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## Region experiencing dry conditions

■ Daniel Bushman

With a lack of moisture creating drought-like conditions so far this spring and the potential for grass fires, numerous fire bans have been implemented within Saskatchewan while producers seek moisture as seeding season nears.

Updated throughout the week, according to the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency's provincial daily municipal fire ban map, as of Apr. 29 there were 67 active Rural Municipality fire bans with 13 Urban Municipality fire bans. In the local area, there were fire bans put in place early last week including in the RM of Morris, the Village of Young, the Resort Village of Manitou Beach, the RM of Wood Creek, the Village of Simpson, the RM of Prairie Rose and the RM of McKillop. More local fire bans may have been implemented after press time.

Watrous and District Fire Department Fire Chief Jory Vanthuyne said current conditions are not only dry but can be dangerous. "It is really dry and all the vegetation from last year is still really tall and can easily light."

Vanthuyne noted there have been quite a few grass fires within the province so far this spring but "knock on wood we have only had one grass fire so far. Given the conditions I am quite shocked we haven't had more but I don't want to jinx it."

Simpson and District Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Chief Mike Moulai said conditions remain really dry around the Simpson and Imperial areas and so far in 2021, there has been three fires the department has responded to. "The first was a vehicle fire in January due to a failed block heater. The second was in March and was a Quonset fire which was suspicious. The most recent was a yard fire Apr. 22 which involved an abandoned house, grain bin and power poles."

As for the Apr. 22 fire, members from the department in Simpson were called to the blaze in the RM of Wood Creek. Moulai said despite the tough and windy conditions, they were able to get it under control after working hard for four and a half hours. With the help of Robert Oakes who brought a load of water and others who were at the fire working the ditch to stop the blaze from crossing the road before firefighters arrived, Moulai said the department was appreciative of the help. "The conditions over the last two years have been very dry and this year is shaping up to be even worse."

Similar to the situation around the Watrous and Simpson areas, in the Lanigan region, Lanigan Fire Department Fire Chief Barry Hooper said the conditions are dry there as well. "Knock on wood we have not had to respond to a grass fire yet but any type of spark could start



►With conditions dry throughout the region and moisture in demand, a number of wildlife including a pair of moose southwest of Watrous (above) and two antelope west of Nokomis (left and below) have been spotted in fields seeking a fresh snack.

■ photos by Daniel Bushman

something up. I remember years ago at one time we were responding to three or four calls a week. Thankfully this year, so far, so good."

With conditions so dry, Vanthuyne said for those not under a fire ban and who are planning to have a controlled

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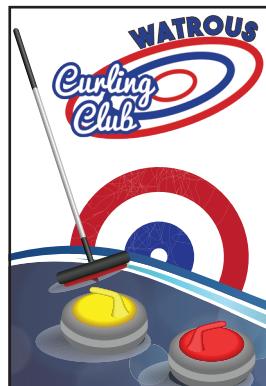
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## RM OF MORRIS NO. 312 FIRE BAN IN EFFECT

**Due to dry conditions a fire ban is now in effect for the RM of Morris No. 312. The ban will remain in effect until further notice.**

**VILLAGE OF YOUNG FIRE BAN IN EFFECT DUE TO DRY CONDITIONS A FIRE BAN IS IN EFFECT FOR THE VILLAGE OF YOUNG. THE BAN WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

■ Daniel Bushman

With efforts being made in Saskatchewan to try to curb the spread of COVID-19 while ensuring every opportunity for residents who would like to receive a vaccination the chance to get one, on Apr. 22, the Watrous Pharmacy was named as part of a vaccination pilot for pharmacies in the province.

Joining other pharmacies in Davidson, Humboldt, Indian Head, Melville, Pilot Butte, Southey, Stoughton, Fort Qu'Appelle, Estevan, Yorkton, Moose Jaw, Regina, and Emerald Park, the select pharmacies were able to start receiving vaccines Apr. 29.

With a limited amount of vaccines being distributed as part of the pilot project, pharmacist at Watrous Pharmacy Alana Armstrong said they were able to secure a supply to offer drive-thru immunizations May 1. With the drive-thru scheduled to start at 9

# Watrous Pharmacy part of COVID-19 vaccination pilot



► After being selected as part of a vaccination pilot in Saskatchewan for pharmacies to administer COVID-19 vaccines, members from the Watrous Pharmacy held a clinic to provide the vaccine to people May 1. While the local pharmacy received a limited amount of doses, it is expected more vaccines will be made available in the future.

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a.m., barricades located

behind the pharmacy situated along Main Street in Watrous indicated the beginning of the lineup. On a first-come first-served basis, pharmacists planned on administering the vaccine until the supply ran out.

Those presenting a valid Saskatchewan health card while meeting Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) eligibility criteria were able to potentially receive the vaccine. Armstrong added the pharmacy was not administering second doses as per the direction

of the SHA.

With the local pharmacy only recently announced as one of those approved to be part of the pilot program, Armstrong said for those unable to receive a vaccine May 1, there will be more opportunities to do so in the future. "This is the first of many clinics that we will host and while we were only allotted a small supply this time, we expect numerous shipments in the weeks to come. We will post any additional dates on our Facebook page as we are made aware of them."

Along with the Watrous Pharmacy, up to 63 pharmacies in Saskatchewan will eventually participate in a small-scale rollout to refine distribution and vaccination processes. The provincial government stated staff working in pharmacies and stores housing pharmacies that are participating in vaccinations are eligible for priority vaccination. Additional pharmacies in more communities will be added as larger volumes of vaccine become available in subsequent weeks.

Pharmacies participating in the delivery plan will be determining their own booking procedures for the general public, following the age-based sequencing.

The provincial government stated on its website that pharmacies will undertake their own awareness efforts and people phoning the Saskatchewan vaccination line to book an appointment for a vaccination at their pharmacy will not receive one. "Do not phone the Saskatchewan vaccination line to book an appointment; do not try to book an appointment online – you cannot make vaccination appointments in pharmacies through these methods."

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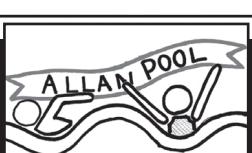
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# COVID-19 update

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### Vaccination Booking System Now Open to Ages 40+

Effective Apr. 30, eligibility in the provincial age-based immunization program moves to age 40, except for the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District, where it remains age 30 and older. This applies to all immunization clinics: booked appointments, drive-thru/walk-in, pharmacies and mobile clinics.

Once COVID-19 vaccine eligibility has been opened to all residents ages 40 and over, remaining prioritized front-line workers (including firefighters, educational staff working with students, correctional staff and border security officers and front-line health care workers with direct patient contact) will also become eligible. Notice of eligibility is being provided to regulatory bodies and associations.

Please remember that demand for appointments outweighs current available supply. Additional clinics will be added as new vaccine shipments are received.

### Expanded Visitation to Eligible Long-Term and Personal Care Homes

Visitations were expanded at eligible long-term and personal care homes this past week (Apr. 29) as visitor (family presence) restrictions were eased in some long-term and personal care homes. This was only allowed if 90 percent of residents had been fully vaccinated, three weeks after second doses were completed and considering the local COVID-19 context (eg. community transmission, cases within a facility).

Saskatchewan Health Authority Medical Health Officers will have discretion to maintain restrictions to protect homes from potential risks of exposure. This is a gradual, cautious approach to help keep residents safe, and allow limited and much-needed social contact and support for care needs.

There will be no limit on the total number of designated family members/supports that residents can have, but only two may visit indoors at a time. Four visitors at a time will be allowed outdoors. If a fully-vaccinated resident goes on an outing, they will no longer be required to quarantine following their return.

Residents that are not vaccinated can have visits from fully vaccinated family members/supports. If the designated family members/supports are not vaccinated, family presence will continue to be permitted for compassionate care reasons only.

There are many long-term and personal care homes throughout the province with small resident populations that may not be able to meet the visitor restriction threshold of 90 percent of residents vaccinated if even one resident is unable to receive immunization. As a result, there will be flexibility for long-term and personal care homes with fewer than 10 residents.

In homes with 10 or fewer residents, all but one resident must be fully vaccinated (both doses).

In all cases, before visitor restrictions can be amended, at least three weeks must have passed since the last second doses were received. Restrictions will be reviewed weekly.

