

TWM wins pair of first place awards as Better Newspapers Competition winners announced

■ Daniel Bushman

After being named a top three finalist in nine categories as part of the Sas-

katchewan Weekly Newspapers Association Better Newspapers Competition Premier and General Excellence Awards, The Watrous

Manitou took home two first place awards, a pair of second and two third place finishes while the Lanigan Advisor earned a trio of third place nods.

With the Better Newspapers Competition Award winners announced during an online awards presentation May 17, the results for The Watrous Manitou included:

- in the Best Educational Coverage K-12 category, Daniel Bushman's story on WHS teacher Barry Croshaw receiving the highest honour from SHSAA placed first;
- in the Best Business

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Writing category, Bushman's story on the Jubilee Drive-In marking 65 years won first place;

- in the Photographer of the Year category, Bushman placed second, one point behind the Biggar Independent's Kevin Brautigam;

- in the Best Black and White Photo category, Bushman's photo of the Watrous Winterhawks scoring a goal placed third;

- for Best Hard News Photo, a picture of the train derailment near Guernsey placed third as well; and

- under the Best Editorial Page - Class B (Circulation 1,200 - 1,999), The Watrous Manitou was second.

For the Lanigan Advisor, the newspaper was the recipient of three third place finishes which included:

- in the Best News Story of the Year category, Bushman's story on the train derailment near Guernsey took home third place;
- in the Best Educational Coverage Post Secondary Education category, Daniel's story on Jansen's Emily Koshinsky being named a Canada West All-Star also earned a third place finish;



► During this year's Better Newspapers Competition, The Watrous Manitou took home a pair of first place awards in the Best Educational Coverage K-12 and Best Business Writing categories (above).

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and

- in the Best Wildlife Photo category, Bushman received third place for his photo of a fuzzy owllet.

Publisher of The Watrous Manitou and Lanigan Advisor Daniel Bushman said, "It is a real honour to be recognized amongst other publications, journalists and photographers from across the province in such a prestigious competition. To have won in two categories this year is very humbling. I am so thankful for the team we have and for the opportu-

ity to publish our papers. My wife Kim and I have sincerely appreciated the support from our readers and advertisers and it is truly an honour to represent our local area through The Watrous Manitou and Lanigan Advisor. I also want to extend congratulations to all of the other finalists and winners in the 2021 Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association Better Newspapers Competition and want to thank Nicole Nater from SWNA for her hard work including putting the virtual event on."

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Local parks and campgrounds anticipating strong summer

■ Daniel Bushman

With a delayed opening in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and with many people wanting to get outdoors and enjoy the Saskatchewan summer, many campgrounds and parks are anticipating a very busy 2021 season. Unlike last year where parks and campgrounds were restricted to what they were able to do under Phase Two of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan, with COVID-19 vaccinations occurring and restrictions easing, this season could be much different.

Following guidelines set out by the provincial government and Saskatchewan Health Authority, a handful of local parks and campgrounds were eager to begin the 2021 season. The Watrous Manitou reached out to local parks and campgrounds to see how things were going and what each anticipates for this year. The following are the responses received before press time:

Manitou & District Regional Park - Kathy Bergen

When did the park open this year?

The Manitou & District Regional Park opened on May 1. The office was accepting reservation requests as of Apr. 19, but due to the colder April, staff could not open the office as planned. The volume was high, with 600 requests on the first day. The office staff dug in and by May long weekend, we planned to be caught up, or almost so.

How has it gone so far and it is quite busy, especially with the pandemic?

The park will be busy this summer. There are many people choosing camping over travelling farther afield. It has been noticeable how many first-time campers are interested in coming. Also there has been an increase in the number of people who want to stay longer periods of time, a month or several weeks.

Are there similar regulations to follow like last year?

The two biggest restrictions we were working under last year were no out of province people were allowed to camp and only alternating sites were in use until into the summer. This year we are accepting out of province reservations, and most sites are available. Payment forms exclude cash again this year, the camp kitchens are closed, masking is required in the washrooms, and no gatherings of more than 10 people in a site. If the provincial guidelines change, these policies

could change.

Are there any changes this year compared to last year like renovations or new projects?

Last year the office closed the door and all business was conducted from the windows outfitted with plexiglass. That will remain the same. Last year we had a delivery system for firewood to reduce the number of times a bag was handled. That will not be in effect for this year, people must collect their firewood at the office again. A hand sanitizing station is by the woodshed door and staff can open the door with a hands-free system.

What do you have for sites and amenities?

The playground continues to be very popular, especially the zipline. We are trusting playground users to be responsible as far as physical distancing and hand sanitizing. We are a pet friendly park and are happy to have the new dog park so close for campers to enjoy.

Are you looking forward to the summer ahead?

With more and more people being vaccinated, hopefully the summer will be more enjoyable than last year. The office and all staff continue to follow COVID protocols and we feel confident the summer will be safe.

How did last year turn out with the pandemic and do you expect it to be similar this year?

Of course last year the numbers were down. The shutdown lasted until June and only every other site could be utilized into July. I expect the numbers to show a large increase, judging by the reservations in place.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The website manitouregional.com is where

we post current information. For example, there is a fire ban as of this writing. We also post notices on our Facebook page. And of course, people are welcome to phone for information and reservations.

Imperial Campground - Town of Imperial Administrator Joslin Freeman

When did the sites open this year?

The sites opened up two weeks ago with the first camper rolling in for three nights.

How has it gone so far and is it quite busy, especially with the pandemic?

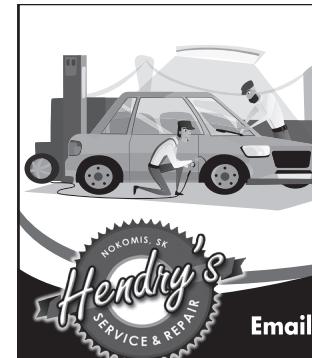
The campground stays quite full all summer long. We have a few regulars that like to stay for a month or two at a time. People enjoy the quietness of the town as well as being close to Etters Beach and Manitou Beach.

Are there similar regulations to follow like last year?

As far as a camping experience, nothing is really different, the town has increased disinfecting of the shower house. All sites are open.

Are there any changes this year compared to last year like renovations or new projects?

Nothing too major, the 100 km winds this past winter ripped off the lattice on the camp kitchen so it has been removed and for now will just remain open.



►Manitou & District Regional Park (pictured above).

© photos courtesy Kathy Bergen.

What do you have for sites and amenities?

There are five fully serviced sites. There is a single use shower house. It is accessed with a code.

Are you looking forward to the summer ahead?

Summer is always a great time of year to get outside and enjoy the fresh air, after the long winter in a pandemic it will be refreshing.

How did last year turn out with the pandemic and do you expect it to be similar this year?

Last year our sites were full most of the summer, we anticipate this summer will be very similar.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Lanigan Lions Campground - Manager Brad Huculak

When did the park open this year?

We opened the camp-ground on May 1 with a

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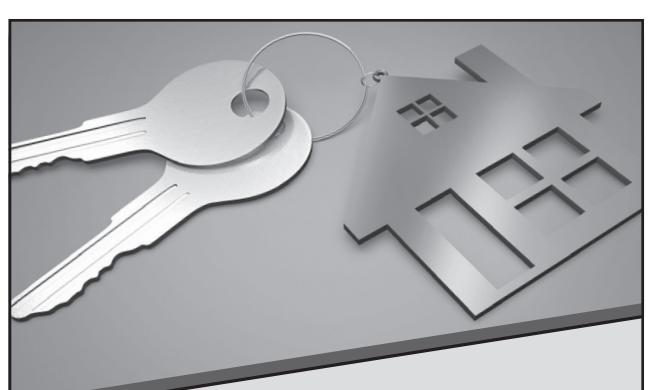
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“RCMP Report”

Break, enter and theft south of Liberty

Between May 6th and 7th culprit(s) entered into an unlocked farm Quonset on the south outskirts of Liberty along Hwy. 2, and stole miscellaneous shop items.

