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## Drive-in at Manitou Beach to open for the season

■ Daniel Bushman

The popcorn will pop, films will be played and the flea market will be hopping as the show will go on at the drive-in at Manitou Beach. With the future of the unique attraction in limbo following an explosion with the projector during the latter part of 2022, it was unclear if the drive-in would reopen and the coinciding flea market held.

As many movie enthusiasts waited to see if the iconic facility would once again come to life, during a May 6 town hall meeting at the Resort Village of Manitou Beach, it was noted that indeed it would.

Growing up in Watrous and attending a number of movies at the drive-in over the years, Lane Manson understands the value of having an asset like the drive-in. Operating a number of his own ventures and currently the chair of the Watrous Manitou Marketing Group, Manson said, "We have a lot of well-known businesses in Watrous and Manitou Beach and some that recently started up. They coincide well with some of the other assets we are fortunate to have like the drive-in. If we begin to remove some of those pieces, you can lose businesses and then people will stop coming here."

Not wanting to see the drive-in shuttered and with no one really coming forward to take it on for the 2023 season, Manson approached the Resort Village of Manitou Beach council to see what he could do. "There is no easy fix but at the end of the day we need to get some movies on the screen because the longer a business is closed the harder it is to get it going again."

Working with Manitou Beach council to figure out what they were looking for and what would be viable, already wearing a number of different hats, Manson said, "I want to be a big part of this but realistically it would be a disservice to my staff and the whole community if I tried to do it myself. So my goal was to create a situation that is functional and get movies on the screen while making it economical for the village and any operators I am working with. I want to have it bring people together in a positive way by all of us working together."

As part of that, Lane came up with a plan and reached out to a number of different people. Manson shared one of those individuals is involved with the management group at Manitou Springs Resort. "He is taking on the confectionery aspect of the drive-in along with the gate admission and weekly flea market. The popular flea market which is held Sundays opened for the season May



### Ready to roll

►With its future uncertain following an explosion with the projector during the latter part of 2022, as May approached, a decision was made to see the drive-in at Manitou Beach reopen. With Watrous resident and business owner Lane Manson (above) coming forward, a deal was struck between him and the Resort Village of Manitou Beach to see the unique attraction open in 2023. While movies are slated to start playing in June, a weekly flea market that generally takes place each Sunday from May through to September at the property started May 21.

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21 and will run into September while the drive-in will be featuring movies starting in June."

Securing someone to tackle a number of the larger tasks, the next area of focus to see the drive-in back up and running was the projector. With the current broken piece of equipment unable to play movies, Manson weighed the options of buying a new one or fundraising for one before landing on a different idea. "In my mind I was not looking to take on a problem, I was looking to find a solution. The quickest, easiest path of least resistance was to call Moonlight Movies."

With Moonlight Movies operating the drive-in a number of years ago at Manitou Beach, a relationship was formed between them and Manson. Reaching out to the company, Lane said, "They are able to provide us with a projector to use so we worked out a deal. They are also going to be helping me with the studios as that can be a tough thing to navigate. Partnering with Moonlight Movies, we will collaborate on movie selection with both new and older releases, licensing, and projection. We are

really fortunate to have them help us."

With someone managing the confectionery flea market and gate while locating a projector and studio options, just a few voids remained before the drive-in could fully reopen. Wanting to see those roles supported, Manson has created a steering committee of volunteers to ensure things run smoothly. He has also connected with Burt Crawford, the original owner of the iconic facility who lent his support. "I am really thankful to have Burt on board and I think everyone understands that no one is going to be a millionaire out of this. But you talk about culture and heritage, the drive-in is part of our local culture and part of our local heritage. It is something cool we can offer to Manitou Beach, Watrous, the surrounding areas, Saskatchewan and even Western Canada."

Touting the venture as a community movement, Manson, who has renamed the place as Salty Cinema  
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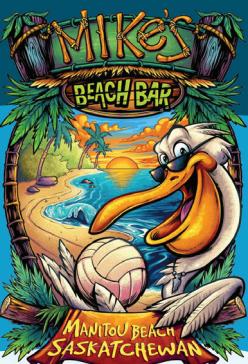


## Making memories

► Deputy premier and local MLA Donna Harpauer along with Minister of Highways Jeremy Cockrill were in attendance at Manitou Beach Thursday morning, May 25 as they joined Ron Ediger of Melron Services, and dignitaries and residents of Watrous and Manitou Beach to officially cut the ribbon on The Memory Trail. Despite a

bit of rain, Ediger who covered the expenses and work of the trail going from Watrous to Manitou Beach was pleased to be able to commemorate the occasion with those in attendance. The Watrous Manitou will have more on the ceremony in the next edition.

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# “RCMP Report”

## Suspect apprehended after truck stolen

With the assistance of Police Dog Services and officers from Craik, Watrous, Lumsden and Traffic Services, a suspect was located and stolen vehicle recovered Wednesday morning, May 24.

On May 23, RCMP asked for the public to keep an eye out for a stolen white 2009 Dodge 2500 truck with Manitoba plate KZW783. RCMP said the vehicle was driving erratically on Hwy. 11 near Lumsden and located north of Lumsden by officers, but the suspect fled. With a sighting near Chamberlain at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 by a motorist, Craik RCMP patrolled Hwy. 11 but did not locate the suspect.

At 9:38 a.m. May 24, RCMP issued a notification through the Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory that the suspect was walking on Hwy. 2 north of Penzance trying to flag down a ride and to not pick the suspect up.

Officers from Craik and Watrous were dispatched and the person was eventually apprehended and stolen vehicle recovered. The RCMP thanks the public for the tips and sightings.

## No injuries after car backs into Main Street business

Watrous RCMP responded to a motor vehicle collision on Main Street in Watrous during the afternoon Thursday, May 18. The driver of the vehicle was backing up across the street from Nina's CT Specialties before losing control and missing the brake. Going across Main Street and onto the sidewalk, the rear of the vehicle went through one of the windows of the business. No one was injured and no charges will be laid.

## RCMP warn of counterfeit US currency

The Humboldt and Lanigan RCMP would like to advise the public and local businesses of an increased number of complaints where suspects are using counterfeit United States currency to pay for merchandise.

