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Remembering War Veteran William ‘Bert’ Whitmore

■ written and submitted by Lionel and Jean Sproule with information from Bert, his brother Jack and daughter Gail

William Bert Whitmore was born Oct. 16, 1919, to parents John Moore Whitmore and Mabel (Bradley) Littlejohns at Watrous, Sask. He had an older brother Jack who was born Apr. 24, 1918. They had a half-brother Ted Littlejohns who was eight years older and a half-sister Eola who was six years older.

During his life William Bert was known first as Bert by his family and as Bill in the military, by his wife and his co-workers at the mill in Campbell River. In this story we will refer to him as Bert.

When Bert’s father first came to Watrous from Ontario he worked as a carpenter. He was a good finishing carpenter. Shortly after Jack and Bert were born, their father bought grain and worked in an elevator located along the Grand Trunk Railway line. Around 1924 the family moved from Watrous to Young. Bert’s mother was a nurse who trained in the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn.

Bert attended school in Watrous until his parents separated around 1932-’33. For a time Bert and Jack lived with their half-sister, Eola who had married Ted Bambrough. They lived in the family house rent free for keeping Bert and Jack. Their mother Mabel went to nurse in Regina and later Saskatoon. Shortly after, Bert was sent to Durham to live with his mother’s sister, Edith and her husband Tom Blair.

After six and a half years in Durham and when Bert had completed Gr. 12, he returned to live at Watrous. During the winter Bert played hockey with the Moose Jaw Canucks. One year they were in the Memorial Cup which is the Junior Hockey Championship for Canada.

Bert was a good athlete excelling at many sports. In 1939 his brother Jack had accompanied him to Saskatoon to attend a tennis tournament. It was at that time in September that they learned that Canada was at war.

Bert joined the air force in Saskatoon. At that time the air force didn’t have any uniforms or equipment. They used a simulator for training. They didn’t have any barracks to live in so they boarded the men out with families. He took an aeronautical course in Saskatoon. Bert was transferred to Ontario where he

trained as ground crew. After a year he was transferred to Newfoundland as an airframe mechanic. He flew in a Hudson when they tried to make it into a bomber.

They needed observers so Bert volunteered to be an observer on the plane going out in the Atlantic to look for submarines. One day he figured that he could fly as good as the pilot. He taxied down the runway. He realized that he didn’t have enough speed to take off. He turned back and hit the wing of the plane on one of the air force buildings. With a damaged wing he knew the plane wouldn’t fly. Bert wanted to fly!

Initially Bert was sent to St. Joli, Que. to train as a fighter pilot and on to St. Hubert, Que. for more advanced training. While in training in Quebec, Bert and a partner flew down low over a Quebec farmer who was tilling his land with horses. It scared the horses causing them to run away and upset the farmer on the ground. The farmer complained and identified the plane. Because of their escapades, the two pilots graduated as non-commissioned officers, as Sergeant Pilots rather than Flying Officers. Bert later became Flying Officer Bert Whitmore.

The Japanese were in the Aleutian Islands. Bert was transferred to Vancouver. He flew Kittyhawks against the Japanese patrolling the Canadian west coast. His brother Jack didn’t think he ever encountered any Japanese planes. While in Vancouver when he and a buddy flying in the Kittyhawk were looking for some excitement, they flew down the streets in Essendale in Coquitlam. It did cause some excitement in Essendale.

Lionel remembers his Dad telling of another of Bert’s escapades while stationed in Vancouver. He decided to fly his plane under the Lion’s Gate Bridge. Again someone remembered the plane number and reported him. His superiors didn’t appreciate this feat. It was after this that he went overseas.

Bert was sent overseas to England by troop ship. You could refuse combat duty however Bert was anxious to fly in the war. When he arrived in England he found that the Canadian pilots weren’t getting into the action as quickly as the British pilots. Bert went to his CEO who arranged for Bert to fly with the RAF. He still wore the Canadian uniform and was paid by the Canadian government. Bert flew with the 257 Burma Squadron. He flew with



►Born at Watrous, William Bert Whitmore joined the air force and eventually became a Flying Officer (pictured left). Whitmore fought overseas during WWII and narrowly escaped death a number of times including being captured. Decades after the war, in 2003 Bert along with his wife Claire and their two daughters travelled to France and England. They visited the Landing Beaches in Normandy and attended the Opening Ceremonies of the Juno Beach Centre (pictured below).
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three different squadrons, one with the RCAF and two with the Royal Air Force (RAF).

Bert had the perfect personality for a fighter pilot: very athletic, adventurous, courageous, and daring but not too foolish. Three times his plane went down and he survived. At one time he was a test pilot for the RAF.

One of the toughest jobs that Bert and his squadron took part in was “train busting”. The trains were well-guarded by anti-aircraft guns as were the airfields. Because of casualties, during one six week period the personnel in his squadron changed twice. This meant that Bert had lost 24 of his buddies.

Bert said, “When you are diving down in the face of all that lead and you’ve got through the first time, it takes a lot of courage to go back in a second time. It

takes guts to fly into those gun crews.” That was a standard of courage. Train busting was an art. The planes would fly down the length of the train to get at the engine. The Germans had camouflaged guns to look like box cars. They really were anti-aircraft guns. As a result, many planes were shot down.

When there wasn’t enough action, Bert was one of those who went looking for

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New restaurant provides big taste and relaxing space

■ Daniel Bushman

Starting from a coffee shop and growing into a small restaurant, The Big Rock Inn, Eat and Drinkery in Young officially opened its doors to the public in August. Now serving breakfast and lunch and opening in the evenings, owner Betty-Ann Tallon is looking forward to serving homemade wholesome meals to residents of the community and the surrounding area.

"I am very excited," said a thrilled Tallon of being open to the public. "I appreciate everyone's patience as The Big Rock grows!"

Arriving in Young after farming near Lafleche for 44 years with her late husband, the mother of four and grandmother of 12 said when the opportunity to take on the Main Street location in

Young came around, she felt like it was the right thing to do.

Open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. starting Nov. 1, Tallon offers hot and cold breakfasts, burgers with all the fixings and a daily soup and sandwich special. A supper special and poutine will also be part of the newly expanded menu.

"The evening opening is kind of huge for me but I am hoping to get some job applicants because it might be tricky doing it alone as it grows! Of course the next step will be getting licensed and then VLTs. Big plans for The Big Rock!"

