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## Remembering the first flights of Saskatchewan Air Ambulance

■ Daniel Bushman

From its inaugural flight to the Liberty area in 1946 to transporting more than 71,000 patients requiring urgent and critical care over the decades, Saskatchewan Air Ambulance has been an instrumental part in helping to save lives. As the emergency response service which also happens to be the oldest, non-military, government air ambulance service in the world got off the ground 75 years ago, it has remained vital ever since.

With trains running on limited schedules, rough roads creating lengthy delays in rural areas and harsh winters forcing people to remain at home, then Saskatchewan Premier Tommy Douglas had the idea of a flying ambulance that did not need to use those roads or wait for trains.

So when Saskatchewan Air Ambulance became airborne in 1946, the critical service's first flight was to the Liberty area. Born in 1924 and residing on a farm near the community, Ivan Drimmie remembers that flight and a subsequent one that landed close by. While he was not at the inaugural flight when the Norseman-brand plane took off from its original home base in Regina to Liberty, he recalled what happened.

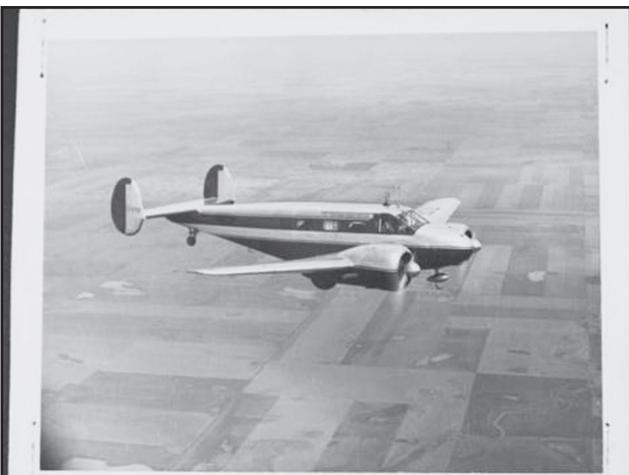
Landing northwest of Liberty about 4.8 kms (or three miles) from Drimmie's place, the air service provided care to a woman suffering from diabetes-related complications. In the Liberty history book, 'Early Days to Modern Ways', it stated that Katie (nee Wolff) Mahoney was the first patient in the province to be picked up by the service when it was inaugurated Feb. 4, 1946. Married to Dennis in 1920, the couple farmed land four miles northwest of Liberty. After being transported to Regina by the air ambulance, Katie later passed away Feb. 5, 1946.

It was not long after that flight when the service returned to the area to pick up Drimmie's neighbour who had leukemia.

Around 24 years old, Drimmie who attended the air ambulance's second pick up in the rural area said, "Of course in the country during the winter there were no passable roads at that time. The air ambulance had just started out and landed on a field about a half a mile from our place. It landed and ran all the way to the other end pretty well and turned around and came back and had to wait until the patient came down."

With the aircraft sitting on a field full of snow for about half an hour, by the time Drimmie's neighbour, her father and two others got to the plane, the skis were frozen to the ground. After loading the patient into the plane, Drimmie said her father went back to his team of horses, navigating them away from the aircraft.

"Then the pilot tried to take off and he couldn't because the skis were frozen to the ground so he asked us to get behind the tail and push," said Drimmie from his current residence in Imperial.



►Pictured above: Beechcraft 18 air ambulance plane (R-A3017). Pictured below: D.K. Malcolm standing in front of air ambulance plane (R-A2959). Pictured below right: Nurse taking pulse of patient inside plane (R-A3016). © photos courtesy of Provincial Archives



Looking to lend a hand, Ivan got behind the tail of the plane with two others and started to push. "There was quite a wind and it finally broke loose."

While the plane was able to head back to Regina with a patient onboard, that would not be the only time during the air ambulance's tenure where a plane's skis became stuck at a remote rural area. On the Canadian Aviation



►After Saskatchewan Air Ambulance launched into service back in 1946, Ivan Drimmie (above) who had a farm near Liberty not only remembers the service's inaugural flight northwest of Liberty but after picking up Drimmie's neighbour during the service's second flight to the area, he helped to get the plane's skis loose. © photo courtesy Connie Drimmie



Historical Society Regina Chapter's website, an article from the Leader-Post dated Dec. 24, 1993 shared that Don Campbell, an RCAF pilot during WWII was brought on by the air ambulance in 1948 and became the supervisor in 1951. In his book, *Wings of Mercy*, Campbell shared that *(continued on page seven: AMBULANCE)*

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# COVID-19 update; Re-Opening Roadmap

■ Daniel Bushman

As more and more people receive their first shot of the COVID-19 vaccine, the province continues to move closer to reaching its three thresholds as part of the Re-Opening Roadmap. While a number of residents in Saskatchewan book appointments and wait in line to get their vaccination, local communities and schools are trying to do their part in keeping COVID-19 at bay.

## Re-Opening Roadmap

As of May 13, according to the provincial government, 72 percent of those over the age of 40 have received their first dose, 62 percent of those 30 and older have received their first dose and 53 percent of those 18 and older have received their first dose.

With more than 70 percent of Saskatchewan residents age 40 and older receiving their first shot of COVID-19 vaccine, it also means the threshold for Step One of the Re-Opening Roadmap has been reached.

