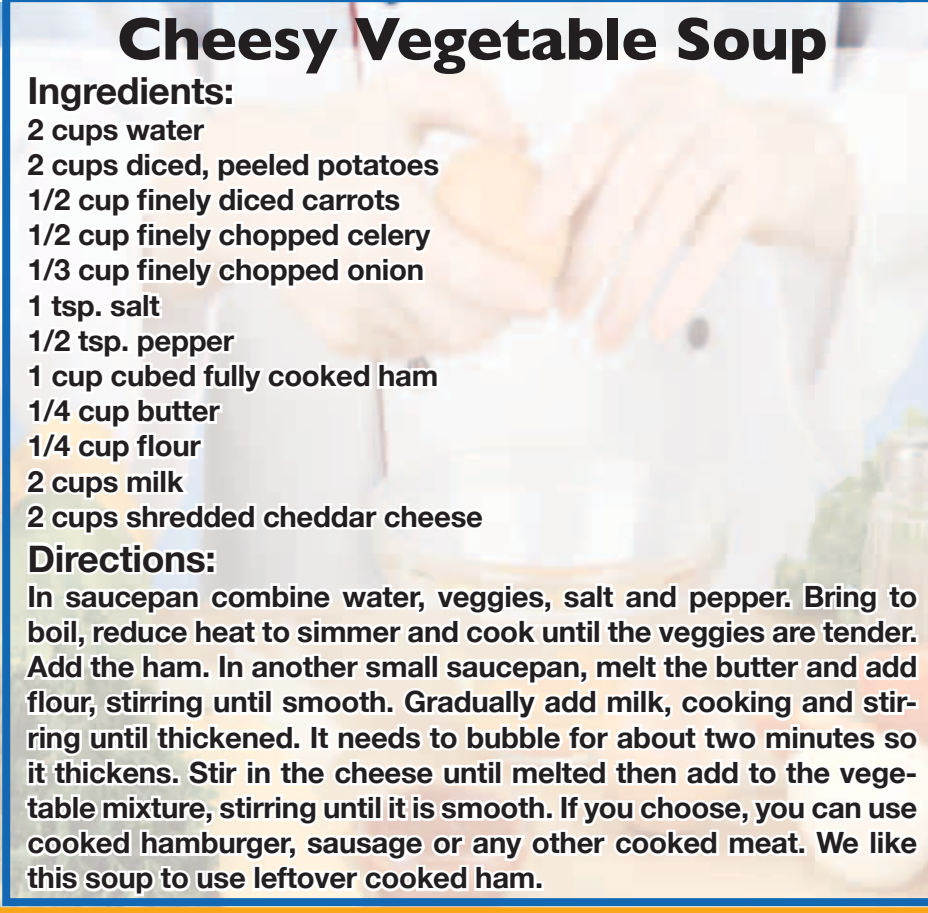
53. Misery

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FOR ANSWERS TO SUDOKU AND CROSSWORD, SEE PAGE 15

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS USE AMERICAN SPELLING

“Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky”



Cheesy Vegetable Soup

Ingredients:

2 cups water

2 cups diced, peeled potatoes

1/2 cup finely diced carrots

1/2 cup finely chopped celery

1/3 cup finely chopped onion

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. pepper

1 cup cubed fully cooked ham

1/4 cup butter

1/4 cup flour

2 cups milk

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Directions:

In saucepan combine water, veggies, salt and pepper. Bring to boil, reduce heat to simmer and cook until the veggies are tender. Add the ham. In another small saucepan, melt the butter and add flour, stirring until smooth. Gradually add milk, cooking and stirring until thickened. It needs to bubble for about two minutes so it thickens. Stir in the cheese until melted then add to the vegetable mixture, stirring until it is smooth. If you choose, you can use cooked hamburger, sausage or any other cooked meat. We like this soup to use leftover cooked ham.

Artist in the Area

With a number of tremendously talented artists residing within the local region, The Watrous Manitou and its sister paper the Lanigan Advisor are featuring them and their work in our publications.