For those looking forward to tasting Tallon's food and wanting a place to relax and visit, the owner has ample space for her customers. "There is a meeting room

named for CE Mattenley who built this building. It is available to book for meetings, family gatherings, even staff parties! Upstairs there are rooms for rent by the night, week or month. The 'Inn' part of The Big Rock Inn, Eat and Drinkery is very beautiful too. Everything is brand new and well laid out."

Looking forward to meeting more residents of the community and surrounding area, since she opened Tallon said the support has been incredible. "I am so very grateful for the support of the people of Young and surrounding areas. They have welcomed me with open arms and I have made friends I will always treasure. The Big Rock Inn, Eat and Drinkery is a hidden gem on the prairies that must be seen to be appreciated and I am proud to be a part of it!"



photos courtesy Betty-Ann Tallon

Watrous marking Remembrance Day with ceremony online

■ Daniel Bushman

As people from across the nation take time to pause and remember those who fought and continue to fight for our freedom, Remembrance Day ceremonies like the one in Watrous will look a little different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Like in 2020, Watrous Mayor John Gunderson said the town will be posting its Remembrance Day ceremony online on both its website and on its Facebook page for the public to view.

"We are just really wanting to make sure we are doing our part as a town to keep our community safe and large gatherings may not be the best idea to have at this point in time," said Gunderson of council's decision to hold the ceremony online. "Our Remembrance Day message will be out there through a virtual service and hopefully people will take the time to

listen in on the morning of Nov. 11."

For Gunderson, like many others, Nov. 11 has been a day of reflection and to honour those who fought and continue to fight for our freedom.

"My Dad was a war Veteran who fought in WWII and I was an air cadet when I was growing up and used to participate in the service every year. It has always had a special meaning to me," said Gunderson. "As a country, Canada has been involved in fighting for peace and for our freedoms and I think it is important for people to take the time and reflect upon that. And it is also important to remember what a large number of people have sacrificed to give us this freedom."

For those who would like to view the Town of Watrous Remembrance Day ceremony, people can visit www.town-of-watrous.com and click on the link. They can also go to the Town of Watrous Facebook page where it will be posted as well.

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Holiday Giveaway provides opportunity for residents to shop local and win!

■ Daniel Bushman

Not only aimed as a way to support local businesses during the holiday season, the Watrous Manitou Marketing Group’s annual Holiday Giveaway also provides a chance for residents and visitors of Watrous and Manitou Beach with an opportunity to win \$5,000 and other prizes!

After dishing out thousands of dollars in cash along with numerous other prizes over the past five years, the local Holiday Giveaway returns for a sixth consecutive year. Community Development Officer with the Watrous Manitou Marketing Group Vickie Clarke said the giveaway provides an excellent opportunity for people to do their holiday shopping locally.

“Like last year, 2021 has been another unprecedented year on a number of levels due to the pandemic. While things have started to return to a more normal compared to this time last year, local businesses have had to adapt and do what they can to keep their doors open. After many have been forced to temporarily close for periods of time over the past year and a half, it is now more important than ever to shop local and show our support to those businesses.”

As in previous years, residents and visitors who spend money at participating businesses in Watrous and Manitou Beach will be able to enter their names in a draw for a chance to win \$5,000. It also gives local residents and visitors an opportunity to stay closer to home where COVID-19 cases remain relatively low compared to larger centres.

“This Holiday Giveaway for our business community has been so important over the years and even more so during the pandemic. Not only has the pandemic caused restrictions which have negatively impacted the economy, but as many people elect to head online to shop it has also put a strain on local businesses as well. The fact is many of our local businesses have similar products with similar prices that you can find online or in a larger centre. In order to have a successful and diverse local business community, an initiative like our Holiday Giveaway is beneficial for both the local economy and those taking part.”

With the holiday season quickly approaching, this year’s Holiday Giveaway officially launches Nov. 15 and runs until Dec. 17. During that time, people shopping at participating businesses are able to purchase items and

fill out an entry form for a chance to win the grand prize of \$5,000. Participating businesses may also have their own secondary prizes as well during the event.

The draw date for the grand prize of \$5,000 and secondary prizes will be held Dec. 18.

“The Holiday Giveaway is a great opportunity to remind people about the businesses we have right here in Watrous and Manitou Beach. This is a very unique initiative and a great chance for people to take advantage of while stocking up on their holiday shopping. Last year two people from Watrous were the recipients of the \$5,000 grand prize and a \$500 gift card from Saskatoon Co-op Watrous. Judging by all of the entries we have had over the years, it should be another tremendous year.”

Like in previous years, the lucky \$5,000 grand prize winner can spend as much of or as little of their grand prize money at any one of the participating businesses. “This campaign has grown to become very worthwhile for participating businesses and for people looking to do their holiday shopping locally. We have appreciated the community’s support over the past five years and also appreciate those within our area and beyond who have spent money at our local businesses.”

Local arts council over the moon to offer free show

■ submitted release

With 11 stops in Saskatchewan including one in Watrous, an Alberta duo will be bringing their unique music featuring their meant to be vocals and wide array of acoustic instruments. As part of the Watrous and Area Arts Council and the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils’ the Stars for Saskatchewan Concert Series, Over the Moon is scheduled to be at the Watrous Civic Cen-

tre Nov. 13.

With free admission to the show courtesy of the local arts council, those planning to attend will need to provide proof of vaccination while wearing masks. Looking forward to a fun and enjoyable evening, Longview Alberta’s roots/swing duo Over the Moon are totally immersed in real cowboy country. When you set up home in the foothills of Alberta’s Rocky Mountains, it is inevitable there will be a strong sense of place - and the rhythms of the land when you start to make music.

The couple’s debut album “Moondancer” was mostly written and recorded on the ranch where they live, and the resonances are there for all to hear, reflecting the pulse of life living in a territory that is rugged and beautiful. It is a wild ride from ‘40s western swing to Appalachian old-time, to cowboy blues, all featuring their meant to be vocals and a wide array of acoustic instruments.

Suzanne and Craig treat their audiences like a living room full of close friends coming over for a night of music and fun stories. Chatting with people after shows is a highlight for them, and at most shows, they end up leaving town with a big load of new friends! They are very down to earth, rural people, and their

music is uncluttered, simple, and sweet!

