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Teacher with Watrous roots recipient of prestigious award

■ Daniel Bushman

Recognized on a national level for her tremendous work as a teacher and one of just two people from Saskatchewan to receive a 2023 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence, Kara Fidelack was not only honoured to be a recipient but humbled.

With a passion for teaching right from an early age, growing up in Watrous, the now teacher at Hudson Bay Community School explained it is validating to know others believe in her and support the work she does.

"Receiving this award also inspires me to continue to bring my best to the classroom each day for my students and to keep learning and evolving as an educator as I continue

in my career."

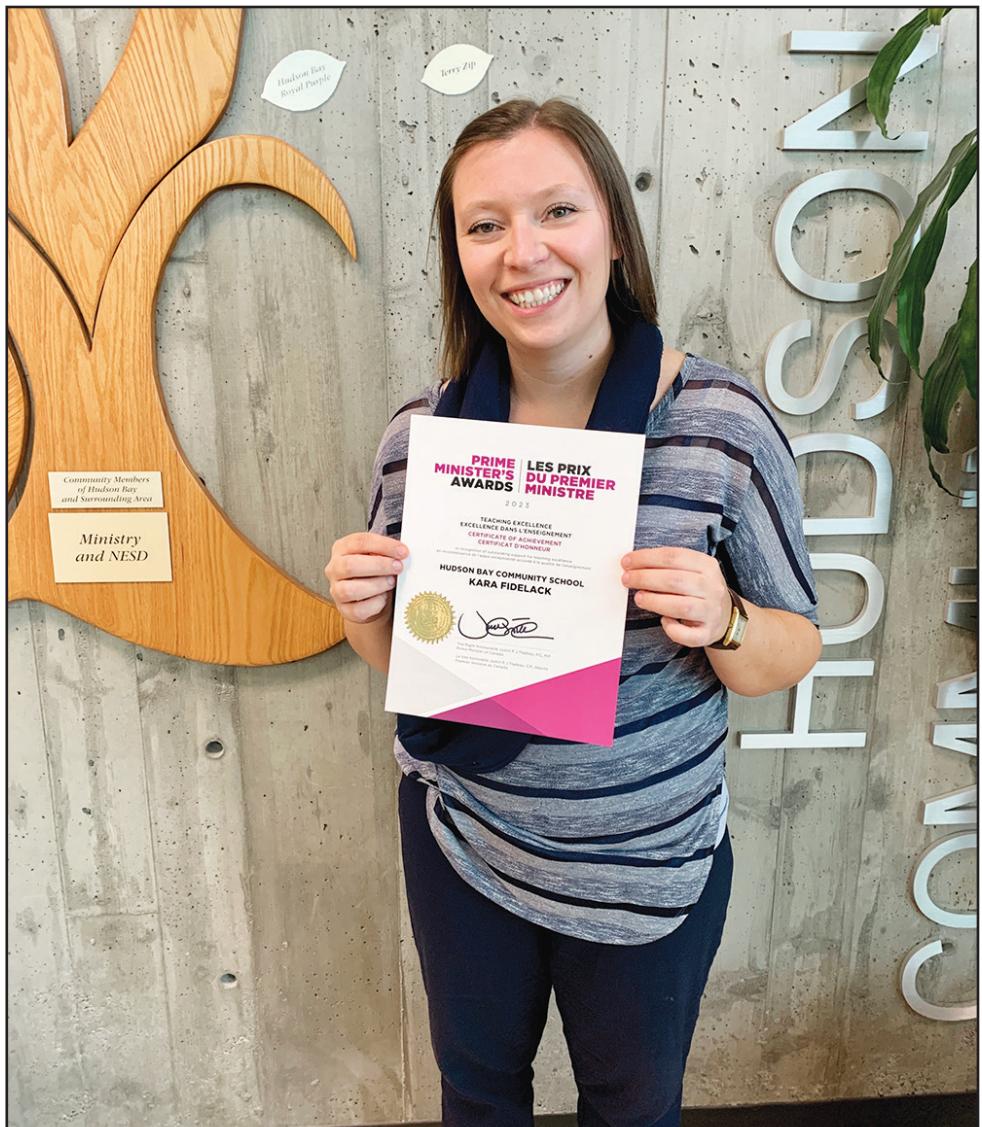
Awarding up to 10 Certificates of Excellence and up to 25 Certificates of Achievement each year, Kara was the only person in Saskatchewan to receive a Certificate of Achievement and one of just two people from the province to be acknowledged as part of the 2023 Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence.

"It is still a bit surreal and I am honoured to be in such esteemed company! However, I believe that there are many amazing educators in our province who are deserving of recognition for what they do, so I'd encourage others to consider nominating an outstanding teacher in their life. I'd love to see Saskatchewan educators con-

tinue to be acknowledged for the important work they do in our schools."