According to the criteria set out in the Re-Opening Roadmap, all adults ages 18+ are anticipated to have access to the COVID-19 vaccine by the target date,

With that first threshold met, the province set May 30 as the target date for the commencement of Step One.

"We are able to move forward with Step One of the Re-Opening Roadmap because so many Saskatchewan people are doing their part and getting vaccinated, and because we are all following the public health orders and guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19," Premier Scott Moe said.

"The road back to normal runs right through our vaccination clinics and pharmacies. I want to thank the thousands of health care workers who are delivering those vaccine shots every day in every part of the province, and I want to thank the hundreds of thousands of Saskatchewan people who have done your part by getting vaccinated."

According to the criteria set out in the Re-Opening Roadmap, all adults ages 18+ are anticipated to have access to the COVID-19 vaccine by the target date,

and the Ministry of Health will continue to monitor health system capacity.

The following changes will also be made to public health orders during Step One of the Re-Opening Roadmap:

- Restaurants and bars open, maximum of six at a table, two metres or structural barriers between tables, dance floors and buffets remain closed, VLTs may reopen;

- 30 percent of capacity or 150 people, whichever is less, at places of worship, with physical distancing between households;

- Group fitness classes involving intense training, like aerobics and spin, can resume, with three metres between participants;

- Current restrictions remain in place for retail, personal care services, event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, art galleries, libraries and recreational facilities;

- Current protocols remain in place for primary, secondary and post-secondary education and for childcare;

- Limit of 10 people at private indoor and outdoor gatherings, including household gatherings;

- Limit of 30 people at public indoor gatherings;

- Limit of 150 people at public outdoor gatherings; and

Current province-wide masking mandate remains in place.

On May 4, the Government of Saskatchewan released the "Re-Opening Roadmap" - a three-step plan to gradually lift current public health restrictions when Saskatchewan reaches at least 70 percent vaccination levels. In addition to reaching the threshold for Step One, the other two steps include:

## Step Two:

Three weeks have passed since 70 percent of people age 30 have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

- No capacity thresholds on retail and personal care services, must maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing;

- Three weeks have passed since the beginning of Step One.

As of May 13, the current level was 62 percent of 30 and older.

## Step Three:

Three weeks have passed since 70 percent of people age 18 and above have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

- Three weeks have passed since the beginning of Step Two.

As of May 13, the current level was 53 percent of 18 and older.

The provincial government indicated that three weeks is used as a buffer between the threshold and the easing

- of public health measures as it is the length of time it takes for an individual to achieve the necessary immune response to a dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

The government indicated provincial hospitalization rates will continue to be monitored throughout the reopening. If acute care pressures require, a reopening step may be paused to respond to COVID-transmission trends at regional or provincial levels.

All current public health orders will remain in place until reviewed as part of implementing Step One. Here is what people can expect when Step Two and Step Three are reached:

## Step Two:

Public health measures in Step Two are planned to be eased as follows:

- No capacity thresholds on retail and personal care services, must maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing;

- Restaurants and bars will have no table capacity thresholds, must maintain two metres of physical distancing or structural barriers between tables, dance floors and buffets remain closed;

- 150-person maximum capacity at event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, art galleries, libraries and recreational facilities, must maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing, restaurant guidelines apply at venues that serve food;

- No change from

Step One at gyms and fitness facilities, primary, secondary and post-secondary education and childcare;

- All remaining restrictions on youth and adult sports will be lifted;

- Limit of 15 people at private indoor gatherings, including household gatherings;

- Limit of 150 people at public indoor gatherings and private and public outdoor gatherings; and

- Current province-wide masking mandate remains in place.

## Step Three:

In Step Three, most remaining restrictions will be lifted. Guidance on gathering sizes and indoor masking will be developed based on the progress of the first two steps. Public health orders from Step Two on gathering sizes and indoor masking will remain in place until that guidance is finalized.

## Local COVID-19 updates

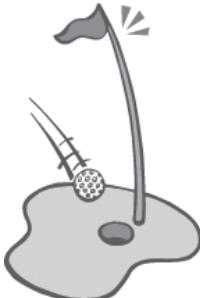
With the province implementing its Re-opening Roadmap, locally communities have been trying to take precautions as summer arrives.

That is also the case within schools as the local division aims to keep its staff and students safe as the school year nears an end next month. Heading into the latter part of May, according to Horizon School Division, there have been a handful of schools made aware of positive cases.

On Apr. 23 the LeRoy School was made aware that cases involved Variants of Concern. The situation at the school had been deemed an outbreak and students were learning from home until at least May 17.

On May 5, COVID-19 cases were also confirmed at Humboldt Collegiate Institute, Wakaw School and George Gordon Education Centre. The following day the elementary school in Kelvington was made aware of a positive COVID-19 diagnoses with students learning from home until May 25.