Performing at a few communities prior to their show in Watrous, after their time in the community, Over the Moon will be heading to Wadena, Yorkton, Canora, Moosomin, Indian Head, Shaunavon, and Leader. For more on the duo, visit www.OverTheMoonBand.com



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RCMP Report

Traffic officers share chilling tales from October

Heading into the Halloween weekend, Saskatchewan RCMP Traffic Services Supt. Grant. St. Germaine shared a few stories collected by officers from October while reminding people to be safe while travelling on Saskatchewan roads:

- On Oct. 10, a 911 complaint advised of a vehicle travelling at very high speeds on Hwy. 11 near Prince Albert. Prince Albert Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) officers observed the vehicle travelling 180 km/h in a 110 km/h zone. When officers pulled the vehicle over, the driver said they were driving that speed because a vehicle occupant had to use the bathroom. The driver was charged with Exceed Lawful Posted Speed Limit by More Than 50 Km/h and received a \$1,022 fine and a seven-day vehicle impound.

- Also on Oct. 10, Yorkton CTSS observed a pickup truck towing an unregistered trailer with a trampoline on it on Boundary Road in Canora. The trampoline was improperly secured to the trailer and an unrestrained female youth was riding on the trailer attempting to prevent contact between the trampoline and the road surface. Officers stopped the vehicle and the driver was charged with Drive Vehicle with Unrestrained Passenger Under 16 and received warnings for having unsecure cargo and an unregistered trailer.

Those incidents were investigated during Operation Impact, which took place Oct. 8 to 11. Operation Impact, led by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, seeks to increase public compliance with safe driving measures in order to save lives and reduce injuries on our roads. During the four-day province-wide enforcement campaign, officers from the Saskatchewan RCMP and municipal police CTSS partners found 48 impaired drivers, 34 of whom were charged under the Criminal Code. The remaining 14 received roadside suspensions.

Other enforcement results include: 1,231 warnings, 948 speeding tickets, 56 intersection tickets, 49 distracted driving tickets, 40 seatbelt tickets, nine unsafe passing tickets, and 136 vehicle defect inspection notices

There were also 465 other charges laid including non-impaired Criminal Code offences, invalid driver's licences and invalid vehicle registrations.

"Promoting safety on Saskatchewan roads and highways is paramount for the Saskatchewan RCMP and CTSS," said Supt. St. Germaine. "Whether during an initiative like Operation Impact, a special

weekend like (Halloween), or just an ordinary day in Saskatchewan, officers are out on the roads targeting known risks like impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding and seatbelt misuse."

Charges laid after vehicle - pedestrian collision

On Oct. 31, 2021 at approximately 11:55 a.m., Lumsden RCMP responded to a pedestrian motor vehicle collision on Grand Avenue in Buena Vista.

Investigation has determined that an adult male pedestrian was struck by a vehicle, which did not remain at the scene. The pedestrian was transported to hospital with what were described as serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Approximately an hour later, officers located and arrested an adult male at a residence in Buena Vista in relation to this incident.

Shawn Ivey of Buena Vista is charged with single counts of: dangerous operation of a conveyance causing bodily harm, Section 320.13(2), Criminal Code; failure to stop after accident resulting in bodily harm, Section 320.16(2), Criminal Code; and operation of a conveyance while impaired by drugs causing bodily harm, Section 320.13(2), Criminal Code.

He will appear in court on Dec. 15, 2021 in Regina.

Saskatchewan RCMP's Police Dog Services, Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan, Southey RCMP and White Butte RCMP assisted with this investigation.

Collision at Yorkton

On Oct. 31, 2021 at approximately 8:20 p.m., Yorkton RCMP were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision on Hwy. 9 on the overpass by Darlington Street East.

Investigation has determined that a northbound

SUV and a southbound semi truck collided. The adult female driver of the SUV, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle, was transported to hospital with serious injuries. RCMP do not have an update on her condition. The driver of the semi was not injured.

Yorkton RCMP, with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP Traffic Reconstructionist, continues to investigate.

Charges laid

On Oct. 30, 2021 at approximately 4:30 p.m., Pinehouse RCMP stopped a vehicle at the junction of Key Lake Mine and Hwy. 914.

The officer observed marijuana and related paraphernalia in plain sight. During a resulting search of the vehicle, the officer located a number of small bags of cocaine within the vehicle's gearshift console. Drug trafficking paraphernalia, cash and a stolen Alberta license plate were also seized from the vehicle.

"Because of this police officer's keen attention to detail, we were able to keep drugs off the streets of our community," said Sgt. Daniel Lozinski, Pinehouse RCMP's Detachment Commander. "We are committed to keeping our community safe – it's this kind of vigilance that helps us do that."

As a result, Firomsa Yousuf of Calgary is charged with: one count, possession of the purpose of trafficking (cocaine), Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and two counts, possession of the proceeds of crime/stolen property under \$5,000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code

He will appear in court in Pinehouse on Jan. 12, 2022 at 10 a.m.

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The weatherman is sure giving us a long fall. The trees have lost their coat of many colours.

Plunkett folks send their deepest sympathy to the Seabrook family on the passing of Jean.

Plunkett folks also send their deepest sympathy to the family of Merna Gordon of Colon-say on her passing. She was our Tupperware dealer.

The Roughriders had a great game Saturday

night against Calgary. Good going!

It was good to watch curling on TV again.

The ladies are busy again with making squares for blankets for Saskatoon Interval House.

Don and Eve Lieffers of Saskatoon were recently down visiting relatives in Humboldt and visited Stanley and Irene Giddings.

Plunkett Hotel has been sold and new folks

have now reopened it.

Last week my daughter Linda and her husband Trevor Macdonald of Saskatoon were out visiting us and brought us lunch.

What a great football game. The Saskatchewan Roughriders won against Montreal.

Curling was on over the weekend.

Halloween was very quiet. We did not have one little treat.

Recently visiting Dennis and Leona Credgeur

were her sister Ann Billings and brother-in-law Mel of British Columbia.

We recently received one-quarter of an inch of rain.

Birthday greetings to all the folks having birthdays this fall.

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“Opinion”

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor and parents of Watrous,

People are always more than happy to let you know when your children are misbehaving so this may be a refreshing change.

I feel the need to express my pride and happiness in the kids I had trick-or-treating this year. We usually get well over 100 but although we only got 75, they were a very amazing group. They were the most polite, kind, and appreciative group of kids I've ever got. Almost every single child not only said, 'Thank you' but I also got so many 'Have a nice rest of your day' or 'Happy Halloween' or 'Have a great day.' I was so impressed.

So, well done parents out there. Not only have you done a great job raising your kids but during a pandemic and stressful time in the world. I'm so proud to call Watrous my home.