Local artists are welcome to email a write-up about themselves, their passion for art and what they enjoy creating along with a few photos to twmadvisornews@gmail.com and we will do our best to include them as space permits.

This week's Artist in the Area is Leslie Stadnichuk who spends her time between the farm at Guernsey and in Saskatoon:



I grew up in Saskatoon and have also lived in Edmonton and Melbourne. In the late 1990s I married Garth Stadnichuk who also had two children. Since then we have divided our time between Saskatoon and the farm at Guernsey. I have worked in accounting since I was 18 and have worked at Saskatoon Boiler Mfg. since 1992 where I am currently the Chief Financial Officer.

I have always had a creative bent and never thought much of it until I realized that other people didn't perceive the world in the same way I did. It wasn't until my children were a bit older and I could afford the time that I began to develop my creativity. I started with pencil drawings in the early '90s and soon transitioned into painting; first in pastels and acrylics, and most recently in oils.

In a watercolour workshop, I was introduced to the possibility of big, bold colour rich flowers which immediately captured my imagination. I translated that into pastels and have never looked back. I loved that I was able to express the bold colours that pastels afford but soon became discouraged with the problems that came with framing them and so I transitioned into acrylics on canvas. Many other artists encouraged me to try my hand at oils and when I finally did, I was so thrilled with the way the medium let me blend the colours that



photos submitted

I learned to adapt to the slower drying time. Recently I have done a few landscapes which I enjoyed immensely.

My artwork has been on display in places such as Calories, Parkridge Care Home, City Hospital, Brainsport, The Mann Gallery as well as Gardenscape for the past few years. Most recently I put three florals in the Humboldt and District members show.

In recent years I have spent more and more time painting and have found great encouragement in being with other artists in art groups such as the Prairie River Painters, The Saskatchewan Wildlife Art Association, The Artists' Workshop and the Saskatchewan Craft Council. This past year I became a member of the Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail tour and hope that the tour will go ahead in the summer of 2021. With that show in mind, we have been working on beautifying our house and yard

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FIGHTING FOR SENIORS IN DIFFICULT TIMES

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

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

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

Regards,



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Keep your eyes on the road ahead.
Everything else can wait.



SG IIII

(from page eight: ARTIST)

at the farm and will spread my paintings out along pathways that Garth has created for me. I'm also very excited to have a space to grow flowers after many years and plan to use them as reference for future paintings. The local wildlife may turn up in a few as well.

In the fall of 2019, I was approached by Le Galeriste, a company in Montreal that prints artwork on clothing and other items. I was very happy with the quality of their work and brought in an array of scarves, totes, kimonos and dresses; all of which I love. These items are for sale on my website and will be at the

Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail as well as cards and prints of various paintings.

Part of the reason that I love to paint is the solitude it brings along with the time and space to hear my own thoughts and know my own heart. When I look back, I am surprised to find that I have been painting for 28 years because I still feel like there is so much to learn. When I look around the room on Mondays at The Artists' Workshop, I want to try what all the other artists are doing but somehow, I always come back to my florals. They seem to have a life of their own. I see the reflection of the human journey encapsulated in their brief life and I love to capture them at their

peak, while they seem to be reaching for the heavens.

Feel free to contact me through my website www.stadnichukart.com and sign up for my newsletter to get notified of any of my new works.

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 - **CALL 911** if you think someone is overdosing. The Good Samaritan Act protects you from being arrested if illegal drugs are present.

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Community Connection

COLONSAY

Florence Halvorson • 306-255-2358

Taylor Halvorson and friend Hayley of Saskatoon were visitors with Taylor's grandma Florence Halvorson. It was sure nice to see them for a short visit.

Kinsmen TeleMiracle was held Feb. 27 and 28. They did a great job of raising over \$5.6 million.

Congratulations to the Einarson women's curling team who won the Scotties. There were some real good games to watch. Sherry Anderson's Sas-

katchewan team did very well.