On May 8, Horizon School Division was made



## Golf Report

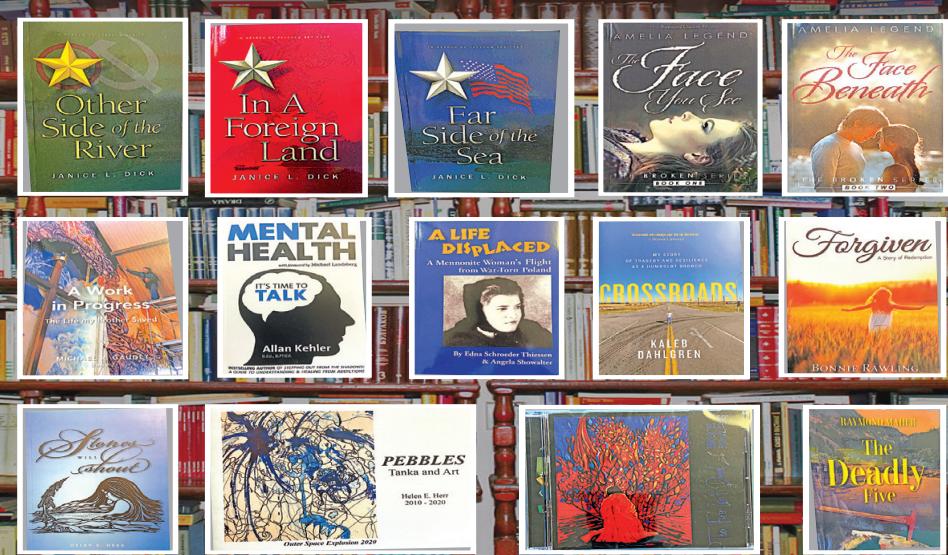
Twenty-two golfers made it out to the senior men's scramble May 6 at Manitou Beach Golf Course.

First place was recorded by the team of Bob Lewis, Claire Galt and Garry Schaan and second place was the team of Keith Harcourt, Ken Keppas, Rod Hartley and Dave Reid.

Closest to the pin on hole four was Bob Lewis. Rod Hartley made the longest putt on hole six and Eric Day was closest to the line.

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# “RCMP Report”

## Firearms charges laid after search warrants executed

On May 7, 2021, Saskatchewan RCMP officers executed three search warrants, two in the Town of Kindersley and one in the Town of Eatonia.

As a result of these searches, officers seized two long-barrelled firearms and one sawed-off firearm from a business in Kindersley and one sawed-off firearm with ammunition and one loaded firearm from a residence in Eatonia. None of the firearms were legally possessed.

“These firearms were not legally registered and were not being stored in a safe manner,” said S/Sgt. Kevin Peterson, Kindersley RCMP Detachment Commander. “Taking illegal firearms off the streets furthers our goal of making our communities safer.”

The following individuals were charged in relation to these searches:

Justin Williment from Eatonia: one count, Insecure storage of a non-restricted firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Insecure storage of a prohibited firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Unauthorized possession of a prohibited firearm, Section 91(1), Criminal Code; one count, Unauthorized possession of a non-restricted firearm, Section 91(1), Criminal Code; one count, Possession of a prohibited firearm with ammunition, Section 95, Criminal Code; and one count, Possession of a firearm with tampered serial number, Section 108, Criminal Code.

Erin Mitchell from Eatonia: one count, Insecure storage of a non-restricted firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Insecure storage of a prohibited firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Unauthorized possession of a prohibited firearm, Section 91(1), Criminal Code; one count, Unauthorized possession of a non-restricted firearm, Section 91(1), Criminal Code; one count, Possession of a prohibited firearm with ammunition, Section 95, Criminal Code; and one count, Possession of a firearm with tampered serial number, Section 108, Criminal Code.

Dwight Park from Kindersley: one count, Insecure storage of a non-restricted firearm, Section 86(2),

Criminal Code; one count, Insecure storage of a prohibited firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Unauthorized possession of a prohibited firearm, Section 91(1), Criminal Code; one count, Unauthorized possession of a non-restricted firearm, Section 91(1), Criminal Code; and one count, Possession of a firearm while under a prohibition order, Section 117.01(1), Criminal Code.

Matthew Peters from Kindersley: one count, Insecure storage of a non-restricted firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Insecure storage of a prohibited firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; and one count, Unauthorized possession of a prohibited firearm, Section 91(1), Criminal Code.

The four individuals will make a court appearance on July 20, 2021 in Kindersley.

## No charges laid after abduction complaint investigated

The RCMP Major Crime Unit-South has concluded its abduction investigation related to Stephanie Bruch and Kelly Baht and it has been determined no charges will be laid.

The Saskatchewan RCMP wants to reiterate its thanks to the public and news agencies for sharing information in relation to this file. Due to the serious nature of the complaint received, extensive investigation and searches were completed to help locate the two individuals involved. Once the pair were located by the Wynyard RCMP south of Bankend shortly after 9 a.m. May 10, the RCMP Major Crime Unit-South continued its investigation to determine if an offence occurred.

As a result of investigation, the white/grey truck is not believed to be related to this investigation and police are no longer looking for it.

Kelly Baht was wanted on a Canada-wide warrant for being unlawfully at large. He was arrested Monday in relation to this warrant, remains in custody, and Regina Police Service will be continuing this separate investigation.

As this RCMP investigation is now considered complete, RCMP do not anticipate further updates and do not have any other information to share.

## Missing fence posts found in waterway

On May 7, Porcupine Plain RCMP responded to a theft complaint in a rural area. An individual had left some posts piled on a property they planned on fencing, only to find they had gone missing.

Officers began investigating the post-plundering, but the caper was quickly revealed when the posts were spotted in a nearby waterway. “The stolen posts were located in a beaver dam,” explained Cst. Conrad Rickards of the Porcupine Plain RCMP Detachment. “A beaver – or beavers – helped themselves to the stash of posts and used them to help build a dam. I

tried locating said beavers but they were GOA (gone on arrival).”

