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Area soaks up needed rain

■ Daniel Bushman

While more moisture is needed, the snow and rain that arrived heading into the May long weekend provided a massive injection into what was a very dry region. With drought-like conditions across the prairies this spring including within the local area, the clouds finally opened up and the moisture arrived.

After experiencing temperatures above 30°C early on in the week, heading into May 21, a snowfall warning was issued by Environment and Climate Change Canada. That snow which fell in various parts of the province was then followed by rain during portions of the weekend and into Victoria Day. Moving north from Montana the spring rainstorm even prompted rainfall warnings for parts of west-central Saskatchewan May 24.

According to Environment and Climate Change Canada, Watrous accumulated at least 7.4 mm May 21, 25.9 mm May 24 and 3.3 mm May 25 for 36.6 mm or just about 1.5 inches.

The Last Mountain Lake Bird Sanctuary area received 9.7 mm May 21, 2.1 mm May 23, at least 26.7 mm of rain May 24 and 2.8 mm May 24 for a total of 41.3 mm or just over 1.6 inches.

While data was unavailable for Lanigan, resident Aron Renwick said his rain gauge hit 1.6 inches over the weekend and including May 24 it reached 2.2 inches.

As for other areas in the province, the following are 24 hour rainfall amounts in millimetres as of 4 p.m. May 24:

Sourced from Environment and Climate Change Canada observation network: Waseca 51.9, Rosetown 42.1, Scott 40.4, Moose Jaw 37.4, North Battleford 36.2, Spiritwood 35.4, Yellow Grass 33, Estevan 32.1, Outlook 32.1, Saskatoon 30.6, Indian Head 30.5, Meadow Lake 30.3, Weyburn 30.2, Elbow 27.6, and Regina 27.2. Sourced from Saskatchewan Fire observation network: Northwest of Spiritwood (Birch) 54.6 and Meadow Lake area (Divde) 36.1. Sourced from CoCoRahs as of 7 a.m. on May 24: Vibank 36.1, Craven 32.3, and Lumsden 32.0. Sourced from volunteer observation networks as of 8 a.m. May 24: Estevan 36.8, Fort Qu'Appelle 30.5, Strasbourg 26.7, and Assiniboia 24.9.

Heading into what is considered the rainy season for Saskatchewan, Michael Brown, Crops Extension Specialist

Regional Services Branch, Ministry of Agriculture in Humboldt said with fields so dry the moisture was very welcome in the region. "Producers who finished seeding early and were hoping to get away to the lake or go camping over the long weekend may have been slightly disgruntled by the rain but for the most part it has put minds at ease for now."

Brown said the much needed precipitation will help in a big way. "This moisture is going to help all crops, early seeded crops that were starting to scavenge deeper for moisture will be soaking it in and anything that was seeded shallower into a dryer seedbed will start germinating. It's also very welcome for the ranchers who have had pastures beaten with dry conditions these past few years, this early moisture will start the pastures in the right direction."

While the rains were a nice addition as the month of May neared an end, the cold temperatures arriving a few days prior forcing frost warnings were not. When asked if the frost will hurt some of the seeded crops, Brown said it depends on the crop type and the environmental conditions.

"Wet soils, dew and rain can buffer against a frost to a certain degree compared to dry soils. Spring cereals can handle frosts as low as -6°C and the growing point remains below the soil surface until the three to five leaf stage so it has the ability to continue growing even if the first couple leaves die. New leaf growth usually appears in two to three days."

Brown continued by stating, "Canola can survive a light frost that doesn't damage the growing point, stage plays a factor as cotyledon is more susceptible than plants in the three to four leaf stage." Following the frost, Brown recommends assessing injury three to five days after and if the growing point is green, firm and not pinched off the plant will recover. He also noted it may take up to 10 days to show regrowth depending on environmental conditions.

Flax is also susceptible like canola according to the Crops Extension Specialist as the cotyledons emerge above ground but it can still tolerate a frost around -3°C. "Once past the two leaf stage and hardened off it can tolerate temperatures as low as -8°C for a short time. Peas and lentils have good frost tolerance and can withstand temperatures in the -4°C to -6°C range and even if the frost



In desperate need of moisture within the local region, as the May long weekend approached, snow and later rain arrived to the delight of many

including this Oriole (above). While more rain would be welcome, the varying amount of moisture that did come provided smiles to many.

■ photo by Daniel Bushman

still able to seed throughout all regions. Eighty-six percent of the crop was seeded in Saskatchewan, which is ahead of the five-year average of 77 percent for this time of year. Recent rains will greatly improve crop germination and emergence in many parts of the province that were delayed due to dry conditions.

The southwest region is the farthest along with 91 percent of the crop seeded. Eighty-nine percent has been seeded in the west-central, 87 percent seeded in the northwest, 86 percent seeded in the southeast, 85 percent seeded in the northeast and lastly, 77 percent seeded in the east-central region of the province.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as six percent surplus, 80 percent adequate, 11 percent short and three percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as four percent surplus, 66 percent adequate, 26 percent short and four percent very short. Pasture conditions are rated as zero percent excellent, 17 percent good, 39 percent fair, 34 percent poor and 10 percent very poor.

According to the Crop Report, earlier seeded crops have started to show good emergence, but cool night time temperatures have slowed growth in some areas.

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■ media release

Tom Lukiwski, Member of Parliament for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre-Lanigan announced he will not run in the next election.

Lukiwski was elected to Parliament in 2004 as the first candidate for the newly merged Conservative Party of Canada in the Regina-Lumsden-Lake Centre constituency. He won that seat four times until federal constituencies were redistributed, after which he twice won the new constituency of

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"The greatest honour of my life is serving the people of these two constituencies. Because I won narrowly the first time, I never forgot the lessons of the power of the people and the importance of earning and keeping their trust."

In his first election in 2004, Lukiwski won his seat, on recount, by only 122 votes. In 2019, his margin of victory grew to over 24,000 votes.

Throughout the Stephen Harper government, Lukiwski

served as Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leaders over a nine-year period. In both government and opposition, he served on numerous Parliamentary committees including serving as Chair of the Government Operations Committee from 2015-19.

Lukiwski says he is

proud to have helped many people in the constituency and to have participated in major changes at the national level.

"In addition to working for my constituents, passing Bill C-18, which eliminated the Canadian

Wheat Board's Single Desk marketing power on Aug. 1, 2012, is something I'm very proud of. This leadership by our government resulted in economic opportunities throughout my constituency that I see every day."

As for the reasons for his departure, Lukiwski simply said, "It's time."

"Seventeen years is a long time. This has been the greatest chapter of my life, but every chapter must end. It's time to bring in new blood to keep the Conservative cause strong in Moose Jaw-Lake Centre-Lanigan."

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Pair of local communities part of project infrastructure funding

■ Daniel Bushman

There will be some significant projects conducted within the Town of Imperial and Resort Village of Manitou Beach after the federal and provincial governments announced funding for 55 infrastructure projects across Saskatchewan. With over \$50 million being invested by the governments during the pandemic, through the COVID-19 Resilience Stream, the Town of Imperial will receive funds for arena upgrades while the Resort Village of Manitou Beach will use its funds for sanitation and flood prevention.