Developing a fascination for teaching early on in her life as a number of her extended family are educators, Kara always loved school and wanted to work with children. Attending Watrous Elementary School and Winston High School before graduating and then convocating from the University of Regina, Fidelack said it all played a big role in leading her to a career in education. "From the moment I began my education journey, I loved school and all of my teachers. I guess it is not surprising that I wanted to spend my career in a school setting after growing up in an educational environment that inspired me to love learning. Another factor that I attribute my interest in teaching to is my mom running a childcare business out of our home for many years when I was younger. Having kids around was natural to me; this is when I first remember discovering that I liked being around children because of the energy and joy they bring to life."

Now in her eighth year of teaching at Hudson Bay, the Pre-Kindergarten and Gr. 2 teacher shared how meaningful it has been. "It is hard to put something into words when you believe it to the core of your



Worthy recipient

Kara Fidelack who grew up in Watrous has

School, Fidelack was one of just two people from Saskatchewan to receive a 2023 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence. (photos submitted

being. Why are teaching and education important? They just are! The best way I can say it is children and youth are our most precious resource and are quite literally, our future. They should be our top priority and our biggest investment. That's what makes teaching and education so important. We are working with our most pre-

cious resource and developing our future."

That passion, dedication and willingness to invest in future leaders of tomorrow is a big reason why Fidelack was recognized for her efforts. As part of her work in Hudson Bay, the daughter of Patti and Rodney shared about developing a curriculum to teach Digital Citizenship

and Media Literacy to Pre-K aged children through hands-on experience and play. She has also engaged in various professional development opportunities, incorporated play-based learning by developing hands-on centres for students, took on the role of (continued on page eight: AWARD)



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“RCMP Report”

Bike stolen in Watrous

Watrous RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in locating a green Tesoro Ebike. The Tesoro Ebike was stolen from the Watrous Trailer Court sometime between the evening hours of Saturday, Nov. 18 and noon Monday, Nov. 20. If anyone knows about the whereabouts of the Ebike, please contact Watrous



RCMP at 306-946-3316 or Saskatchewan Crimestoppers.

Theft of a tractor

On Nov. 10, 2023, Moose Jaw RCMP received a report of the theft of a tractor from a property in the RM of Moose Jaw. Investigation determined the tractor was listed for sale on a buy/sell service on a social media platform. Officer subsequently executed a search warrant at a property on Athabasca Street East in Moose Jaw and located the trailer. It was returned to its owner.

A 24-year-old male was arrested in relation to this investigation and released on conditions pending a scheduled appearance in Moose Jaw Provincial Court on Jan. 3, 2024.

Moose Jaw Police Service assisted in this investigation.

Charges laid after traffic stop

Just after midnight Nov. 15, Yorkton RCMP conducted a traffic stop on Smith Street East in Yorkton as part of a drug trafficking investigation. Officers located and seized approximately 15 individually-wrapped grams of suspected cocaine, unstamped tobacco and a sum of cash.

The driver was arrested. As a result of subsequent investigation, 25-year-old Hunter Seguin from Nanaimo, B.C. is charged with: one count, possession for the purpose of trafficking cocaine, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, trafficking cocaine, Section

5(1), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; and one count, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code.

He was also charged under the Excise Act for possessing the unstamped tobacco.

Yorkton RCMP's Municipal General Investigation Section assisted with this investigation.

Charges laid after traffic stop

At approximately 1 p.m. Nov. 16, an officer with Swift Current Rural RCMP observed a semi speeding on Hwy 1 near Gull Lake and conducted a traffic stop. Further investigation determined the semi was hauling illegal tobacco products. The semi driver was arrested.

Saskatchewan RCMP's Swift Current Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team (STRT) and Moose Jaw Crime Reduction Team (CRT) obtained and executed a search warrant in the semi and attached trailer. They located approximately 42,000 cartons of illegal cigarettes.

As a result of continued investigation, 46-year-old Michael Weins from Aldergrove, B.C. is charged with: one count, possession of unstamped tobacco, Section 121.1(10), Criminal Code; one count, possession of unstamped tobacco products, Section 32(1), Excise Tax Act; and one count, possession of unmarked tobacco, Section 11(8), Tobacco Tax Act.

Watrous and District Food Bank grateful for support

■ Daniel Bushman

Generosity, kindness and gratitude were words shared by members of the Watrous and District Food Bank following another overwhelming year of support. Holding their annual general meeting Nov. 14, the Board representing the non-profit organization were extremely pleased with the continued support the local food bank has received.

Speaking on behalf of the Board, Chair of the Watrous and District Food Bank Darren Holland said through a number of donations the food bank was able to not only operate but end the year with a healthy surplus. "The support from the community of Watrous and local area has been incredible over the years and 2023 was no different. While we incurred higher costs, including for food items, once again our income outweighed our expenses."

This year, the local food bank reported an income of \$48,855.98 up from \$32,579.71 in 2022 and \$39,334.48 in 2021. From the income generated in

2023 (for the period of July 2022 to June 2023), just over \$24,000 came from personal donations. The Food Banks of Saskatchewan contributed \$1,541.20, local businesses provided just over \$10,500, local churches/similar groups gave \$670.80 in support, the Watrous Rotary, Legion and social clubs donated \$6,433, and there was just over \$5,270 in corporate donations.