None of the beavers will face charges, he said. “Who could really blame these little bucktooth bandits, considering the price of wood these days?”

Porcupine Plain RCMP has now closed this extremely Canadian case.

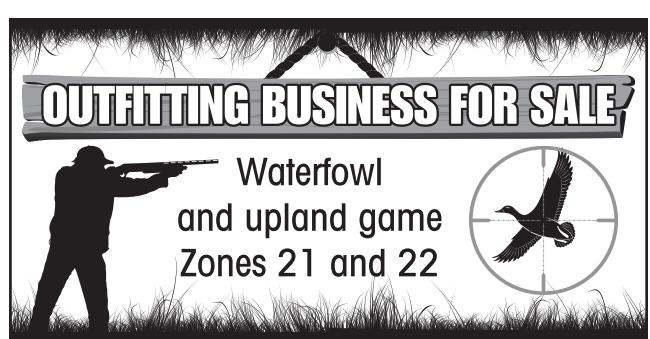


## Serving officer arrested in relation to homicide

On May 12, 2021, a serving Saskatchewan RCMP officer was arrested by the Prince Albert Police Service in relation to a homicide.

The officer is a corporal with 32 years service and was serving with the Prince Albert RCMP Traffic Services Unit when the arrest occurred.

The RCMP has processes in place to handle conduct issues, including those as serious as the arrest announced. Public trust is essential for the RCMP to effectively serve and protect Canadians. As a result, RCMP employees must conduct themselves in a manner that not only meets, but exceeds, the rightfully high expectations of Canadians. The RCMP Code of Conduct is a group of rules used to ensure that RCMP police officers are responsible and accountable for the promotion and maintenance of good conduct in the Force. Contraventions to the RCMP Code of Conduct are taken seriously and a modification to the member’s duty status is currently being processed.



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Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.  
Melanie Rich, Returning Officer

## NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Village of Plunkett

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Village of Plunkett for the year 2021 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the Assessor from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays on the following days:

**May 17, 2021 - July 22, 2021**

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# Opinion

## COLONSAY

Irene Gray • 306-255-2775

Sympathy to Florence Halvorson and family on the passing of her cousin Joan Haugness from Archerwill on May 4.

May 7, Jim and Irene Gray travelled to Unity to visit Ben, MuLing and grandma. While there they celebrated their anniversary and Ben and MuLing's anniversary May 10.

The farmers are busy putting in their crops. Hopefully we will get some rain soon to help them grow.

Get well wishes to anyone who is under the weather.

If you have news please contact me. I will be happy to forward it on.

## ALLAN

Sarah Ross • [sarah\\_lou@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah_lou@yahoo.com)

The Allan Swimming Pool is opening this year! Yay! We are having some lifeguard courses along with a first aid course. If you have ever considered being a lifeguard, make sure you sign up!

The golf course is open and we have a women's, men's and seniors league. There is a membership fee, but otherwise come on

down and enjoy the course! If you become a member, please consider signing up for a league night. The women's league had 18 ladies for the first night.

The fire department is asking that everyone remember how dry it is out there. Make sure you are cautious, even with throwing a cigarette butt out the window.

## MANITOU BEACH

Sue Alcock

Good news - the new swim dock for main beach was launched last week by village foreman Lindsey in the tractor and his colleague Brian, aided and abetted by Sherwin Peterson and Vince Armstrong the two in the lake. The launch turned out to be a wet affair as the floating platform, which measures a hefty 12 ft x 20 ft needed more than just a shove and a pry to completely enter the frigid lake. As the marker buoy for the concrete anchor in the lake has deflated it will be another wet affair to locate the anchor the platform in the lake. The raft has 12 plastic cells for additional floatation and I heard about a broom to sweep off debris and chuckles about the landgulls!

I hear more businesses will be open before the Victoria Day holiday and some places like The Little Manitou Art Gallery stayed open all winter. Congratulations to the new owners of the Manitou Springs Resort & Mineral Spa, may they continue operating the business with great success.

We have new neighbours and I am not rolling out the welcome wagon! These rowdy characters have evicted the thieving magpies from their recently renovated nest and assumed squatter's rights. Yes, we have a pair of screaming merlins now in residence across the road. So how does one tell the little birds, who are potential meals, to avoid these amazingly swift birds? I guess nature will take its course - - the merlins are quite fascinating to watch, I must confess and maybe they will grow on me as did the magpies.

**For more Community Connection news, see page six.**



**Tips from Reena Nerbas**

**Dear Anne,**

Sounds like you may have high humidity in your home. Contrary to what many experts advise, I have always stored potatoes in a plastic bag in the fridge. They last for months without any problems.

**Hi Reena,**

I have several face cloths that have become hard, which I believe is because of soap that has built up over time. Do you know of anything that will make them soft again? Thanks, Judy

**Dear Judy,**

I agree towels often lose their softness when they are saturated with fabric softener and/or detergent. In order to strip the residue from the textiles, soak them in a full-strength solution of white vinegar. Leave for one hour and wash as usual, using only a small amount of detergent and a half cup baking soda. Transfer to the dryer and remove them as soon as they are dry.