Imperial Mayor Ted Abrey said they were extremely excited to hear that they were approved for the Investing in Canada's Infrastructure Grant. "It takes many hours of paperwork to apply for project funding, and we appreciate our town's CAO for her extra efforts in trying to obtain grants for our community."

With the money, Abrey said it will allow them to install concrete over cooling pipes in the arena and to upgrade the cooling systems for the ice surface. "By doing this, it will be much more energy efficient and will allow the community to make use of the arena for 12 months of the year. It can be used not only for sports, but also for many other community functions as well, such as weddings and celebrations."

While preliminary engineering work is underway, Abrey expects the project to be completed this summer. As part of the project, the federal government is contributing a total of \$350,914, the provincial government is providing \$292,399 and the remaining \$233,972 will be from the Town of Imperial which Abrey noted the community will look at doing some fundraising efforts to reach that mark.

"The rink, in any rural area, plays an important part in enhancing the lives of the people that live in and around the community. With a growing number of young families in the area, it will perform this function more effectively for years to come."

In addition to Imperial receiving funding, the Resort Village of Manitou Beach will be using its funding to install new submersible pumps for its east sanitary

pumping station along with associated works for flood prevention. As part of that, the federal government is contributing \$144,000, the provincial government \$119,988 with the remaining \$96,012 being covered by the Resort Village of Manitou Beach.

Chief Administrative Officer for the Resort Village of Manitou Beach Elise Dale said the announcement was definitely exciting for the community. "The funding was approved for an upgrade to our East Lift Station (part of the sewer system - the Resort Village has three lift stations total). Upgrading the east sewage lift station will mitigate risk of flooding, as this lift station is currently situated 16 feet below the level of the lake water. It will also reduce maintenance and repair costs."

While contracts have not been tendered out as of yet, Dale said work is planned for 2022 and will be completed later that year.

"Through collaboration with our provincial and municipal partners, we are funding important infrastructure projects throughout Saskatchewan," said Jim Carr, the Government of Canada's Special Representative for the Prairies, on behalf of Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities. "With the COVID-19 Resilience Stream, we are also responding to the impacts of the pandemic through flexible and accelerated investments in key infrastructure upgrades as quickly as possible. The funding announced today will

help communities build back better, create jobs, and build cleaner, more inclusive communities."

Saskatchewan's Government Relations Minister Don McMorris said, "From Buffalo Narrows to Estevan, and dozens of communities in between the Government of Saskatchewan's \$16.4-million investment in these 55 local infrastructure projects will not only help protect local economies, which are continuing to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, but also help create safe, healthy and prosperous communities across the province."

Overall, the

Government of Canada is investing more than \$21.2 million in 55 projects under the new COVID-19 Resilience Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. The Government of Saskatchewan is

contributing over \$16.4 million and contributions by recipients toward their respective projects are \$12.5 million. In total, this represents a combined infrastructure investment of more than \$50.2 million.



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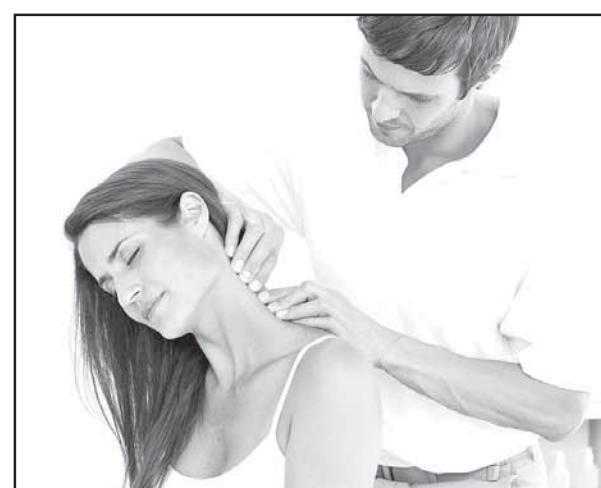
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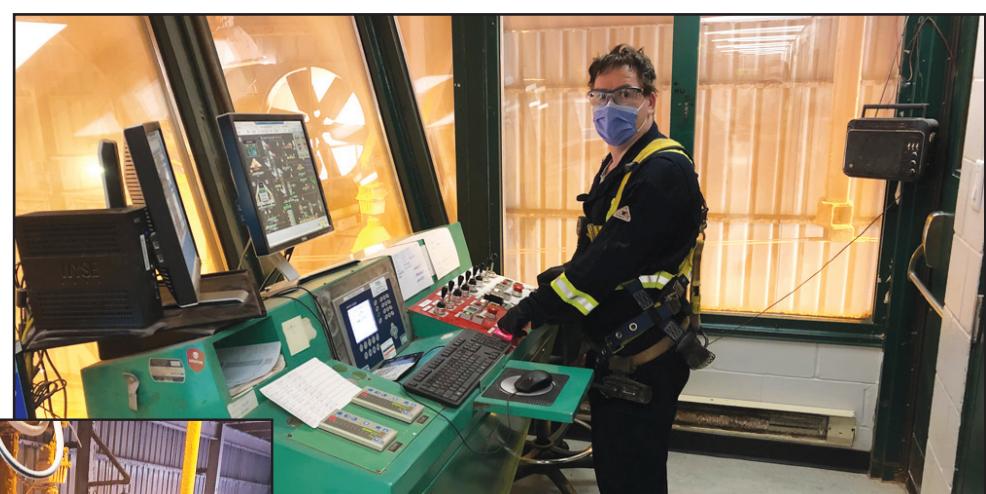
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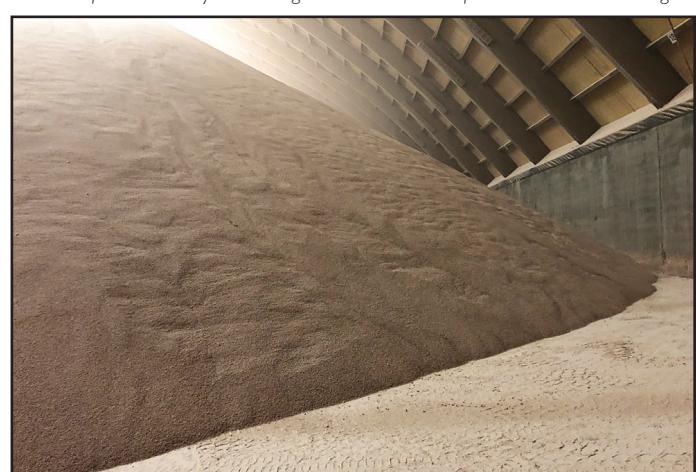
With Nutrien Lanigan's operational capability in 2020 being 2.3 million tonnes of potash, keeping a close eye on ensuring the product meets appropriate standards before being shipped out is Mill General Superintendent Dale Stangeland.

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► Pictured above: loadout operator. Pictured left: closing lids on a railcar after being filled with product at Nutrien Lanigan. Pictured below: inside one of the product storage facilities.