If you have information about these or any other crimes, please call the Watrous RCMP at 306-946-3316 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), through SaskTel Mobility at *8477, text TIP206 plus your message to CRIMES (274637) or submit a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com where you can also view information on other unsolved crimes. Crime Stoppers is anonymous and does not subscribe to call display and calls are not traced or recorded. If your information leads to an arrest or charge you may be eligible for a cash award.

Male found passed away as search concludes

On May 12, 2021, Waskesiu RCMP received

a call from Lloydminster Rescue Squad, reporting they had recovered a body at Weyakwin Lake as part of a search they were conducting.

The remains were confirmed via autopsy conducted by the Saskatchewan Coroners Service to be Matthew Hamm of Hague. Matthew was reported missing on Sept. 23, 2020. His family reported he had been out fishing on Weyakwin Lake, but failed to return.

Waskesiu RCMP would like to thank the many partners who assisted in the search for Matthew since September, including the Saskatchewan RCMP's Search and Rescue and Underwater Recovery Team, Civil Air Search and Rescue Association, La Ronge Canadian Rangers, Government of Saskatchewan Conservation Officers, Hutterite Emergency Aquatic Response Team (HEART), Lloydminster Rescue Squad and the

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Saskatchewan Coroners Service, among others.

Semi rollover in Saskatoon

Traffic restrictions were lifted in the area of Hwy. 11 and Circle Drive in Saskatoon Saturday evening May 15 following a collision involving a semi earlier in the morning. Police wish to thank members of the motoring public for their accommodation of this closure.

The Saskatoon Police Service responded to a semi rollover at the cloverleaf of Hwy. 11 and Circle Drive at the south end of the city.

The highway was restricted to one lane for northbound traffic. The eastbound Circle Drive exit to go northbound onto Circle Drive was closed until the righting of the semi tractor unit and two trailers along with the cleanup of the spilled load which appeared to be agricultural seed.

No injuries were reported.

Hudson Bay RCMP charge man after structure fire

On May 12 at 4:40 p.m. Hudson Bay RCMP attended a residence in the Leason Trailer Court in an attempt to locate an individual on outstanding warrants.

That individual was located in an outbuilding on that property and

was taken into custody. Officers heard a bang and observed smoke coming from that outbuilding. Upon opening the door, they realized there were gas and propane tanks inside. One was open and emitting fumes into the air. Officers extinguished the fire and removed the tanks from the building. No one was injured.

As a result of this incident, Matthew Barker of Hudson Bay has been charged with: one count, Arson – Disregard for Human Life, Section 433, Criminal Code; one count, Assault Peace Officer with a Weapon, Section 270.01(1), Criminal Code; one count, Unsafe Storage of a Firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm, Section 92(3) (a), Criminal Code; one count, Possess Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code; four counts, Fail to Comply with a Release Order, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code; and three counts, Possess Weapon Contrary to Order, Section 117.01(3), Criminal Code.

Barker was also arrested on outstanding warrants from the Manitoba RCMP. He was to appear in court on May 20, 2021.

Single vehicle collision south of Saskatoon

On May 17 at 3:45 a.m., Warman RCMP

were dispatched to a single vehicle collision involving a semi truck and trailer on Hwy. 7 south of Saskatoon. The southbound semi crossed the median and left the roadway.

Hwy. 7 was restricted to one lane while the collision was investigated but later reopened.

The driver was transported to hospital with minor injuries.

The investigation continues.

Aggravated assault charges laid

On May 16, 2021, around 12:40 a.m., North Battleford RCMP and EMS responded to a call of an assault at a residence at Saulteaux First Nation.

A 28-year-old male was located inside the residence and transported to hospital with serious injuries. As a result of initial investigation, RCMP Major Crime Unit North were called in.

On May 16 Mitchell Night of Saulteaux First Nation was arrested and charged with one count of aggravated assault, section 268 of the Criminal Code in relation to the above complaint.

He made his first court appearance in North Battleford Provincial Court on Monday, May 17.

Over 7,100 speeding tickets issued as part of SGI's April Traffic Spotlight

For the April Traffic Spotlight on speeding, police in Saskatchewan issued 7,165 speeding tickets. SGI stated there are 43,200 minutes in April so that works out to an average of one speeding ticket written every six minutes (and these numbers don't include tickets issued from photo enforcement).

Of the various 7,165 speeding tickets, SGI noted they included: 250 tickets for exceeding the limit by more than 35 km/h; 65 tickets for exceeding the limit by more than 50 km/h; 330 tickets for exceeding the limit in a school zone; 38 tickets for exceeding 60 km/h while passing highway workers; and 528 tickets for exceeding 60 km/h when passing an emergency vehicle or tow truck at roadside with lights flashing.

Tickets for all of those offences are more expensive than regular speeding tickets, and carry additional demerit points.

Other numbers from the April Traffic Spotlight reported by law enforcement include: 456 impaired driving-related violations, including 337 Criminal Code offences; 747 distracted driving violations, including 641 cellphone tickets; and 473 seatbelt/child restraint violations.

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These treatments will take place approximately every two weeks until September 18th, 2021.

The chemical used in these treatments is called Magnacide "H". It is a registered aquatic herbicide that has been approved by the Water Security Agency for use in the SSEWS canal system.

It will remain active in the water for approximately 24 hours after each treatment and will diminish to non-detectable levels prior to treated water entering the reservoirs. Treated water may also be harmful to the skin, causing irritation to exposed areas.

This water treatment helps to prevent irrigation intakes from clogging and ensures adequate flows are maintained in this multi-use system.

Dosages will be maintained at a level where the water can safely be used for irrigation with no damage to field crops.

Please ensure that people are reminded that swimming, canoeing and fishing in the canal at any time is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

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SaskWater

COVID-19 school based vaccines to be offered

■ media release

The Saskatchewan Health Authority will begin administering COVID-19 vaccines in elementary and high schools across the province in June. Delivery dates are currently being finalized with local education officials. Once dates are confirmed, they will be communicated directly to parents through individual schools.

“Saskatchewan has been leading the country with one of the most aggressive vaccination programs and now we are building further on that with the addition of a school-based vaccination program,” Health Minister Paul Merriman said. “The option of school vaccinations provides greater convenience for parents who want to see their children provided protection through vaccination.”

There will be more than 90,000 vaccines in total for individuals 12 years of age and older. Children in this age group will only receive the Pfizer brand of vaccine. This is the last group currently approved for immunization, with the hopes of expanding to younger populations in the fall, as vaccines are nationally approved for their use.

SHA drive-thru, walk-in and booked appointments

will be reduced during the school immunizations over the course of approximately three weeks to ensure this group is immunized prior to the end of the school year.

Pharmacy booked appointments will continue to be available to all eligible age categories.

“Our public health teams are skilled and equipped to deliver immunizations within the school system,” SHA's CEO Scott Livingstone said. “We want to utilize this well-established system over the next three weeks, before school is out for the summer, to vaccinate as many eligible youth as we can and protect them and their families.”