**Dear Reena,**

I experience an annoying problem whenever I make a low-fat loaf. I spray the non-stick loaf pan with Pam for baking, but I still have a difficult time cleaning the pans. Thanks for a solution, Bonnie

**Dear Bonnie,**

I discovered this solution after years of struggling with the same challenge. I now cut a piece of parchment paper so that it hangs over the side edges of the loaf pan. Add your ingredients to the pan and bake. When baking time is complete, grasp the parchment

## Solutions and Substitutions

paper and lift the loaf out of the pan. Pans stay beautiful much longer and cleanup is so easy!

**Feedback from smart contributor**

Re: cleaning narrow necked glass bottles and vases

**Dear Reena,**

In your column you suggested to use gravel in cleaning narrow bottles. When cleaning all my flower containers I use Polident tablets with wonderful results. For a narrow bottle, a tablet will fit in the opening (or break a tablet into pieces.) Anne

**Interesting discoveries**

My grandson stored metal containers of shaving cream on the side of the bathtub which left some awful rust stains. My daughter tried several cleaners and mixtures to clean it off, but never succeeded. Finally, as a last resort, she applied peroxide on the stains, covered the peroxide with cream of tartar, covered the patches with a paper towel, moistened with a bit of peroxide, and waited one-half hour. She scrubbed the spots with a soft sponge and all the rust stains came off beautifully. A nice and cheap alternative to changing the tub or having an insert installed. Submitted by: Pauline

Reduce the appearance of freckles by spooning onion juice and two teaspoons vinegar over the spots daily. It does not take long for them to disappear. Submitted by: Jean

I used to endure a lot of fabric damage due to moths. I then placed mothballs in all of my drawers and chests, but they stink. I finally discovered that when I wrap fabrics in newspapers, the moths do not eat the fabric. Apparently, they do not like the smell of printer's ink. Submitted by: Jesse

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

## Do we ignore our everyday miracles from God?



**Neighbourly advice according to Ed**

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

Albert Einstein said that there are only two ways to live your life. One way is to believe everything is a miracle and the other way is to believe that nothing is a miracle. Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, and I are examples of the divide of opinion about miracles. Ed holds that there are no miracles, big or small. I say that everything is a miracle, but we ignore our obvious everyday miracles.

The Bible is full of folks

who could not see beyond themselves to the power of God at work in everything they encountered. In the Book of Numbers, God instructed Moses to send men to explore the land of Canaan, which God promised to give the Israelites. Ten men representing each of the tribes of Israel went out to see the land of Canaan. They had the following instructions, "See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they walled or fortified? How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees on it or not? Do your best to bring back some fruit of the land." (Numbers 13:18-20)

At the end of 40 days, the 10 men returned to give their account of the land of Canaan. Nine out

of the 10 explorers saw only obstacles. Only one saw an opportunity. Nine of the men could only see the people of Canaan as giants and themselves as grasshoppers compared to them. The nine wanted to shrink back from the land of Canaan.

Only Caleb was not intimidated by the size of the people. He said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it." But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are," Numbers 13:30.

Why did Caleb not shrink back from the land of Canaan? He explains, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into the land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against

the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them" (Numbers 14:8-9).

When miracles are big, we remember the miracle rather than that it is God behind the miracle. Moses had led the people of Israel out of Egypt with many life-saving miracles. The people of Israel would not deny the miracle of the parting of the Red Sea. They could see and eat bread or Manna each morning, they drank the water God provided in the desert wilderness, yet their miracles, both large and small, did not translate into their trust in God. The physical body God gives us is full of everyday miracles. It is a miracle we daily breathe, move, see, hear, talk, etc. Recognizing our everyday miracles helps us to trust in God.

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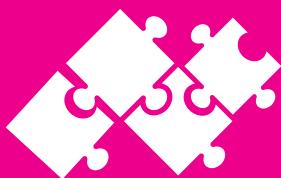
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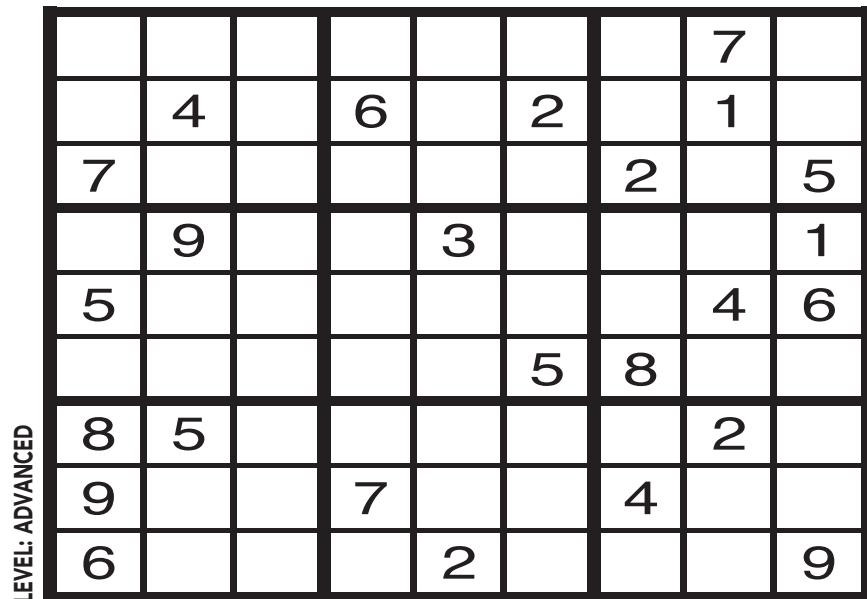