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Re-Opening Roadmap

Starting Sunday, May 30th, Step 1 of the Re-Opening Roadmap will come into effect

STEP 1

Sunday, May 30th

- Restaurants and bars open, maximum 6 at a table
- 30% capacity or 150 people (whichever is less) at places of worship
- Group fitness classes can resume, with three metres between participants
- Limit of 10 people at private indoor, outdoor and household gatherings
- Limit 30 people at public indoor gatherings
- Limit 150 people at public outdoor gatherings
- Measures for youth and adult outdoor sports will be lifted
- All long-term care and personal care home residents may welcome 2 visitors at a time indoors and 4 visitors at a time outdoors

STEP 2

Sunday, June 20th

STEP 3

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“RCMP Report”

Multiple charges laid

On May 18 at 3:50 a.m., Nipawin RCMP was called to a residence on the 100 block of Seymour Street for a complaint of an assault. Upon arrival, officers were met by an individual holding a firearm. He then discarded the firearm and retreated into the residence.

Officers contained the residence, then called occupants out and arrested them. One male was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The loaded sawed-off firearm, as well as three other illegally-possessed firearms were seized from the residence.

Later on May 18, at approximately 6:40 a.m., Nipawin RCMP received a secondary and separate call of a break and enter at that same residence. Officers arrested two men after a brief foot chase.

The following individuals were charged in relation to these incidents:

Travis Trites from Nipawin: one count, Aggravated Assault, Section 268(2), Criminal Code; two counts, Possession of a Firearm while Prohibited, Section 117.01(3), Criminal Code; two counts, Possession of a Firearm without Valid Licence, Section 92(3)(a), Criminal Code; two counts, Unsafe Storage of a Firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; and one count, Fail to Comply with Release Order, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code.

Brennan Carriere from Cumberland House: one count, Aggravated Assault, Section 268(2), Criminal Code; one count, Discarding a Loaded Firearm, Section 86(2), Criminal Code; one count, Possess Prohibited Weapon

Without Having a Licence, Section 91(3), Criminal Code; one count, Possession of Prohibited Weapon, Section 95(2), Criminal Code; one count, Resist Arrest, Section 129(a), Criminal Code; and one count, Fail to Comply with Release Order, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code.

Brian Pelly from Nipawin: one count, Aggravated Assault, Section 268(2), Criminal Code.

Alvin Thomas from Cumberland House: one count, Break and Enter, Section 348(1)(b), Criminal Code; one count, Resist Arrest, Section 129(a), Criminal Code; one count, Fail to Comply with Release Order, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code; one count, Obstruct Public Officer, Section 129(a), Criminal Code; one count, Identity Fraud, Section 403(1)(b), Criminal Code; and one count, Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine), Section 4(1), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Adam Settee from Cumberland House: one count, Break and Enter, Section 348(1)(b), Criminal Code; one count, Resist arrest, Section 129(a), Criminal Code; and one count, Fail to Comply with Probation Order, Section 733.1(1), Criminal Code.

Assault charge laid after stabbing

On Sunday, May 23 at approximately 8:30 a.m., Cumberland House RCMP responded to a call that an adult female was stabbed at a residence on Cook Avenue in Cumberland House.

Officers attended the residence where the victim was being treated by EMS. She was transported to hospital for treatment of her injuries.

As a result of investigation, officers then attended a separate residence on Cook Avenue and arrested a female in relation to this incident.

Payton Crate of Cumberland House is charged with the following: one count, Aggravated Assault, Section 268(2), Criminal Code; one count, Possession of Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code; and one count, Fail to Comply with Release Order Condition, Section 145(5), Criminal Code.

Charges laid after man hit by vehicle

Around 11:35 p.m. on May 23, Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP

responded to a call of an adult male hit by a vehicle in Pasqua First Nation. An adult male was located injured at a residence. He was transported to hospital for treatment of injuries. An adult female was arrested inside the same residence in relation to this incident.

As a result of investigation, Laurenda Khanapace is charged with: one count, impaired operation of a vehicle causing bodily harm, section 320.14(2) of the Criminal Code; one count, aggravated assault, section 268 of the Criminal code; one count, dangerous driving causing bodily harm, section 320.13(2) of the Criminal Code; one count, impaired operation of a vehicle, section 320.14(1) (a) of the Criminal Code; one count, Impaired operation exceeding eight milligrams, section 320.14(1)(b) of the Criminal Code; and one count, assault with a weapon, section 267(a) of the Criminal Code.

Long weekend check stop leads to charges

On Friday, May 21 at approximately 7:30 p.m., Greenwater RCMP was conducting a traffic check stop at the junction of Hwy. 35 and Hwy. 249 in Archerwill. A vehicle was stopped and officers determined the driver had an outstanding warrant for his arrest out of the Rose Valley RCMP Detachment.

A search of the vehicle revealed 61 grams of cocaine, 72 grams of methamphetamine, 12 grams of heroin, and a sum of Canadian currency. The driver was also assessed for impairment by an officer trained in Standard Field Sobriety Testing, and was subsequently issued a 72-hour roadside driver's licence suspension.

As a result of this incident, Brett Holte of Hendon has been charged with the following: one count, Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (Methamphetamine), Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (Cocaine), Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, Possession of Schedule 1 Drug (Heroin), Section 4(1), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; and one count, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Less than \$5,000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code.

Holte made his first court appearance on May 25, 2021 in Yorkton.

Province enters Step One of Re-Opening Roadmap; Step Two to commence June 20

■ Daniel Bushman

After attaining the Step One threshold of the province's Re-Opening Roadmap with more people receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, Saskatchewan will enter Step Two June 20 as that threshold was reached May 24.

Having to hit at least 70 percent first dose vaccinations in each of the three thresholds before advancing in the Re-Opening Roadmap, as of May 24, 76 percent of those over the age of 40 received their first dose (Step One), 70 percent of those 30+ received their first dose (Step Two) and 63 percent of those 18+ have received their first dose (Step Three). Once that 63 percent of those 18 and older reaches 70 percent, that will mark the third threshold which will occur three weeks after that percentage is attained.

As for the beginning of Step One of the Re-Opening Roadmap, that occurred May 30 as the following changes were made to public health orders:

• Restaurants and bars open, maximum of six at a table, two metres or structural barriers between tables,

dance floors and buffets remain closed, VLTs may reopen;

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

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

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

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

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

• Limit of 30 people at public indoor gatherings;

• Limit of 150 people at public outdoor gatherings; and

• Current province-wide masking mandate remains in place.

Along with the province officially moving into Step

One May 30, the Government of Saskatchewan also announced that public health measures around outdoor sporting activities were eased as part of Step One instead of in Step Two which they were originally part

(see page 20: RE-OPENING ROADMAP)



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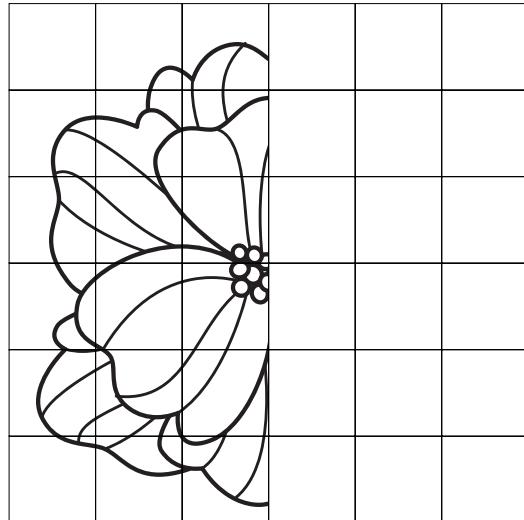
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For comics,
puzzles and this week's
recipe, see page 7.