Written consent will be required for all ages 12 to 17, primarily for tracking purposes, in case the child receives one dose at school and one elsewhere. There will only be one consent required for both doses. Parents are encouraged to talk directly with their children about consent and the importance of receiving their COVID vaccination.

Additional options are available for students who are home-schooled, for students who wish to access immunization sooner, or if parents wish to accompany their child to their appointment.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Town of Allan

Notice is hereby given that the *Assessment Roll for the Town of Allan* for the year of 2021 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, May 21, 2021 to July 21, 2021.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied with the applicable appeal fee, with: The Secretary of the Board of Revision, Aileen Swensen 31 Wilkie Road, Regina, Sask. S4S 5Y3 by the 21st day of July, 2021.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2021
Christine Dyck, Assessor

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“Sports”

Pair of local players commit to new clubs for next season

■ Daniel Bushman

Looking to further their hockey careers, a pair of Watrous products will be sporting new uniforms when the puck drops next season. Easton Ediger and Ryland Martin will be hoping to make an impact with their new teams, Ediger in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League and Martin in U18 AAA.

On its twitter feed, the SJHL's Nipawin Hawks announced Ediger will be joining the club after playing in 40 games with the U18 AAA Battlefords Stars during the 2019-20 season. Drafted by the Hawks in the fifth round of the 2018 Bantam Draft, Ediger had four goals

and four assists with Battlefords during that 40 game season.

General manager and head coach of the Nipawin Hawks Doug Johnson was pleased to see the Watrous product make a commitment to play with the SJHL club. “Always happy when kids choose to play for us. Easton is a very hard-working kid with a good understanding of the game and an excellent shot.”

Johnson said when it comes to what type of player he expects Ediger to be for the team, he said, “Like all players they will tell us what they will be as players but we expect very good things from Easton.”

Meanwhile another Watrous product also

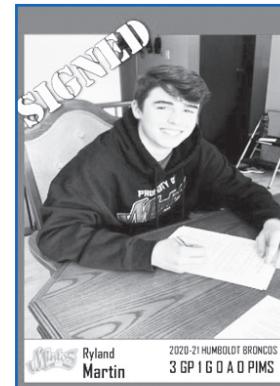


► Watrous products, Easton Ediger (above left) and Ryland Martin (above right) will be suiting up for different teams when the hockey season starts. Ediger will be competing with the Nipawin Hawks of

recently signed on with a new team. After being selected by the SJHL's Kindersley Klippers 40th overall during the 2020 Bantam Draft, Ryland Martin committed to the Prince Albert Mintos AAA

team for this upcoming season.

Looking to eventually crack the Klippers lineup, Martin will first compete with the Mintos. On its social media channels, the Mintos signed the 2005



Ryland Martin

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The Prince Albert Mintos are pleased to announce the signing of 2005 born forward Ryland Martin. The Watrous, SK product skated with the Humboldt Broncos U18 AA team during the abbreviated 2020-21 season. Ryland plays with a lot of speed and energy and has good offensive instincts. During the 2019-20 season Ryland registered 18 goals and 12 assists for the Humboldt Broncos U15 AA team and was selected by the Kindersley Klippers 40th overall in the 2020 SJHL Draft. Welcome to the Mintos Ryland!

the SJHL while Martin who was drafted by the Kindersley Klippers of the SJHL will be part of the Prince Albert Mintos AAA team.

left photo by Shawn Robinson/U-18 Battlefords Stars

above image from Mintos AAA twitter feed

born Watrous product who previously skated with the Humboldt Broncos U18 AA team where he accumulated one goal in three games during the abbreviated year.

On its site, the Mintos

stated: “Ryland plays with a lot of speed and energy and has good offensive instincts. During the 2019-20 season, Ryland registered 18 goals and 12 assists for the Humboldt Broncos U15 AA team.”

CTC plans for safe return to campus this fall

■ media release

In response to the ever-changing COVID-19 situation, Carlton Trail College will continue to deliver programs through a blend of in-person classes supplemented by online instruction. This is a continuation of the College's program delivery plan that

was implemented in the fall of 2020.

“It is important that we remain flexible as the COVID-19 situation changes,” said Shelley Romanyszyn-Cross, President and CEO. “When classes start this fall, our primary goal is to return to the face-to-face environment, while continuing to embed the use of blended learning such

as online classes into our program delivery.”

“The health and safety of our learning community is paramount,” said Romanyszyn-Cross. “If necessary, blended learning will allow us to pivot our program delivery to keep our students and staff safe.”

The College offers programs in areas

such as Business, Healthcare, Human Services, Trades, Technology, Adult Basic Education, English Language Training, Industry Training and Continuing Education Courses. Current and prospective students are encouraged to go to Carlton Trail College's website at www.carltontrailcollege.com for more information.

(from front page: DRY)

of May, dust devils have become more of a common occurrence. Phillips noted while they can be spotted in dry places like deserts, when it gets dry they can be found on the prairies as well.

“They appear especially at this time of year if you get some sun baked surfaces. When there is lots of surface heating that bakes the surface like a tarmac or a field, it can absorb the heat and warm up.”

With it being cool above the atmosphere and warm on the surface below that creates a rather unstable situation and Phillips said that can make for dust devils to spiral onto the scene. “On the prairies they can be a good size. They vary from a half a metre to about 10 metres wide and can be a few metres high to I've heard reports of 1,000 metres high. It can circulate clockwise or counterclockwise and can appear generally in the early afternoon during the heat of the day. The sun really bakes the ground, the air rises and then there is inflow of cooler air at the surface to where that air has risen, almost like a little vortex.”

While they usually are not sustainable, Phillips noted they look like tornadoes but are not really the same thing. “Tornadoes begin as a rotating cloud while these things begin at the surface and go up to a certain height and then are finished.”

With a few more sightings of dust devils this year, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada a tornado was also reported. At approximately 12:25 p.m. May 12 a brief tornado was observed about 10 kms northwest of Saskatoon. Environment and Climate Change Canada indicated there were no reports of damage and the tornado was given a preliminary rating of EF0.

Considered a landspout tornado, Environment and Climate Change Canada stated that it was generated by weak rotation under rapidly growing clouds or weak thunderstorms. Landspout tornadoes do not usually cause significant damage but can still be dangerous as they can topple trees, damage roofs, or toss debris a short distance.

Crop conditions

Trying to deal with the elements, the lack of moisture has allowed producers to get on the fields and in turn pushed seeding progress well-ahead of the five-year average.

According to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for May 11 to 17, producers made tremendous progress with 74 percent of the 2021 crop seeded. That bests the five-year average of 48 percent for this time of year.

Overall, 82 percent of the crop has been seeded in the southwest region. Seventy-nine percent has been seeded in the southeast, 77 percent seeded in both the west-central and northwest regions and 63 percent seeded in the east-central and northeast regions.

There was scattered rainfall in the province with the Tisdale area receiving the highest amount at 25 mm thanks to a thunderstorm. The Christopher Lake area received 13 mm and the Pelly area received 10 mm.

Limited precipitation and warm windy conditions throughout the province have further reduced topsoil moisture conditions. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as zero percent surplus, 20 percent adequate, 48 percent short and 32 percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as zero percent surplus, 13 percent adequate, 36 percent short and 50 percent very short.

According to the Crop Report, some farmers halted seeding canola while they waited for rain in the forecast. Others have opted to seed wheat or other cereals instead. Very little spraying is happening in the province due to low weed emergence and strong winds making for poor spraying conditions. For many parts of the province where precipitation has been very low, crop germination has been poor and patchy.