As for expenses, there

uted to food and goods for hampers, an increase of nearly \$11,000 (\$35,532.92) compared to \$24,624.09 in 2022. Some expenses like utilities, insurance and building supplies added to the total. "Those were necessary items we needed to take care of but it never fails that when we need a hand, our community supports us," shared Holland.

"We are also tremendously grateful to Adam Stenerson at Wheatland Dental in Watrous for donating the use of his building. That allows us to have lower overhead and keeps our expenses down. Our goal is

to help as many people as we can and that ensures we can do that."

Having the community come together to help the non-profit organization, Holland said the local food bank receives monetary donations, support from volunteers helping out, to schools and other organizations lending a hand. "Because of the generosity we receive each year, we are well-positioned to help people out now and in the years ahead."

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FOOD BANK)

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Be further advised that Greg Schoonbaert of Box 132, Lipton, SK. S0G 3B0 was appointed liquidator.

Be further advised that any person who is indebted to the co-operative is to render an account and pay to the liquidator any amount owing and any person who possesses property of the co-operative is to deliver it to the liquidator within 30 days of this notice.

Additionally, any person who has a claim against the co-operative, whether liquidated, unliquidated, future or contingent, is to present particulars of the claim in writing to the liquidator not later than two months after the first publication of the notice.

- Liquidator of the Co-operative

**Watrous & District
Food Bank**

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- Gently used clothing and food donations can be dropped off at Wheatland Dental in Watrous
 - Purchase toys at The Bargain Shop.
- Integra Tire will be collecting donations of toys.
- Sponsor a family this Christmas for \$150.

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Opinion

Spiritual Gluttony



Pass The Salt
A spiritual column
by Pastor
Greg Dermody

Are you a spiritual glutton? We know a glutton is someone who overindulges in the finer things of life, usually in food. Although we may say someone is a 'glutton for punishment'.

John of the Cross, a Spanish mystic of the 16th Century, wrote of the danger of being a spiritual glutton, which is when we get to the place where we desire to feel good more than we desire God Himself. It becomes an obsessive craving and overindulgence in what we think of as the good life. The reality is that life sucks sometimes. We all have hard

times come to us once in a while, or perhaps it feels like often.

A spiritual glutton is one who sees God as merely a means to fulfill our desire for warm feelings, easy living and spiritual energy. This is a temptation for all Christians when we face difficult times. You see, our faith is not all about feeling 'spiritual' and at ease. Sometimes it seems like God is far away, our way is dark and we feel isolated.

John of the Cross called this the 'dark night of the soul', but if we enter into God's presence and plan it may really be a time of great spiritual growth as we move from feeling 'spiritual' to being made alive by the Spirit of God. Like any deprivation this can be a brutal time, but it tests our faith. It brings us to the place of abiding in Christ. Jesus said; (John 15) "Unless you abide in me you can bear no fruit." Abiding is living in relationship with Christ as our source and companion, regardless of how we feel or how much we feel God's presence. It is our reliance on what we hold to be true from scripture, from experience with God and from our hope in Christ's promises.

Regardless of my fate, I will trust in you Jesus. On the practical side, Mother Theresa reckoned that when you can't see God, you can still see your neighbour and love that person, especially the most difficult one(s) to love. May you, in those dark moments, find new hope, fresh faith and bear fruit by abiding in Christ. May you press on, trusting the God who calls is the one who can carry you through anything!

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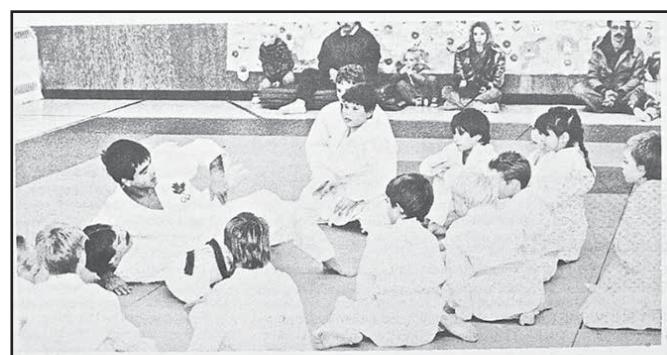


A FORMAL OCCASION took place on November 7 as Watrous' new Town Council was sworn into office. Seen here, from left to right, are Joan Lindgren, Ed Collins, Earle Amendt, Mayor Murray Westby, Ian Cole (administrator) Gordon Gilhooley, the J.P. who took their oath of office, and John Bax, Elwyn Beeler and Randy Chambers.

Official Opening of Upgraded Pool Elevator at Drake



Bill Kornelsen and George Rempel cutting the ribbon held by H. S. Bartel, 87 yrs. (Left) and Peter Jantz, 95 yrs. (right). Background: Lloyd Bartel (hauled first load) committee members, Bob Bergen (son Tomas) and Wes and Lorraine Epp.



PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION, these young members of the Watrous Judo Club were thrilled to have no less a person than Phil Takahashi of Saskatoon as their instructor for the evening. Takahashi was part of the Canadian Olympic Team which competed in Seoul, Korea last summer and is now on the road promoting and assisting with the sport of judo in Saskatchewan through what is known as the High Performance Program.