Tips from Reena Nerbas

preciated. Marsha

Dear Marsha,

Dried nail polish acts like regular glue, making lids stick and difficult to open. Begin by wrapping a rubber band around the bottle. Submerge the bottle in hot water for five minutes. Twist the bottle cap until it opens. If you do not have a rubber band you may want to wear rubber gloves while you twist the bottle lid. Once open, use a cotton swab and nail polish remover to clean the area around the opening of the bottle. Next coat the opening with petroleum jelly (Vaseline) to prevent the lid from becoming stuck in the future. Close the lid.

Dear Reena,

I have a huge ant hill in my garden. How can I get rid of it? Penny

Dear Penny,

One option is to sprinkle the ant hill with tea tree oil, next pour boiling water onto the hill or sprinkle the hill with a combination of one cup Borax and two tablespoons icing sugar, if there are no pets or small children in the area. Cornmeal sprinkled onto ant hills is a safer alternative when pets or children are around.

Feedback from smart contributors

Re: storing potatoes

The onions in Anne's potato box are causing the potatoes to sprout. Garlic will also affect potatoes in this way. Shirley

Re: storing potatoes

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

I have many bottles of nail polish that I am unable to open. I have tried running them under hot water and using pliers, but still I am unable to twist the top off or pry them open. It is very frustrating. Any suggestions would be very much ap-

To the person who stores her potatoes in the pantry in a wooden box with onions on the bottom. Never store onions and potatoes together. Onions give off a gas that accelerates sprouting in potatoes. Also, storing potatoes in the cold temperature of your refrigerator will turn its starch into sugar more quickly so that you will be left with a sweet, gritty potato. Laurie

Re: extra greeting cards

Someone was asking about what to do with unused greeting cards. Just thought I would let you know that some correctional centres keep donated cards on hand. These are given out to inmates who have no money, but would like to send a card to loved ones particularly if they find themselves in custody over the holidays. Barbara

In the bathroom:

• Young adults, unthinkingly leave metal cans along the surround of the bathtub, leaving ugly metal rings (hard to get off). Take the plastic top off a metal spray can and place it over the bottom of the can; problem solved. Submitted by: Peggy

• Years ago, I noticed that my shower curtain always had a line of mildew along the hem. I decided to trim the curtain so that it would be shorter and further from the floor. Since then I have never had a mildew stain on the bottom of the curtain. Submitted by: Hank

• I removed the towel rod from our bathroom because the towels were never hung properly and they were too crowded to dry. I replaced the rod with coat hooks. Now each member of the family is responsible to organize their own towel and robe on their personal hook. The bathroom is finally organized. Submitted by: Laura

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.

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Neighbourly advice according to Ed

A spiritual column
by contributor
Raymond Maher
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Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, feels that you should never ask seniors, especially family members, how they are. They will tell you way more than you want to hear. I told Ed yesterday that the older we get, we find saying that we are fine just does not cut it anymore. Besides, if you do not want to hear how we golden oldies are keeping, tell us that we are looking well. We will not argue with you and we

will let you tell us how you are because it will be nothing compared to our problems.

I told Ed there is an Ezekiel text that sounds like old men and women talking as they complain; "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off." It was not that the people in our text were all old folks, but they were exiles, captives of war sent to Babylon. They were cut off from their temple at Jerusalem, their city, and homeland as prisoners of war. Their hope of being released and able to return to Jerusalem was gone. They felt dead or hopeless, like dry bones or skeletons left to decay on an ancient battlefield.

Ezekiel was God's prophet among the Babylonian exiles. God had shown Ezekiel that nothing is impossible for God to accomplish. Ezekiel

saw a valley full of old dry bones come alive with sinews, flesh, skin, and breath so that the bones were a great army on its feet once more before his very eyes. It was the word of God that made the bones come alive. Ezekiel knew that he was a prophet of the Lord God Almighty who can do whatever He says or promises. (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

When God's people are running on empty or low in Spirit and life in His name, God will restore and renew us if we ask Him to do so. God wants us to have new life and power in His name. God wants us to have a growing faith in Him and to find victory in the worst and best circumstances before us. God told Ezekiel to promise the exiles of blessings to come with the words, "You shall know that I am the Lord, I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live."

As senior citizens, we may act like getting older is like being a prisoner of war doomed and without any hope in the future. We may forget the promise of heaven is the reward of our journey day by day in old age. God calls us to see Him as the one who is right and good for all ages. He can give new life to our crumbling faith. He even restores us from our graves.

Our faith in Jesus and God the Father can run low at this time of the pandemic. God waits to enliven us, stretch and renew us. Turn us from lower to higher intensity. Whether you are old like me or younger like most people, we all need God to whisper, nudge or dramatically fill us with His Spirit through His word so that we are empowered to witness about Jesus Christ who is the way and truth and life for all.

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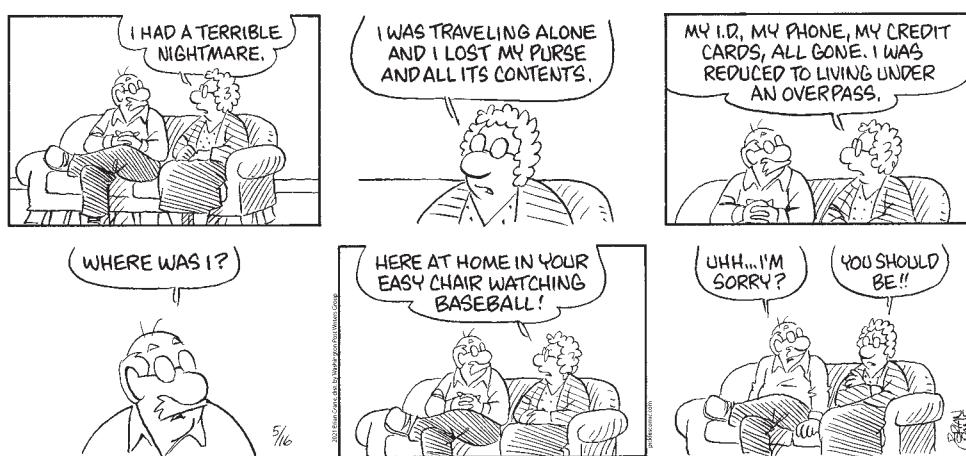
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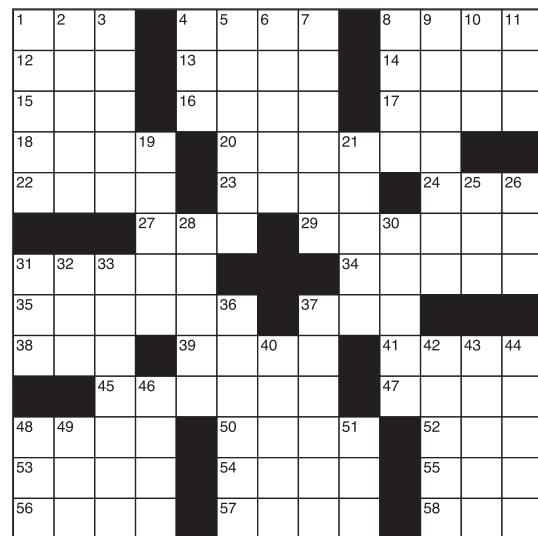
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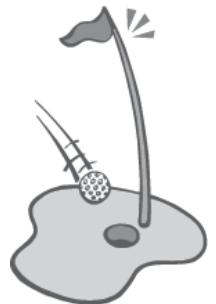
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TO SUDOKU AND
CROSSWORD,
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Golf Report

Senior men's scramble took place May 27 at Manitou Beach Golf Course with 26 entries.