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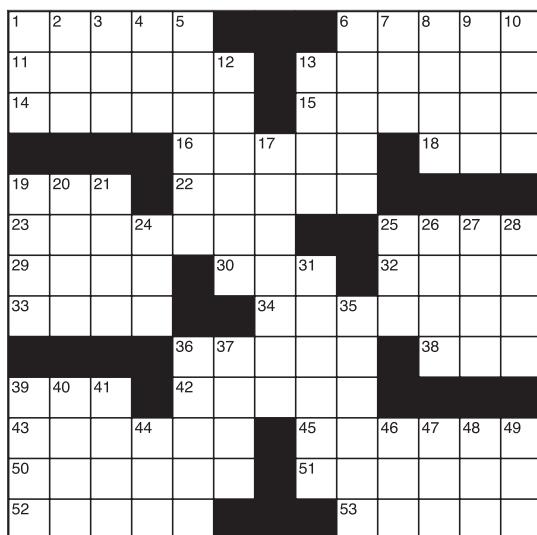
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## CROSSWORD

PUZZLE NO. 78



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“Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky”

## Grilled Apple Skewers

### Ingredients:

- 4 medium apples, peeled and quartered
- 4 tsp. sugar
- 1 1/4 tsp. cinnamon

### Directions:

Soak four wooden skewers for 30 minutes. Coat grill rack with nonstick cooking spray prior to starting the barbecue. Thread apples onto skewers, spray with nonstick cooking spray. Mix sugar and cinnamon, roll in sugar mix. Grill for about five minutes, turn and grill another five until they are golden and tender. Watch carefully.

# VIISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

We had our first camping experience this year. We went camping Apr. 30 for a few days. The days were pretty nice but boy the nights were soooooo cold. The water even froze by the turn off valve. It did not take much to thaw, but it was cold. It was nice to have a little get away. Even had a few fires before the fire ban.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Thank you to everyone for helping to make this week's and last week's Viscount news possible. Have a great week, stay safe and enjoy the weather.

■ submitted by  
Loretta Polischuk



■ photo submitted by Loretta Polischuk

## Garden Whatzit

We think that after the harvesting is done and the ground is worked up in the fall, the garden goes to sleep. So do the moles, voles, ants and other small creatures that like to inhabit our lovely green spaces. But maybe

there are bigger creatures hibernating in our soil, ones that are never exposed unless a Bobcat pushing snow happens to rouse them from their slumber.

This one appeared in our garden after the snow melt. One side looks like any usual pile of dirt, grass and bits of plant debris, but the side facing the southern sun is an entirely different story. Is it a headless animal? A would-be elephant? A soil-shoveller? It all depends on how you look at it.

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# Seeding underway across province

## ■ media release

More farmers have been able to get out into the field according to the Saskatchewan Agriculture's Crop Report for the period of May 4 to 10. Seeding is up from nine percent to 38 percent. This is well-ahead of the five-year average of 22 percent. Crops that have been seeded so far are slow to emerge due to cool temperatures and little soil moisture.

The southwest region is leading the province, with 56 percent of the crop seeded. Forty-four percent of crops are seeded in the southeast, 35 percent in the west-central, 34 percent in the northwest, 24 percent in the east-central and 22 percent in the northeast region.

The southwest saw good amounts of precipitation that will hopefully improve germination conditions. The Admiral area recorded the most rain and snow precipitation at 25 mm followed by the Shaunavon and Rockglen areas which

both reported receiving 20 mm. Little to no precipitation was reported in the other regions of the province.

Moisture conditions saw a slight drop. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as zero percent surplus, 31 percent adequate, 45 percent short and 23 percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as zero percent surplus, 22 percent adequate, 45 percent short and 32 percent very short.

Dry conditions are raising concerns about fires in both cropland and pastures, several rural municipalities across the province have issued fire bans and producers are reminded to be extremely careful when operating machinery and equipment that have the potential to spark or get very hot.

Producers continue working in their fields seeding, harrowing, rock picking and rolling. Very little weed emergence has allowed farmers to postpone spraying for the time being. Some producers have postponed further seeding as they wait for rain.

## Seeding Progress in Saskatchewan

For the week of May 4 - May 10, 2021

38%  
COMPLETE



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Neonatal Nurse Practitioner,  
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# VOTE

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ELECTION MAY 29

VOTE EARLY MAY 14-22

(from front page: AMBULANCE)

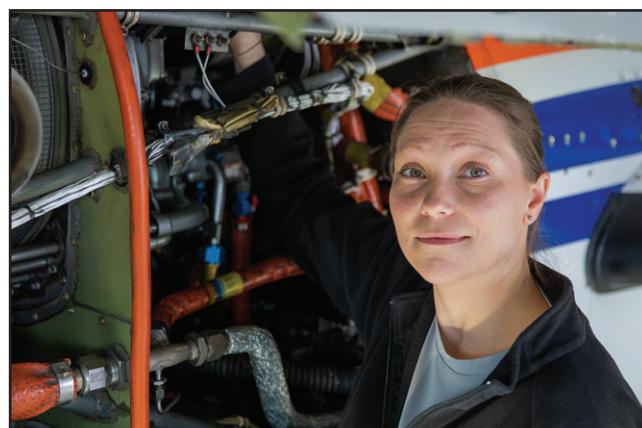
Premier Tommy Douglas wanted to go along for the ride to see how the operations were conducted. "On arrival at a remote farm, the aircraft's skis became stuck in the melting snow. With the engine running and the propeller turning over, Campbell got out to fiddle with the skis. Douglas, in an overcoat and fedora, jumped out, too and went to work on the other ski. A horrified Campbell looked up to see Douglas's hat being snatched off his head by the propeller. A few more inches and the province would have needed a new premier."