Fire bans

Throughout the province a number of fire bans remain in effect. According to the Saskatchewan Daily Municipal Fire Ban map, as of May 19, a total of 164

active RM fire bans were in effect while 42 active Urban Municipality fire bans were implemented (either advisories or partial bans). Those included the local area as a number of RMs and Urban Municipalities kept their bans in place from earlier this month.

With conditions so dry, a state of emergency was declared by the City of Prince Albert last Monday after a fire continued to grow northeast of the community. According to news reports the wildfire started around 2:30 p.m. May 19 in the RM of Buckland and high winds pushed it across city boundaries.

The City of Prince Albert said as of 4:30 p.m. May 18 the fire continued to grow in size and was approximately 40 square kilometres. The City registered 75 evacuated households as of May 19 and several roads in the vicinity around the fire were closed.

As of 8:30 a.m. May 20, the fire Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) reported the Cloverdale Fire as contained. Evacuees in the City of Prince Albert and RM of Buckland were able to return home. Evacuees that returned home were on a precautionary evacuation alert and should be prepared to leave on short notice when advised.

SaskPower said the fire also caused significant damage to a major transmission line. With the fire active, the company said they were working to carry out repairs as soon as possible; however, many impacted customers were likely to remain without power until Wednesday at the earliest.

Phillips said the massive fire near Prince Albert is also an indication that the dry conditions mixed with strong winds is not just taking place on fields. “This is (also) a forest fire issue, domestic and industrial water issue and even for recreation and tourism.”

Phillips said what is needed for the whole economy in Saskatchewan is a slow motion, percolating three day rain that doesn't rain hard but rains throughout. “That is the soaking rain that can get down to where the seed is and really bring a lot of smiles to people's faces and improve the outlook dramatically.”



Opinion

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Helping India breathe again requires coming together as Canadians

We've all seen or heard about it by now — India collectively struggling to breathe under the latest crushing wave of COVID-19. Sons and daughters running between hospitals, trying to find a bed for a sick parent. Family members taking to social media to find an oxygen tank as a loved one gasps for breath. Orphaned children left behind and now at risk of trafficking. While most of us have seen it in the news, many of us in Canada have heard the painful stories directly from Indian family members and friends.

The exponential increase in COVID-19 cases in India — a country representing almost one fifth of the planet's population — is alarming. In the past two months, the number of new cases grew from around 18,000 to more than 410,000 per day. In the past 24 hours, India registered about half of all new COVID-19 cases worldwide. There are significant risks of further virus mutation and global spread.

What happens in India matters to all of us. It is painfully ironic that India is a major producer of vaccines to the world — including to Canada. Many lower income countries have also been counting on shipments and donations of vaccines from India to help their own vaccination efforts. This too is now at risk.

Although the pictures in the news from India may look different from what we see here at home, we feel this personally. In Canada, we continue to see our own emergency rooms and ICUs pushed to the brink as they care for people affected by this virus and its mutations. That's why we know how important it is to take urgent action to stem the tide.

As the CEOs and executive directors of leading Canadian humanitarian response agencies, working together as the Humanitarian Coalition during major emergencies, we know that Canadians are quick to help their global neighbours in their hour of need.

That includes India.

Many of our agencies have long-standing relationships with partners and sister organizations in India. Our colleagues on the ground have asked for our assistance and they are guiding our response to ensure the swift, efficient and effective use of our support. Currently, they are working hard to provide desperately needed oxygen, PPE, medical supplies, food, hygiene items and vaccine promotion. Together we are making a difference, but we need to do more.

The Humanitarian Coalition is calling on Canadians to join us in meeting the pressing needs during this crisis. By working together, we save on costs, deliver direct impact, and ensure stronger programs.

Helping India at this urgent moment is both the right thing and the smart thing to do. By working together through the Humanitarian Coalition, we are saving more lives.

And that is the Canadian thing to do.

Canadians can donate for emergency assistance to India online at www.together.ca or by phone at 1-855-461-2154.

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**Tips from
Reena Nerbas**

Irene

Dear Irene,

Sometimes children's clubs and schools collect cards and magazines for craft projects. Greeting cards can be cut into gift tags. Your easiest bet is to donate both to self-help organizations for people to purchase and use as needed.

Dear Reena,

I am a handy kind of guy, so last week I topped up the power steering fluid in my car, and then put the half full 350 ml bottle behind the driver's seat on the little rubber-backed carpet floor mat. When I went to remove the bottle today, I noticed that the clear oil had almost all leaked out and was absorbed by the removable floor mat. What would you recommend I use to get the oil and oil stain out of the floor mat? Thanks, Dave

Dear Dave,

There are several retail products available to clean grease off car mats. If you prefer to clean the mess using products that many people have on hand, use the following technique. Remove the mats from the vehicle. Spray the mats with the spray nozzle on your garden hose or a pressure washer. Next combine a few tablespoons dish soap with water and wash the mats. Since dish soap is formulated as a grease cutter, this works well. Rinse the mats with water followed by white vinegar. Air dry.

Dear Reena,

What kind of food is recommended for freezing and which foods should be avoided? Andy

Dear Andy,



**Neighbourly advice
according to Ed**

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

Because of the COVID pandemic, my future is like flying a kite in a strong wind. I told Ed, my old neighbour, that I think my summer travel plans are slipping out of my control. Here in B.C., we have travel restrictions meaning travel is limited to our health region. That is no nonessential travel is permitted beyond our region. My summer travel plans might fly in the fall, but then again, I may not travel farther than the garden in

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

I have hundreds of Christmas cards that I will be throwing away. Is there any organization that does anything with them? I also have several magazines that I used to donate to doctor's offices so that people could cut out recipes. Where should I take them?

Except for eggs in shells and canned foods, many foods are freezable. It is important to note that some foods do not freeze well. Some foods change in taste, consistency and texture such as mayonnaise, cream sauce, cream cheese, creamed cottage cheese, sour cream, fried foods, cake icing made with egg white, and raw veggies such as lettuce, lose their crispness.

Feedback from smart contributors

Re: determining how long to cook fish

With regards to the inquiry about how long to cook fish. Years ago, I worked for a firm that did printing for the Freshwater Fish Corporation. Their directions were to cook until the flesh flakes, that is, the muscle layers readily separate.

On a further writer's observation about using a wine bottle for a substitute rolling pin, I would be extremely cautious about this. Any use of glass such as this is highly recommended to be avoided due to possible breakage!

Alan

Re: Using Polident to clean a vase/bottle

In addition to my tip of using Polident to clean vases, I would like to add that you need to clean the vase very well afterwards, so that the Polident does not wilt the next flower arrangement. Anne

Life hacks:

• Place a wooden spoon across a boiling pot of water. The spoon helps prevent the water from boiling over. When I am not worried about my sauces boiling over, I slide my mixing spoon into the hole of the pot handle being sure that the spoon is not on the heating element; this makes a perfect spoon holder. Submitted by: Sharon

• Store a carton of ice cream inside a sealable bag. Doing this preserves the taste and prevents freezer burn. Submitted by: Darren

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

Maybe travel restrictions are not as bad as I think?

the seasons ahead.

Ed said that since my travel plans are not a matter of life or death. I should not care if we stay at home or go away. I agree with him and I should be flexible by this point in our pandemic. Should is a hard word to swallow at times. When situations remain sticky and messy when it is one step forward and two steps back, I know I should be patient and thankful.

I know I should not be focused on distant plans but content with one day at a time. Should is easier said than done.