It is recommended that business owners and/or the public insist that merchandise be paid for in Canadian currency or with a valid credit card that the card holder's name can be confirmed with a piece of valid photo identification. Also, any incidents of suspects attempting to use counterfeit United States currency in Humboldt/Lanigan jurisdictions are to be reported to their local detachment.

Anyone with any information regarding incidents of using counterfeit currency in the Humboldt and Lanigan RCMP Detachments are encouraged to call Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or the Humboldt RCMP Detachment at 306-682-2535.

## RCMP CTSS conducted safety check stops over May Long Weekend

The Saskatchewan RCMP's Combined Traffic Services unit conducted a proactive road safety initiative in and around the communities of North Battleford, Glaslyn and Turtleford throughout the May long weekend (Friday to Monday). In total throughout the weekend: 96 tickets were issued; 243 warnings were issued; 25 inspection tickets were issued for vehicle equipment violations (a compliance order until the issue identified is rectified); 50 mandatory alcohol screening demands conducted resulted in two, three-day licence suspensions; one person was charged with impaired driving; two

vehicles were impounded; three charges for having open alcohol in a vehicle; one charge for a minor in possession of alcohol; 20 unregistered vehicles identified; 10 unregistered trailers identified; 14 people charged for having a suspended licence/no driver's licence/driver with only a learner's licence; and 43 vehicles taken out of service until issues identified (for example: brake lights are not working) can be rectified.

As part of the above May long weekend initiative, from 5 to 8:45 p.m. Friday, May 19, 2023, Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan teams from Rosetown and Meadow Lake RCMP conducted proactive checks on Hwy. 4 north of North Battleford. Approximately 200 to 250 vehicles were stopped. Of those, 25 tickets were issued in total; 93 warnings were issued; 15 inspection tickets were issued for vehicle equipment violations (a compliance order until the issue identified is rectified); five people charged for having a suspended licence/no driver's licence/driver with only a learner's licence; five unregistered vehicles identified; three unregistered trailers identified; and 14 trailers taken out of service due to non-compliance with vehicle equipment regulations.

"You can tell by the number of warnings issued that our goal was road safety education this weekend," shared Cpl. Ray Bouchard of Saskatchewan RCMP CTSS. "Our officers provided guidance to motorists when vehicle equipment violations were identified. One example of this was a golf cart being towed on a trailer which required extra straps to secure it properly. Because the weather is just warming up, we wanted to ensure issues were identified now so people towing boats, trailers and campers are safely travelling on the road all season long."

## Major inter-provincial drug trafficking operation takedown by Sask. RCMP FSOC and Regina Police Service

On Mar. 30, 2022, RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime (FSOC) Saskatchewan in partnership with the Regina Police Service, launched an inter-provincial drug trafficking investigation targeting a prolific drug network supplying large amounts of illicit drugs across Western Canada. Throughout the year, investigators worked together to collect and corroborate information required to identify the persons responsible and their locations and the scope of the criminal activities involved.

On May 11 and 12, 2023, RCMP FSOC Saskatchewan executed six search warrants and arrested the individuals directly involved in the inter-provincial drug trafficking

investigation. The search warrants were executed in Weyburn and Moose Jaw, Sask. and Vancouver and Burnaby, B.C. In total, 10 individuals were arrested without incident and 54 Criminal Code and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act charges have been laid.

As a result of this investigation, officers have seized for evidence, approximately 3.36 kg of MDMA, 8.95 kg of cocaine and 28.17 kg of methamphetamine. The cocaine seized has been tested and resulted in purity levels as high as 97 percent. This seizure will disrupt the supply of illicit, lethal drugs destined for distribution across Canada – particularly Saskatchewan.

"This investigation has demonstrated the presence of illicit drugs in small towns and rural areas – it is not strictly a big city issue. When we look at the impact of drug trafficking in our communities, there is violence and property crime. We know the abuse of drugs fuels deadly addictions which ruin the lives of Canadians every day – this is evident in the information we have released about fatal overdoses in our rural Saskatchewan communities," said Inspector Andrew Farquhar, Officer in Charge of RCMP FSOC in Saskatchewan. "Our goal is to prevent illicit drugs from entering our communities in the first place."

"Bringing this investigation to a successful conclusion has not only disrupted criminal activity at multiple levels, but has also created a significant hole in the pockets of local, national and international crime groups," said Superintendent Trent Stevely, in charge of the Investigative Services Division at the Regina Police Service. "This seizure by police means these illicit drugs will never be on our streets in Saskatchewan, victimizing our communities."

This investigation received support from the following partner and police agencies: Regina Police Service; Regina Integrated Intelligence Unit; Weyburn Police Service; Vancouver Police Department; Moose Jaw Police Service; "E" Division Federal and Serious Organized Crime; "K" Division Federal and Serious Organized Crime; Burnaby RCMP Drug Section; Burnaby RCMP Detachment; "G" Division Federal Arctic Unit; Public Prosecution Service of Canada; and Correctional Services Canada.

This investigation also received additional support

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# Opinion

## Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

### Breakfast in a Pan

#### Ingredients:

1 package bacon  
12 eggs  
1 cup shredded cheese (we like swiss but any cheese is good)  
1 carton dehydrated hash browns (rehydrate according to package directions)  
1 cup milk  
1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
1 can mushroom pieces (or 1/2 cup cooked and cooled fresh mushrooms)  
salt and pepper (about 1/2 tsp. each)

#### Directions:

Preheat your oven to 350°F. Rehydrate the hash browns. I usually buy the small square cartons of hash browns. In large frying pan, fry the bacon until crispy. I often cut the bacon slices into quarters, then cook. Sauté the onions and mushrooms in some of the bacon fat (drain off most of the fat first). Beat the eggs and milk in a large bowl until it is well combined, about two minutes. Add the hash browns, then the bacon, cheese, onions and mushrooms. Stir this well. Pour into a 9x13 sprayed pan. I often top this with chopped chives and a little Parmesan cheese. Bake about 40 minutes. Check for doneness by inserting a knife in centre, if it comes clean it is done. If you do not have bacon on hand, then the packaged bacon bits (real bacon) can be used - about 1/2 cup.



#### Tips from Reena Nerbas

by this mixture? If I make my own soap, would not including bleach products stand true for this as well? Again, why? Thanks, K.