Chris Dunham
Watrous, Sask.

Dear Editor,

As we approach Remembrance Day, I'd like to pay tribute to the veteran members of The War Amps.

The War Amps was started by amputee veterans returning from the First World War to help each other adapt to their new reality as amputees. They then welcomed amputee veterans following the Second World War, sharing all that they had learned.

These founding members then established the Key Tag Service, which is still going strong today, to fund the Association's many vital programs including The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program.

I was born a partial left hand amputee and grew up in CHAMP which provided me with financial assistance for prosthetic devices and offered emotional support. These veterans have left a lasting impact on generations of amputees as they taught us that we should be proud of our amputation and to know that it will not stop us from achieving our goals.

Everyday, but particularly on Remembrance Day, Canadian amputees like me honour these veterans who not only served their country but returned home to make life better for all amputees.

Graham Spero
Graduate member of The War Amps
Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program

Solutions and Substitutions



Tips from Reena Nerbas

Dear Reena,

I live in a small apartment with limited space. Do you have any ideas for storing sheets so that they take up less room? Yur

Dear Yur,

Here are a few storage options to consider: fold the fitted sheet and then fold the flat sheet and one pillow case into a small square. Put all three pieces inside of the last pillow case and fold it in half. Now you have a neat bundle that stays together. When you want that particular set of sheets just pull down one pillow case and they are all inside, waiting for use. You can also lay sheets between the box spring and the mattress. Another option is to fold sheets and hang them in the closet or put extra sheets in an empty suitcase.

Dear Reena,

We have a two-storey slab on grade home. The main living area is on the first floor where we have an open fireplace. On the ground floor we have a wood burning stove. Both fires are served by a single exterior masonry chimney with a separate flue for each unit. The problem is that in cool damp weather the flue for the wood burner backdrafts and we end up with an acrid smell in the house. We have tried putting in a new stove, stuffing paper in the door and latching it and we have tried bowls of kitty litter in the stove without success. Do you have any suggestions? Thanks. Barry

Dear Barry,

Cozy up in front of a wood stove on a frigid day and you will not want to leave your home, but sometimes the unwelcome smell of a wood stove can send you running. You were smart to replace the older wood stoves

with an airtight model that will reduce harmful emissions because even if you wisely and thoroughly clean the stove box often, any traces of ashes will fill the room with odour. Here are a few additional solutions to try: close the damper whenever not in use. Add a top sealing damper and a tight-fitting glass fireplace screen. Pouring vinegar into the box of the screen will not be strong enough to combat the odour which is coming from the pipe and sides and top of the box, proper sealing is your best solution.

Did you know?

- Instead of making one large meatloaf, make meatloaf in muffin tins. This looks better and freezes wonderfully so that you can keep meatloaf on hand in your freezer. Submitted by: Judy
- Whenever I travel, I take the bar of soap that I opened and place it in with my dirty laundry. The soap bar would be thrown out by the hotel anyway and the soap scent keeps my fabrics smelling fresher. Submitted by: Linton
- If you end up with a chocolate mess on a washable fabric. Place the item in a clean kitchen sink. Soak the area with Dawn dish soap. Pour hot water onto the washable fabric and watch the stain melt away. For fabric that should not hit water, put one tablespoon Dawn dish soap in a bowl with two cups water. Beat with an egg beater. Smear the foam onto the stain and dab until gone. Submitted by: Me (Reena)

Note: Every user assumes all risks of injury or damage resulting from the implementation of any suggestions in this column. Test all products on an inconspicuous area first.

Reena Nerbas is a popular motivational presenter for large and small groups; check out her website: reena.ca. Ask a question or share a tip at reena.ca



Neighbourly advice according to Ed

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

I told Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, that we visited the Craigdarroch Castle on our recent trip to Victoria, B.C. Approximately 100,000 visitors view this castle each year. It was completed in 1890 as a home for coal barren Robert Dunsmuir. The castle reflects the barren's wealth in four floors of exquisite stained glass windows, intricate woodwork, and lavish Victorian-era furnishings.

Ed knew we were also viewing some mobile homes for sale in Victoria

When disillusionment festers, things become explosive

and he said that we must have been disillusioned with simple house trailers compared to the castle. I said, "Hardly, the last thing we need is a 25,573 sq. ft. castle to clean.

The castle is magnificent in its craftsmanship and beauty, but it was a home of disappointment as Robert Dunsmuir passed away before it was completed and only his wife and three daughters lived there. Moreover, I told Ed that my wife, who walks with a cane, was not enchanted with climbing 89 stairs to the top of the castle as there is no elevator.

My old neighbour said I should have carried my wife up the four flights of 20 stairs plus nine more to the lookout turret. So, I told Ed, "The second last thing that I need to do is to offer to carry my wife up or down any stairs. If I offered, she would be sure I was out of mind as I huff and puff up and down stairs on my own."

Disillusionment begins with our thinking of what another person should have or could have done better. Some folks are hard to please and become so cynical toward another that any agreement is out of the question. In our minds or thoughts, others have let us down or disappointed us. Sometimes, the person we have placed a great deal of faith in turns out to be less than ideal in our way of thinking and our respect for them disappears.

The Bible speaks of a group of Jews who became disillusioned with Jesus beginning at John 8:31. Although they believed in Jesus, they became offended at what Jesus said to them. Jesus said to them, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

The Jews were confused and concerned at Jesus' words and told him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" The Jews were focused on being the descendants of Abraham.

Jesus told them that as descendants of Abraham, they were not free of sin or the slavery of sin. He was the Son of God, able to set them free from sin's doom. He told them the truth as one from the presence of God the Father. Jesus acknowledged that they, as the descendants of Abraham, were ready to kill him for his words challenged their security in being children of Abraham. They were disillusioned and resentful of Jesus and his words. (John 8: 31-39)

Some folks will never admit that they are wrong or have done wrong. But, Jesus said, if you sin, you are a slave to sin and need my freedom from sin's curse. Believe Him, if you sin.