Hearing the same story about the former premier and his desire to see the operation fine-tuned, Drimmie commended Douglas and all of those involved with Saskatchewan Air Ambulance for having the ability to get the program off the ground. "Having that service was incredible. To see a plane go overhead is one thing but to see it land as close to your place is another thing. The only other alternative was a two hour trip into town to catch a 4:00 train to take you to Regina and that would have taken pretty near most of the day to get out to a hospital service."

Ivan's daughter-in-law Connie said her mom, Marilyn Koza remembers the air ambulance service flying to the area to help Marilyn's grandfather, Ray Tripps. Around the same time period when the two flights went to the Liberty area, Marilyn's grandfather was also picked up by the service east of Penzance. "He was run over by his one way and struggled to keep consciousness for fear of the tractor circling back and running over him again which had happened to a neighbour," recalled Connie who shared the story told by her mom. "He spent a long time in the field before someone decided to investigate the rogue tractor. My Mom remembers the plane coming for her grandfather."

Since those flights to the Liberty and Penzance areas, something that was heralded as a marvel at that time, Saskatchewan Air Ambulance now averages approximately 110 flights per month around the province. There are more than 70 pilots, aircraft engineers, flight nurses, flight paramedics and administrative staff dedicated to providing medevac services to residents of the province.

According to Saskatchewan Air Ambulance, two out of three patient transports are triaged as urgent or



► Marking 75 years in 2021, the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance is not only the oldest, non-military, government air ambulance in the world but since 1946 it has transported more than 71,000 patients and currently averages 110 flights per month. Pictured above left: Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Tanya Scheelhaase. Pictured above: Nurse Stan Wiebe standing in front of a Saskatchewan Air Ambulance plane. Pictured below left: Pilot Dan Knisley. © photos courtesy Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement

emergent requiring critical care, meaning they are in the highest need when the air ambulance arrives and highly trained medical crews are able to provide critical care.

With such an important role to play in helping to save lives, crews are available 24 hours a day and they service every corner of the province from their now current base in Saskatoon at John G. Diefenbaker International Airport. In addition, the four modern King Air planes that are part of the fleet are on call and able to fly anywhere in North America.

The unique and important service also works closely with the neonatal transport teams in Regina and Saskatoon and the pediatric transport team in Saskatoon. Since the beginning, Saskatchewan Air Ambulance has played a major role in helping those of all ages. According to the service, in 1948, the first baby was delivered aboard

one of its planes between Rose Valley and Wadena. The family was so thankful, they named their baby boy after the pilot who was flying the aircraft.

"Saskatchewan Air Ambulance provides a critical service for the people of the province," SaskBuilds and Procurement Minister Jim Reiter said. "It has a unique and rich history dating back to 1946 and is a lifeline for all corners of Saskatchewan."

"Saskatchewan Air Ambulance has been a great partner helping us provide high quality care to the people of this province," Saskatchewan Health Authority CEO Scott Livingstone said. "This anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate the lives they have saved and the critical role they play helping ensure we can get to every corner of this province to help Saskatchewan residents when they are most in need."

## Re-Opening Roadmap

A three-step plan to gradually lift the current public health orders as Saskatchewan reaches significant vaccination levels.

### STEP 1

Three weeks after 70% of people 40+ have received their first dose, and vaccine eligibility is 18+

**40 AND OLDER** TARGET 70% VACCINATED

- Restaurants and bars open, maximum six at a table
- 30% capacity or 150 people (whichever is less) at places of worship
- Group fitness classes can resume, with three metres between participants
- Limit of 10 people at private indoor, outdoor and household gatherings
- Limit 30 people at public indoor gatherings
- Limit 150 people at public outdoor gatherings

### STEP 2

Three weeks after 70% of people 30+ have received their first dose, and three weeks since beginning Step 1

**30 AND OLDER** TARGET 70% VACCINATED

- No capacity thresholds on retail and personal care services, must maintain physical distancing
- No table capacity for restaurants and bars, must maintain physical distancing or barriers between tables
- 150 person maximum capacity at event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, libraries and recreational facilities
- Limit of 15 people at private indoor gatherings and household gatherings

### STEP 3

Three weeks after 70% of people 18+ have received their first dose, and three weeks since beginning Step 2

**18 AND OLDER** TARGET 70% VACCINATED

- Most remaining restrictions will be lifted
- Guidance on gathering sizes and indoor masking is still being developed
- Public health orders from Step Two on gathering sizes and indoor masking will remain in place until that guidance is finalized

#### Expected Timeline

- STEP 1 Last week in May
- STEP 2 Third week in June
- STEP 3 Second week in July

\*Subject to change if vaccination targets are not met

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## Obituary



**DIDUR,  
Ladimer (Laddy)**

**Mar. 29, 1929 -  
May 9, 2021**

Born and raised in Saskatchewan in the Kenaston area, Laddy started farming in the Simpson area in the early 1950s. Laddy's major life events included being baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1955 and marrying Betty (Atz) in June 1956. Her death in 1982 caused him great sorrow and he relied on the support of relatives and friends to help him cope. After farming for most of his life, in November 2013, Laddy moved to Portage la Prairie, Man., to be closer to Kim and his family.