Dear K.,

The problem with combining bleach with other products, especially ammonia is that it creates a toxic gas called chloramine gas which can be fatal. Once when I was speaking at a show, a woman told me a story about how her daughter was planning to wash the floor. She saw a bucket filled with what she thought was water, so she added bleach. The water turned out to be ammonia, and when she added the bleach, she ended up paralyzed for three days. Some chemicals are safe to combine such as baking soda and vinegar.

Dear Reena,

How can I reduce the fat in the ground beef I buy without buying the expensive lean and extra lean cuts? Candace

Dear Candace,

The answer is a snap! Cook your beef until crumbly and brown. Pour it into a strainer in the sink and rinse with hot water. Blot with paper towels or a clean cooking rag and move onto the next step of your recipe.

Say . . . why are hamburgers called hamburgers when they do not contain any ham? Answer: Because Hamburg, Germany made the first hamburgers.

#### Contributors share

Re: Keeping brown sugar soft

In order to keep brown sugar soft, I advise that we

## Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

In a recent issue of the paper, you shared a recipe for laundry stain remover. At the end you specified not to combine the recipe with any bleach products. My question is: Why not include bleach products? What is caused

go back to the old method, which really works. Put a whole slice of bread (I had regular brown whole wheat) broke it in four and put it in with the hardened brown sugar in a large square plastic Tupperware container and the result was very soft, just like new brown sugar. Sincerely, Arlene and Fred Re: Potluck labelling

Yesterday I came across a question where someone was asking how to label their dishes for a potluck. I have found that when I use my address labels they stick to the dishes very well, even after being washed. I peel the label off and put it on my lid, and if the food is in a slow cooker I also label this. I find that way there is no confusion when there are a bunch of lids that are similar and people automatically put everything together and I can find my pieces with ease. Hope you find this helpful. I have been doing this for years. Brenda

#### Fantastic tips of the week

• You would not believe how often people come up to me at the end of one of my shows and share the following tip that they learnt from their grandmother. When someone in your home is sick, cut an onion in half and put it on a plate beside their bed. The onion is said to draw out the bad germs in the room and turns black within a short period of time. If you can stand the smell of onions, why not give it a shot?

• When choosing healthy bread in the store reach for whole grain not whole wheat. Whole wheat flour is put through a refining process that removes some of the nutritional value of the end product, but whole grain flour does not go through that refining process and therefore has oodles more nutrition.

*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](http://reena.ca). Ask a question or share a tip at [reena.ca](http://reena.ca)

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## The Holy Spirit is the soul of the church



### Neighbourly advice according to Ed

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

Pentecost is a significant festival in the Christian church, celebrated on the Sunday that falls on the 50th day of Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and other

disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ, and it marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world.

Luke 24:46-49 confirms that after his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples. Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures and told them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You

are witnesses to these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Luke 24:52-53 also tells after Jesus' ascension to heaven, the disciples returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the temple blessing God. On the day of Pentecost, the promise of power from on high spectacularly came upon the disciples. (Acts 1:1-21)

They were all together in one place. And suddenly, there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they

were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. So, the sound of wind and the speaking in various languages by the disciples brought together a crowd of 3,000.

The disciples spoke in various languages to the crowd of Jewish men. They were in Jerusalem from multiple nations for The Jewish feast of Pentecost, which celebrated a thanksgiving for the first fruits of the wheat harvest, also the giving of the law at

Mount Sinai.

The men were astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear each of us in his own native language? We hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Peter stood up and said these men are not drunk as some, you suppose, but they are speaking these languages because the Holy Spirit is upon them. So, the Holy Scripture is fulfilled as the prophet Joel predicted. God is pouring out his Spirit in these last days.

The Holy Spirit has been called the "Soul of the Church." As one of the three persons of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit guides us to encounter the fullness of truth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

As people we cannot accomplish these things on our own. We are unable to understand who Jesus is and believe in Him without the help of the Holy Spirit. "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor 12:3). Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the "paraclete," meaning "he who is called to one's side." Our confidence is in the Holy Spirit beside us in our lives.

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# SaskPower earmarks funds for Aspen Power Station Project near Lanigan

■ Daniel Bushman

With a plan to modernize, grow and sustain Saskatchewan's electricity system including investing in a new natural gas plant near Lanigan, SaskPower is aiming to spend \$1.15 billion during its upcoming 2023-24 fiscal year. Outlining its capital spending in a May 11 release, the company indicated \$505 million has been set aside for growth projects like new natural gas plants such as the Aspen Power Station near Lanigan and the Great Plains Power Station.

"Decarbonizing a growing power grid is a once-in-a-lifetime challenge, and making the right investments now will help to position SaskPower to provide reliable, sustainable and cost-effective electricity to customers in the years and decades to come," said Rupen Pandya, SaskPower President and CEO.

In addition to the \$505 million in growth projects, SaskPower noted planned capital expenditures include \$517 million to maintain and upgrade existing transmission, distribution and generation assets. The company is also seeing \$129 million placed in strategic investments, allowing them to continue with smart meter deployment and work on projects like a Logistics

Warehouse Complex in Regina. Also part of the planned capital work, rural power line rebuilds and wood pole replacements are being done in communities like Watrous and Wynyard.

"Our government is committed to building a cleaner energy future while also ensuring we have reliable and affordable electricity to power the growing provincial economy," Minister Responsible for SaskPower Don Morgan said. "This year's capital budget is a demonstration of SaskPower's commitment to the people of Saskatchewan, by making significant investments to transition to low-carbon energy sources, upgrading aging infrastructure and modernizing systems."

As for the Aspen Power Station, according to SaskPower, the facility would provide enough power for about 370,000 homes in Saskatchewan, deliver reliable power and support renewable power generation and transition away from conventional coal. The proposed 370-megawatt combined-cycle natural gas power plant located about 17 kilometres west of Lanigan would include both a gas and steam turbine generator along with a heat recovery generator. The project is expected to have an operational lifespan of 25 years.

"Following our technical studies and consultations

with stakeholders, rightsholders and Indigenous groups, we've submitted the initial project description to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. We've also started the process of looking for an engineer, procure, construct (EPC) partner to design and build the power station. We expect construction to begin in 2024 and for the power station to be fully constructed in 2027."