First place was recorded by the team of Keith Farnel, Jack Birnie Chris Moffatt, Rod Hartley and Warren Cooper and second place was the team of Gordie Lamont, Eric Day, Brad Ormiston and Terry Douglas.

Closest to the pin on hole four was Rod Hartley. Warren Cooper made the longest putt and Lloyd Gullacher was closest to the line.



“Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky”

Pizza buns or cinnamon buns

Bread maker recipe

1 2/3 cup warm water

2 tbsp. dry milk powder

2 tbsp. sugar

2 tbsp. softened shortening or butter

4 1/2 cups flour

2 tbsp. ground flax seed (optional)

In bread machine place these ingredients in order suggested by your machine. Select dough setting, check after five minutes of mixing to see if you need to add another tablespoon of flour or water if needed.

In small skillet saute the following

1/2 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup sliced mushrooms

1 cup chopped green and red pepper

1 tbsp. olive oil

Saute until tender, cool until bread maker dough is done. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface, divide in half and let rest five minutes.

Roll each half into a 10 x 16 inch rectangle, spread with 1/3 cup pizza sauce. Top with onion mixture, 1 cup chopped pepperoni or ham, and 1/2 to 2/3 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (any cheese works), and add a sprinkling of sliced olives (optional). Roll up each rectangle and pinch the edges closed. Slice each into 12 equal slices. I put mine on parchment lined cookie sheets so if the cheese melts out it doesn't harden and burn. Sprinkle with some Parmesan cheese. Let rise about 30 minutes. Bake at 375°F for 18 to 21 minutes. I often make one roll of pizza buns and one roll of cinnamon buns. For the cinnamon buns, spread dough with softened butter, cover with brown sugar and sprinkle with cinnamon. Roll up, pinch edges and cut into 12 slices. Again, I use parchment lined sheets to bake these.

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Welcome to all the new families who have chosen Colonsay for their home.

Get well wishes to anyone under the weather.

It has been a real change in the weather. First the snow and then the rain. As they would say, a million dollar rain.

I am sure the farmers were glad.

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

It is nice to hear the second COVID shots are coming. The clinics sure have been busy.

PLUNKETT

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Visiting here were Sharon Dunbar and her sister Vi from Linden, Alta. They had been to Winnipeg and drove a lady friend's car there and on their way back home stopped in town where they had lived for nine years to visit some friends. They were at Lyle and Wendy Phillips and also there were Dennis and Leona Credgeur and Sylvia Duke. Then they stopped in to visit us for a short while. They were heading for Sharon's son who lives in Saskatoon for supper. They said that their parents are both living and are going to be married 75 years this summer. They are in a nursing home.

Recently visiting Marge Haynes in Lanigan over the weekend was her son Daryl Haynes of Calgary.

Everyone is waiting patiently for their second shot in the arm.

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

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

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MANITOU BEACH

Sue Alcock

So the long weekend is over after a flurry of snow, a pile of garage sales and The Drive-In at Manitou Beach showing a variety of movies. The inclement weather curtailed tourists' visits so it was really quite quiet here. Sunday was more pleasant and garden work resumed. I doubt anyone went swimming, maybe some hardy souls went kayaking and there was a meeting at the kayak launch Thursday evening.

About one and a third inch of rain arrived by Tuesday in our rain gauge and we could hear a huge sigh of relief from our agricultural friends and neighbours as seeds planted in dust can now germinate. The prairies feed millions of people around the globe so the rain for crops is very precious and very welcome.

June 2 is the day that free trees arrive at the Community Hall to be distributed by Communities in Bloom on behalf of WUQWATR. By the way, we are in the Wascana & Upper Qu'Appelle Watersheds Association. I understand that willow and white spruce are coming, so if you would like a tree for your yard they are first come, first served and you will need to do a survey and take pictures of your tree when planted. More info is in the latest village newsletter. The benefits of the trees are well known – they provide shade and valuable bird habitat, capture CO₂ and add beauty to the village. Some leaves will be a wonderful additive to compost bins. I have no information as to the size of the trees. We will find out soon. The village is planting some in public places, exactly where I do not know.

An article in The Watrous Signal dated Jan. 12, 1939 caught my attention as it told of the passing of 96-year-old Moses Gordon, chief of the Gordon reserve, who had actually witnessed the signing of the treaty of 1873. The item went on to say that the Gordon tribe is calculated as being the first First Nations people who discovered the medicinal properties of Manitou Lake. Chief Moses had often told newcomers about his tribe's trips to the lake about 85 to 90 years ago (in my math 1849 or thereabouts), of the encampments on the shore, the rigorous course of bathing followed by all members to cure skin diseases, rheumatism and other ailments. They would then trek back home to the Touchwood Hills and await the arrival of the buffalo.

There was quite a significant happening in 1939, June 3 to be precise, as King George VI and Queen Elizabeth had a brief stop in Watrous. Both communities celebrated. Danceland held a Royal Welcome Dance on June 3 with Syd and His Hired Men featuring Slim Wilson and Tex McCoy. These entertainers were favourites of the times and broadcast over CKCK on CBC. Admittance to the dance was 50 cents per person. White's Pool was open all day.

For those following my magpie eviction story, there is a new installment. A new magpie nest is now under construction in a nearby pine tree. I have seen sticks being flown in for the new build and get a crick in my neck trying to see what amenities the new home has. Rain on Monday provided running water for the birds.

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Why does this matter? Critical minerals such as lithium and REE power batteries in everything from cell phones and computers, to flat-screen TVs and electric cars. It's important that North America becomes more self-reliant in sourcing and processing critical minerals.