Sometimes I forget that life is short even with all the death of our pandemic. I fail to respect each day as more than enough as it could be my last. The COVID virus and its mutations or variants is a deadly trial for all people in our world. It is a trial we are facing personally, testing our faith. As Christians,

we know the testing of our faith with trials of many kinds develops perseverance in us. Perseverance finishes the work of making us mature and complete in our trust in God. (James 1:2-4)

Yes, I should focus on one day at a time. It is necessary to plan for our tomorrows, but our tomorrows and our yesterdays distract us from the importance of today. Living one day at a time is God's recipe for the way we are to live our lives. (Isaiah 43:18) instructs, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past." 'Precious memories' may season life with richness, but not all memories are precious. Some memories are a poison of resentment, anger, and bitterness ruining the present day for us.

I tend to see great possibilities in the future. The pandemic should have taught me when we focus on tomorrow as the future, it is never guaranteed. Our cares, concerns and plans for tomorrow may mean that we are robbing today of what is reality, substituting it for what is unknown and more uncertain than we realize. Today is the only thing that is ours. Jesus said in Matthew (6:34), "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

I tend to get stopped in the past and focused on weeks or months to come. God calls us to think in terms of Him as enough for each day. He gives us our daily bread. Each day God has fresh mercies and grace to carry us through the day. Faith calls us day by day to trust God for; "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies; are new every morning." God is more than enough for today.

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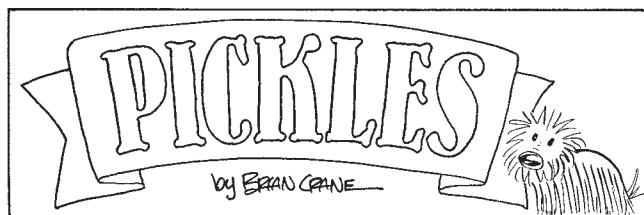
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THIS IS CHARLIE. I ADOPTED HIM FROM THE HUMANE SOCIETY.

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small work bee and thankfully only minor issues to resolve.

Are there similar regulations to follow like last year?

We received no special guidelines from SHA during our inspection this time around.

What do you have for sites and amenities?

We have 36 sites including non-serviced, serviced bush, and pull-thru sites. We have a shower house with six individual shower/washroom units with one being wheelchair accessible.

Are you looking forward to the summer ahead?

We have been slow to start as is usually the case in May, but with the optimism and easing restrictions this summer, we hope to be providing many travellers a quiet and pleasant rest stop throughout the season.

How did last year turn out with the pandemic and do you expect it to be similar this year?

We had a very slow year last year obviously as travel was so restricted.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The campground provides a service to travellers, but it also helps our Lions Club immensely. Money raised allows us to help make improvements that affect our community and local residents.

Etters Beach - Resort Village of Etters Beach Clerk Denise Brecht

When did the sites open this year?

The sites opened up May 15.

How has it gone so far and is it quite busy, especially with the pandemic?

Things have been running as well as can be expected. A few minor water leaks upon initial water turn on and more fallen/broken trees than normal – but generally an all around good start up.

Are there similar regulations to follow like last year?

Right now, disinfecting/cleaning guidelines as well as public gatherings limitations are much the same as last year. This year there was no limiting to every other campsite at the onset of opening (it was okay to open all campsites right from the start date) which makes things much easier.

Are there any changes this year compared to last year like renovations or new projects?

We have a new council as of October of last year so this will be the first summer of overseeing the campground for the new council. An extension to the boat launch is in the works. Water levels are very low, but that should help facilitate that project.

What do you have for sites and amenities?

We have 28 seasonal sites, 14 serviced sites and 20 unserviced sites. We have two sets of bathrooms and one shower house (with two showers). We have a playground a fish filleting station and a boat launch and dock.

Are you looking forward to the summer ahead?

If I measure by the amount of phone calls I have received about site bookings, people are definitely looking forward to the camping season. With the dry conditions, there is currently provincial campground fire restrictions in place, which affect the Etters Beach campground, but hopefully we get some much needed rain soon and that will help keep the fire bans to a minimum over the summer and will help get the crops growing.

How did last year turn out with the pandemic and do you expect it to be similar this year?

Surprisingly, last year turned out to be better than expected. With the 'every other' campsite regulation at start up of 2020 things could have been tough for all campgrounds but I think with no concerts, theatres, limited recreational sports, etc. families looked for camping as a holiday or outing and bookings were generally good for the 2020 season.

Last Mountain Regional Park - Administrator Melanie Rich

When did the sites open this year?

Seasonal camping started on May 1 and daily camping started May 15.

How has it gone so far and is it quite busy, especially with the pandemic?

So far this year there have been quite a number of cabin owners and seasonal campers at the park. From the end of June until close to mid-August the campground will be very busy with limited sites and nightly camping available. Right now there are only limited spots available for swimming lessons so 2021 is looking to be a very busy one!

Are there similar regulations to follow like last year?

Many of our restrictions were lifted near the end of June last year in terms of camping, playgrounds, and shower facilities. This year we have been participating in webinars that are being held in conjunction with Sask. Parks and Recreation and the Sask. Business Response Team for guidance and updates on regulations. We will also be following the province's Re-Opening Roadmap. Since we have a pool at the park, swimming lessons and public swimming will also be taking place this year and will run with the same restrictions as last year.

Are there any changes this year compared to last year like renovations or new projects?

When COVID-19 hit last year the decision was made to put a halt on planning any new projects. Due to a generous donation the park received last year we are proceeding with some outdoor pool renovations by adding a shade structure for lifeguards and pool patrons.

What do you have for sites and amenities?

The park has 114 campsites and 100 privately owned cabins. We have an outdoor pool, a nine-hole sand green golf course, and a beach area with a playground at the beach. There are also playgrounds throughout the cottage area and we have a concession, sand volleyball court, boat launch, filleting shack, a hall available for functions (which was used before the pandemic), and bird watching. We provide five sets of swimming lessons over the course of seven weeks and a youth recreation program.

Are you looking forward to the summer ahead?

Last year was filled with so many unknowns and uncertainties. This year we are looking forward to the 2021 season with optimism and enthusiasm! Hopefully we can put the difficult winter behind us and enjoy the summer.

How did last year turn out with the pandemic and do you expect it to be similar this year?

Last year our season ended up better than we were expecting. We ended up being quite busy in July and August at the pool and in the campground. However, our overall revenues were down and part of that was being unable to hold fundraisers. This year again we will not be holding Canada Day celebrations but will instead be holding a Facebook auction in June to raise funds for capital projects within the park.

LeRoy Leisureland Regional Park - General Manager Della Sussums

When did the sites open this year?

We have a number of sites that were rented last fall with most of them rented by the end of April. The last seasonal was just rented out a few days ago.

How has it gone so far and is it quite busy, especially with the pandemic?

We were quite busy last year and are looking very forward to a busy season this year. Staycations are popular this year.

Are there similar regulations to follow like last year?

At the moment yes, although we're looking forward

to the different phases of the Re-open Saskatchewan plan.

Are there any changes this year compared to last year like renovations or new projects?

A few extra projects and some new staff.

What do you have for sites and amenities?

We have something for every member of the family. We have 36 campsites, 12 of which are seasonal, all with 30 amp power and water with a sani dump on site. Our swimming pool is sand bottomed with a large beach area and playground. There's beach volleyball, as well as a very scenic nine-hole golf course that crosses the stream on six of the holes. A fully-licensed clubhouse and restaurant along with ice cream and confectionery make it a great place for a staycation!

Are you looking forward to the summer ahead?

Most certainly. We're hoping to see some new faces as well as looking forward to seeing our regular visitors this year.

How did last year turn out with the pandemic and do you expect it to be similar this year?