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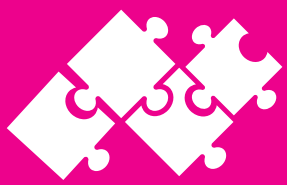
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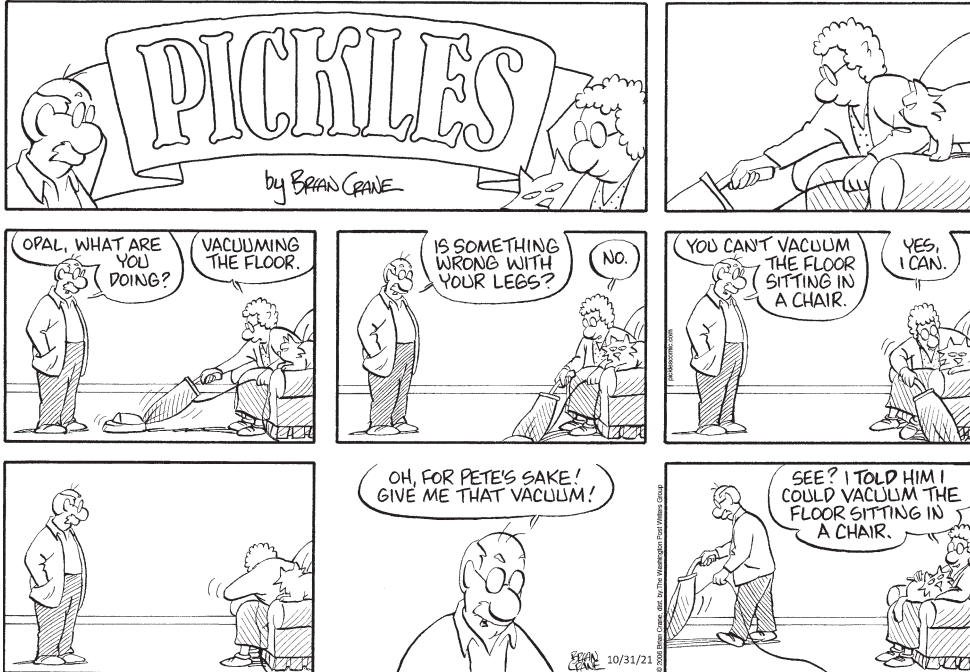
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*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
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- John McCrae, Canadian poet, doctor and medical officer during WWI

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31. Pine
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8. Heal
9. Needle's kin
10. Rainbow shape
11. Golf peg
17. Molecule part
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23. Othello, e.g.

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TO SUDOKU AND
CROSSWORD,
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At the Watrous Centre

Whist winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Oct. 28 were: first - Arlene Genger, 150; second - Isabelle Langston, 143; third - Earle Amendt, 142; fourth - Rod Degenstein, 140. Travelling - Sharon Carlson and Alan Wilson. Homesteader was Doreen Foster.

Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre

Monday, Nov. 1 were: first - Peter Sundquist, 219; second - Lorelei Stewart, 190; third - Sylvia Falkowsky, 183; fourth - Grace Anderson, 173.

Anyone interested in submitting local Watrous news can do so by faxing 306-946-2026, emailing watrous.manitou@sasktel.net or stopping by the office.

Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Apple Loaf

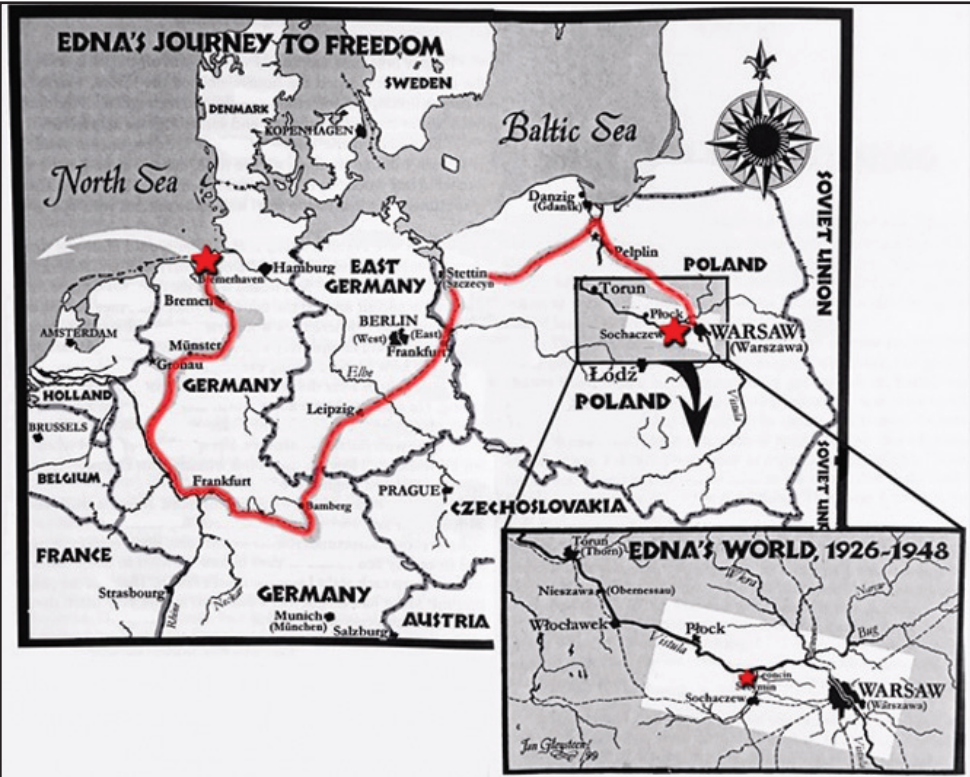
Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/3 cup orange juice (or soured milk)
- 1 cup finely chopped apples
- 1/3 cup finely chopped walnuts

Directions:

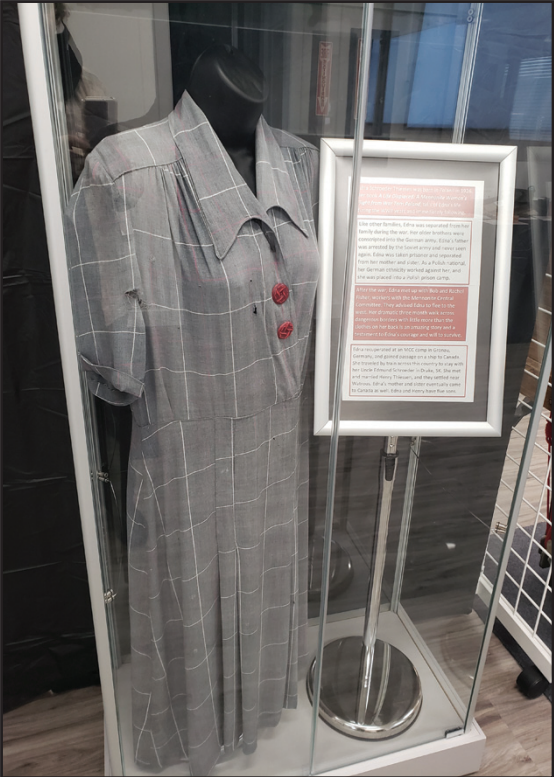
Preheat oven to 350°F. Cream together butter and sugar, then add the eggs and vanilla. Beat well. Combine flour, soda and salt, add to first mixture alternately with the orange juice or soured milk. Fold in the apples and walnuts.