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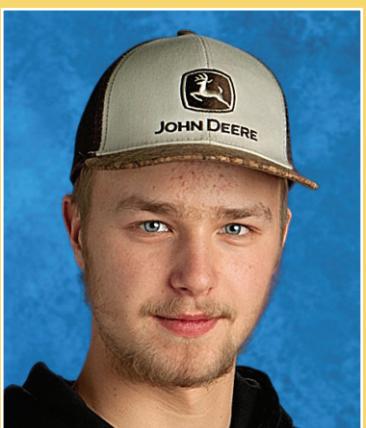
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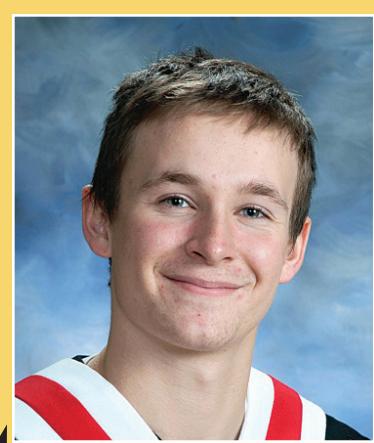
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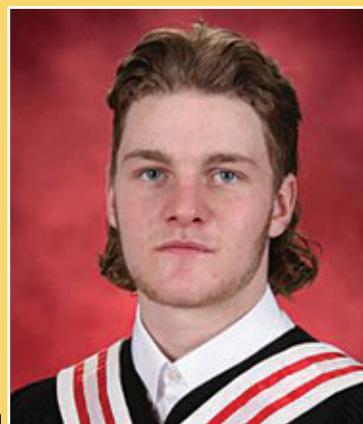
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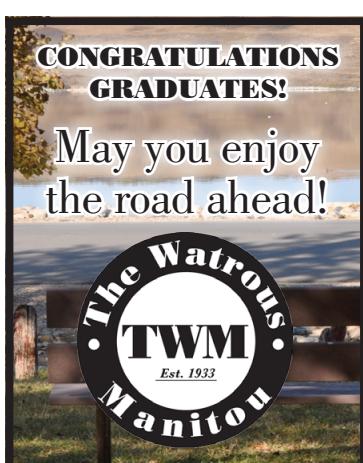
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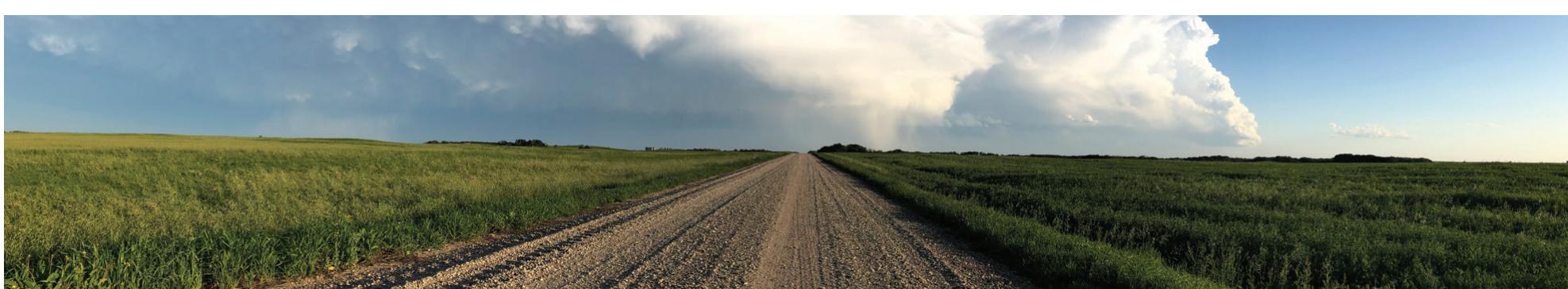
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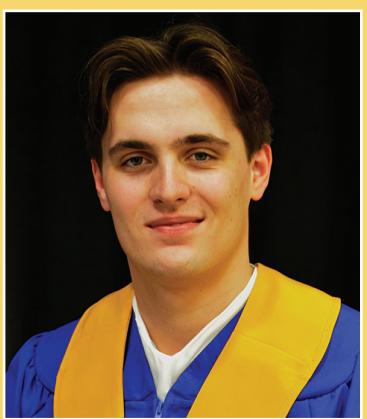
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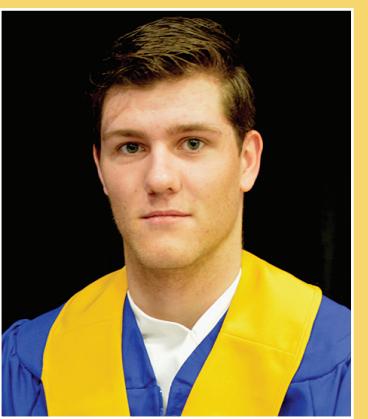
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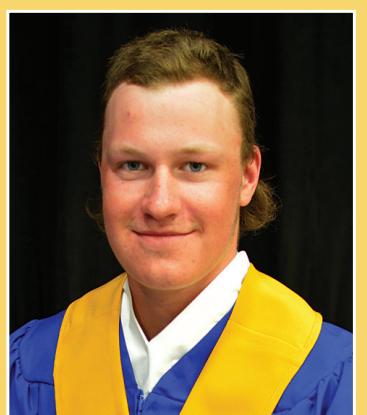
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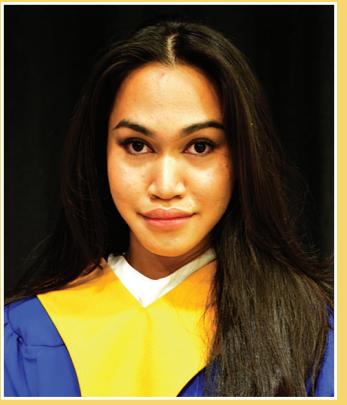
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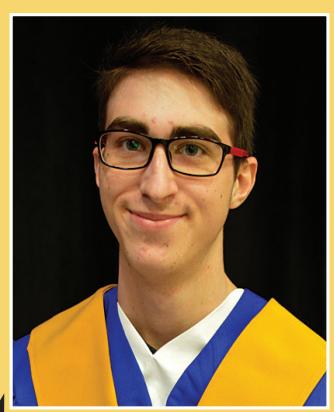
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of. However, easing of measures for indoor sports remains in Step Two of the Re-Opening Roadmap.

According to the provincial government, the adjustment was made due to the lowered risk of transmission of COVID-19 in outdoor settings along with the successful uptake in Saskatchewan's COVID-19 vaccination effort in reducing the transmission of the virus.

"Saskatchewan people have reduced the spread of COVID-19 by getting vaccinated," Premier Scott Moe said. "So, the next time you drive by a field of happy kids playing softball or football or soccer, please know that you made that possible. Saskatchewan people are putting those kids back on to the field by doing their part, by rolling up their sleeves and sticking it to COVID."

Competition and game play for outdoor team sports can proceed with the following requirements as of May 30:

- Participants may not compete if they are feeling unwell;

- Players and coaches

should be encouraged to screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to arriving to practice and play, using the self-assessment tool at saskatchewan.ca/COVID19;

- League play is allowed to resume; however, tournaments are not permitted at this time. This will be revisited in Step Two of the Re-Opening Roadmap;

- No interprovincial travel. Teams competing in regional interprovincial leagues need to contact the Business Response Team prior to beginning play;

- Capacity must be in compliance with the public health order for public outdoor gatherings for each playing surface or game area. Public outdoor gatherings expanded to a limit of 150 people on May 30 as part of the Re-Opening Roadmap. Common areas, such as those where there are multiple playing surfaces, must also be in compliance with gathering limits in the public health order;

- Individual and protective equipment should not be shared.