As part of the first stage of Plan, Define and Consult, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada has invited the public to review on the summary of the Initial Project Description and provide feedback related to the proposed project. Comments were to be submitted by May 25, 2023 online by visiting the project home page on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (reference number 84525). The summary of the Initial Project Description was also available on the Registry. Participants who wished to provide their input in a different format were able to contact the Agency by writing to [Aspen@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:Aspen@iaac-aeic.gc.ca).

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada is also making funding available to help the public and Indigenous groups participate in the impact assessment process for this project. Applications received by May 27, 2023 will be considered.

## Record year for Sask. mineral sales in 2022

■ media release

Saskatchewan's mining industry reached an all-time high value of sales last year, more than doubling the previous record. Mineral sales for 2022 were over \$19.4 billion. Contributing factors included increased production and higher prices in response to supply disruptions, along with ever-increasing global demand.

The reopening of the McArthur River mine in northern Saskatchewan

allowed for increased production volumes of uranium, while gold saw the highest production numbers in over 30 years with a record 136,000 ounces extracted from the Seabee mine. The potash industry achieved record value of sales and record production, stepping up to alleviate global food insecurity concerns due to instability that continues to impact global supply. The potash industry in the province has committed to continue to invest in increased production to meet global demand.

"These numbers show what a powerhouse Saskatchewan has become at supplying the world with minerals," Energy and Resources Minister Jim Reiter said. "The success of our natural resource sector directly influences our quality of life in Saskatchewan by providing jobs and revenue for social services and infrastructure, like highways, hospitals and schools."

Securing the Future: Saskatchewan's Critical Minerals Strategy, will further drive investment in the province to

increase exploration and grow the mining sector.

Saskatchewan is home to occurrences of 23 of the 31 critical minerals on Canada's list, nearly half of the world's known reserves of potash, and the world's largest high-grade uranium deposits. Abundant mineral resources, backed by a strong regulatory environment, competitive royalty and investment incentives, and a high-quality geological database have attracted most of the major global mining companies to the province.

finishing. Some producers would like to see some rain to ensure their crop has the moisture needed to emerge evenly and not be held back by dry conditions.

Producers in the northwest are almost done seeding with 84 percent of their crop now in the ground followed by the west central with 81 percent, the northeast with 76 percent, the southwest with 73 percent, the east-central with 58 and the southeast with 51 percent. Producers in the southeast and east-central are still struggling with excess moisture hindering field operations.

There were small to moderate rain showers across the province over the week with close to an inch falling in some areas. The Rosetown and Livelong areas received 21 mm, the Kenaston area 15 mm, the Hafford and Hazenmore areas 10 mm, while other parts of the province received anywhere from one to eight mm. For the most part, the rain was not enough to relieve the dry conditions that some producers are facing. This issue is greatest in the west central region where topsoil moisture has quickly dropped after weeks of minimal precipitation.

After another warm, windy week, topsoil moisture ratings have continued to drop in many regions. Province

wide, crop land topsoil moisture is rated as two percent surplus, 63 percent adequate, 29 percent short and six percent very short. Hay and pasture land is rated as 59 percent adequate, 31 percent short and 10 percent very short. The driest regions are the northwest, west-central and southwest, where some producers are worried their newly emerging crop will not have enough moisture to make it through the heat of July without a good soaking of rain.

Pasture conditions have improved this year from previous years due to some late spring storms bringing much needed moisture. Overall provincial pasture conditions are rated as six percent excellent, 45 percent good, 29 percent fair, 14 percent poor and six percent very poor. Livestock producers are happy to see their pastures green up and improve after two challenging years in many parts of the province. More livestock producers will be moving the remainder of their cow-calf pairs out to pasture as they wrap up seeding operations.

Early seeded crops have emerged and are looking good across the province. Producers are reporting that crop development is around 70 percent normal for spring cereals, oilseed and pulses. In parts of the west-central and northwest, some are behind in development due to dry growing conditions, while in the southeast and east-central crops are delayed due to the excessive moisture conditions.

Most of the crop damage was due to minor flooding, light frosts, drought conditions and flea beetles. Some producers have reported short term delays in seeding due to an inability to access phosphate fertilizer. However, as supply increases, they have been able to proceed with seeding as planned. Now that seeding has wrapped up for some producers, they will be busy conducting their in-field herbicide applications, as well as scouting for pests that pose a risk to their crops.



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## Crop Report

■ media release

Producers across Saskatchewan continue to make tremendous progress with their seeding operations. Currently, 68 percent of the 2023 crop is in the ground. That is according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for May 16 to 22. This is still behind the five-year average of 76 percent, but it is a very good sign that many producers in the western half of the province have wrapped up seeding or are only a few days away from

### PUBLIC NOTICE

SaskWater's District Operations will be treating the water in the Saskatoon Southeast Water Supply System (SSEWS) canal to control the growth of weeds and algae during the 2023 irrigation season.

These treatments will take place approximately every two weeks from May to September, 2023.

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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# Nutrien Lanigan optimistic about future following Phase 1 mill start up

■ Daniel Bushman

With a successful start up to its Phase 1 mill exceeding expectations and the addition of numerous staff, Nutrien Lanigan is not only seeing its production increase but the mine west of Lanigan is well-positioned for the future.

Shutdown since 2013 combined with not a lot of ongoing maintenance during that period, when Nutrien Lanigan received the green light to accelerate its Phase 1 mill, General Manager Rob Jackson shared the mine not only reached its accelerated start up target date but it was well-ahead of the planned 2024 schedule.

In order to ramp up to successfully commence Phase 1 mill operations, a number of initiatives first had to occur. Recruiting and training teams to operate the dormant mill, maintain equipment and support increased underground production levels, Jackson indicated it was a large undertaking. "This included our local HR team, the central

HR recruiting team and many site support staff to interview and select candidates. While recruiting at an accelerated pace we continued to focus on hiring a diverse workforce and specifically advertised for female and Indigenous applicants for all positions including operators which have traditionally been under-represented. This remains a focus for Nutrien and the Lanigan site. We also ramped up our training departments both underground and surface to train all the new hires to the same high standards we have developed over the years."

As for the mill itself, some of the experienced supervisors and operators from Nutrien Lanigan's Phase 2 mill were brought in for the Phase 1 mill operations to provide knowledge to support both facilities. "I cannot give enough credit for all our existing employees for their demonstration of care and taking the time to support all the new employees that were hired all across site."