Personal care homes are expected to meet the same

requirements. Family of those residing in personal care homes will need to contact those homes to determine if they are currently able to safely support family visitation.

Based on community transmission risk, long-term and personal care homes in the City of Regina, Emerald Park, Lumsden and Cupar will remain at Level 3 (two family members/supports can be present at the same time for end of life care only; one essential family member/support person can be designated to assist with care if needed). If a home is currently in an outbreak or suspect outbreak, family presence will be restricted to Level 3. Additional family presence can be supported for specific circumstances including critical care or intensive care units and maternal, postpartum or pediatric units. In areas where there are concerns with community transmission, these homes may remain restricted to compassionate care family presence (two family members/supports can be designated to support end of life, and quality of life or care needs unmet).

### Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan Updated for Graduations, Sports and Performing Arts, Outdoor Seating Areas

While the guidance for graduations, sports and performing arts, and outdoor seating areas has been updated, note that the risk of transmission of COVID-19 remains high, with the risk variants of concern throughout the province. The Ministry of Health will continue to review all guidance relative to this risk and may be updated at any point, as required. Planned events and activities must abide by the guidance in place at the time of the event/activity.

#### Graduations:

Outdoor graduations are limited to 30 guests (assuming two guests per graduate for a total of 45 graduates and guests), with an additional maximum of five teachers/support staff. Virtual graduations are permitted with no more than 30 graduates attending in-person and all guests attending virtually.

All other public health measures must be followed, including maintaining a minimum of two metres of physical distancing between household groups. No food or beverages are permitted.

The guidance for graduations for the month of June will be re-evaluated on May 17, 2021. Guidance will be reviewed based on the COVID-19 situation in the province, including positive cases and the rates of immunization. Planned events and activities must abide by the guidance in place at the time of the event/activity.

#### Sports/Performing Arts:

Effective Apr. 29, 2021, the age distinction was removed for group training and conditioning for both team and individually practiced sports both indoors and out. This means individuals 19+ can follow the same format as 18 and under have been using for training and conditioning in groups:

- In addition, dance has been moved from the sports guidelines to the performing arts guidelines. The change to allow for participants 19+ will also apply to this group.
- Groups of eight, plus a coach or two
- Non-contact only
- Three metres of physical distancing among all participants
- Masking as directed in the Re-open Saskatchewan Plan
- Training and conditioning only
- Competition remains prohibited for all ages in team sports

#### Restaurants and Licensed Establishments:

For indoor dining, seating must be arranged in a way that ensures at least two metres of physical distancing between patrons where physical barriers are present and three metres where physical barriers are absent.

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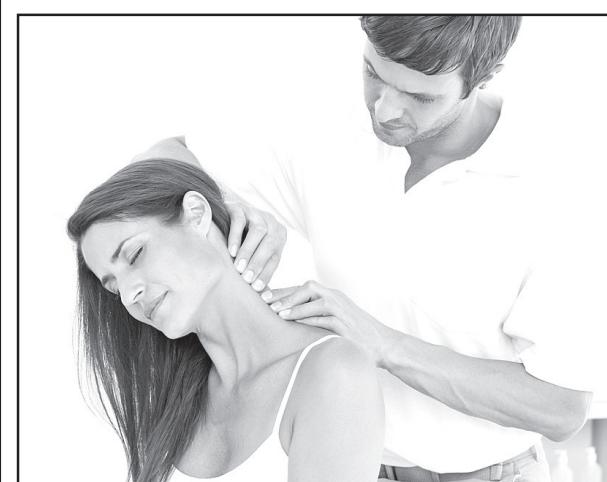



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# “RCMP Report”

## RCMP conduct traffic stops

In the last couple weeks, between Apr. 8, and 17, Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) and Maple Creek RCMP conducted the following noteworthy traffic stops:

Colonsay - is it miles per hour, or kilometres per hour? Is there a difference?

On Apr. 8, 2021, the provincial central

Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) unit detected a vehicle travelling in excess of the posted speed limit on Hwy. 16, west of Colonsay. The vehicle was being driven at a speed of 160 km/h in a zone of 110 km/h. RCMP activated their emergency equipment, signalling the driver to pull over. Once officers made contact with the driver, the driver

indicated he had no idea why he was being pulled over. Officers learned that the driver had recently changed the display inside of his vehicle so the speedometer was displaying 'miles per hour' rather than 'kilometres per hour'. The driver said he was checking the gas mileage of the vehicle and hadn't realized he was operating in such excess of the posted speed limit. The driver returned the display to 'kilometres per hour', he received a fine of \$910, and thankfully there were no collisions or injuries as a result of the incident.

Lloydminster - Unregistered licence, suspended driver and four children, not properly restrained

On Apr. 16, Maidstone Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) unit observed a vehicle travelling on Hwy. 17 near Lloydminster, Sask. Officers checked the Saskatchewan licence plate, and learned that the vehicle was unregistered. Officers activated their emergency equipment and made contact with the driver. The driver had a suspended driver's licence and during the vehicle stop, officers noticed four children inside the vehicle. None of the children, all under the age of 10, were in child booster seats, or any appropriate restraints. The vehicle was towed, and the driver received a number of fines. Officers were able to ensure the

children were returned home safely and provided guidance to ensure they weren't placed in an unsafe situation such as this in the future.

Maple Creek - speeding supercars; Lamborghini vs. Ferrari vs. Aston Martin

On Apr. 17, Maple Creek Detachment members were on patrol and noticed a trio of supercars heading south of Maple Creek on Hwy. 21. Officers caught up to the trio and noted the vehicles were travelling in excess of 180 km/h, in a zone of 110 km/h. A traffic stop was initiated for the vehicles, which were a Lamborghini, a Ferrari and an Aston Martin. Following the interactions with the drivers, officers issued a total of \$3,600 in fines and all three of the vehicles were impounded. Officers learned that one of the drivers had just taken his vehicle out of winter storage and had failed to properly register his vehicle. Not something you see every day in the Saskatchewan prairies.

"These three incidents could have resulted in something much more serious than the fines that were issued," shared Superintendent Grant St. Germaine, Saskatchewan's Officer in charge of Traffic. "This is thanks to the diligent work of our officers in the Maple Creek Detachment, our Central and Maidstone CTSS units. I want to remind the public, that as the weather warms up, it is just as important to remain vigilant when you are behind the wheel. Ensure you have the proper insurance, buckle up, put your phone away and remain alert! Let's make sure we practice safe driving habits, so that you, your loved ones, and our officers can return home safely."

**Drug investigation leads to charges**

On Apr. 21, members of the Battlefords RCMP Gang Task Force executed a CDSA search warrant as a residence on the 1700 block of 97th Street in the City of North Battleford as a result of an ongoing drug investigation. Members arrested two adult males and two adult females in or near the residence. The resulting search yielded cocaine packaged for sale, close to \$9,700 in cash and numerous cell phones. RCMP have charged the following person:

Forty-seven-year-old Kimberly Geering of North Battleford with: 1 Count of Possession for the purpose of Trafficking and 1 Count of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5,000.

The investigation is continuing.

The Battlefords Gang Task Force is a proactive enforcement team who target prolific offenders and those involved in drug trafficking activities.

**Saskatchewan RCMP Traffic Services arrest driver for impaired driving in relation to traffic stop for excessive speed**

A 22-year-old male from Regina had his driver's licence suspended and his vehicle impounded during a traffic stop just north of Bethune on Hwy. 11.

On Apr. 21, at approximately 1 p.m., an officer with Saskatchewan RCMP Traffic Services observed a vehicle driving north on Hwy. 11 at a speed of 158 km/h., approximately 10 km north of Bethune. The vehicle was stopped and the 22-year-old driver was subsequently arrested for impaired driving. A quantity of open liquor was also seized from the front of the vehicle.

The 22-year-old driver was charged under the

Traffic Safety Act for Speeding and was issued a Summary Offence Ticket in the amount of \$304. The driver was also charged under the Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act for Possessing Beverage Alcohol in a Vehicle and was issued a Summary Offence Ticket in the amount of \$360. The driver also had his driver's licence suspended indefinitely in the province of Saskatchewan and his vehicle was impounded for 60 days.

Saskatchewan RCMP Traffic Services continue to work diligently to make roads and communities safe. RCMP need the help of the public in achieving this goal and the RCMP thank the public for their support and co-operation.