When helmets and bats or other equipment are shared, cleaning and disinfecting must occur between each use;

- Commonly touched equipment used for game play (e.g. game ball, football) is routinely replaced or disinfected during the course of practice or play;

- Coaches, officials, umpires, referees and players who are not on the field are not required to wear masks outdoors under the public health order. However, masks may be worn if they are more comfortable with that layer of protection;

- No shaking hands, high-fives, etc.;

- Spectators not from the same household should maintain two metres of physical distancing;

- Spectators must remain in designated areas. Masks are not required to be worn outdoors under the public health order, but they may be worn if spectators are more comfortable with that layer of protection;

- Hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN)

or soap and water handwashing stations should be available for participants and spectators;

- No sharing of water bottles;

- Public washrooms, when available, are cleaned and disinfected regularly, and soap and water or hand sanitizer is available; and

- Contact information of the coaches, officials and players should be recorded by the home team and maintained in order to assist with contact tracing for 30 days in the case of a confirmed case of COVID-19.

While Step One is now underway, with over 70 percent of people 30 and older vaccinated with their first dose, Step Two begins Sunday, June 20 - three weeks after Step One.

In Step Two, public health measures will be eased as follows:

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

- Restaurants and bars will have no table capacity thresholds, must maintain

two metres of physical distancing or structural barriers between tables, dance floors and buffets remain closed;

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

- Long-term care and personal care home residents may have up to four visitors indoors and nine visitors outdoors;

- No change from

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

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

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

- Current province-wide masking mandate remains in place.

Moe thanked Saskatchewan people for doing their part and

getting vaccinated.

"The reason we are able to do this, to lift these restrictions, is because Saskatchewan people are getting vaccinated," Moe said. "And the vaccines are working. Vaccines are driving down case numbers and hospitalizations and making Saskatchewan safer."

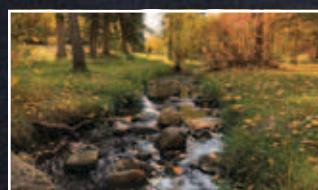
Every Saskatchewan resident age 12 and older is now eligible to receive their first dose of vaccine. Moe urged everyone who has not done so already to get their first shot as soon as possible.

"When we get to 70 percent of our entire adult population vaccinated, we can move to Step Three and remove almost all of the remaining public health orders," Moe said. "So let's keep going. Please keep doing everything you are doing to protect yourself and those around you. Keep following the public health orders. And keep sticking it to COVID. When it's your turn, get your first shot, get your second shot, and let's get things reopened and have a great Saskatchewan summer."

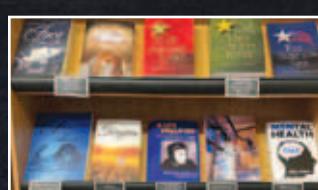
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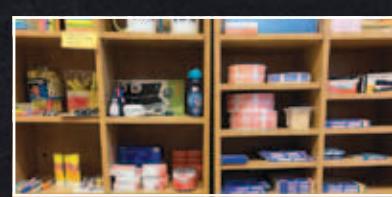


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(from page four: NUTRIEN)

Coming from the Nutrien Rocanville Division to Lanigan in 2015, Stangeland has been involved within the potash industry since 2005. After arriving at Nutrien Lanigan, being able to see the product loaded into railcars and shipped to all corners of the world has been a rewarding experience for Stangeland. "You think about this is going literally all over the world to China, India and all of those countries in southeast Asia, it is exciting. We are doing our part to feed the world."

Describing how the product reaches the railcars before it is shipped via Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway, Stangeland said Nutrien Lanigan has three storage buildings with a total capacity of 300,000 tonnes. "As we produce the product, we store it in there and then as we load it, we reclaim the product from the storage buildings to be loaded into railcars. We transport the solid product on belts from the storage buildings and then we perform some rescreening to remove any dust and lumps."

After the rescreening process is completed, from there the product is loaded into the railcars. "Each railcar is weighed on a track scale and loaded to the proper weight. You bring the product in above the railcars, load it into a bin and then the right amount is put into each railcar."

Stangeland said each car can hold roughly 100 metric tonnes and depending on market demand, he estimated that 80 to 90 railcars are loaded on average per day. On some days, depending on market demand, up to 140 railcars can be loaded.

Once the units are filled, samples are taken and that material is sent to an on-site lab where the grade and size is inspected. A lab technician runs analysis on the proper grade and Stangeland said it has to meet a minimum standard before the cars can be sent from the site. "Most of our product has to be greater than 60 percent K2O. We won't ship it if it doesn't meet the grade or size and we will then have to off load and reprocess if necessary."

The whole operation of seeing the product reclaimed and sent out takes a large team since the railcars are loaded seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The group is comprised of three lab technicians who primarily analyze the samples and four shift technicians who collect samples and take them to the lab. In addition there are 16 operators, four crews of four people plus supervisors at the loadout area. "Because we run operations 24 hours a day,



► Pictured left: inside the lab at Nutrien Lanigan where product is tested to ensure proper grade and quality.

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seven days a week, we require a number of people to keep things going. They all take pride in what they are doing and do whatever it takes to safely keep our process flowing smoothly."

Of the three products Nutrien Lanigan produces, typically in a year Stangeland estimated 55 percent is granular, 30 percent standard and the remaining 15 percent suspension. "Those numbers can fluctuate, depending on the market."

Even with a pandemic, those numbers have remained consistent and production continues to push ahead as Stangeland said the company has experienced no real major impacts. "We have been able to operate but certainly we have made changes like wearing masks, doing extra cleaning, social distancing, and we have put up barriers in our lunch rooms. We have taken a lot of steps and the pandemic has had minimal impact on operations with all the steps we have put in place."

Despite navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic and with the majority of potash produced in Canada shipped to other countries, Nutrien Lanigan General Manager Rob Jackson emphasized offering a quality product is integral. "When we are talking product quality, I know Nutrien Lanigan is highly regarded. I am pretty proud of

that and we are also able to support our communities by making a good product, being good stewards of our resources and there are a lot of offshoot businesses in the area so it is nice to help support all of that and make it a strong community. It is an exciting time for Nutrien Lanigan and even after mining for over 50 years we are still getting great ideas from our employees for improvements and it shows in our improved performance over the last number of years."

With around 485 employees averaging 13 years of service at Nutrien Lanigan, Jackson said people are proud to work for the company and it shows. "Part of the reason they stay is it allows them to provide for their family, live in the community and a lot are still tied quite close to family farms and homesteads. We do have a number that commute from Saskatoon and are quite happy to make that trip to work here. I think it shows that people want to be a part of something bigger and are proud of what we do."

Stangeland agrees and said, "I have thoroughly enjoyed working at Nutrien Lanigan. We have a good group of people to work with. They are dedicated, hard-working people and bring positive attitudes. It has been a great place to come to work and I look forward to interacting with all the people here."