Utilizing site maintenance crews and a few key service providers to ensure the equipment in the Phase 1 mill was ready to go, it allowed the company to proactively make repairs or replace parts before operations started up. "For example there are hundreds of valves and controls that are part of the mill design," shared Jackson. "We methodically went through each of these to test that they would open/close and function as designed. They were replaced as necessary."

With a number of items completed on Nutrien Lanigan's checklist before accelerating production, underground, the mine plan was adjusted to support the added tonnes required to supply the two mills. This meant activating some borers that were not planned to be utilized in 2022. "We also ramped up our teams to allow for the assembly of new borers that will be delivered in 2023."

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► Pictured: mill wet screening at Nutrien Lanigan with employee Jordan Lenuik, Mill Operator.

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Undertaking a lot of work in an effort to make plans for capital investment to support the mine ramp up, site project teams spent a considerable amount of time ensuring everything was ready. "Fortunately, at Nutrien we update our five year plan every year and had a good idea what was required for the new production rates and were able to just bring the plans forward."

Ahead of schedule and with safety its top priority, Nutrien Lanigan was able to rapidly start up its Phase 1 mill, joining the Phase 2 mill operations. Jackson said the move now allows the company to flex its capacity when the market requires additional tonnes. "Nutrien Lanigan is one part of a large network of potash mines and starting Phase 1 mill opens up further production capabilities for site and the network."

Explaining that starting up Phase 1 was always the plan for Nutrien Lanigan, Jackson added the company has placed a tremendous focus on continuous improvements around safe, high quality, low cost and reliable production. "It is exciting as it gives us a great amount of flexibility in our operating strategy between the two mills. The whole site is proud of our accomplishment in starting Phase 1 successfully and most importantly safely! We have many long-term employees at site and they welcome our new hires and do what they can to ensure everyone is set up for success."

Being able to start up the Phase 1 mill not only meant more production but an increase in jobs as well. In 2022 approximately 65 positions were added and with internal teams receiving promotions to new roles and attrition, in the end, Jackson said Nutrien Lanigan hired and trained more than 100 people. In 2023, approximately 40 more positions will be created to support the increased production rate. "We are still recruiting many positions as our immediate focus

in 2022 was operators to operate the mill and underground borers. Long term support for the increased production rates will require more maintenance support, engineering, safety, and technical support positions. We are currently actively recruiting for heavy duty mechanics, industrial mechanics, mill operators, mine operators, project engineers, etc. Nutrien Lanigan has a great team and there are exciting times ahead and many opportunities no matter what your background may be. Anyone interested should check out our job postings that are updated all the time."

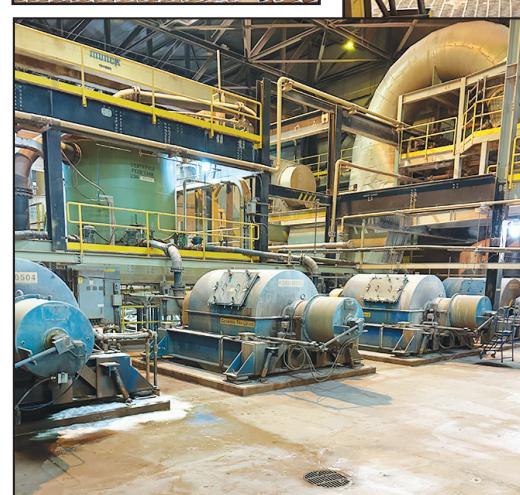
As more people are being brought in, Jackson said the plan in 2023 is to continue operating both Phase 1 and Phase 2 with target production forecasts included in both mills moving forward. "We have been flexible in how we operate the two mills and different rates to match the demand."

With Nutrien Lanigan remaining a hub of activity, Jackson shared, "We are always looking to make improvements and have many projects ongoing. In the mill we have teams including our process engineers, control room supervisors, operators and frontline trade teams investigating ways to optimize plant reliability and performance of both mills."

Underground, there is also a lot of work for 2023 as teams adjust the mine plans to accommodate new equipment being assembled. Required infrastructure is being installed below the surface like conveyors, electrical support and communication networks and teams underground are also working on the borer tele-remote project and have the system installed on four machines so far.

"This is an exciting collaboration between every department working underground plus our central engineering and IT teams. The utilization of the technology is continually improving and this reduces the exposure to our operating teams from the active mining face."

Jackson also shared the engineering



►Pictured clockwise from top left: mill flotation with employee Jordan Lenuik, Mill Operator. Nutrien granular product being dispatched. Nutrien mill centrifuging.

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for Nutrien Lanigan's loadout, railyard and product storage expansions over the next few years is also ongoing in 2023. "This is all in addition to our normal annual maintenance shutdown which takes place in Q4 of this year with many sustaining projects planned."

Proud to mark a milestone at the Lanigan site later this fall, Nutrien has indicated they will be adjusting their ramp up plans based on market