Last year went quite well and we're expecting that this year will be about the same or hopefully better.

Painted Rock Campground near Colonsay - Owner Bryan Wall

When did the sites open this year?

We opened the third week of April and are fully operational.

How has it gone so far and is it quite busy, especially with the pandemic?

It's been a great start to the year. We are looking forward to more restrictions being lifted and being able to welcome more travellers. It will be nice when the border opens and we once again have American travellers.

Are there similar regulations to follow like last year?

Like in all aspects of life, COVID protocols are in place here as well. Extra disinfecting of touch points, masking and physical distancing are just some of the ways we are working to keep people safe.

Are there any changes this year compared to last year like renovations or new projects?

As far as infrastructure, there are no major changes from last year.

What do you have for sites and amenities?

We have 20 sites with water and power and three of those sites also have sewer hook-up. We have nice, clean washrooms and free, hot showers. A sani dump station is also available. We hope to add additional full service sites by the end of the summer.

Are you looking forward to the summer ahead?

We are excited for the summer ahead!

How did last year turn out with the pandemic and do you expect it to be similar this year?

If the last month is any indication of things to come, we expect this summer to be better than last summer.

For starters, campgrounds were allowed to open as usual, whereas last year they couldn't open until June 1.

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Community Connection

MANITOUE BEACH

Sue Alcock

I start by apologizing for the missing photos of the swim platform being launched. My excuse is an unco-operative computer with a photo gallery that has decided not to recognize my cellphone so I could not download the photos. I cannot blame the hot weather; it is 32 degrees as I type with snow/frost due in a couple of days. The joy of life in Saskatchewan!

Several sets of stairs are being put in place over the berm in order to make life easier to access the lake and I have been told they are not intended to be hogged for use as suntan beds but for folks to enter and exit the lake. The kayak launch in Manhattan Bay has also been setup courtesy of Michael Byrne of the Oasis Project. Happy paddling folks.

The Community Open House held two weekends

ago at Danceland was well attended and will be held on another weekend to allow more opportunity for summer residents and locals to visit the variety of displays, see what is what and submit their opinions via the online survey. The displays are very well done and it is obvious that much time and effort went into their creation.

The recent village newsletter is loaded with village items of municipal interest and reading that made me curious about village council meetings so I had a good read of the minutes from a number of those meetings. So many things to read about – some I was aware of and some not a clue.

While on walks around the village I enjoy chance

encounters with people. Sometimes it is just a fleeting “hello and how are you” and other conversations become quite involved, e.g. figuring out the rationale for moving the flea market to the drive-in area, the dog park creation – such a good idea, the walks along the roads and how

can pedestrians be safer, the regular grumbles and so on. Many of us have lots of opinions about everything! That is lovely as we do so love our community.

Already speeding vehicles are a problem, especially when they are flying through stop signs and around

corners. Another house has been moved into the community – it took over a day to wedge it up a hill and onto a corner lot but mission accomplished. The back alley was not badly mangled up by the heavy equipment and blocks. That is impressive and welcome to our new neighbours.



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Irene Gray • 306-255-2775

It is nice to see the Colonsay Gr. 12 grad pictures hanging on the main road in to town. Congratulations to the grads of 2021.

Joan Campbell travelled to Saskatoon to visit her cousin Norma Sparrow. While there she enjoyed more visiting with another cousin Dorothy and Ed Tymchatym. They celebrated Dorothy's birthday. Actual date was May 12.

A very special birthday to Shelley Matechuk who celebrated it May 15.

Sympathy to the families of Milt Hauk who passed away Apr. 26 and to the family of Tim Lockie who passed away May 13. Both families had connections to Colonsay.

It sure would be nice to see some rain come our way. It is so dry.

PLUNKETT

Deloris Wilson (Sutherland) • 306-944-4852

Farmers are busy seeding and picking stones.

Folks are busy gardening and doing yard work.

Visiting us was my daughter Linda and her husband Trevor from Saskatoon.

Plunkett folks welcome any new folks who have moved to town.

A good rain is what everyone is wishing for. The upcoming summer

forecast is for hot dry weather and little rain.

Get well wishes go out to Irene Giddings who is in St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon.

Get well goes out to anyone ill and in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

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

VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

For the month of May we sure have seen different weather. I am hoping, as well as everyone else, for moisture and warmth.

Viscount library's latest Book Club choice is The Girl on the Train written by Paula Hawkins, copyright 2014 (2016 film, starring Emily Blunt). In brief, the plot is about an on-off recovering alcoholic who aimlessly rides a train to London every day after losing her job and her marriage. What she sees gazing out the window will change everything. This novel is classified as a thriller, suspense and psychological fiction. A fast and gripping read!

On a regular basis, Blankets for Canada receives beautiful knitted and crocheted squares from many volunteers. At home, some of the ladies are putting the squares together to make a blanket and others are crocheting a border around them. In time, when we have about 15 to 20 finished blankets, they will be delivered to any number of shelters in the city of Saskatoon and elsewhere. For more information, please call Evelina at 306-944-4820. We appreciate all of you out there who keep working on this worthy cause.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon.

Thank you to all who helped make this week's news possible. Have a great week and stay safe.

Finalizing transition of provincial Chief Firearms officer program

■ media release

The Government of Saskatchewan and the federal government have committed to completing the transition to a provincial Chief Firearms Office by the end of September.

The province has been working with the federal government to transition the program since the spring of 2020. The proposed timeline outlines the work to take place in the coming months by the province, the federal government and the RCMP to establish provincial oversight on firearms legislation. That work includes finalizing contracts and agreements, making logistical

arrangements such as preparing office space, and hiring and training staff.

"When The Firearms Act was introduced in 1998, five provinces chose to manage the Canadian Firearms Program provincially." Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell said. "Saskatchewan is the first province to join them and transition from federal to provincial management."

The province hired Robert Freberg in August 2020 as the Chief Firearms Officer (CFO) designate for Saskatchewan. Since that time, he has been working to move this transition forward. While a provincially-appointed

CFO will not have the ability to change federal laws or regulations, he will administrate The Firearms Act in Saskatchewan, which includes jurisdiction over the licensing, storage, transportation and carrying of firearms. The position of CFO is also responsible for licensing instructors who provide firearm safety training in the province.

"I look forward to working with the federal government, Canadian Firearms program and all of our provincial stakeholders to complete this important transition," Freberg said. "I am deeply committed to supporting and promoting the long standing heritage of

responsible firearms ownership in this province."

The Government of Saskatchewan continues to oppose the federal government's firearm control measures, including Bill C-21, which it states will do little to impact firearm related crime in the province, and unfairly targets law-abiding firearms owners.

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Provincial parks see uptick in reservations

As local area parks and campgrounds gear up for a busy 2021, according to the provincial government, Saskatchewan Provincial Parks' annual campsite reservation launch saw a total of 43,566 nightly, group and seasonal campsite reservations made during the 2021 reservation launch.

With more than 43,500 reservations, that was an increase of 110 percent compared to the 2020 bookings (only 50 percent of sites were available due to COVID restrictions) and an increase of 65 percent compared to the 2019 bookings.

"This April, a new campsite reservation system was released," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "With nearly 44,000 campsite reservations made during launch, the new system successfully managed a very large volume of users and transactions at once and minimized the time customers spent waiting in a queue. Many campers were able to successfully secure a site this season."

Provincial park campgrounds officially opened May 20.