RCMP encourage anyone who witnesses impaired driving or aggressive driving to phone their local police detachment or dial 911.

**Onion Lake RCMP: Fatal hit and run investigation**

On Apr. 25, Onion Lake RCMP received a call that a person had been struck by a vehicle in front of a residence on Chief Taylor road on the Onion Lake Cree Nation.

Police and Emergency Medical Services attended and found the victim passed away at the scene of the collision.

The victim, a 13-year-old youth, had been operating a dirt bike when he was hit by a vehicle. The driver of the vehicle failed to remain at the scene, but was later located at a residence in the community.

A 28-year-old male, Courtney Cook, from the Onion Lake Cree Nation is charged with: 1 count, Failure to stop after accident causing death, Section 320.16(3), Criminal Code and 2 counts, Operation of a motor vehicle while impaired, Section 320.14(3), Criminal Code.

The investigation is ongoing.

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# “Sports”

## Watrous Minor Ball hoping season is a hit

■ Daniel Bushman

As the weather warms up and with ball gloves and bats being brought out of hibernation, the beginning of a new ball season is quickly approaching. Despite navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic for a second year, those involved with Watrous Minor Ball are hoping for another safe and fun season ahead.

Alana Armstrong who is involved with the Watrous Minor Ball executive said coaches are eager to get rolling after meeting virtually one final time this past week. “The diamonds are ready and practices can start any time so players should expect an email from their coaches in the next week or so. We will be following all directions from Softball and Baseball Sask as well as the Saskatchewan Health Authority for our return to play protocols. These rules are ever-changing

and we are prepared to be fluid in our planning to adapt to the regulations as they change.”

While Armstrong and the coaches are hopeful that games will be allowed to go ahead this year, currently only practices in small groups are authorized. “We are prepared to develop local pod groups in hopes that that will be the first phase of return to play.”

In anticipation for the upcoming 2021 season, a local baseball skills session took place Apr. 24 at the Watrous Centennial Arena. Following the guidelines set out by the province, the sessions had limited space for each age group and included instruction from volunteers. “Due to Covid regulations both Softball and Baseball Sask cancelled all their clinics for the last two seasons. We are fortunate in our community to have young ball players and their parents with lots of knowledge and

experience to share, so we hosted our own clinics while following Covid regulations for each session.”

Tehya Armstrong and Naomi Schmidt hosted a softball skills clinic for ages seven to 14 with 14 girls attending the four hours of instruction. Armstrong has also hosted pitching sessions while Schmidt conducted catching sessions. Meanwhile, Steve and Cade Armstrong, Craig and Carson Anderson and Sean and Tai Beischer hosted a baseball skills session with 21 boys split up into groups aged six to 11.

With a lot of smiles and enthusiasm from players in attendance, Alana was grateful for all of the clinicians for volunteering their time to provide the local young players an opportunity to learn and play. She also extended her appreciation to the Town of Watrous for allowing them to use the arena.



► With ball season approaching, a local baseball skills session took place Apr. 24 at Watrous Centennial Arena. Following the COVID-19 guidelines set out by the province, the sessions featured instruction from local volunteers.

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## Manitou Beach Golf Course swings into new year

■ Daniel Bushman

With the greens groomed, the fairways cut and the clubhouse stocked, Manitou Beach Golf Course has officially teed off for another season. While the driving range and pro shop were open earlier, the course itself swung into operation Apr. 29.

Entering their second season as managers at the course and despite navigating through the current pandemic, Chas and Jennifer Potter are looking forward to the year ahead. “We are thrilled to be back as managers again. We implemented a lot of new ideas, changes and protocols last year that we are looking forward to seeing in action with a more “normal” season this year.”

Opening the pro shop Apr. 15th, a couple of days later the driving range welcomed golfers anxious to test out their clubs. While the Potters admit the weather has not been overly warm the past couple of weeks, eager members have been out to pay their membership fees and utilize the driving range.

Along with members, a few others have also been spotted at the course this year in anticipation of the start of the season. Jennifer said there are a few new faces and some familiar ones who will be working at the course. “Robin Lay has taken over as superintendent of the greens crew and has Landon Bells, Reier Lee and Drayson Snell helping out. Lane Manson will be running the kitchen and catering again this year and Jaclyn Friesen will be managing the MBGC restaurant. As always, Annette will be on hand to help out with tournaments and catering.”

With some new menu and drink options available, Jennifer said they are happy to be working with Lane and his staff again

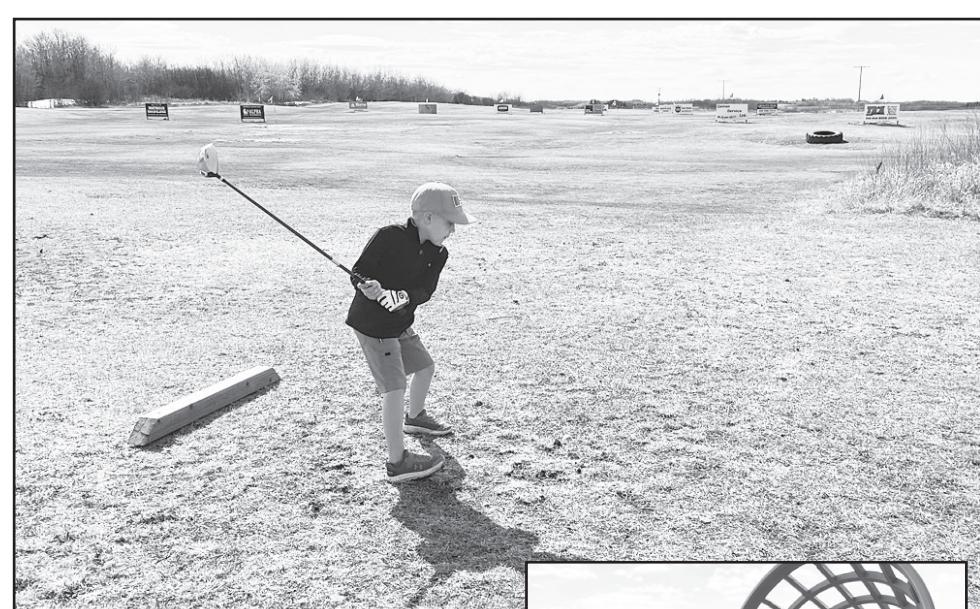
this year. As for the pro shop, Chas and Jennifer will be joined by newcomers Ruby Andrews and Mackenna Hanson and some familiar faces as Jacob Siegfried and Kaelin Hardy are returning.

In an effort to provide new items for members and visitors to the course this year, Jennifer said, “We have brought in more Callaway golf clubs, bags and accessories, Manitou Beach Golf Club attire for both juniors and adults that were done from Inksters, Puma clothing and Plyer Golf clothing. Chas has also been busy re-gripping clubs and putting together starter sets for new golfers.”

As was the case last year, the course will be following the COVID-19 guidelines set out by Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Re-open Saskatchewan Plan which was created by the provincial government.

“Chas and I were surprised to find out from Golf Saskatchewan that the COVID-19 restrictions in regards to golf have been lifted a bit. We were running under the assumption that we would start the year the way we ended last season. However, we are happy to announce that we can now run tournaments, shotgun starts, and eight minute tee times. The golf industry has seen a major upswing due to the pandemic as it is something you can do outside, while social distancing with friends and family. We saw an increase in memberships, green fees and junior golfers last season and we have no doubt as long as regulations stay the same, we will have an even busier season in 2021.”

As for tournaments, unlike last year when they were cancelled due to the guidelines under the Re-open Saskatchewan Plan, the Potters indicated they are planning to roll out a handful



► With the driving range opening at Manitou Beach Golf Course Apr. 17, golfers like Carter Bushman (above) took advantage of the nice weather. Less than two weeks later the course itself opened and golfers were able to tee off for another season.

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of them for 2021. “We will be running tournaments this year with the first one being the Partner’s Classic June 11th followed by Farmfest June 21st. These are two of our biggest tournaments and are always full. We will be adding a Par 3 tournament this year as well as a Junior Members Club Championship.”