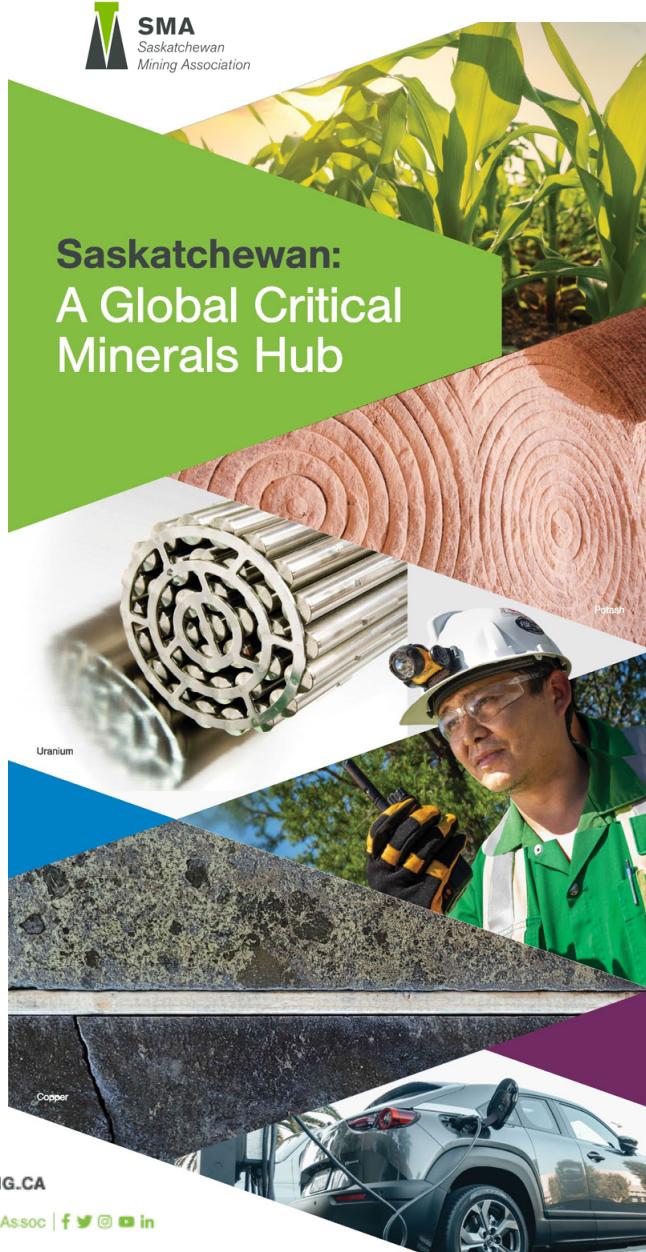
conditions. Adding Nutrien Lanigan is well-positioned to ramp up when the network requires the additional tonnes, Jackson said, "In the meantime we will continue to focus on our operational excellence program. We are also proud to celebrate 55 years of operation this fall. We are proud of our shared history with Lanigan and all the surrounding communities and look forward to the decades ahead."

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# Nutrien Lanigan utilizes tele-remote technology

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The potash industry has seen numerous near misses and, unfortunately, some serious injuries and fatalities when operators are working on an active mining face in recent years. That's one of the reasons that potash operators across the province are implementing tele-remote technology – an innovative solution to help improve operational and safety processes in underground mining. Staff members from Nutrien's extensive network of six potash mines have been working together on developing the technology and recently Nutrien's Lanigan's potash site used this technology to successfully mine a production wing without a single person entering the area, enabling a step change in the stress relief mining process. After over 50 years of mining at Nutrien, it is the first time a wing has been cut with no people present.

"Collaboration between the sites has been instrumental in Nutrien's success when developing and implementing tele-remote/automation technology across the potash business unit", says Owen Gunther, Automation Project Lead, Lanigan. "This collaboration has allowed us to develop at a strong pace and replicate proven solutions."

The success of this project started with Nutrien's Culture of Care where everyone is empowered to lead, collaborate, challenge and trust. This vision enabled Nutrien to succeed by focusing on the following three pillars: People, Process and Technology. Through extensive collaboration between sites, Nutrien developed technology that enabled them

to change the way they operate. Countless hours were spent ensuring that the process uses the technology in the safest and most efficient manner possible. Nutrien worked with the people directly impacted by the change in process and technology by guaranteeing that the technology provides the people with the appropriate tools to perform their jobs safely and efficiently in this new way of operating. There was constant collaboration and commitment between each of the potash sites, strong alignment from the front line to senior leadership, engineering, operations, Next Generation Potash, IT teams and cross-network collaboration among autonomous mining operations teams. By coupling these three pillars together and investing in a dedicated site team to support the three pillars, the Nutrien potash team was positioned for success.

## About tele-remote technology and how it improves safety

Through a combination of Radar, LIDAR, advanced sensing systems and cutting-edge AI powered technologies, tele-remote technology allows operators to operate the mining machine from a remote location, removing the operators from the active mining area and allowing changes to the way Nutrien can structure its operating strategies.

Safety risks to the operators are significantly reduced, including the exposure to back, sidewall and roof hazards, trip hazards and equipment hazards. Using this technology has several benefits to the operator by reducing noise exposure, improving air quality, ergonomics and other working conditions for the operators.

Operational processes were also



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positively impacted, and productivity increased, due to the fact the equipment can operate seamlessly through breaks and shift changes through the new operating strategies.

## Key technologies

Of course, there were challenges to implementing the tele-remote technology, but the team was able to successfully overcome them by using the following key technologies:

- Ventilation Technology that enables Nutrien to continuously mine without personnel having to be in the active mining area and hang traditional line brattice ventilation.

- A complete re-think on borer trip conditions enabled remote exception handling and alarm acknowledgement to eliminate the need for operations to enter the hazardous location to resolve fault condition.

- Remote stand-alone hydraulic system to disconnect the borer from support equipment and enable it to drop power and remotely back out separately.

- Camera technology that prevails against high levels of airborne dust and

provides operators with a high-definition experience.

- Radar Technology provides the operator with a real-time three-dimensional view of the borer and support equipment which complements the camera technology when dust levels are high.

- Advanced Instrumentation allows the operators to have real-time accurate mining machine metrics. This improves the tele-remote operating experience by providing the operator with information that enables them to operate with higher degrees of accuracy.

"This achievement illustrates Nutrien's dedication to its Culture of Care and also demonstrates that Nutrien's potash business unit can safely and effectively mine any pass in a stress relief mining environment without requiring people to be at the active face," Trevor Berg, Senior Vice President, Potash Operations. "This advancement significantly improves the safety of the operators by reducing exposures, while increasing overall productivity. This is a safety success story where we have truly changed the way we operate mining equipment."

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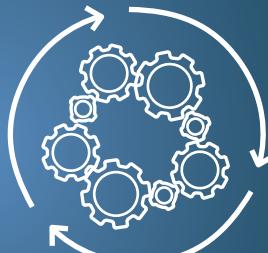
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from specialized Saskatchewan RCMP units: Moose Jaw RCMP Crime Reduction Team; Swift Current RCMP Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team (STRT); White Butte RCMP Detachment; Saskatchewan RCMP's Criminal Analytical Sections; and RCMP Special Investigations Section.

"Dismantling this inter-provincial, international drug-trafficking investigation required extensive resource collaboration from across the country and reacting quickly as the investigation and arrests unfolded. Working closely

with established partnerships with municipal police agencies, other RCMP Divisions and our government departments provided us with a unique ability to exchange intelligence and utilize different police techniques and resources," said Insp. Farquhar.