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Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky



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Notice of Local Improvement Special Assessments and Board of Revision Sitting to be Published Pursuant to Subsection 33(2) of The Local Improvements act, 1993

Notice is given that:

1. The council of the Town of Watrous has prepared a special assessment roll for the following local improvement:

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2. The special assessment roll is open for inspection at the office of the assessor of the municipality during regular hours until 12:00 p.m., on the 2nd day of January, 2024 at 404 Main Street, Watrous, SK.

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4. The Board of Revision will sit to hear any appeals of proposed special assessments received by the time and date indicated above at 1:30 p.m. on the 9th day of January, 2024 at 404 Main Street, Watrous, SK.

Dated at Watrous, Saskatchewan, this 27th day of November, 2023
Orrin Redden, CAO

YOUNG

Pat Bryson • 306-259-4860

Mother Nature has gifted us above seasonal temperatures for most of November. Let us hope we do not have to pay for her generosity later this winter with bone-chilling cold days and nights.

Are you searching for that elusive deer you saw on your travels before hunting season started? Good luck to all the hunters; may your season be successful and your freezer filled.

Many of us are also hunting, except not in the great outdoors but at our local craft shows, and we are equally as excited about our great find.

Congratulations to Brennan and Jadi Rowan on the birth of their daughter Whitley Norma. Tickled pink is Grandpa Brian Rowan as well as Uncle Aaron Rowan. Miss Whitley is great-grandchild #32 for Freda Rowan. Our best wishes to you all.

Young has become a popular winter destination for four-legged visitors. Last winter it was deer; this year coyotes are taking their turn, exploring lawns and wandering the streets after dark.

I quite enjoy writing Christmas cards; how about you? And what a delight receiving them, reading greetings from those far and near. To help us with this task, Canada Post has beautiful seasonal stamps that include two designs to choose from for your regular-sized card.

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VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Blankets for Canada was cancelled Monday, Nov. 20. I am hoping to resume Nov. 27.

Nov. 20 was National Child Day celebrating the rights of all children.

Sunday, Nov. 19, Meacham held its annual fall lunch. It was well attended with over 200 people. The Meacham Rec Board greatly appreciated all the community members that contributed in any way. All proceeds raised will go towards a park improvement and continued hall renovations.

Sunday, Nov. 19, Colonay held its Christmas Market. We stopped in and enjoyed browsing the great selection of vendors they had.

Saturday, Nov. 18, we

enjoyed a baby shower that was held for our seventh great-grandchild.

Wow on all the beautiful outfits that are on the market, they are adorable!

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. If you have some news to share please let me know. Have a great week!

Nov. 20

The Viscount Legion attended the Viscount Central School Remembrance Day Program.

There was no Blankets for Canada Nov. 13.

Pickleball is totally enjoyed Monday and Wednesday evenings. As a player it so much fun. I hope no matter where you are that you too could

COLONSAY

Irene Gray • 306-255-2775

Sympathy to Merilyn Kirk, son Bruce and family and son Vern and family on the passing of Barry Kirk Nov. 12 in Saskatoon. A celebration of life was held at the community hall Friday, Nov. 17. There was a very large turnout. Officiating was Rev. Janet Clarke. Eulogy was given by Merilyn's sister Judy Graham from Saskatoon.

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 19 seniors joined Jim Gray for coffee and an early birthday cake. His birthday was Nov. 20.

Joan Campbell travelled to Saskatoon to enjoy the Grey Cup with her cousin Norma Sparrow.

Jim and Irene Gray travelled to Manitou Beach to join Murray and Kathleen Dering and friends to watch the Grey Cup game Sunday, Nov. 19.

Once again the Saskatoon Co-op, Colonsay had another break in early morning Saturday, Nov. 18. This time they caused damage at the store.

George Dieno from Regina and Kathleen Haughn from Alvena were visitors with their mother Judy Dieno on the weekend.

The community says farewell to Barb Poole who has sold her acreage and has moved to Warman to be closer to her family.

The Colonsay Market was held at the community hall Sunday, Nov. 19. There were 24 tables of a little bit of everything. It was a great place to be for early Christmas gifts.

The Colonsay Golf Course Revitalization Committee will host the Christmas Tree Lighting at Harris Park Fri., Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. There will be hot dogs for sale at the rink starting at 6 p.m. After the tree lighting there will be ice skating and hot cocoa at the rink. Contact a committee member if you wish to buy a bulb by Dec. 10. Wish the community Merry Christmas or honour a loved one's memory on the angel tree.

Get well wishes to Pat Mulhall who had eye surgery Monday, Nov. 20. Also get well wishes to everyone who has not been feeling well. Several have had covid.

Be enthusiastic about life and want all you can get out of it. Refuse worry and keep yourself free from anxiety that accompanies worry.

enjoy a few games.

There is a lot of craft and craft and trade shows happening in and around local communities. Hopefully we can get out and support the groups that are working so hard to make them happen.

The seniors place seems busy as well with their morning coffee and afternoon Monday games and coffee. Then on Thursday evenings they are having games of pool, cards, darts, shuffleboard. You do not have to be a senior to attend.

my Christmas shopping yet!