In addition to the tournaments, once again Chas and Jennifer will be running the Junior Golf Camp which is slated to start in July. “Juniors that sign up for

the camp will receive a pair of 45 minute lessons from Chas and are able to come out Wednesday mornings and utilize their lesson on the course with a chaperoned member of our team. They will also receive a lunch after their round. This will run for the month of July with the Centennial Ford Junior Par 3 tournament taking place July 21. We have really appreciated Watrous Rotary Club and Centennial Ford Sales Ltd. for sponsoring our junior golf program over the years.”





# “Opinion”



## Birthdays galore.

— an opinion column

by TWM's editor Daniel Bushman

We have made it to May! While parts of April felt more like winter days than those of spring, perhaps the sun and warmer weather will stick around and instead of snow storms maybe we can get a few rain showers to add some moisture to the area.

While there were really no April showers to bring in May flowers, regardless of the weather, in our family May means birthdays.

My wife just celebrated her birthday May 1 while our oldest daughter is one year older May 6. Our son has his birthday on the ninth and not to be left out, our youngest has been quick to remind me that her birthday is in July. Add in a Mother's Day and May can get a bit expensive for me but that's okay, it's great to be able to have something to celebrate amidst this pandemic. While we are not able to gather as a larger family like we used to, we are still hoping to make it exciting for our kids. It is pretty special to see their faces light up as they open their gifts and for myself, I quite enjoy digging into all of the birthday cake.

And of course, Mother's Day is also a special time and acts as a great reminder to me of how special my wife and both of our moms have been in our lives. Our kids love it too, drawing and colouring cards and planning something exciting. With this year's Mother's Day falling on the same day as our son's birthday, we are able to celebrate twice.

Amidst this pandemic I hope you have been able to find some moments to celebrate as well. For a lot of people, myself included, it has been a long and sometimes uphill battle over this past year. But when those moments of encouragement or those moments of fun and celebration do arrive, I hope that you are able to take that 'Kodak moment' snapshot and carry it with you.

Despite the things we have all had to endure through this pandemic, there does appear to be light at the end of the tunnel and hopefully that light will continue to shine brighter with each passing week.

And while birthdays like the ones we are celebrating with our kids looked a little different last year and will look a little different again this year due to the pandemic and the guidelines set out by the province, it is my hope that things will return to a more normal sooner rather than later. And if they don't, it is also my hope that love, compassion and understanding will prevail over the anger, hate and misinformation that has been finding its way around the globe.

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## Tips from Reena Nerbas

is risky, chances are the cheesecake will brown on the sides and the centre will remain under baked. You are better off using a round spring form pan and baking several cakes (one at a time). Here is another cheesecake tip: after baking cheesecakes, partially freeze them. Doing this will make cutting easier and you will end up with professional looking slices.

Dear Reena,

I am trying to incorporate fish into our family diet, how do I determine how long to cook fish? Mark

Dear Mark,

Measure the thickest part of the fish and cook it for six to eight minutes per half inch in a 425 degree oven.

Dear Reena,

Do you have any suggestions for removing baked on grease from the sides and bottoms of frying pans without ruining the finish? D.

Dear D.,

To clean the outside of a frying pan, the easiest solution is to ventilate and apply oven cleaner. The downside to oven cleaner is that this method can actually void the warranty on your pan. Another option is to scrub the outside of the pan with Barkeepers Friend and a damp non-scratch pad. Leave for a few hours and scrub well.

Dear Reena,

Taking baths, according to the instructions on a box of baking soda is a relief to my often itchy skin, especially from mosquito bites. However, I notice that my skin is getting whiter and my freckles are fading. Is that



## Neighbourly advice according to Ed

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

Squandering money tends to get people's attention, especially if government funds have been misspent. When time, talents, and opportunities are wasted, it is accepted as a common occurrence among us. We may see others as guilty, but not ourselves when it comes to wasting time, money, or opportunities.

Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, gets distressed about how technology consumes his children and grandchildren's time.

## Solutions and Substitutions

a problem? Is it good to apply it to my head and rinse with water after washing my hair to ease my itchy scalp or is it dangerous? Will it bleach my hair, which I do not want? Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Baking soda has a mountain of uses: deodorizing, soothing insect bites, reducing dandruff, drain deodorizer, teeth whitener, microwave cleaner, silver cleaner, as well as an effective and powerful scrub. Baking soda is a natural chemical compound and carries mild bleaching properties. Your hair has a good chance of lightening as you use baking soda for an extended period of time. I have not encountered any dangers of using baking soda for hair or skin, throughout years of research, however if you have any concerns, please consult your physician.

Feedback from smart contributor

Re: in Hawaii, a woman wearing a flower on the right side of her head signifies that she is available. A flower on the left signifies that she is single and a flower on the top centre of her head means she is taken but still looking.

Dear Reena,

I think you got it wrong, it is the opposite. According to my research: if you wear a flower behind your left ear, it means you are married, taken, have a significant other, or maybe you just do not want anyone bothering you! If you wear a flower behind your right ear, it means you are single, available, and approachable. Submitted by: W.C.

Tip of the week

To prevent breading from falling off meat during frying, add half teaspoon of sugar to the batter.

*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)

## Don't squander your money or your time or your opportunities

Ed agrees a cellphone can be a helpful device, but phones, tablets, computers and video games consume everyone's time in his family. Their use of technology is an integral part of their relationships, security and identity. Members of his family are lost without their devices.

I tell Ed that we all struggle to manage our time wisely.

For many people jobs eat up to 40 or more hours in a week. That leaves about 128 hours for family, leisure, eating, sleeping and travel. For some, one hour or slightly more are God's time at a church service in a week. Many may feel that time is theirs to spend as they see fit. People do think in terms of time well spent and time wasted. How much of our time do we fritter away or waste?

Easter reminds us that time belongs to God and that we are not totally in control of how we spend our

time. In the resurrection of Jesus, His life was restored and God was victorious over death. God broke the power of death to hold the dead. Death is a destroyer of life, but it is not permanent. Jesus was dead in his tomb, but on the third day He arose from the dead. At God's appointed time, He gives life over death.

Most recognize that it is wise to number our days as death can tap us on the shoulder at any time because of the pandemic. Death plays tag with us always, but in war and pandemic times, many more folks get caught. The resurrection of Jesus helps us focus on the truth that time is always leading to something more. It was not just that Jesus was alive from the dead, but he arose bodily from earth into heaven in a short amount of days. (Acts 1:7-11)

Christ's ascension from earth was with the promise that Christ will come back

the same way he left earth. Like the apostles, believers in Jesus are to be His witnesses until he returns. We know Jesus will return but not when. Matthew 24:36 states, "But of that day and hour, no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone."

Since Christ is coming to earth to gather those that love him to Himself, it is our opportunity to see all of our time as God's time. Everything is God's time, our work time, family time, leisure time, etc. How easily we ignore God or limit Him to church time. Our relationship, security, and identity may not be with God but with our time devoted to other things. If we ask God, the Holy Spirit will help us witness of Jesus by living an integral part of our time in forgiveness, love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, and self-control. These embody Christ.