"The Regina Police Service will continue to work closely with our valued provincial and federal RCMP partners, along with other municipal police agencies and government agencies. Our combined efforts, shared resources and mutual investigative supports are the reasons that significant investigations like this are successful," said Supt. Stevely.

Removing dangerous, illicit drugs from the communities RCMP serve continues to be a top priority for the Saskatchewan RCMP. If you have information about drug trafficking in your area, you can report it to your local detachment by calling 310-RCMP. Information can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com). For more information on ways to protect yourself, or someone you know, when using illicit drugs, read Saskatchewan RCMP renews warnings about the dangers of illicit drugs after recent overdoses.

The investigation is ongoing.

## YOUNG

Pat Bryson • 306-259-4860

Dirt under the finger nails, a slight sunburn on your shoulders and straight-as-an-arrow rows in the freshly worked garden are all signs of a contented gardener. Does this describe you?

The community of Young extends sincere sympathy to Gail Lay, children Robin and Donn and their families, on the passing of their much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather Bob. The Lay family called Young home for several years and made many lasting friendships and memories while here. May the love and support you feel from Young give you the gentle comfort your heart needs.

A successful peren-

nial sale, a fundraiser for the library, was held in the park on Main Street May 20. Numerous happy folks left with new plants for their yard and flower beds. The library board gratefully acknowledges all those who donated plants for the sale.

Are you excited, like me, for fresh rhubarb? The Papa was not a fan but I think I have won him over with my home-made rhubarb cake and rhubarb custard pie.

Happy first birthday to the Young news column! The first column was published in the May 30, 2022 issue of The Watrous Manitou. What a gratifying year it has been reporting the comings and goings of the terrific district of Young!

Enjoy your week!

## COLONSAY

Irene Gray • 306-255-2775

Jim and Irene Gray and Kim Huang travelled to Unity to visit Ben and MuLing Liang and grandma Tuesday, May 16. We had a great visit. All the way home there was smoke from the forest fires. It got worse before Elstow and we could hardly see Colonsay when we got near. We also dealt with delays due to construction in the city and Hwy 16.

Sympathy to the Walter Stanford family on his passing Wednesday, May 17 in Saskatoon. He will be remembered for his volunteering in Colonsay. He was a great hockey coach who led his team to several provincial wins.

Several folks headed to the lake to enjoy the long weekend.

Sunday, May 21, Rev. Kathleen James-Caven presided at Colonsay United Church.

Luckily, Shane Richards was driving by the Colonsay School Sat., May 20 at approximately 10 p.m. Shane belongs to the Colonsay Fire Department. He stopped in his personal vehicle and noticed a fire. He took his personal fire extinguisher that he carries in his vehicle and put the fire out. This could have been much more devastating for the community. A fire extinguisher can make the difference between a minor fire and a total loss. It is the first initial moments of the fire that are most important and that was seen on Saturday night. The fire department is proud once again to serve Colonsay and surrounding area!

It's the burdens we help each other bear that make our own seem light and that shows us the path to the right. It's the good we do each passing day with a heart sincere and true. In giving the world your very best its best will return to you.

## VIISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Wow on everything turning green. It is so nice to see! What a mixture of weather. At least there is no snow, but that wind can take a holiday anytime.

We had an amazing day for our 30th year of garage sales. It was awesome to see so many people out and about. Visiting was so nice and the delicious hamburgers and hot dogs that the travel group made sure hit the spot. Missed seeing some of our regular shoppers. I hope you are all well. We are looking forward to the fall garage sales.

The reading program at Viscount Central School is under way. The great-grandmas and their reading buddies are joining together Wednesdays to visit and read. Kindergarten orientation is happening for the new Kindergartens in the middle of June. What an exciting day that will be.

Soon it will be June and

all the schools will be preparing for the end of the school year. Ball games are happening and children are out riding their bikes, which is so nice to see. Our Community in Blooms committee has planted the planters around town. Right now they look nice and in a month or so they will be beautiful and full of colour.

The Viscount Childcare Centre held a jerk in a box fundraiser. We bought and we were not disappointed. The jerk is fantastic and we have enjoyed it! The Viscount Travel Group had a bedding plant fundraiser and the plants are amazing. Such different fundraisers now a days. It is always nice to support and try something different.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week and enjoy all the outside that you can. Soon it will be fall then into winter.

# A moment in history at the Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre

■ submitted by Kathy Bergen/Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre

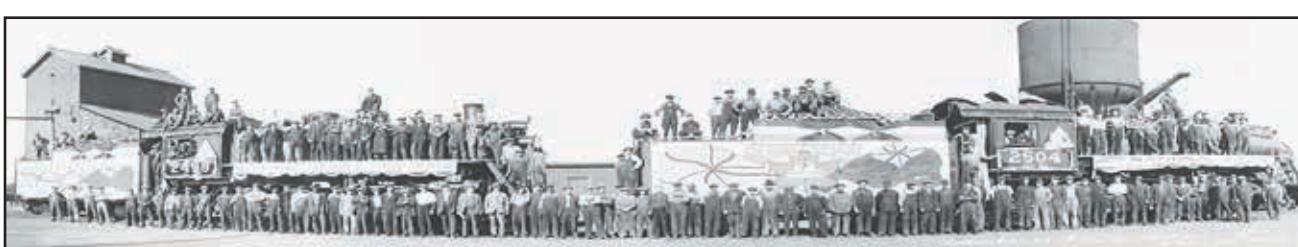
Picnic!

Manitou Beach was a popular destination for large picnics in the 1920s and 30s. Close proximity to Saskatoon by railroad made it a frequent choice for employee outings for companies such as the Hudson Bay Company and

the Canadian National Railroad employees. The trains were often decorated and people donned their Sunday best clothing. A trainload would arrive in the morning and local people from Watrous and Manitou Beach who owned cars would taxi people between the station and the Beach, and again ferry them back in the evening.



► Hudsons Bay Company Annual Picnic Aug. 5, 1925.