Grease a loaf pan well then bake at 350°F for about 55 minutes. I check this loaf at 50 minutes. You can also add about a half cup of chopped whole cranberries. Remove from pan running knife around the edges. Cool on rack. This makes great use of that lonely apple left in the fruit bowl!



► Remembering many from the local area who either fought or escaped the war, through permission granted by the family of the late Edna (Schroeder) Thiessen (1926-2021), the Watrous Manitou Beach Heritage Centre is currently displaying some of the items that belonged to Edna. Born in Poland and escaping the war, Thiessen's book, *A Life Displaced: A Mennonite Women's Flight from Vvar Torn Poland*, tells of Edna's life during the WWII years and immediately following. Like others at that time, Edna was separated from her family during the war. Her older brothers were conscripted into the German army while Edna's father was arrested by the Soviet army and never seen again. Even though Edna was a Polish national, she was put into a Polish prison camp because of her German ethnicity. In trying to flee her country, not only was she placed in a prison camp but was separated from her mother and sis-

ter. Her dramatic three month walk across dangerous borders with little more than the clothes on her back is an amazing story and a testament to Edna's courage and will to survive. Edna was able to meet up with Bob and Rachel Fisher, workers with the Mennonite Central Committee and they advised her to flee to the west. Before leaving to Canada, Edna recuperated at an MCC camp in Gronau, Germany and gained passage on a ship. Once in Canada, she travelled by train in 1949 to stay with her Uncle Edmund and Aunt Lydia Schroeder near Drake, SK. Edna's mother and sister would also eventually come to Canada and she was able to reunite with them. Edna met and married Henry Thiessen and they began a dairy farm near Watrous in 1966. Edna and Henry had five sons and later on, their family would grow to include daughters-in-law and many grandchildren. Edna and Henry moved from the farm to Watrous



in 1998 and in 2012, Henry passed away. Nine years later and residing at Manitou Lodge, Edna passed away, leaving a lasting legacy. To view Edna's items and other local historical collections at the Watrous Manitou Beach Heritage Centre, people can stop by the location at 403 Main Street in Watrous Fridays and Saturdays between 1 and 5 p.m.
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targets. Once when they decided to go out looking, four of them went over to the armories, loaded up with ammunition and took off the next morning. It had snowed that night. One plane would go down and take a look. They saw this trail. It was a German train loaded with gasoline and explosives, for their tanks. They had procedures that they were to follow, two planes up and two planes down and the mayhem on the ground. Bert said that he was laughing then but he doesn't laugh now. They decimated the whole train. They had a lot of freedom in what they could do. The Canadian and British fighter pilots were a breed unto themselves. High risk daredevil flying was a part of their lives.

One time Bert's wing man's fighter plane was blown up right beside him. Bert commented, "It was a matter of good luck to survive the war." Bert said that he did whatever he could for his ground crew giving them cigarettes and booze and getting them time off because the pilots really depended upon them. "It was great insurance to be good to them. It was important. We were officers and they weren't."

After one of his missions, he was returning to England over the English Channel. He encountered a "Buzz bomb". They were the initial rockets developed by Hitler that had a jet motor driving them. They had a tremendous amount of explosive power. When the motor stopped you knew that the bomb was coming down. Quoting Bert, "If you had the angle and the height on them you can get them."

He shot it down over the channel. He was so close that the debris damaged his aircraft. The aircraft was a Hawker-Typhoon. He knew that he had to ditch the plane in the channel. He radioed that he was doing this. The manual said that you were to ditch it so that the wings were pointing the same way as the trough. Bert knew that many didn't survive this. Like a typical Whitmore he decided that there was a better way. He landed across the waves. He was able to get out of his plane and get on to his life raft and was picked up by Air Sea Rescue. As a result of this he was able to convince his seniors that this was the better way to land in the channel. Indeed they changed the Flight Instruction Manual to follow this procedure.

He really had quite a career. In France, he and two of his buddies stole a jeep and took off for Paris. One of them put on a Group Captain's hat. They were in an accident. They returned to their base and an investigation followed. His superiors were suspicious of Bert and his two buddies. Johnny Johnston who had flown and shot down 30 planes in dog fights said to him, "Whitmore, I know that you were one of those who did this but we are short of pilots and we need you."

Bert was lucky, too! A group of them were going to Brussels on leave by train. The trains ran at regular times. He forgot his bottle of Cognac. He missed that first train because he went back for his bottle. He caught a later train. In Brussels they went to the theatre. The Germans dropped a bomb on the front of the theatre. Bert recalled, "If we had got that first train, I would have been blown up because I would have been sitting at the front of the theatre. So anyone who says that booze is no good it saved my life!"

The second time Bert was shot down was during the Battle of the Bulge. Hitler put together a counter attack in the winter of 1944. He pulled together several regiments and armoured divisions and launched an attack against the American troops in the Ardennes forest area in Belgium near the German border. The Germans attacked during the foggy, overcast, wintery weather and made tremendous gains. The allies could not use their air power support until the weather cleared on the twelfth day of the battle.

The Typhoons were fighter planes fitted for ground attacks and low level bombing. They were very fast; faster than the Spitfires. They had cannons, rockets and machine guns. Bert was shot down when attacking the German supply lines at Ardennes. He went down, crash landed and walked out. He hid behind the German lines in some rubble. When the German advance was driven back, he came out and rejoined the allied lines and got back to his squadron. If he had been caught he would have been shot. That was the German policy then when they captured an Allied pilot. Bert said, "I was using the armour plates on the back of the seat on my plane. We had been told to take the armoured plate off. The bullets were hitting my back. If I hadn't had the armour on that day, I would have been mush. It was all risky business."

Bert saw a lot of action. He flew out of Malta too. The

Germans and the Italians wanted to control Malta and thus control the Mediterranean.

From his Flying Log Book, Bert flew 24 missions in the month of June. Bert took part in D-Day, June 6, 1944. He flew several sorties that day covering the invasion, refueling each time in England. From his Log Book, "June 6, 1944. Typhoon 757 (SCIF piloting) Dive Bombing and strafing. Pranged tanks. Strafed army vehicles and general britching at Caen."