Missing: Mekayla Bali

Date of Birth: July 2, 1999
FROM: Yorkton, SK
Weight: 114 Lbs.
Eyes: Blue

MISSING SINCE: Apr 12, 2016
Height: 5' 2"
Hair: Blonde
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PARTICULARS: Wearing a red gemstone ring, a teal infinity scarf, and carrying a blue plaid backpack. It is out of character for Mekayla to not be in contact with her family. Last seen in the area of Highway 16 & Broadway Street W. in Yorkton at approximately 10:30 am on Tuesday, April 12th.

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Obituary



**MARTIN,
Robert "Bob" Lloyd
July 8, 1952 -
Apr. 5, 2021**

It is with a broken heart and shock that we announce the very sudden passing of our beloved Robert Martin on April 5, 2021.

Bob was predeceased by his parents Gladys and Robert Martin.

Survived by his loving wife of 17 years Leslie Vickers, his children Keri-

Anne (James), Kristina (Cody), Lindsay (Colton) and Michael (Christina), his grandchildren Cameron, Kaiden, Makenna, Colton Jr, Emma, Jackson, Maverick, Isabella, Roma and Riley, nephew Sean Martin, Sean's children Cailyn and Cole and numerous cousins and friends.

Bob was a remarkable man who spent his early years on the family farm in Saskatchewan. After his father Robert Martin Sr passed away, he took charge of caring for his mother Gladys until she lost her battle with dementia in January of 2020. The two were incredibly close. He had a special relationship with his nephew Sean, treating him like his own son. He taught him how to farm and fish. Sean has many wonderful childhood memories on the farm with Uncle Bob running around and enjoying life.

He met the love of his life Leslie in the fall of 2005 and the two were inseparable. He took on her four children as his own developing an undying love and affection for each of them. He was present at the hospital for the birth of his grandchildren pacing anxiously waiting to meet his new baby. He was a proud and devoted father and grandfather never missing an important life event. Each child knowing full well if they ever needed him, he would be there for them with that amazing smile and kind heart ready to help them through whatever life curve ball was thrown at them.

He had a very special bond with his grandchildren each relationship was unique as he ensured to take an interest in what they liked most. From art to video games ending each visit with a hug and a whisker rub.

Bob loved hunting, and fishing. He spent countless hours ice fishing with Sean as a boy. One of Sean's most vivid memories is cooking beans up in the can on the fish shack stove something Sean still does to this day when camping. Bob later shared his love of ice fishing with his wife Leslie and his grandson Kaiden when they spent a few years in Dinsmore, Sask., fishing on the lakes near their home.

After they returned to British Columbia Bob continued fishing and hunting with Leslie but now, they added his sons Michael and Cody and his grandson Kaiden to the adventures. Always a sight to be seen while hunting on the farm in his fluorescent orange jump suit or his camo which he was always wearing.

Bob was an avid member of the local Brown Baggers AA at the Arbutus church in Parksville. Known to many for his help in maintaining and assisting others in their individual stories of sobriety. He was a friend and a mentor to many.

Bob is known for his kind heart and ability to tell an amazing story. Always keeping us on the edge of our seats waiting to see how it all turned out.

The world is a sadder place now that he is gone but we know in our hearts that we will see him again.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Bob's favourite charities in support of his granddaughter Makenna to either BC Children's Hospital Orthopaedic Department or Imahippy in Bob's name.

A special interment service to be held at a later date at Lake City Cemetery in Imperial, Sask.

To send a condolence to the family please visit www.yatesmemorial.ca

In memory

WOLFF - Eugene, who passed away May 28, 2019:

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- Your family, Carolyn, Kevin, Joann, Karley, Alissa and Shale, Curtis, Lynda and Jordan.

Obituary



**WILCOX,
Elmer Verne**

Verne Wilcox, aged 81 years, passed away at Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility in Imperial, Sask. on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

Verne was born on his family farm on April 22, 1940 south of Etters Beach, Sask. He married Doris Allan from Watrous in August 1966. They had four children: Carman Verne, Tyler Scott, Karla Lucille Rae

(Kevin) and Lisa Pauline Vance (Sheldon).... seven grandchildren.... Harper Rae, Cooper Vance, Sydney Vance, Weston Wilcox, Marlon Wilcox, Sean Wilcox and Robert Wilcox. Verne has one brother Mark (Ute), sister-in-law Joan Harding (Don), brother-in-law Dwight Allan (Shirley) and several nieces and nephews.

Verne was predeceased by his parents, Elmer and Lucille (Weeks) Wilcox, sisters Myrna and baby Betty Lynn Wilcox; his mother and father-in-law, Norman and Ethel Allan; brothers-in-law Paul Smorodin and Russell Allan; sister-in-law Eleanor Allan; and niece Rhonda Rae (Smorodin) Elke.

Verne always enjoyed his special relationship with the Gustafson family. Verne was born to be a farmer and began his lifelong career at the early age of 10 taking apart and putting back together everything he was interested in. He was a grain and cattle farmer. He always said that when there was a drought or poor crop coming, he would be thankful for the herd of Herefords because he knew if he hung on the cows tail it would always pull him through. When Verne was 24 he told his Mother he signed up for flying lessons at the Regina Flying Club. She wasn't impressed but had to get used to it. He got his pilot's licence and purchased his own Cessna taildragger at the age of 25. His call letters were CF-RYS. In 1975 he purchased a Cessna 182 with call letters of CF-GPA. Some of the flying destinations Verne took us on were the Black Hills, SD (honeymoon), Phoenix, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Montreal, Thunder Bay, Texas, Toronto and many other destinations. He had a 40-year membership with the Saskatchewan Flying Farmers where lifelong friendships were made and remain today. He built a lighted runway and flew us to movies in Regina, always with a couple of friends in the backseat to fly home in the moonlight. We even flew one mile to the neighbours for a quart of cream to make ice cream just for fun!! Verne was famous for the legendary Etters Beach Peanut Drop. He would drop 50 pounds of peanuts to the delight of children and everyone who were eager to collect peanuts. It was a sad day for all when at the age of 80 he sold that plane and it flew off to Alberta. Verne had an endless list of hobbies. He enjoyed camping, building and remodelling, inventing things like tractor cabs and an awesome display of model trains. He loved to moose hunt, fish, read, dance, and playing the saxophone in the Liberty Orchestra. He was an avid skier and would head to the mountains with a motorhome full of kids. He loved to travel by air, motorhome and by car. We went on many cruises and he always enjoyed a tour of the engine room on the ship. He also travelled to Norway twice with the Gustafson family. He loved old things much more than new. If you ever saw him in his remodelled 1963 Lincoln he would be in his glory. He was a wonderful family man who enjoyed the company of children and grandchildren. He was always impressed with their stories and accomplishments. He had many dear friends and relatives and will be missed by all.

Private family memorial service was held at Imperial Community Centre on May 14 conducted by Rev. Ray Purdie.

Urnbearer was Carman Wilcox. Tyler Wilcox gave the eulogy. Special music was provided by Harper Rae and Sharon Crittenden was pianist.

Private family interment followed at Imperial Cemetery with Wanda Gustafson officiating.

Memorial donations directed to Imperial Cemetery "Arch Project" c/o Town of Imperial, Box 90, Imperial, Sask. S0G 2J0 would be appreciated.