Sympathy from the community to Joanne Brochu and family of Outlook on the Feb. 28 passing of Aime, a husband and father. Sympathy also to Rodney and Anne Selby of Elstow on the passing of her twin brother Aime.

Get well wishes to anyone who is not feeling great.

Sorry, not much news going on in town. It will be so nice to get rid of this COVID. None here that I know of.

VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

We watched a lot of Kinsmen Kinette TeleMiracle Feb. 27 and 28. We enjoyed it. It was another great year and was awesome the way they were able to work around everything and still put on a very successful show.

Not much happening here in Viscount. Everyone is trying to stay safe and looking forward to some upcoming

nice weather!

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week! Enjoy what is supposed to be some warmer temperatures. Stay safe!

Please let me know if you have any news to share by reaching me at elr.slr@sasktel.net or 306-227-1193.

PLUNKETT

Deloris Wilson (Sutherland) • 306-944-4852

We are having nice, warm weather after the real cold spell we had.

It was nice hearing from my granddaughter who lives in New Zealand. It is summer over there.

Plunkett folks send belated birthday greetings to Julia Farago Galvin in Watrous, formerly of the Plunkett area.

A large moose was visiting in the yard of Dennis and Leona Credgeur in Plunkett. There are several deer visiting in town and in the morning they are sleeping in my back yard under the

crabapple tree.

Recently in Lanigan was Laverne Haynes of Saskatoon visiting his mother Marge Haynes. They are formerly of Plunkett.

A rec board meeting was held in Plunkett.

Curling fans enjoyed the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Calgary.

Get well wishes to anyone ill. We wish them a speedy recovery.

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

MANITOU BEACH

Sue Alcock

To start off here are get well wishes to all who are ailing, stay safe and stay well everyone. May we be vaccinated sooner than later.

Avian news – a chicken bush has been identified on the north shore of the lake and a chicken who goes sledding with her toddler friend has made the provincial news. That chicken is not a local but she is a beautiful orange hued colour and plays nicely. Closer to home the male evening grosbeaks have been making a splash of colour at my deck feeders and likely other feeders around the village. They do not eat cilantro! Deer continue to roam and a moose has been seen on the lake.

Local news – northern lights have been providing entertainment.

Weather report – was warmer, then it got colder and cold again which meant it was a great time for watching the Tournament of Hearts, quilting, painting, reading or doing anything creative. Hardy souls will have been out and about.

Old news – this was all culled from The Watrous Manitou in 1950.

This was the era when women wore real fur coats and there is an ad from Arthur Rose Company in Saskatoon indicating that furs could be taken to Spector's store in Watrous and the furs then stored in Saskatoon. Why is this of local interest? Simply that both Jewish families had property here and spent summer months enjoying the

lake and amenities of the village.

The Whitmore Hotel was busy. Mr. and Mrs. Wally Owens were looking after the Whitmore Café and Mrs. R. Inkster of Allan was running the Crum Grocery Store. At the Provincial Park the Walkers were in charge.

There was a small but interesting article "Save Manitou Lake" and John Diefenbaker (P.C. Lake Centre) talked about the lake properties and its significance to First Nation and settlers. He asked Resources Minister Winters to save the lake as it was drying up. The response was to the effect that no help had been requested from the province and if a request was made it would be given consideration.

An advert in June posted by S. Russ of Edmonton caught my eye – he was selling his amusement park opposite Danceland. Included in the deal was the 24 horse merry-go-round, kiddie's rides with eight auto cars and two buildings. One sounded quite spiffy and housed the ice cream freezer and sound system. The other was just a mention. There was a potato chip booth in connection with the merry-go-round operated by Mr. and Mrs. G. Waxteen. A furnished cottage located one block from the park was also included in the deal. I have no idea of the asking price or if the property sold that year, but I do wonder how many remember that particular property and share their story?

Video Views

■ submitted by Earl Hayhurst/Video Stop

I saw 67 movies last year, less than half of what I usually see (thanks COVID). I saw only three of them in a theatre, two of which made the top 10 . . . the third, Birds of Prey we will not talk about :-)

1. The Go-Go's directed by Alison Ellwood with Belinda Carlisle, Charlotte Caffey, Gina Schock, Jane Wiedlin and Kathy Valentine.