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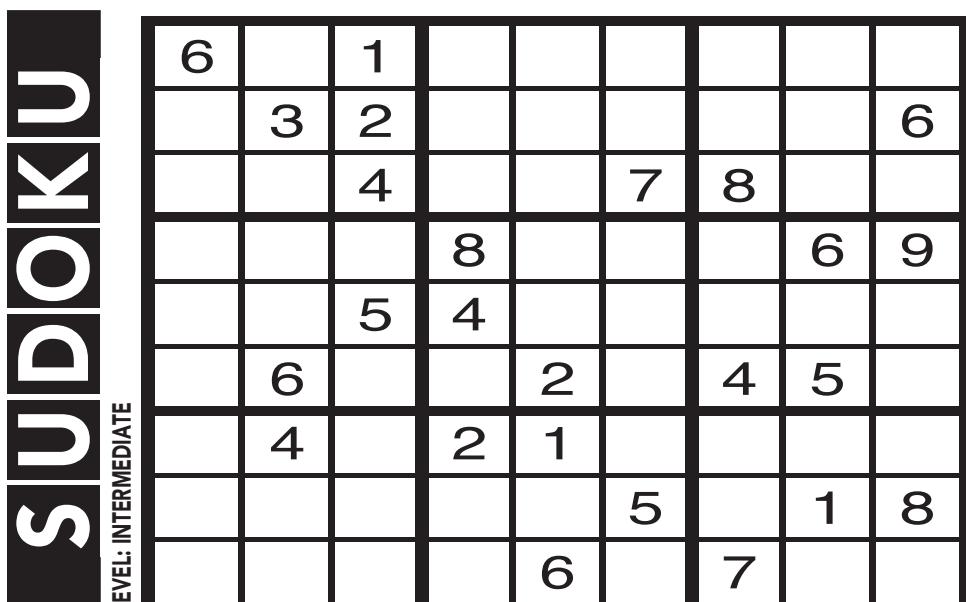
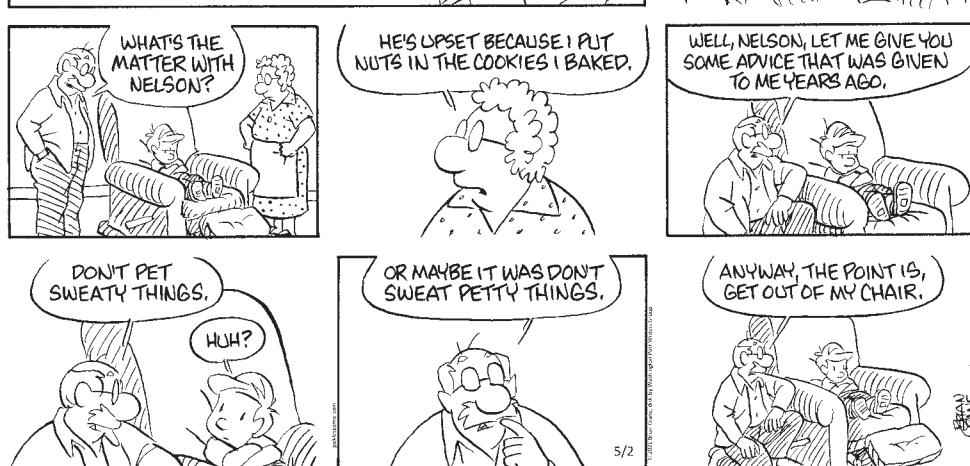
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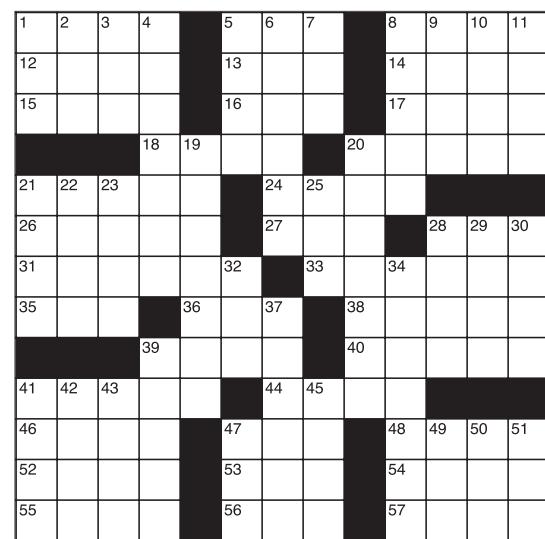


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- Dennis and Doris
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- Plate of glass
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- This girl
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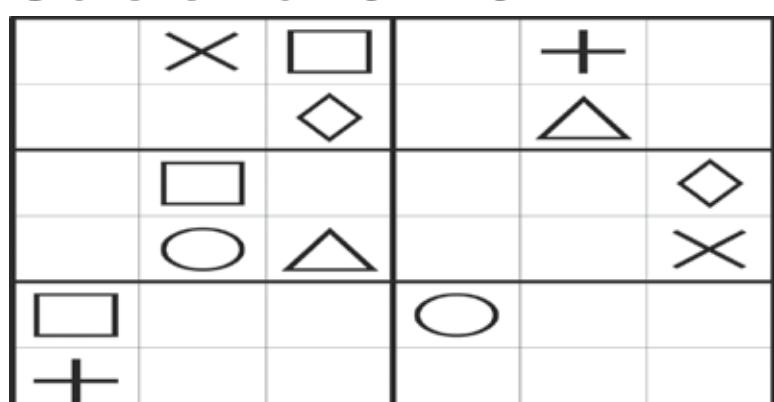
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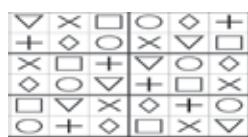
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ANSWER

**66** *Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky* **99**

## Carrot Cake

**Cake:**

1 cup flour  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. vanilla  
pinch of salt  
1/2 cup plus 1/8 cup oil (about 150 ml)  
2 eggs

1 1/2 cup finely shredded carrots

Mix dry ingredients together. Blend oil, eggs and vanilla. Mix in carrots. Mix well and pour into a pan sprayed eight inch pan. Bake at 350°F for 35 minutes. Cool about five minutes in pan and carefully remove from pan to rack to finish cooling. You can leave in pan if you like and ice in pan.

**Cream Cheese Icing:**

1/2 cup cream cheese, softened (half of a rectangle pack)

1/4 cup butter

1 cup icing sugar

Cream butter and cream cheese, add sugar. I like to also add about one tablespoon of cream to make the icing very easy to spread. Chopped walnuts sprinkled on top make it festive. If you use a round cake pan, you can slice this like a pie. If nuts aren't used you can sprinkle some cookie sprinkles on top! Easy and makes a quick dessert.

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burn they are encouraged to contact the provincial call centre to report it. "If someone is driving by and sees it and calls 911 they won't dispatch the fire department if they know that location is having a controlled burn. That saves people quite a bit of money because it costs them every time we show up whether or not it is an actual fire or a controlled one, they would still get a bill."

For those planning on doing controlled burns in the spring, Vanthuyne suggests they make a fire break around whatever they are burning. "You want to make sure you are prepared in case it gets away. Have a water tank, tractor and with small fires in your yard, leaf blowers can be used to blow the fire back onto itself and it will put itself out. For small fires, garden hoses work well to soak the area with water that you don't want to burn. Just make sure you have a plan. We've responded to fires in the past that people had a pit that was burning and they had burnt it three or four days prior. The wind changed direction and it picked up and stoked the fire and it spread out of the pit."

Vanthuyne also noted that people should not be throwing cigarette butts out of their vehicle windows and into ditches as that can quickly spark a fire. For those operating ATVs or vehicles, he added to avoid driving or parking in dry tall grass or stubble. "Once things green up then it makes it tougher for the vegetation to burn but for right now it is really dry. Over 80 percent of the fires we respond to each year are for grass fires and if you exclude attending STARS landings then essentially all of our calls are for grass fires each year, especially in the spring when it is so dry."

According to the Canadian Drought Monitor (CDM), which uses a variety

of federal, provincial, and regional data sources to establish a single drought rating based on a five category system, as of Mar. 31 the local area ranged from moderate to severe drought conditions (with extreme and exceptional drought categories rating worse). Within the southeast corner of Saskatchewan around the Carnduff area, extreme drought conditions were noted.

Michael Brown, Crops Extension Specialist for the Ministry of Agriculture at the Regional Service Branch in Humboldt said the unfortunate lack of moisture also extends beyond the borders of Saskatchewan. "There is a large swath of the prairies that has seen below average moisture. From the Agroclimate maps Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada produces we can see from the assessment they took in March an area of varying below normal precipitation that runs from Edmonton all the way to Winnipeg."

Taking a closer look at the local region, while Brown said information is still being collected on current soil moisture conditions, he has heard there is moisture but it varies on depth. "Some of the hilltops have dried out a bit as well as bare soil with little to no residue cover but the depressions are holding some moisture. It also varies on what type of stubble is on the field, pea and lentil stubble won't trap as much snow as cereal or canola stubble and that will influence soil moisture too."

Comparing soil moisture maps from a few years previous, Brown said 2021 seems similar to the soil moisture going into the growing season at the end of April 2019. "This time last year there was a bit more soil moisture than compared to 2021 and 2019 but we do still have a few weeks before things get fully underway so we still have an opportunity for more moisture before seeding."

### March 2021 Drought Assessment

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Wow, the strange things you see when you wake up at 5:30 a.m. I was opening the blinds when I saw this (pictured right). It was not too long after that he actually fell out of the tree, then sat there looking up at the branch. Not even my cat, so I do not know if it is male or female.

I was hoping by now that it would warm up enough to enjoy the outdoors, but with the wind it does seem cool most days. I was also hoping for a rain shower to freshen things up and control some of the dust before I do my windows.