On New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 1945, Bert and the other pilots in his squadron were strafing and bombing an airfield close to the German border in Holland. Each fighter went in alone. His wing man was shot down. Bert escaped momentarily when he flew into some light cloud cover. Then his motor "konked" out and the plane caught on fire. He couldn't bail out because the cockpit canopy was jammed. The plane crashed to the ground, loosening the hood so that Bert was able to get out. The fire hadn't spread as much as he thought it had but Bert didn't know that. He couldn't get away. The snow was deep. He was like a sitting duck. He destroyed the plane and then he made his way to a Dutch farm. He had trouble walking because he had hurt his back when he crashed. He asked the farmer to hide him. The farmer said that he could hide in the haystack. The farmer called his young son over and told him something in Dutch.

Bert knew instinctively that the boy was going for the German Secret Service but he went and hid in the haystack anyway. The SS came and started probing with their bayonets. When the bayonet passed right by his nose, he decided that it was time to give up. They took him prisoner. Bert said, "It was the right thing for the farmer to do otherwise they would have followed his tracks, found him and shot him and the farmer too." What upset Bert the most was that the Germans took his flight boots.

He was captured and held. He and another fellow escaped again. They didn't have warm clothes on and he missed his flying boots. It was winter. They were going up a hill when they heard some one call out, "Halt." They were lucky that it was the regular army who took them captive again. The SS would have shot them. Cold and hungry, they were actually glad that they had been

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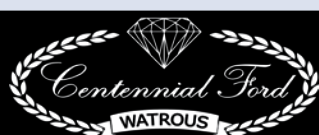
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captured. Bert was a prisoner-of-war for about six months until after the war ended in May 1945.

When Bert was released from the Prisoner of War camp, he wanted to fight in the Japanese War. The air force refused saying, “You’ve done enough.”

The war had a very sobering effect on all of those in combat. Upon returning home Bert suffered from post war traumatic stress. It was difficult to get back into normal civilian life after all he had been through. For awhile he lived with his brother Jack and Ena. He was treated at Shaughnassey Hospital in Vancouver. It was here that Bert met Claire Alexandre, his future wife, who was a nurse there.

Claire trained in Edmonton to become a nurse and said, “My first nursing position was at Abbotsford, British Columbia. This was during the war years and there were shortages of doctors, nurses and hospital supplies. Nurses were in demand everywhere. I was a bit of an adventurer so moved frequently. My girlfriend, Virginnia Wood and I decided to go to an American camp outside of Port Edward which was near Prince Rupert in British Columbia. The Americans had built a camp there during the war because of the threat of the Japanese at the time. They called it Little America. At the camp hospital they employed two male first-aiders and two nurses. A doctor from Prince Rupert came out

to check things periodically. Claire recalls, “We treated only general illnesses. The serious cases were treated in Prince Rupert. We lived in one of those Quonset buildings on the base. They provided all the facilities for their troops including a gymnasium, a dining room that overlooked the ocean, an officer’s mess that we had access to and they brought in amazing entertainment. It was quite an experience!

“From there we went to Fernie, B.C. While there, Virginnia and I applied to join the Army and were accepted. We were in the Army for a year and a half. I was stationed at the Currie Barracks in Calgary, Alta. As working nurses we became Lieutenants in the Army. We worked at the hospital on the base. The war was just about over. We wanted to join earlier but they wouldn’t take young nurses just out of training.

“After we received our discharges, Bea Mckinnon, whom I had met in the army, and I went to Montreal, Que., to take a postgraduate course in psychiatry at the Allan Memorial Institute. We stayed on and worked there for less than a year. We later toured across Canada to Nelson, B.C. I ended up in Vancouver where I started working at Shaughnessay Hospital. It was there that I met Bert.”

After Bert was discharged from the hospital he went to work in the fruit orchards near Oliver. “We continued to keep in touch. He returned to Vancouver and we continued dating. Bert and I were married on Sept. 24, 1950 at Nelson, B.C. where my

parents were living.”

Bert and Claire later settled in Campbell River and had two daughters, Sharman Judith Whitmore and Gail Lorraine Whitmore. Following years of working at a new paper mill and later as an entrepreneur, Bert along with Claire spent their retirement years in Victoria where they enjoyed golfing, curling and travelling.

In 2003, Bert, Claire and their daughters travelled to France and England. They toured the Landing Beaches in Normandy and attended the Opening Ceremonies of the Juno Beach Centre in Courseulles-sur-Mer on June 6, 2003. They stayed in Caen and motored all along the beach where the Canadians invaded the area. Bert visited with a fellow Typhoon pilot in England and they fought WWII all over again. It was a memorable trip for them all.

Bert had a heart attack in 1989 but had recovered from that. He was troubled with arthritis. In late 2004 he had surgery for colon cancer and they thought it was successful. After the surgery he contracted shingles and his condition deteriorated. He died Jan. 31, 2005. He was 86 years old. Bert and Claire had been married for 54 years.

Later that year in 2005, after living 54 years on the British Columbia coast, Claire moved inland to Kamloops, B.C. where she would be close to her daughters. Then in 2017, Claire passed away at the age of 98.



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The Colonsay Rink Committee will be hosting another 50/50 draw. Draw date is Dec. 15. Contact any rink committee member.

The Colonsay Rink had many volunteers give their time and effort to making upgrades to the rink. Items worked on were the artificial ice pumps, new LED lights around the rink, painting, repair and tune-up the Zamboni and upgrades for the water supply plumbing. Because of their hard work the rink is now open for the season.

Just a reminder that the Colonsay United Church will not be having service at the present time due to COVID.

Get well wishes to Jim Gray who had a hospital stay.

The weather held for all the children and adults for Halloween. It was nice to see so many parents dress up for taking the children out for treats.

Sympathy to the John Dipaolo family on his passing Oct. 24.

VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Welcome to the month of November.

These are a couple of pictures of the pumpkin displays that were at our house Halloween evening (pictured). Not carved by myself but by family members; they did such a great job that I had to share. The weather was so pleasant for the little treaters. We had more treaters this year than we have had for many years.

It was a small group that met at the Viscount library Wednesday, Oct. 27 for Blankets for Canada, but we almost finished putting together a blanket between the three of us. We were very fortunate to have been given over 60 squares from Imperial and they are very beautiful. Once again, we really appreciate all the people who support our cause and give us yarn and squares. If you would like to know more about us and what we do, please call Evelina at 306-944-4820.