2. Promising Young Woman written and directed by Emerald Fennell with Carey Mulligan, Bo Burnham, Alison Brie and Clancy Brown.

3. Possessor written and directed by Brandon Cronenberg with Andrea Riseborough, Christopher Abbott and Jennifer Jason Leigh.

4. Nomadland written and directed by Chloe Zhao with Frances McDormand and David Strathairn.

5. The Invisible Man written and

directed by Leigh Whannell with Elisabeth Moss, Oliver Jackson-Cohen, Harriet Dyer and Aldis Hodge.

6. Color Out of Space written and directed by Richard Stanley with Nicolas Cage, Joley Richardson, Madeleine Arthur and Tommy Chong.

7. The Bee Gees How Can You Mend A Broken Heart directed by Frank Marshall written by Mark Monroe with Barry Gibb, Robin Gibb, Maurice Gibb and Andy Gibb.

8. Tenet written and directed by Christopher Nolan with John David Washington, Robert Pattinson, Elizabeth Debicki and Kenneth Branagh.

9. The Hunt directed by Craig Zobel, written by Nick Cuse with Betty Gilpin, Hilary Swank, Ike Barinholtz, Emma Roberts & Ethan Suplee.

10. The Way Back directed by Gavin O'Connor, written by Brad Ingelsby with Ben Affleck.

Lukiwski seeking funding for local Legions

■ media release

Tom Lukiwski, Member of Parliament for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre-Lanigan announced Mar. 4 that Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 59 has finally received emergency COVID relief funding under the federal Veterans Organizations Emergency Support Fund.

"Like many organizations, Legion Branches have been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Unable to hold events or rent their facilities, the organizations have lost almost their entire revenue in 2020. I am pleased and relieved that the funding has come through," Lukiwski said.

Branch No. 59, which serves veterans in the Moose

Jaw area, received \$15,605 to help them pay their bills in the face of lost revenue due to the pandemic.

"Legions, including those in Moose Jaw and area, provide vital services and support for veterans, seniors and communities, yet their contributions are often overlooked in times of crisis. I am pleased to see their efforts recognized in this way so that they can continue to deliver services after the pandemic," Lukiwski said.

Lukiwski applauded the work of the Legion staff in making the announcement possible.

"Today's announcement is not simply a matter of federal generosity. It is the result of combined efforts of Legion representatives from local branches up to the Dominion Command level. They have worked tire-

lessly with elected representatives to press the federal government to recognize and support the work of Legions."

Lukiwski said that the work of seeking support for Legions was not over.

"While I welcome this disbursement of funding, more needs to be done to support our Legions and communities that depend on them and I will be continuing to work with local Legions and the Government of Canada in 2021 in pursuit of the federal supports our veterans and communities require."

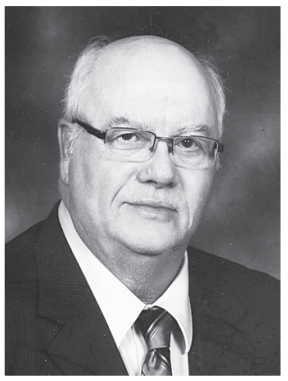
The support fund can be used to cover a wide range of branch expenses, from wages to rent and utilities to enhanced cleaning costs.

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Obituary



McLAREN, Dave
Dec. 21, 1951 - Feb. 24, 2021

Dave McLaren, aged 69 years, of Watrous and formerly Nokomis, Sask. passed away quietly at Watrous District Health Complex, Watrous, Sask. on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

Dave enjoyed hockey, golfing and family. He was a man of few words, but Dave is remembered for his quiet sense of humour and his gentle nature. He was the absolute best version of himself when he was with his grandchildren, whether they were piled on his lap or he was ferrying them around to hockey practice or dance. Driving was a joy and a passion for Dave. He enjoyed a good road trip and loved his job as the NH3 king at Blair's Fertilizer.