Not much else new right now. Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon.

Stay warm, stay safe and have a great week. If you have some news to share, please let me know.

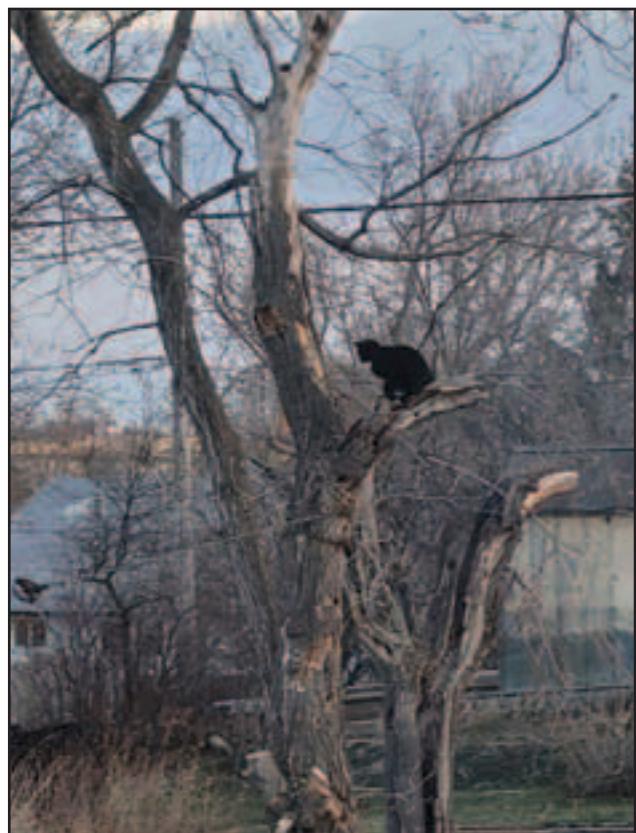


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Visitors with Florence Halvorson were her brother Ross and Jeanne Leffler of Drumheller, Alta. They spent a day in Saskatoon visiting other relatives.

The Players Champion in curling was great to watch. Now just wait-

ing for the women's world curling to start at the curling bubble in Calgary.

So far three houses have been sold in town. There seems to be a renewed interest for homes in town.

It is nice to see people working in their yards

sprucing up everything after a long winter.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. Stay safe and enjoy the nicer spring weather.

If you have news please get in touch with me. I will be happy to forward it on.

## Mid-Sask partnership launches searchable database focused on region

### ■ media release

Mid-Sask Municipal Alliance (MSMA) and key partners are excited to launch the new, interactive Mid-Sask Business Database to connect business across the MSMA Region to contractors, consumers, suppliers and communities.

Fully searchable by industry and business capability, the database helps companies find what they need, in a format they require. A regional e-commerce component dubbed the 'Marketplace' also encourages businesses to promote their products and services online. With businesses migrating to online platforms to generate sales and customer interaction, this database with over 450 businesses registered to date, is a valuable tool for the region and is designed to be a 'one-stop shop' to locate east-central Saskatchewan products, supplies and services.

Annually in Saskatchewan, \$10 billion in sales are currently going to businesses providing goods and services serving industrial, mining and energy projects. Regional businesses are encouraged to look for opportunities in these sectors – as well as in important regional sectors such

as agriculture, tourism and commercial services – by either providing goods and services directly to a project, or by jointly partnering with other regional businesses to bolster a contracting or supply opportunity.

The MSMA Business Database features businesses located in the areas of Humboldt, Watrous, Jansen, Manitou Beach, Nokomis, Lanigan, Drake, LeRoy and all other communities within a 100 km radius of the BHP Jansen Project. The goal of the project is to encourage the support of local manufacturing, mining, trades, technical and professional services offered within these communities, impacting the economic growth of the overall region and positively affecting local businesses, families and communities.

A two-year funding commitment from BHP, plus in-kind support from key partners Humboldt & District Chamber of Commerce, Watrous Manitou Marketing Group and Carlton Trail College, has enabled regional co-operation and focus on the database's intent, design and functionality. All businesses within the region are strongly encouraged to register and create an online profile and can do so at MSMA (msmregion.com).

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there was a negative net farm income for 2002 in Saskatchewan, previously reliable water supplies were challenged, and crop insurance payments in Saskatchewan were \$1.431 billion.

Hoping to avoid severe drought like the one in 2002, Brown said any moisture is welcome for 2021 and timely precipitation during the growing season will also be important for a successful crop. In the meantime, the Crops Extension Specialist

noted producers may be making small adjustments to seeding while staying within the recommended agronomic practices. "These may be things such as seeding slightly deeper to get to moisture if needed. Shallow crops such as canola for example may be seeded slightly deeper (one inch) or producers may wait for a precipitation event.

Producers can check out our herbicide carryover map on Saskatchewan.ca/agriculture to get an idea of any residual herbicide carryover risk for their general region as well."

As equipment begins to move and seeding rigs are serviced, Brown encouraged producers when they get on the fields to inspect the temperature of the soil. "Remember to check your soil temperature before seeding, once in the morning and once in the evening to get an average and keep in mind different crops have different temperature tolerances."

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# New canola processing facility for Regina

## ■ media release

Regina will soon be home to a new state-of-the-art canola processing facility. Cargill announced plans to begin construction of a new \$350 million project next year and it will be operational by 2024.

"Saskatchewan is a leader in agriculture production and through investments such as this we are growing our capacity to process these products at home," Premier Scott Moe said. "We welcome this significant investment and

look forward to working with Cargill to add value to the canola our producers grow, create local jobs and support Saskatchewan's economic growth."

"Saskatchewan is a reliable exporter of food and agriculture products to a growing world and this new project will help us continue to meet that demand," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "This new Cargill facility, and our growing canola processing sector, will strengthen our reputation as the world's

leading exporter of canola seed, canola oil and canola meal."

"Our Saskatchewan producers are known worldwide for the safe, high-quality commodities that they produce and this announcement creates the opportunity for them to see a higher return for their product," Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "We are excited to see companies like Cargill recognizing that there is no better place to do business than Saskatchewan."

"Cargill is excited to

continue to build our business in Canada. We see Saskatchewan as the right place to make this investment, as Regina is well-positioned in the canola production area and there is ample talent available to support the new facility," Cargill Canada President Jeff Vassart said. "We look forward to helping farmers access the market opportunity from the rapidly growing global demand for canola."

The new facility is projected to have an annual production capacity of one

million metric tonnes and will provide a consistent and fast point of delivery for farmers and end users. This investment will generate approximately one million hours of employment throughout the construction phase and approximately 50 full-time positions upon completion of the project.

Cargill's new facility will help the province reach Saskatchewan's Growth Plan goal to crush 75 percent of the canola the province produces in Saskatchewan. It will also support Growth Plan goals

to grow Saskatchewan's agri-food exports to \$20 billion, increase agriculture value-added revenue to \$10 billion, increase the value of exports by 50 percent and grow private capital investment in Saskatchewan to \$16 billion annually.

In addition to constructing this new facility, Cargill will also update and modernize its canola facility in Clavet over the next 12 months to increase volume and broaden capabilities at that location.

# Viterra to build canola crush plant in Regina

## ■ media release

The Government of Saskatchewan welcomed Viterra's major announcement to build a world-class canola crush facility in Regina.

"Our Saskatchewan producers are known worldwide for the safe, high-quality commodities that they produce," Premier Scott Moe said. "We are excited to see the economic activity and jobs that this announcement will create for our province. This announcement aligns with our Growth Plan goals, bringing us to our target to crush 75 percent of the canola produced in our province at home in Saskatchewan."

Construction on the new 2.5 million metric tonne (MMT) canola processing plant is expected to begin in early 2022 with production underway in 2024.

"This significant announcement from Viterra - a grain company with proud roots here in our province that go back nearly a century - is good news for jobs and our world-

leading agriculture sector in Saskatchewan," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "With the most innovative growers in the world, a burgeoning agriculture value chain, and competitive business environment, Saskatchewan is poised for strong export growth in canola oil and meal in the months and years ahead."

"We are pleased to see that Viterra has selected Saskatchewan as the location for their new canola crush facility and we are excited for the opportunity this creates for our provincial economy," Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "Increasing canola crush capacity in Saskatchewan will benefit both our canola producers and the innovative companies like Viterra who recognize our industry for the high-quality and reliability that we are known for around the world."