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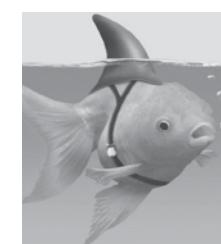
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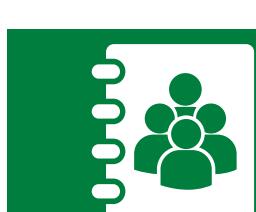


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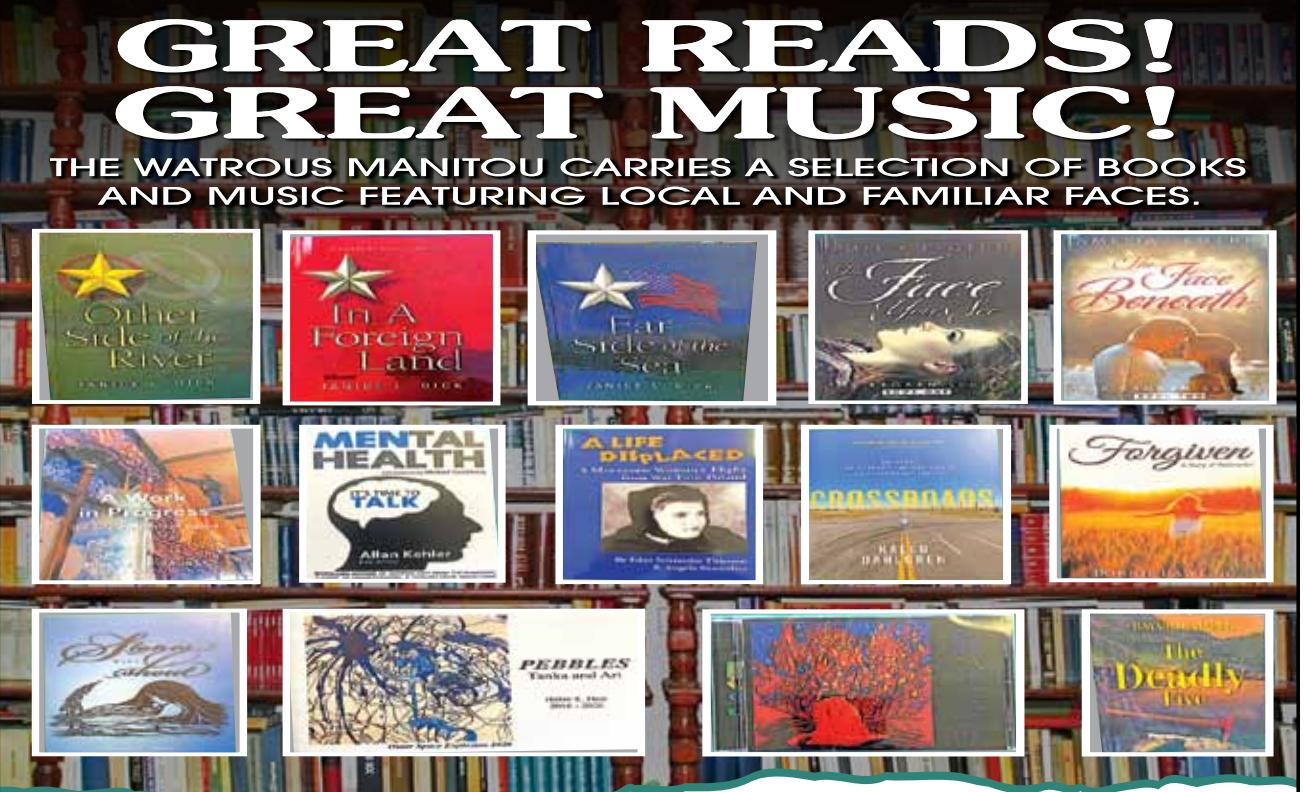
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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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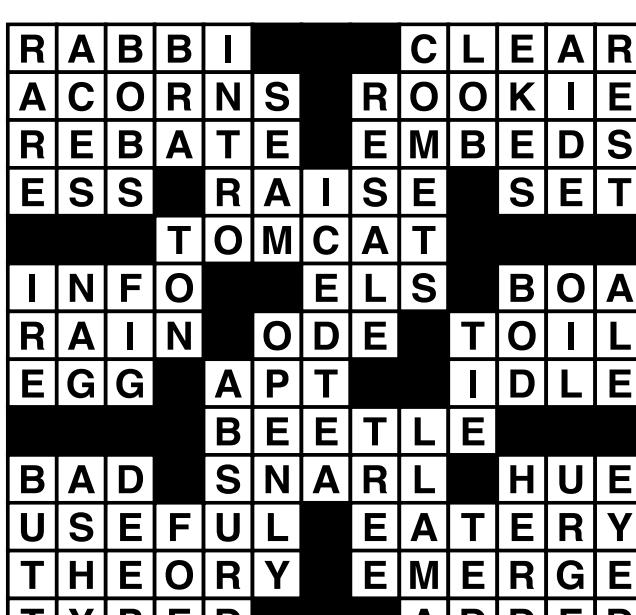
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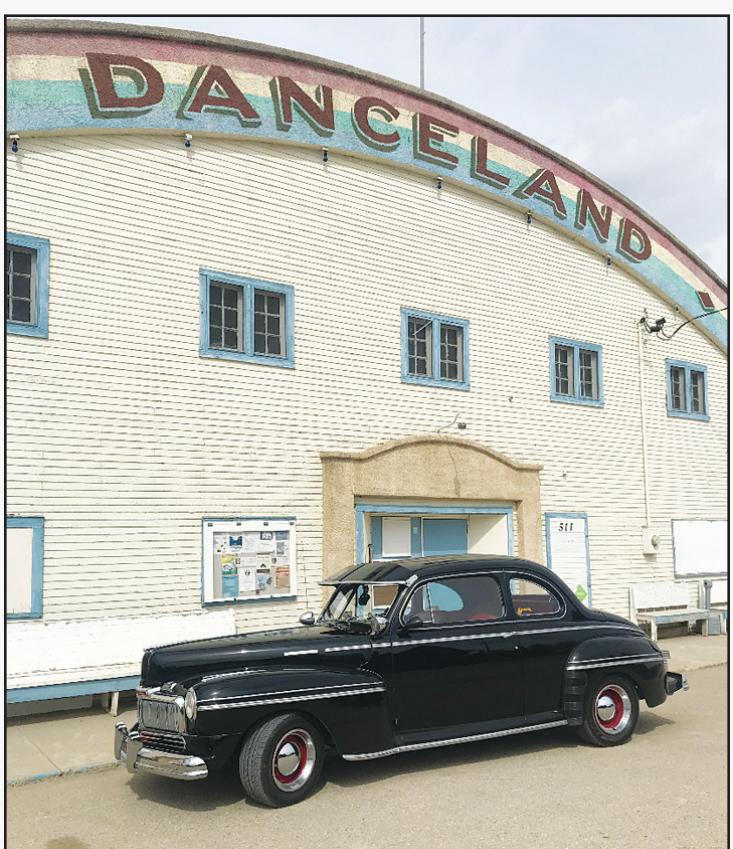


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This week's photo of a 1947 Mercury Coupe parked at iconic Danceland comes courtesy of Ron Ediger of Watrous. Have a picture you would like to share? Email it to twmadvisornews@gmail.com and it could appear in a future edition of TWM



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Clam Miso Soup

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Sashimi:

Tuna - Salmon - Sweet Prawn - Scallop

Nigiri:

Tuna - Salmon - Scallop - Ahi Tuna Gunkan

Rolls:

California - Dynamite - Spicy Tuna



Pet of the Week

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Rupert

Rupert is a 13 year old tri-coloured beagle who lives in Watrous with the McLean family. He loves playing and sleeping. Rupert's favourite thing to do in the summer is eat peas off the vine from the garden.

- photo courtesy Cindy McLean

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