Dave is survived by his wife of 48 years Judy, their children Diane (Yves) Vanderauwera, Doug (Jill) McLaren, and Chris (Amy) McLaren, and their grandchildren Kaalyn, Kieran, Samantha, Tyson, Kylie, and Connor. He also leaves behind brother Keith (Annette) McLaren, and sisters Elaine (Ken) Wilson and Gwen (Glen) Kopp, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Dave's family would like to thank the staff at the Watrous District Health Complex for the care they provided during his time there.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions a private celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Private family interment will take place at a later date.

Memorial donations directed to Manitou Lodge Activity Department or Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

To leave online condolences, tributes or to make a donation, please visit www.fotheringham-mcdougall.com



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- Love you and miss you, your family.



Obituary



NELSON, Shirley E.
1930 - 2021

Shirley Elizabeth Nelson passed away peacefully at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at the age of 90 years.

Shirley is survived by her sisters-in-law Jean Nelson of Regina, Sask. and Sheila Nelson of Sundrie, Alta. as well as nieces, a nephew, cousins and friends.

Shirley was predeceased by her parents, Edwin and Caroline Nelson, sister Ruby and brothers Bud and Joe.

Shirley was born on November 29, 1930 to Edwin and Caroline Nelson on the farm at South Allan and she remained living in the area until October of 2020 when she moved to a care home in Saskatoon. Shirley grain farmed and raised beef cattle (which were the envy of many as they were so well taken care of). Shirley's cows were always hand tied and stalled in the barn every winter which she cleaned out daily with the horses and stone boat. In later years, Shirley sold her land and cattle herd. Shirley was probably the last farmer in the area to make oat sheaves with a binder every year and stook them with of a number of local high school kids helping and learning the pioneer ways. Shirley was always ready to help neighbours whether it was pulling a well pump or tending to livestock. Shirley also had a very caring side as she spent countless hours, days, and years as a caregiver to special friends Alex Bruce and then Herman Boon. Shirley enjoyed painting pictures and gardening. She even took her plants inside in the fall and grew tomatoes all year long. Shirley took special pride in her roses in front of the house. One of her favourite pastimes was sitting around with neighbours and friends telling stories of years gone by.

Special thanks to all the staff at SPH Palliative Care Unit. Arrangements are entrusted to Mourning Glory Funeral Home. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Thank you

We are so thankful for the emergency teams that responded so quickly and compassionately for us. Our ambulance, STARS team, Dr. Choudhary, the Watrous hospital staff and the firemen were amazing. Also our family and friends for their kindness in so many ways we shall be eternally grateful. Love all of you.
- Bert and Sharon

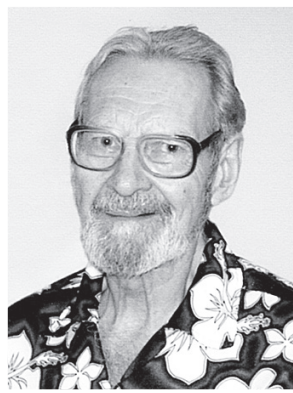
The family of Harvey Stewart would like to thank the staff at the Watrous District Health Complex for the care and kindness that Dad received over the past six years. We would also like to thank everyone for their cards, text messages, phone calls and kind words on the street. It is very much appreciated.
- the Charlene Sagen family and the Dean Stewart family

Thank you to our customers and community for your patience and understanding as we closed our doors to help prevent the spread of COVID. Thank you to our staff for isolating to help themselves and families stay safe. We appreciate your support and loyalty. Thank you to our families and friends for the phone calls and texts.
- Laurie, Gwen and Jaz-Lin

There are no words to express my gratitude to family and friends for the outpouring of love I received on my birthday. The flowers, gifts, cards, balloons, posters, birthday greeting video and treats were overwhelming. I would love to be able to thank everyone in person, but that is not possible just yet. To all who planned and participated in the drive by parade - that was the most fun I've had in a long time. A perfect 90th birthday celebration. Thanks and love to you all.
- Alice Mooney