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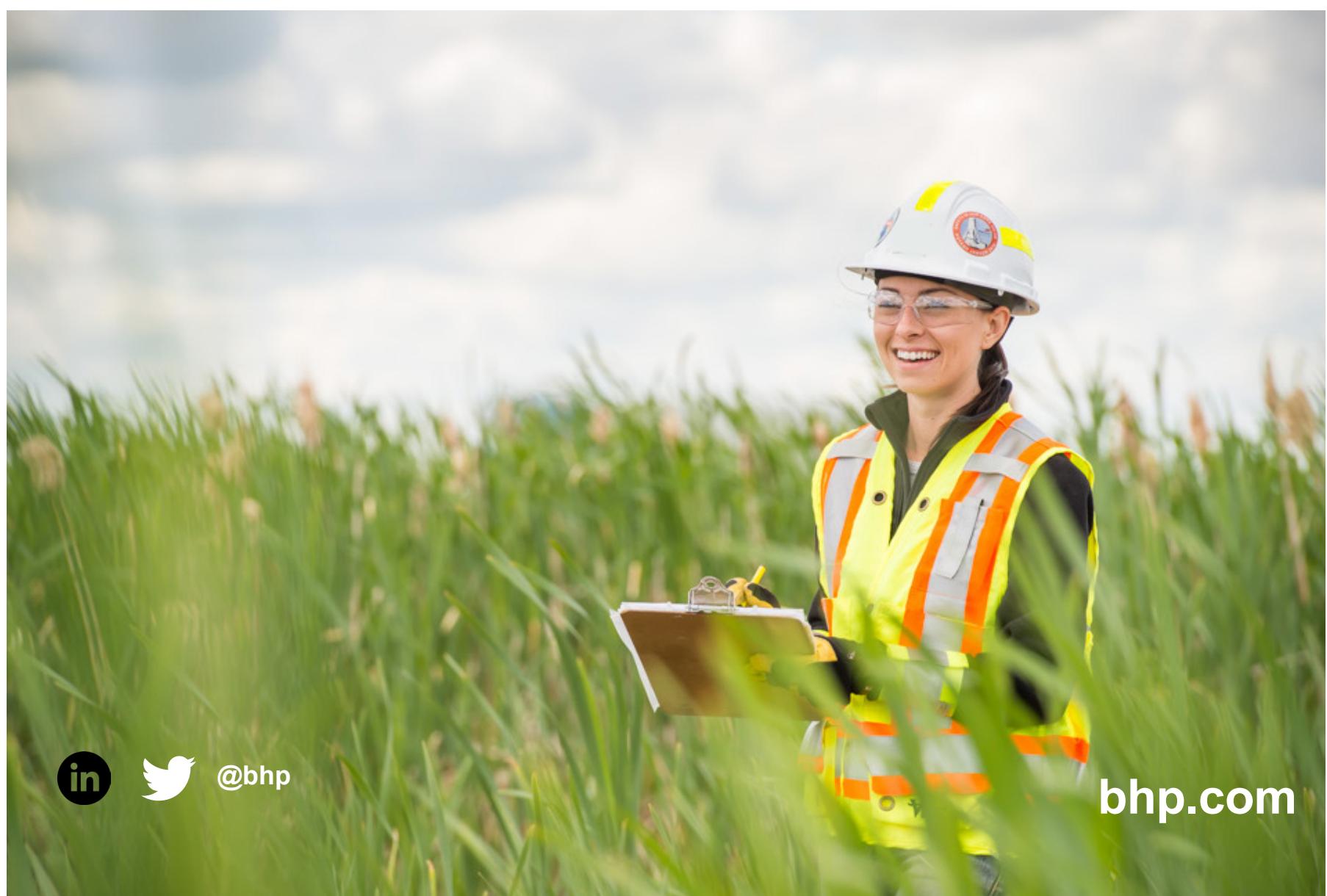
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Welcome to the Viscount news. This is the first time that we have had to cancel a garage sale. We were forecasted snow, but I kept thinking that it would miss us. I was wrong. We woke up Friday, May 21 and of course opened the blinds and there it was, snow! Really nice for moisture, along with the rain we received.

The orioles sure liked eating that day. It was amazing. We needed to fill our food dish a few times that weekend.

Saturday, May 22, we had the Viscount community yard sales. Due to the weather conditions we had

seven sales around town. It was a great day with lots of visiting, masks were worn and sanitizer was used. Even though we cancelled on Friday, Saturday turned out to be an awesome day. So glad we went ahead with them.

Sunday, we decided to go camping for a night. It was a great day and evening for it. We headed back home Monday due to a lot of much needed rain.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week, stay safe and enjoy all the time you can outside.



►Viscount's Sandra Reid snapped this photo during the morning of May 21, 2021. ☺ photo submitted

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■ submitted by Kay Busche/L.L.V. Health Centre Auxiliary

The members of the Long Lake Valley Health Care Auxiliary resumed monthly meetings May 5 at the Community Centre in Imperial. This was the first meeting since December 2020. We are certainly happy to be back to "face to face" communication.

However, we have not been idle during the winter. The committee in charge of gifts for residents did a great job of getting residents flowers at St. Valentine's and Easter and gifts for Mother's Day and Father's Day.

The treasurer reported that she has been receiving

donations related to the "Home Inventory" fundraiser we had last November. So far this fundraiser has realized a total of \$5,466. We are delighted with the support from the people in the communities in our area during these unusual times.

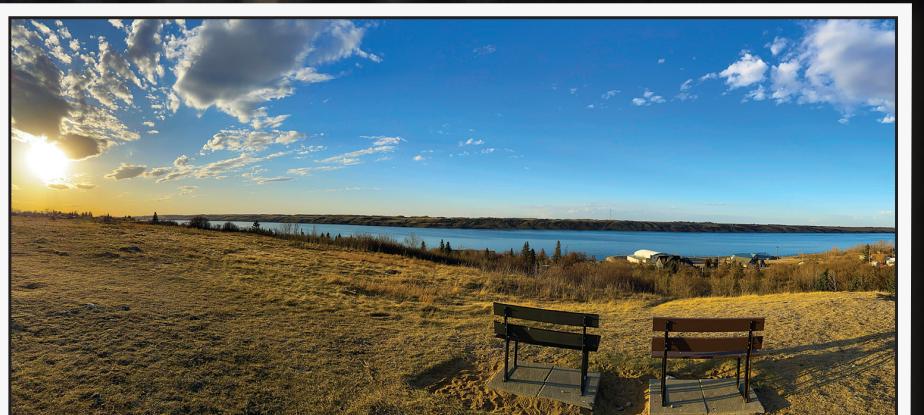
At the meeting, motions were made to provide funds towards the purchase of two air mattresses and supply two sets of covers for three Broda chairs.

At our February 2020 meeting we had assigned \$5,000 towards the purchase and installation of another lift ceiling track which hopefully can be installed soon. Since December 2015 we have provided \$20,200 for ceiling lifts and tracks.

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“Photo of the Week”



This week's photo of Manitou Beach is by Daniel Bushman. Have a picture you would like to share? Email it to: twmadvisornews@gmail.com

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