Congratulations to the senior girls volleyball team who won first place in the Perdue tournament. The Gr. 5/6 enjoyed Halloween-themed science experiments during the week of Halloween.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Thank you to all who helped make this week's Viscount news possible. Have a great week, stay safe and enjoy the outdoors if you can.

■ submitted by Mrs. Jantz

Viscount Central School held its annual book fair in school and virtually the week of Oct. 18 to 25. The virtual link opened Monday night until Sunday night and then they had two days of open house in the library Wednesday, Oct. 20 and Thursday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. However, they had to book appointments for anyone outside of the school. Mrs. Jantz (VCS librarian) really appreciated the Gr. 6 advertising crew Ryder, Sophie, Shelby and Calib and the Gr. 7 decorating crew Ryder, Isabelle and Paige.

Libby the Library Lion filled in for Mrs. Jantz on Wednesday keeping the students entertained and Tig the Tiger helped out on Thursday. Many door prizes and money were donated from generous supporters this year: Viscount SCC, Concrete Elements, C&C Trucking, Dale Construction, Mrs. Ponak and Pre K, Blue Horizon Cafe, Joni Mack, Kira Andreen, Alan Gusikoski Family and Mrs. Jantz. One student received a \$15 gift certificate to spend at the book fair from each grade, poker chip draws for more gift certificates or free prizes, door prizes, family draw and a candy guessing game all took place all week. Congratulations to all the winners. With all the great support they sold over \$2,400 giving them \$1,200 in credit for resources for the school. Elementary teachers and Mrs. Blachford received \$100 each for their classroom libraries and Mrs. Jantz used \$500 to purchase new books for the library.



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► With a 28-26 league final win in Davidson, the Winston Wildcats senior football team returned home to face Biggar in the provincial quarter-final. Looking to get off on the right foot during the Oct. 30 contest, Watrous took an early 22-0 lead. However in the second quarter the visitors began chipping away and scored 24 unanswered points to lead by two at the half. Entering the third quarter, after a turnover deep in its own end, Biggar tried to move the ball down field but were forced to punt. On the third down punt, the Wildcats made a big block and recovered the ball in the end zone (pictured below left) to retake the lead. The blue and gold continued to gain momentum as quarterback Kade Thomas tossed a few passes to receiver Tucker Klisowsky (pictured left) in the third quarter and he found the end zone. Leading 44-24 through three, Watrous applied more pressure on both sides of the ball and with a couple of touchdowns from Pearce Bartko (pictured below right and above) and successful convert attempts

by Thomas, the Wildcats kept its opponents off the scoreboard during the second half to win 58-24. After making some halftime adjustments and securing the win, head coach Barry Croshaw said the blocked punt for a touchdown and a couple of long passes that got the Wildcats out of their end were big turning points. “I thought we played the run tough on defence and moved the ball efficiently on offence but we will need to find more consistency.” Entering the provincial semifinal this past weekend, Watrous was scheduled to travel to Wakaw. Leading up to the November contest, Croshaw said the film and scores both show that Wakaw has a very fast team on both sides of the ball with some size mixed in. “I think we will have to play our best game of the season if we have any hope of beating them but we are looking forward to the challenge.” The winner of the game between Watrous and Wakaw will play either Clavet or Shellbrook for provincial gold.

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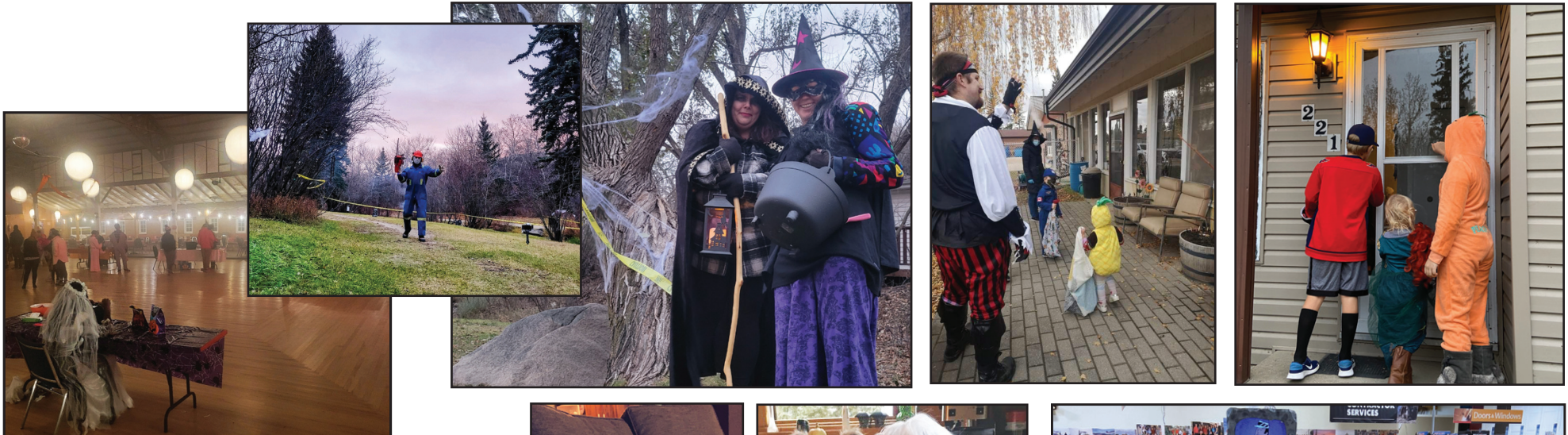
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► While it was a bit on the cooler side, there were still smiles from trick-or-treaters roaming the streets this Halloween in search of candy. Going from house to house in communities like Drake, Lanigan, and Watrous (pictured), there were lots of sweets to be had. Some of those little ghouls and goblins also took part in their first-ever Halloween and at Manitou Beach, there were a number of people who attended the Children's Halloween Party at Danceland and walk through Wellington Park. Following the Oct. 31 event at

Manitou Beach, fireworks were set off in the evening leaving many with smiles after a day of seeking out candy and fun. At Manitou Lodge in Watrous and Central Parkland Lodge in Lanigan, residents were able to watch from their windows as people dressed up came by. As for local businesses, some like Watrous Home Hardware brought smiles to the faces of those going through their doors as they dressed up with a Flintstone theme Friday, Oct. 29.

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