The new childcare in Viscount seems quite busy.

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Successful showing at Kinette Christmas Market

■ Daniel Bushman

With the holiday season approaching and the weather outside quite delightful rather than frightful, the Watrous Civic Centre was a hub of activity as the 2023 Kinette Christmas Market was held. With a packed facility full of vendors and customers looking to stock up on gifts, people enjoyed checking out the numerous offerings Saturday, Nov. 18.

Following a great day, Project Chair for the Watrous Kinette Christmas Market Haley Engele was thrilled with this year's turnout. "We had 36 vendors at 41 tables and I was so impressed by the vendors who showed up with smiles on their faces early Saturday morning. They tirelessly hustled to set up impressive table displays of their products and services, many of which were handmade with their amazing talents."

Engel greatly appreciated the vendors for being such positive partners through the local initiative. "The excitement of the day was clear and what a day it was!"

A packed Watrous Civic Centre provided proof of that excitement and support as Engel shared Watrous, Manitou Beach and the surrounding area came out in droves. "We really appreciate everyone for attending and for their support. It did not go unnoticed by our club and our vendors in attendance."

Along with the market, the proceeds from the silver collection, 50/50 and registration will all go towards Kinette Club initiatives while this year's 50/50 winner was Shelley Korolchuk who took home \$802.50.



► A total of 36 vendors at 41 tables made up this year's Kinette Christmas Market at the Watrous Civic Centre. With a lot to see and purchase for those in attendance, the Saturday, Nov. 18 event was dubbed a success.

■ photos by Daniel Bushman



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(from front page: AWARD)

president for the Saskatchewan Early Childhood Education Council (Sask ECEC) and helped provide professional development to other early years teachers in Saskatchewan. Fidelack also presented on Decolonizing Practices in Classrooms to other Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers within the North East School Division and shared her travel experiences with her students.

Watching Fidelack grow and flourish over the years, Hudson Bay Community School Principal Louise Gel not only nominated her colleague but knew Kara was a well-deserving recipient. With such a prestigious award being handed out across the country and with so very few receiving it, Gel began the application process in December of 2022. Aside from the introduction, the principal provided strong evidence of Fidelack's work in a variety of categories that included: support of child development, innovation, involvement with parents, families, and community, and commitment and leadership in the field.

"The pages were easy to fill with Kara's many accomplishments," shared Gel about the nomination.

"She is an avid learner and loves the challenge of taking on new learning opportunities. It was worth every moment to bring recognition of this young teacher and her dedication to her chosen field. Kara has a favourite quote from O. Red Donaldson that she lives by in her work: 'Children learn as they play. More importantly, in play, children learn how to learn.'"

Despite knowing the competition would be tremendously tough, it did not deter Gel from submitting Kara's name for the Prime Minister's Teaching Excellence Certificate of Achievement. "I was promoting a strong candidate with three degrees and a solid portfolio of work with students."

Understanding just over 2,100 outstanding educators have been honoured since 1994 for their exceptional achievements in education and for their commitment to preparing youth for a digital and innovation-based economy, when Gel heard Fidelack had been named a recipient for 2023, she was ecstatic. "Kara's attainment of this award is not only a personal celebration for her but is a testament to the quality of teacher professionalism and expertise we boast in a small town and in the North East School Division. The staff held a cupcake celebration in her honour, a small act for a big achievement!"

Celebrating the people contributing to Canada's culture of curiosity by inspiring young people to reflect, ask questions and challenge themselves, when the recipients were announced Oct. 5, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau said, "Every day, teachers go above and beyond as mentors, coaches, counsellors, and advocates for the next generation of Canadians. Today, we congratulate the 2023 award recipients; your dedication and service to our kids help make Canada the best country in the world. As a teacher myself, I have seen your passion first hand—it is truly inspirational. Today, on World Teachers Day, we send out gratitude to the educators in communities across the country who are setting the next generation up for success and helping to build a better future for all Canadians."

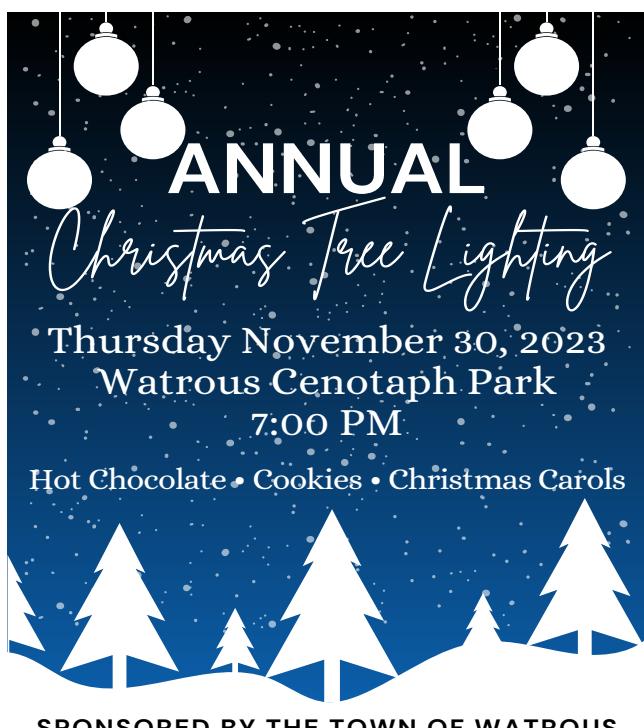
With this year's award recipients chosen from among 150 nominations from across the country, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Fran-