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to pursue this substantial and historic investment in our asset network,

which demonstrates our confidence in the future of western Canadian canola production," Viterra CEO for North America Kyle Jeworski said. "Through this project, we will be able to further leverage our strong relationships with farm customers and support Saskatchewan's growth plan for expanded value-added processing capacity. Further, this project will have a long-lasting and positive local economic impact, both in terms of employment related to the facility's construction and permanent employment once the plant is up and running."

The new Viterra canola crush plant facilitates meeting the goal in Saskatchewan's Growth Plan to crush 75 percent of the canola produced in the province. It will also support Growth Plan goals to grow Saskatchewan's agri-food exports to \$20 billion, increase agriculture value-added revenue to \$10 billion, increase the value of exports by 50 percent and grow private capital investment in Saskatchewan to \$16 billion annually.

## R.M. OF COLONSAY NO. 342 PUBLIC NOTICE AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING BYLAW

### Notice

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Colonsay intends to amend Bylaw No. 02-2019 known as the Zoning Bylaw pursuant to *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*.

### Intent

The proposed bylaw will rezone land described below from A - Agriculture District to AR - Agriculture Residential District.

### Affected Land

The affected land is legally described as part of the NE 1/4 Section 24-35-28-W2M shown on a plan of proposed subdivision dated March 1, 2021 and signed by GeoVerra Inc. The land is located southwest of the intersection of Colonsay Road and Twp Road 354 as shown on the following map.

### Reason

The reason for the amendment is to subdivide the yard for residential use.

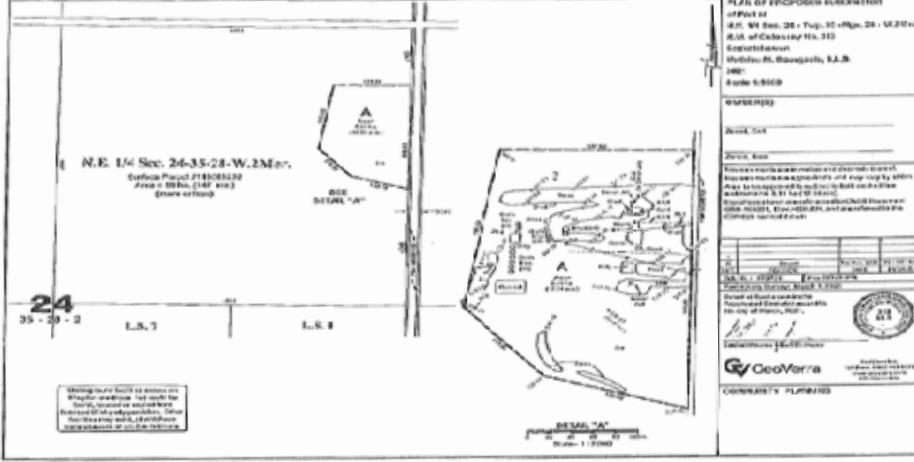
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A digital copy of the above noted documents is also available for public viewing on the RM of Colonsay website at <https://www.colonsay.ca/rm342/>.

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Council will hold a public hearing on May 12, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at Colonsay Senior Centre located at Colonsay, to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the RM administration office prior to the hearing.



Issued at the Town of Colonsay,  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021  
Randi Wood, RM Administrator

## R.M. OF COLONSAY NO. 342 PUBLIC NOTICE AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING BYLAW

### Notice

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Colonsay intends to amend Bylaw No. 02-2019 known as the Zoning Bylaw pursuant to *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*.

### Intent

The proposed bylaw will rezone land described below from A - Agriculture District to AR - Agriculture Residential District.

### Affected Land

The affected land is legally described as part of the NE 1/4 Section 35-36-27-W2M shown on a plan of proposed subdivision dated January 21, 2021 and signed by Meridian Surveys Ltd. The land is located about 1 kilometre east of the intersection of Highway 2 and Twp Road 370 as shown on the following map.

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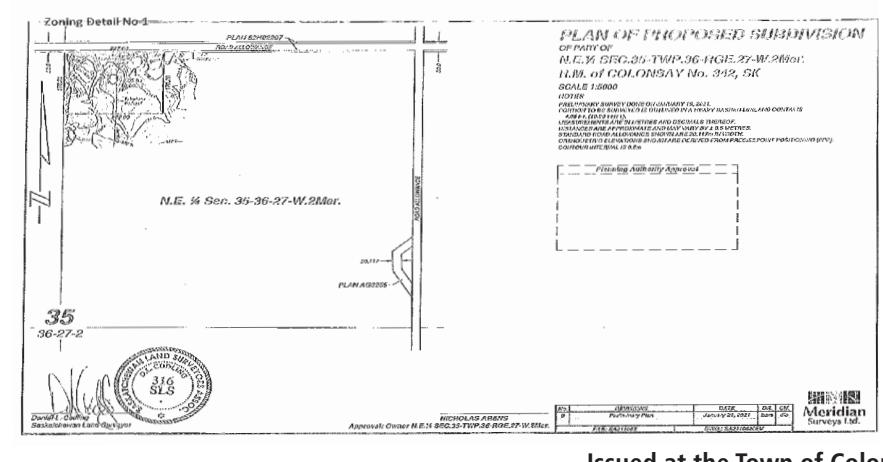
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# “Notices AND Classifieds”

## Obituary



**IRVINE,**  
**Jason Alexander**  
**November 18, 1972 -**  
**Esterhazy, Sask.**  
**April 7, 2021 -**  
**Whitehorse, Yukon**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Jason Irvine on April 7, 2021 at the young age of 48.

Jason was born at St. Anthony's Hospital in Esterhazy, Sask. As a young boy he lived on the family farm in the Qu'Appelle Valley before the family moved to Colonsay and Watrous, Sask. He was the second child of three for Dennis and Debbie Irvine.

Jason grew up in Watrous, Sask. and attended Winston High School. After graduation, he enrolled and completed a college degree in Integrated Resource Management at the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST) in Prince Albert, Sask. He spent summers guiding in northern Saskatchewan, while he specialized in Fisheries and Resource Management.

Jason then followed in his Dad's footsteps to become an Interprovincial Red Seal Journeyman Welder. He had over 25 years of welding experience and worked on projects across Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. He obtained his welding apprenticeship at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT).

He was a proud member of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 179. His Union Brothers and Sisters knew him well for his humorous stories about his adventures,

his many jokes and mischievousness. Jason was a very skilled welder that could strike a bead with ease using many different alloys, with expertise in metallurgy. Jason and his Dad collaborated on many pipeline and construction projects that took them far from home but because they shared their trade, they always had each other for companionship.

Over a year ago, Jason's passion for wildlife and the great outdoors took his family to Whitehorse, Yukon. He was an avid fisherman; whether it was fly fishing off the banks; casting a line with a rod and reel; or ice fishing. He enjoyed hunting with a rifle or compound bow while observing nature and exploring new hiking trails with his loving partner Debora, his much-loved son Tanner and his four-legged companions Nori and new puppy Tomi.

One of Jason's greatest passions was cooking. Whether it was making sushi, bbqing prime rib, shucking oysters or frying fish while camping, he always treated his family and friends to amazing appetizers and dinners. Cooking came very natural to him. We often thought he should have considered becoming a Red Seal Chef.

His second love was for the Qu'Appelle Valley where the family farm is located. He spent his early childhood with his Grandpa and Grandma Irvine, many uncles, aunts and cousins on the family farm. He enjoyed quadbing, driving his truck and walking through the hills and trails. His favourite pastime was to tour to a place called Lundy's Ravine. He loved moose hunting, trapping and picking cranberries.

In his earlier years he was involved with the professional rodeo, courageously riding brahma bulls. He learned to ride horses out at his Uncle Stewie's ranch in Kennedy, Sask.

He loved with all his heart and lived life on his own

terms. Something he was known for was creating hilarious nicknames for everyone within his circle. If you had a nickname, he considered you a close friend.

Jason will be most remembered for his deep love for all his family, his sharp sense of humour, his keen thoughts on life and politics, his love for his dogs Nori and Tomi, his enjoyment for two-stepping and country music and most of all for his caring and generous soul.