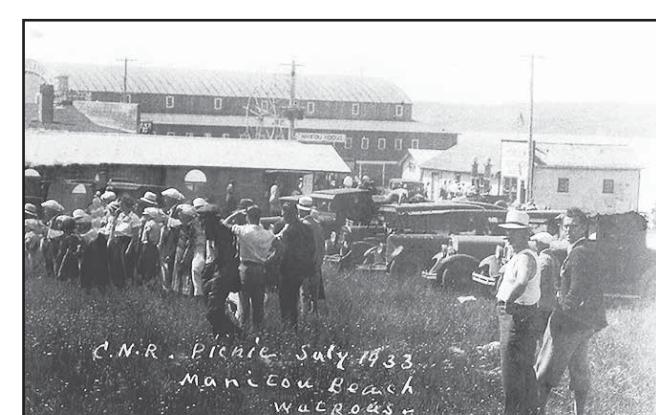
► The Beaver Club Annual Picnic HBC Employees to Watrous Aug. 12, 1931.



## Allan New Horizons

► The New Horizons in Allan hosted a Food Safety Course on May 6. Twelve people attended and received certificates at the end of the day. The course was presented by Carlton Trail College instructor, Cal Nikiforoff, a Red Seal Chef. Funding by SSM.

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► CNR Seventh Annual Picnic July 13, 1927 to Manitou Beach.

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# “Notices AND Classifieds”

## Obituary



**ABREY,**  
**Brock Jeremy Jack**  
**Aug. 19, 1981 -**  
**May 21, 2023**

It is with great sadness that we share the news of Brock's sudden passing. He was the middle child and only son of Ted and Helen Abrey of Imperial, Sask. Brock was a great lover of the outdoors, the farm, hunting, fishing, and the simple things in life. His pride and joy was his son, Jack, to whom he enjoyed passing on his love for creating tasty meals in the kitchen. Brock had a passion for learning and applying that knowledge to various facets of his life. Brock studied engineering at the University of Saskatchewan, branched into a career in pool construction throughout the province, and found passion in troubleshooting problems as an electrician. Brock expected perfection in himself and anything he undertook. He often reflected that he was an old soul, born two generations too late. He was a very bright, talented, capable young man who found peace in the quiet moments. Brock was a faithful friend and an honest, kind soul.

Brock leaves behind to cherish his memories his son, Jack; his mom, Helen, and dad, Ted; sisters, Amy (Stewart) Parkinson, Benton and Callie; April (Neil) Renneberg, Emily, Elliott, and Lincoln; numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

"I'm gonna love you, forever and ever,  
forever and ever. Amen."

A memorial service will take place at St. Andrew's United Church, Imperial, Sask. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 2 p.m.

Interment will take place in Imperial Cemetery.

Memorial donations directed to Canadian Mental Health Association would be appreciated.

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



**WHITE,**  
**Judith Elizabeth Laura**  
**31 August 1953 -**  
**20 May 2023**

Surrounded by her loving family, our wife, mom, and grandma passed away. She was at peace knowing that she was dearly loved. Her spirit lives on in Clifton, her loving husband, her daughters: Janel and her children, Allister, Jordan and Jude; Jill and her husband, Allen, and their children, Jaeden and Laura; Josh and her husband, Cory, and their daughter, Harper. Judy spent 48 beautiful years with her beloved husband and best friend, Clifton. Judy's family is grateful to the doctors, nurses, and staff of Home Care, Dr. F. H. Wigmore Regional Hospital, and Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility for their compassionate care.

A private celebration of Judy's life will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility so they can continue to carry on providing dignity and comfort for those in their care.

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

Obituaries can be found  
on our website.  
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## Thank you

Thank you everyone for all the calls, messages, visits, food and flowers on the passing of Doug Gegner. Special thanks to Doug Gregory and Gail Shirley for being there for me. Doug was an amazing man, a special uncle and brother. He will be missed, especially by his coffee row friends.

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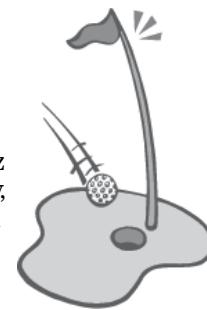
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## Golf Report



Thirty golfers made it out to the senior men's scramble Thursday, May 25 at Manitou Beach Golf Course. First place was recorded by the team of Dave Reid, Bob Lewis, Kevin Bunz and Ray Bruce and second place was the team of Fred Townley, Jack Birnie, John Allingham and Garth Thoner. Mystery team was Bing Vanthuyne, Dave Ledgerwood and Keith Farnel.

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## At the Watrous Centre

Whist winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, May 18 were: first - Grace Anderson, 150; second - Marilyn Crawford, 139; third - Sharon Carlson, 138; fourth - Lorne Bradbeer, 137. Travelling - Marilyn Crawford and Betty Carlson. Homesteader was Sharon Carlson, seven times at same table.

Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre Monday, May 22 were: first - Colleen Hunt, 200; second - Lorelei Stewart, 198; third - Arlene Gegner and Julie Mansuy (tied), 168.

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(from front page: DRIVE-IN)

Drive-In Theater, has also set up a not-for-profit organization which could allow access for grants and funds specifically related to entertainment and events. "It fits the bill here and with a very fair lease arrangement with the village, I think through that, operators are given the opportunity to do well. We are just going to collect part of the money brought in which will be earmarked for the drive-in within that non-profit. The village has put a lot into the drive-in already and this is a way we can set up a functioning business model where the drive-in can accept the support of people in many different fashions. With that, perhaps we can get a proper projector or a new projector in the future and look at doing other repairs like to the roof."

Already receiving calls from people wondering how they can help, Manson is planning a cleaning bee and making a list of other projects that require attention. "A lot of people were vocally disappointed that the drive-in was not going to go so I just wanted to create a situation where

this opportunity could present itself. Now that it has, we will see how important it is to everyone and how much support we will receive."

Aiming to show movies beginning in June and running right through to September while offering the flea market on Sundays, Manson is looking forward to what he feels will be a busy season. "I hope that people will be patient with us as we get rolling and I encourage them to come and support the drive-in and the flea market. It is going to be a lot of fun and something that I know will be a benefit to our area."

With an agreement in place between Manson and the Resort Village of Manitou Beach to see the drive-in reopen, the village released the following statement: "We are exceedingly happy to have Lane Manson come forward with a non-profit organization to revive our beloved drive-in. We are excited to be working with a professional member of our business community that has a serious focus, and inspiring vision for our drive-in!"

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