çois-Philippe Champagne said, "Canada's renowned education system begins with the early childhood educators and teachers who enable children and youth to ask questions, grow and learn. The 2023 Prime Minister Awards recipients are fuelling a culture of curiosity for children and students to be ingenious and ambitious and take the path of discovery that propels Canadian innovation, and we thank you as you shape a strong future for Canada."

Having recipients determined based on a rigorous two-tier selection process undertaken by over 130 volunteers from the education and early childhood education communities across Canada, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Jenna Sudds said, "Early childhood educators are the cornerstone of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system. Their work is critical to fostering the social, emotional, physical and cognitive development of young children and the success of the system. Congratulations to the 2023 Prime Minister Award recipients; you have made an incredible impact on our country and communities."

Receiving the accolades and very humbled through it all, Fidelack was quick to give praise to some of those who have helped her along the way. "This award is very close to my heart because it demonstrates the strong professional support system I have in Hudson Bay. My principal, Louise Gel, was the one who nominated me. Louise has always been one of my biggest supporters and cheerleaders since she hired me as a brand new teacher right out of university. I would not be the teacher I am today without her, so this special recognition is an experience I will always share with her. Krista Bracken (a colleague and friend), Michelle Gulka (Vice Principal) and Reanne Usselman (Coordinator of Learning and Early Childhood Consultant for NESD) also wrote reference letters for the nomination package and I am incredibly grateful for their time and effort as well."

"I attribute this success to the environment I'm in; the staff at HBCS and the community of Hudson Bay have always been supportive of my endeavours, so I share this recognition with everyone who has helped me get here and believed in me along the way."



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Winterhawks face Pirates at home

■ Daniel Bushman

With a solid start to the season, the Watrous Winterhawks took aim at a third consecutive win following a 4-3 overtime victory over Wynyard and a win at home against Drake.

Welcoming the Lanigan Pirates to town Nov. 21, it would be the visitors who scored first. With 4:26 remaining on the clock, Jace Wildeman and Mitch Girolami set up Austin Calladine for his first of the evening and the Pirates went up 1-0.

That lead did not last long though as Watrous replied on the power play as George King tallied less than a minute later from Andrew Johnston and Wyatt Johnson to make it a 1-1 game. Then with time ticking off the clock, the Pirates gained the Watrous zone and Josh Bly beat netminder Evan Reifferscheid with 25 seconds to go. That would be all the scoring in the first as Reifferscheid was kept busy with Lanigan outshooting Watrous 19-9.

With the score 2-1 through 20 minutes in favour of the Pirates, in the

middle stanza, Watrous collected the equalizer 39 seconds after the puck was dropped as Andrew Johnston notched his first from Dylan Smith and Sam Klassen. Tied at two, both teams sought the next marker and just like the first period, Lanigan scored late as Calladine tallied his second of the night with 1:29 left. With a one goal lead, shots through 40 minutes favoured Lanigan 27-21, although the visitors registered eight in period two to Watrous' 12.

In the third, Lanigan extended its lead as Bly scored his second of the game with 13:27 left and the Pirates went up 4-2. Looking to make a late comeback, Watrous received a two minute five-on-three advantage and while the Pirates and netminder Sharrod Failler were able to keep shooters at bay for the most part, a slapshot by Andrew Johnston was able to get past Failler on the power play to make it 4-3.

Trying to get another marker past its opponents, with time running out, Watrous called a time out around the two minute mark and pulled Reifferscheid for the ex-

tra attacker. However, the Pirates nabbed the puck and with 1:12 left, Calladine scored his third of the game into the empty net. Down by two, Watrous pulled the goalie again but were unable to find the back of the net while Lanigan's Linden Schwab wrapped up the scoring with an empty net tally with 30 seconds to play.

Despite Watrous outshooting Lanigan 16-5 in the final frame they were unable to complete the comeback, falling 6-3. Shots through 60 minutes had the Winterhawks with 37 and Lanigan with 32.

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The hampers that are prepared during the year consist of some or all of: non-perishables like canned or dry soup, canned vegetables and fruit, canned fish or meat sauce, pasta or rice, cereal, juice, and crackers or cookies; and perishables like milk, bread, margarine, frozen meat, eggs, and fresh vegetables and fruit.

The special Christmas hampers which are distributed in December will see recipients get either a turkey or ham, one dozen buns, a jug of milk, one dozen eggs, five pounds of Christmas oranges, 10 pounds of potatoes, carrots and onions, stuffing, Kraft Dinner, pasta or rice, Sidekicks or potato, a box of crackers, a breakfast item, cans of soup, canned meats, meals in a can, canned fruit and vegetables,

pasta sauce, juice, cranberries, a cake mix, one tub of margarine, peanut butter and a box of chocolates. For hampers distributed to families with children, toys will be included in those as well.