The family of Delmar Ernst wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to those who supported us during this difficult time. Sincere thank you for the phone calls, flowers, food, donations and messages of sympathy we received on the passing of our father and grandpa. A special thank you to Neil Anderson for the fly over tribute - it was such a sentimental moment for our family. We would like to send our gratitude and appreciation to Pastor Doug Gregory for officiating, Sarah Gregory for the lovely music and Malinoski & Danyluik Funeral Home for preparing all the arrangements.
-Brad, Mike, Cathy, Julie and families

Obituary



THOMPSON-GILLARD, The Rev. Fr. P.R. (Reg)

The Rev. Fr. P.R. (Reg) Thompson-Gillard passed away peacefully at Casselholme Home for The Aged on Sunday, February 28, 2021 in his 91st year.

Philip Reginald Thompson-Gillard was born at Watrous, Sask. on the 19th September, 1930. The only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. P.T. Gillard and grandson of the late

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gillard and the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson Sr. and the twin brother of Mrs. P. Rita B. Patry, M.M.M., C.D. and Bar of North Bay, Ont. Reg received his public school education at Glenridge, a little country school in rural Saskatchewan and his high school in the town of Watrous graduating in 1950. He grew up on the family farm at Amazon, Sask. Reg was baptized into the Christian faith in Holy Trinity Anglican Church at Simpson, Sask. on September 27th, 1931 and was confirmed in the faith in All Saints' Church, at Watrous on April 22nd, 1945 by the late Rt. Rev. W.T.T. Hallam, Anglican Bishop of the Saskatoon. With the completion of his high school education, Reg entered the University of Saskatchewan and Emmanuel College at Saskatoon, in preparation for the ministry of the Priesthood to the Anglican Church in the fall of 1950. Ascension Day, May 27th, 1954 Reg was made a deacon in Rugby Chapel on the University Campus and a year later, May 1st, 1955 on St. Philip and St. James Day, was ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Church at St. John's Cathedral, Saskatoon by the Rev. S.C. Steer. During the summer months when he was an undergraduate in college, Reg served three student missions at Keatley in 1951, 1952 and at Perdue in 1953. He covered the missions on foot and bicycle. Reg served in many parishes over the past years. His first parish was the Meridian Parish, Macklin, Sask. where he was the incumbent from 1954 to 1958 in the Diocese of Saskatoon and Provost, Alta. which was in the Diocese of Edmonton. In January 1965 Reg entered into the Chaplaincy Services of the Canadian Armed Forces which took him to many postings across Canada. He served as a Padre at C.F.B. Currie Barracks, Calgary; C.F.B. Petawawa, Ont.; C.F.B. Esquimalt, B.C. at Work Point Barracks, Victoria with his last posting to C.F.B. Bordon, Ont. From Bordon, Ont. Reg returned to civilian life, becoming a rector of the parish of Wawota, Sask. in southeast Saskatchewan, serving several rural parishes in the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Apple, namely the Parishes of Assiniboia, the Greater Parish of Oxbow with nine congregations and the Parish of Rosetown, Kyle-Tuberoose. Reg had had a long and varied ministry serving most of that ministry in the rural areas of southern Saskatchewan amongst the farming communities that he loved so much. In the various communities where Reg served he had many interests amongst them the Masonic Lodge, all the bodies of the Scottish.....He was an active member of Rotary International in the Assiniboia Rotary Club, serving as Chaplain and Director, a member of the Monarchist League of Canada, and the Saskatchewan Humane Society and Wildlife. In nearly all the parishes was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion serving as the local Padre. He enjoyed playing a little golf in the summer and curling down at the local rink in the winter when time permitted. He was a bachelor.

Reg is survived by his twin sister and only sister, Mrs. P. Rita Patry, M.M.M., C.D. and Bar of North Bay, Ont., eight cousins and several second and third cousins in various parts of the country.

Cremation has taken place and burial will take place in the spring at Watrous Cemetery, Watrous, Sask.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Martyn Funeral Home in North Bay, Ont.