Jason was predeceased by his beloved Popi Glen Muir and his Grandpa Doug Irvine - two people in his life he cherished and missed dearly.

Jason will be missed every day by his partner Debora Humeniuk and their son Tanner Irvine; his mother Debbie Irvine and father Dennis Irvine; his brother Chris (Jill) Irvine; his sister Tonya (Charles) Laudadio; his six nieces and nephews; his Nani Irene Muir; his Grandma Pearl Irvine; and his aunts, uncles and many cousins.

A virtual private church service was held on Friday, April 23, 2021 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Whitehorse, Yukon. A Celebration of Life will be taking place in the future. Condolences, memories and photos may be shared through [www.heritagenorth.ca](http://www.heritagenorth.ca).

In memory of Jason, the family will be planting a tree at Lundy's Ravine where his ashes will be laid to rest. A memorial bench will also be placed at Hazelcliffe Cemetery where everyone can overlook the valley in his remembrance.

If friends and family so desire, memorial tributes in Jason's name can be made directly to Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation.

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

— Thomas Campbell

I believe in God, only I spell it Nature.

— Frank Lloyd Wright

## Obituary



**SHIER,**  
**Herb**

**February 10, 1927 - April 27, 2021**

Herb Shier passed away peacefully at 94 years old at RUH. The last weeks of his life he was surrounded with music he loved and his family. He loved the phone calls from family and friends that brightened his days as they shared memories and shenanigans of fun times together. He was predeceased four years ago by Gudrun, his wife of 60 years, and son Dean. He is survived by his daughters Donna (Tim) Korol, Pat (Denis Chalifour), Peggy and Joanne, grandchildren Julie (Neil) MacKenzie, Steven (Kerri) Korol, Christine Korol, Kevin (Kristyn) Korol, Alex, Nicole (Ricky Kawa), and Jocelyne Chalifour, Jordan and Tyson Shier and seven great-grandchildren.

Herb was born at a farm just south of Colonsay, attended school in Colonsay and farmed in the community for 70 years - with his brother Max for 50 years and another 20 years after Max retired. Herb told stories of taking the train to hockey games, playing baseball, and attending nearly 100 dances in a year. Herb seemed to know someone in every town. And he loved being the fun uncle known as 'Good Old Uncle Herb'.

His children have great memories of him playing ball in the back yard, building toboggan runs and dog houses, burning sloughs, him bringing them bunnies, baby skunks, and bats to admire and Herb being a sports cheerleader. He is remembered as a fantastic dancer, who often sprinkled the dance wax while dancing, a jokester and an instigator - whether it was painting cows or carving in fresh sidewalks.

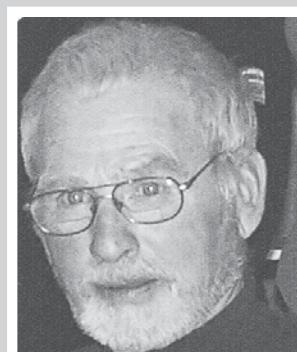
He married Gudrun Franson in 1957 and built a home where they raised their five children. Together they shared a love of nature, family, and dancing - sometimes hitting both a square dance and social on the same night. They loved to travel, especially with extended family and to see relatives in Western Canada or the USA. Herb and Gudrun's circle of friends included friends from Colonsay and couples they met through 50 years of square dancing, The Scandinavian Club and as 'groupies' to the Frank Ball Orchestra.

Throughout his life, Herb was a fixture in Colonsay with his volunteering and how proud he was of his hometown - whether it was painting lines in the rink when he was a teenager, being MC at many community events, secretary treasurer on the Hall Committee, on the Co-op Board and Chairman of Federated meetings, United Church Board, manager for the Colonsay Monarch's senior hockey team, and working hundreds of Rec Board Bingos. He was particularly dedicated to the Rec Board from being on the committee that built the swimming pool, the golf course and helping to build the new rink. Twice he donated the use of land for the community to use for its Rec Board fundraising. In 2018 he received the Governor General's Sovereign Medal for Volunteers.

Herb loved to be at the farm and would always find things to do, plus he watched baseball and curling, and read farming magazines. He continued to watch the local hockey teams. Playing cards and pool with the Colonsay Seniors were fun times. In 2016 he and Gudrun moved to Saskatoon following her terminal cancer diagnosis. He enjoyed the social activities and friendships at Preston Park 2 and loved his outings to the farm and to see the crops. The last year's Covid restrictions were particularly hard for Herb who was a social guy.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Saskatoon Funeral Home, 306-244-5577. Due to the Covid restrictions in place, the service was held on Saturday, May 1 at 1:30 p.m. with the service broadcast live and for later viewing at [www.saskatoonfuneralhome.com](http://www.saskatoonfuneralhome.com). Interment was at the Colonsay Cemetery that afternoon. In lieu of flowers donations to two of Herb's favourite organizations would be appreciated: Operation Smile Canada ([www.operationsmile.ca](http://www.operationsmile.ca)) or the Colonsay Rec Board (Box 244, Colonsay, Sask. S0K 0Z0).

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**CARLSON** - Ross, Oct. 24, 1933 - May 4, 2015:

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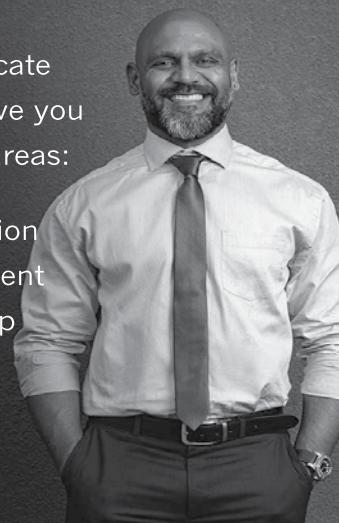
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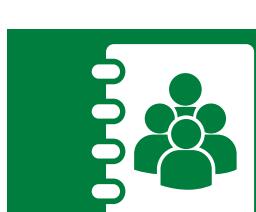
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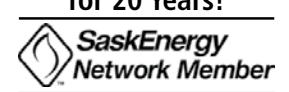


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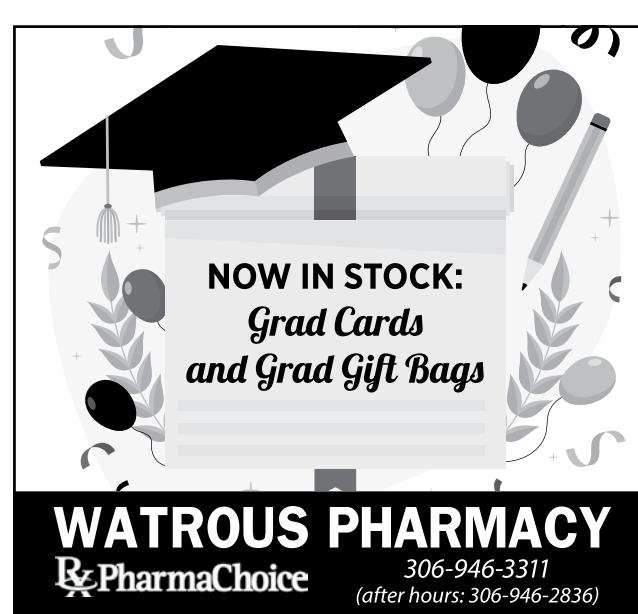
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■ submitted by  
Sandy Christensen

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Friday and Saturday May 1 to 22.

Their journeys to excellence took similar paths. Linda, raised in Manitoba, came to Saskatoon and then Watrous as a Recreation Director with the Regional Park. Sandy, raised in Young, returned home to farm after her teaching career. While raising their families, they introduced the joy of clay to school grades

in the community. In 1979, Linda helped form the original Pottery Club in the old Watrous Town Office next to McLeods. Sandy's venture was the Pottery Club formed in the Young trailer court laundromat.

The tactile feel and flexibility of clay continues to be its overwhelming attraction. Clay can be made into any shape, size or purpose. Both artists

have grown in skill and abstract appreciation over the years. Exposure to like-minded artists, instructional classes, the Saskatchewan Craft Council, the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils, Sask Terra, and U of S Community Classes have enriched their works. Linda follows her curiosity in developing new glazing and firing techniques. Sandy looks to express her connection to the subjects and their connection to each other.

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(left) have  
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