Although Laddy was able to enjoy his own company (and a good book), he loved his family and being with people. Visiting with friends and family, playing baseball and doing many other outdoor activities brought him pleasure. He was willing to lend a hand whether it was for furnace repair, welding, butchering, seeding, harvesting, haying, or just providing a listening ear. Energetic, practical, hard-working and conscientious, he saw beauty in creation and worked to beautify wherever he lived.

He learned to know the Creator through his study of the Bible. God's promise of a resurrection to a paradise earth (John 5:28, 29) was close to his heart and he would share that hope with those who were interested.

Laddy will be sadly missed by his children: Cindy (Adam) Siwicki; Kim (Teresa) Didur; and Shana (Greg) Lobb; his grandsons and great-grandchildren: Kalin and Adrianna Didur (Logan and Summer); Zachary and Adeline Didur (Lorelai and Autumn); and Benjamin Didur; in-laws Les McDonald, Lois Didur, Ted Buchan, John and Bev Kaay, Lucien and Bonnie Demers, as well as nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents Fred and Nellie Didur, his wife Betty, siblings Olga Tisnic, Sophie McDonald, John Didur, Matt Didur, and Nettie Buchan.

For information regarding arrangements for a memorial service for Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. CST, please email [didur1929@gmail.com](mailto:didur1929@gmail.com) or call/text 1-613-601-7118. Attendance via video conference or phone will be available.

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*(from page two: ROADMAP)*

aware of a COVID-19 diagnosis at Winston High School in Watrous with a second confirmed a few days later. As of last week it was deemed safe for the school to remain open for in-class learning unless families were directed otherwise.

On May 9, Horizon was made aware of additional cases at Wakaw School which involved Variants of Concern and the school had been deemed an outbreak. Wakaw School closed for in-class learning with students learning from home until May 25.

With increased COVID-19 activity, students from George Gordon Education Centre and Punnichy elementary and high schools started learning from home May 10.

According to the provincial government's website, as of May 9, George Gordon Education Centre had five confirmed cases; as of May 8, Winston High School had two confirmed cases; and as of May 5, Wakaw School had six confirmed cases.

Also on the provincial government's website, LeRoy School (Apr. 23), Wakaw School (May 9), and Winston High School (May 11) were listed under the COVID-19 active outbreaks. In non-household settings, an outbreak is confirmed when two or more people test positive for COVID-19. Following the outbreak designation in Watrous, a COVID-19 drive-thru testing site was held at the Watrous

## NOTICES



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AUTHORITY

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Curling Rink May 12.

As of May 13, within the Central East 1 mini zone, which includes communities like Humboldt, LeRoy, Watrous, Nokomis, Imperial, Jansen, Drake, and Lanigan, there were 26 active cases with six new ones. To the east, in the Central East 2 mini zone, which includes communities like Kelvington, Punnichy, Wadena, and Wynyard, there were 52 active cases with 13 new ones.

### Vaccination Booking System Open to Ages 23+

As of May 14, eligibility in the provincial age-based immunization program was open to age 23 and older. It remained age 18 and older for the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District. Prioritized front-line workers are also eligible.

### Negative COVID-19 Test Results On Your Phone

Beginning May 19 you may receive notification of a negative COVID-19 test result through an automated text messaging system. To prepare for this notification option, starting Friday, May 14, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) introduced data collection through the online requisition form at drive-thru and static testing sites. All patients who have a positive COVID-19 test result will still receive a call from public health, providing them with direction on self-isolation and to complete contact tracing questions. If your COVID-19 test is negative, you



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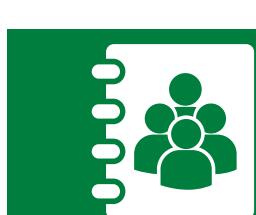
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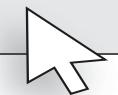
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# Soccer season kicks off in Watrous

■ Daniel Bushman

After making the difficult decision to cancel the soccer season last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year with guidelines in place by the provincial government and Saskatchewan Health Authority, the Watrous & District Soccer Association received the green light to move ahead in 2021.

Practices kicked off during the first week of May and President of the Watrous & District Soccer Association Jodie Johnson said she is looking forward to it. "After an intense year of navigating through the pandemic our hope is to provide a safe place for kids to have fun and still play soccer."

With 62 kids registered locally from U5 all the way up to U13, Johnson said the players have been split into groups of eight and they will remain with their group for the duration of the season. Some familiar faces are returning to help coach and a few others will be helping out for the first time this year.

As for what else to expect this season, Johnson provided some of the details:

- We are in phase two of return to sport and there will not be any league games at this time;
- Players are encouraged to wear

masks, but are NOT required to do so;

- Coaches, managers, and other volunteers will be supplied with medical grade masks to wear;

- Players are to remain three metres apart, and will be cohorted into teams of eight;

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- At the beginning of each practice, each player will apply hand sanitizer, get their temperature checked and get signed in by their coach/manager; and
- The U5 age group will need a parent on the field to support social distancing and help with drills.

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