Online condolences at www.martynfh.com

Obituaries can be found on our website.

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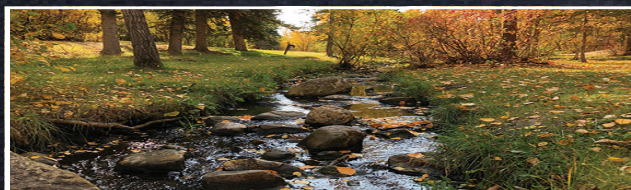
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members of the community and surrounding areas wanting to donate items to auction off, and then put bids in for each item. Thanks again to everyone who participated in this fundraiser!”

As for the remainder of donations that the Watrous Kin passed along to TeleMiracle, here is a breakdown: personal donations (\$2,793.39), online website (\$700), online Facebook auction (\$14,442),

Helping Hands (\$386.56), Watrous Elementary School - Subway lunch and candy bag sale (\$678.05), and Watrous Kinsmen Club (\$2,000).

Jillian said, “This is around average for what we have donated in the past, with the exception of the 40th TeleMiracle when we were able to raise an outstanding amount after our first Mock Wedding. Hopefully we will be able to get back to large gatherings in the future to help us with our fundraising efforts for causes like this one!”

By reaching over \$20,000 during a year in which the province is navigating through a pandemic, Engele said it once again showed how special the community and surrounding area is. “We are so lucky to be apart of a community who is always willing to support our efforts again and again. A

huge thank you to everyone who made our TeleMiracle donation happen this year! Every dollar counts and we appreciate your participation in our fundraising efforts.”

As for TeleMiracle itself, the 45th edition wrapped up in Saskatoon raising a total of \$5,630,215. With this year’s incredible generosity added, the total raised by TeleMiracle since 1977 is now over \$145 million.

This year’s final tote board total also included the proceeds of TeleMiracle’s first-ever online 50/50 raffle, which generated total ticket sales of \$726,120 with the winner taking home half of the jackpot total.

“The generosity of Saskatchewan people is amazing and it showed again this year in their support of TeleMiracle,” said TeleMiracle 45 Chair Brian Angstadt. “Once again, TeleMiracle brought our province together and the impact of these donations will be felt across Saskatchewan during these times when residents need it the most.”

The broadcast which took place Feb. 27 and 28 featured no live audience with most live appearances by remote video. National Cast hosts were live in-studio, with physical distancing in-place. Content for the show was pre-recorded over many months leading up to the telethon. These changes to TeleMiracle were made with COVID safety in mind and were approved by provincial health authorities.

“Our show producers did a great job throughout the entire year of planning, working closely with the health authorities and making sure everyone involved with this year’s production followed all the COVID safety guidelines and protocols,” said Angstadt. “We did our best to follow, keep up with and exceed all the COVID safety protocols and guidelines at all times.”

Like in previous years, performers who were part of TeleMiracle 45 not only showcased their talents but also raised money for the telethon – which was once again matched by Nutrien, who presented their donation of \$100,000 live by remote video just before the end of the broadcast.

All TeleMiracle proceeds stay in Saskatchewan and are granted through the Kinsmen Foundation for specialized medical and mobility equipment, and assistance with medical travel. The Foundation receives over 1,000 applications for assistance from Saskatchewan residents each year.

Watching this year’s show from her home, Jillian said it was neat to see how other Kin and organizers were able to adapt to the current times and pull off TeleMiracle 45 while following the proper restrictions and guidelines. “With that being said, I can’t wait until we can all go back and volunteer in person.”

And while TeleMiracle has ended for another year and planning begins for the 46th edition in 2022, Jillian noted local Kin continue to remain busy fundraising for the community. The Kinettes Leisure of the Month raffle kicks off Apr. 1 and a few tickets remain available for that. The Kinsmen are holding a When Will It Sink Lotto with up to 500 tickets (guesses) for how long an old car remains on the ice before falling through in a slough. The winner of that will receive \$2,500 in gift cards to spend at local businesses.

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