"It is our goal to help as many people and families this Christmas who would like to receive a hamper. If someone you know can benefit from a hamper, we encourage you to let them know and they can call the food bank by Dec. 6 at 306-946-3785 to place their order."

Helping prepare and distribute hampers at the local food bank this past year including those at Christmas are 22 volunteers. Holland said the food bank greatly appreciates their help and welcomes others who may want to lend a hand at the food bank's location in Watrous at 107 3rd Ave. E.

"The volunteers who lend a hand help purchase groceries, prepare and distribute hampers, and stock shelves. We are sincerely grateful to our volunteers and everyone who has been so gracious and willing to lend a hand. I also really

appreciate those on the local food bank board for the work they do. Those people include treasurer Amanda Dezotell, secretary Glenda Cox McArthur, and members Judy Dunne, Erin Wolff, Amanda McArthur, Mary Kratchmer and Colleen Hunt."

With Christmas approaching, for people who would like to contribute to the hampers this year, Holland noted they can e-Transfer monetary donations to watrousfoodbank@gmail.com and leave a mailing address in the e-Transfer message space so they can receive a tax donation receipt. They can also drop off food donations at the Saskatoon Watrous Co-op Food Store location, purchase toys at The Bargain Shop or sponsor a family this Christmas for \$150.

Holland also added gently used clothing and food items are also being accepted at Wheatland Dental in Watrous. "People are so gracious and supportive donating money, food and clothing, or their time to help and we are just so appreciative of that."

SUMA encouraged by new action plan

■ media release

The City Mayors' Caucus and Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) acknowledge the recent strides the province has taken in adopting a new action plan for mental health and addictions, which includes a homelessness strategy and other additional investments in mental health and addictions.

Among other items, SUMA is pleased with the 500 new addiction treatment spaces over the next five years and the 200 treatment beds by the end of the fiscal year. SUMA appreciates the investment of \$40.2 million for 155 new sup-

portive housing spaces, \$14.1 million for 120 new emergency shelter spaces, and the new permanent emergency shelter spaces for Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, and other communities. These represent solid, essential steps in the ongoing battle to address mental health and addictions in the province.

The CMC recognizes that there is a great deal more to do, as evidenced by the recent shooting in Estevan. Proactive mental health supports, continued focus on housing, and systems that ensure that basic living requirements are adequately addressed for everyone in the province are essential.

"Municipalities across Saskatchewan are seeing the reverberating effects of mental health and addictions, and those issues link inextricably to homelessness," said Gerald Aalbers, SUMA's Vice-President of Cities. "Housing insecurities worsen mental health and addiction issues, and mental health and addiction issues exacerbate problems for individuals experiencing homelessness. We have much to do if we are to find a sustainable solution to this vast mental health and addictions crisis. Organizations and government bodies will need to keep collaborating because this issue affects us all. It's happening in our

own backyards, and delays in dealing with it cost us all more in the long run."

SUMA and the CMC look forward to continued dialogue and collaboration for further improvements in the province. Funds provided under the Saskatchewan Income Support program and Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability program will fail to meet basic costs of living, creating and exacerbating poverty, and many of the processes need ongoing reform. While the 155 new supportive housing spaces are positive, that number fails to match the City of Regina's needs alone, much less the rest of the province.

SUMA acknowledges the Government's steps in creating action plans for mental health and addictions, and for homelessness, and thanks them for their efforts. SUMA looks forward to continued partnership and collaboration in the future, to ensure the province addresses these critical issues for the benefit of all Saskatchewan's hometowns, their residents, and the systems upon which we all depend.

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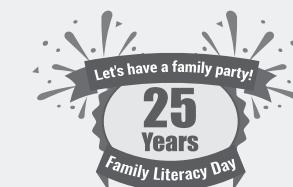
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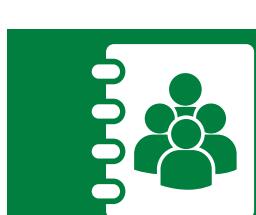
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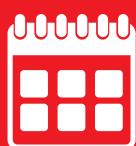
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“Coming Events”

**DESSERT THEATRE**

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CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Watrous Food Bank Christmas Hampers. Sign up by Dec. 6. Call 306-946-3785 to leave a message.

BINGO

Nokomis Legion bingos at Nokomis Legion Hall: December 6, January 3 and 17, February 7 and 21 and March 6 and 20. Doors open at 6:30 and bingo is at 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DINNER RAFFLE

“Christmas Dinner for 15” raffle. Winner receives turkey, ham, cabbage rolls, perogies, plus trimmings, Christmas baking, Christmas oranges and more. Proceeds go to Young community facilities. Draw date Dec. 6.

RETIREMENT

Happy retirement and best wishes. Please join us for cake and coffee in honour of Ben Mah's 46 years in the legal profession, Fri., Dec. 8, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Anglican Hall, 310 Main St., Watrous.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Imperial Library Christmas raffle. Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Draw date Dec. 8. Prizes: signed Connor Ingram goalie stick and hockey card, Christmas wreath and “Cheer” basket.

TEA, CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Nokomis Legion tea, craft and bake sale, Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Nokomis Legion Hall.

FOOD DRIVE

“Cram the Ram” Food Drive Dec. 9. Please bring non-perishable food for the Colonsay Food Bank. The Ram will be at the Saskatoon Co-op, Colonsay.

CAROL FESTIVAL

Watrous Baptist Church Carol Festival Sun., Dec. 10, 7 p.m. Watrous Civic Centre. All proceeds to the food bank.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Christmas Tree Lighting, Harris Park, Colonsay, Fri., Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Hot dog sale 6 p.m. at the rink. Ice skating and hot cocoa at the rink after the tree lighting.

CHOIR CONCERT

Harmony Suite Choir Concert at Imperial Community Hall in Imperial, Sun., Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m. Silver collection at the door. Everyone welcome!

SPIRITS OF CHRISTMAS

Spirits of Christmas, Young Wheatland Regional Library fundraiser. Four different items to be won. Tickets available at the Co-op Service Centre, village office and the library. Draw date Dec. 19.

YOUTH GROUP

At Philadelphia MB Church: Junior Youth (Gr. 6 to 8) meet most Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Senior Youth (Gr.

9 to 12) meet Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Contact 306-946-3785 for more details.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Al-Anon Meeting Thursdays 8 p.m. Ph. 306-946-2466, 306-946-2217.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings: Watrous, Thurs., 8 p.m. Anglican Church Hall on Main Street in Watrous. (306-946-2466).

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Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre Monday, Nov. 20 were: first - Lorelei Stewart, 213; second - Rod Degeenstein, 200; third - Lorne Bradbeer, 176; fourth - Carla Smith, 162.

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CPKC Holiday Train rolling through Lanigan

■ Daniel Bushman

Supporting food banks and food shelves across the country, the CPKC Holiday Train returns for its 25th year. Embarking on its annual tour across Canada and the United States the festive train in Canada will be passing through Lanigan Tuesday, Dec. 5.

While not stopping in the community this year, residents will have an opportunity to see it roll by following its stop in Wynyard. Kathy Williams with the Lanigan and District Food Bank said people can catch a glimpse of the CPKC Holiday Train while also supporting the food bank in Lanigan. "The back door of the Heritage Centre in Lanigan will be open which is near where the CPKC Holiday Train will pass by. We will be accepting non-perishable food items there between 5 and 7 p.m. Dec. 5."

With stops in Bredenbury, Yorkton and Foam Lake earlier in the day, the CPCK Holiday Train will roll into Wynyard around 4:15 p.m. Dec. 5 before departing for Lanigan at 5 p.m. Williams said if the train is on schedule, it should pass through Lanigan between 5:30 and 6 p.m. on its way to Saskatoon. The following day, the train has a stop in Wilkie

while the U.S. Holiday Train will be in Saskatchewan Dec. 17, 18 and 19 with stops in North Portal, Estevan, Weyburn, Regina, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, and Maple Creek.

Touring Canada and the United States Nov. 20 through Dec. 19, the unique train raises money, food and awareness for the important work that food banks do in their communities. During scheduled stops like the one in Wynyard and later Saskatoon, professional musicians play free concerts from the brightly decorated train's stage. CPKC also makes a donation to the local food shelf at each stop and encourages attendees to also donate.

While in recent years the Holiday Train has passed through Lanigan, in 2015 it made a stop in the community Dec. 6. During the stop, people were able to take in a free concert and donate non-perishables to the food bank. The group with the Holiday Train also presented a \$1,000 donation to the local food bank before departing for Saskatoon.

Since its inception in 1999, the CPKC Holiday Train has raised more than \$22.5 million and more than five million pounds of food for community food banks across North America.



► Pictured: the Holiday Train making a stop in Lanigan in 2015.

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In partnership with Watrous Elementary School, the Student of the Month for September was Cody Stephens from Gr. 7T. "Cody always demonstrates a positive attitude and works hard in all of his classes. Congratulations Cody!" Students at WES are recognized each month by staff members for the little extras they do at school. Those students have their names entered into a draw to win a gift certificate from Watrous Pharmacy.

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In partnership with Watrous Elementary School, the Student of the Month for October was Sawyer Olah from Gr. 4P. "Sawyer has been a weekly peer helper for a younger student. Way to go Sawyer!" Students at WES are recognized each month by staff members for the little extras they do at school. Those students have their names entered into a draw to win a gift certificate from Watrous Pharmacy.

WHS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



In partnership with Winston High School, this week's WHS Student Spotlight features the Coffee Cart Crew - Matthew, McLeod, Brielle, Damen and Mitchell. "These students, with some help from some of our wonderful staff, provide a twice weekly "Coffee Cart" for our staff and students. They offer a variety of drink and snack options for purchase. For many of our students, this break from the regular routine of the classroom is a highlight of their day. Thank you to our Coffee Cart Crew!"

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