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WHS teacher honoured with prestigious award

■ Daniel Bushman

Recognized for his tremendous work as an educator through teaching, modelling the beliefs and ideals of the profession and contributing positively to publicly-funded public education, Winston High School vice-principal and teacher Doug Thomas was one of four teachers recently bestowed with an Excellence in Teaching award.

Honoured along with Cindy Plascko of St. Brieux School, Dana Knight of Humboldt Public School, and Dawn Goosen of Humboldt Collegiate Institute during Horizon School Division's annual opening day celebration in August, Thomas said the experience was humbling. "There are many that are equally deserving. I thank God that I have been able to do my best with the opportunities I have been given and that I have received so much support and encouragement along the way, both professionally and personally."

Chosen by a four person selection committee with each nomination accompanied by letters of support, when Thomas was notified he had received the Excellence in Teaching award, the vice-principal

explained it was a huge honour. "At the same time, though the moment was special, you keep moving forward to the next thing. In the midst of school start-up, the Wildcat football season, and managing the rest of life, I have not really taken the time to reflect. I just keep doing what I have most always done! I guess it must, to a certain extent, be working."

With a passion for teaching, enjoying connecting with those in the education sector and having the unique opportunity to make a positive impact on young people, Thomas shared, "I embrace the responsibility of the role, especially in a smaller community, where we rarely get to take the "teacher" hat off. I count that a privilege. I am okay with being called Mr. Thomas at the rink!"

Growing up in Kamsack, following a degree at the University of Saskatchewan, Thomas began his teaching career in Biggar. Nearly 10 years later, along with his family, Doug arrived in Watrous and has been teaching at the high school ever since. "Winston High School is a special school in a wonderful community. During our 15 years, I have continually been in



awe of the support and encouragement we receive from the families and community. It is a pleasure to work with all the students and staff. I cannot imagine there are many schools in our province that can match the "vibe" of Winston."

Citing there has been many challenges but also many moments of great joy in seeing students meet a goal, looking back, Thomas indicated his teaching career has been a rewarding one. "Every once in a while, you get to stand alongside a young person who needs a boost or a little extra care and you know you are making a difference. What a special

feeling that is!"

It has been that dedication, effort and positive impact that has not been lost on his colleagues at Winston High School. Teaching and coaching alongside Thomas over the years, principal Terry Braman felt Doug was a worthy candidate for Horizon's Excellence in Teaching award.

Nominating the educator, Braman said, "Doug believes that any success his students can achieve

Worthy recipient

► Winston High School teacher Doug Thomas who has also been involved as a coach within the school for a number of years recently received an Excellence in Teaching award. Presented during Horizon School Division's annual opening day celebration in August, Thomas said the experience was very humbling.

left photo by Daniel Bushman
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Preserving a landmark while honouring his heritage

■ Daniel Bushman

Needing a little care and proud of his Norwegian heritage, when former resident Nils Selnes visited Watrous in 2022 and noticed a dilapidated Mandal sign, a marker acknowledging where the community once sat before it relocated and became known as Watrous, he felt the need to do something.

So in 2023, returning to Watrous to celebrate his mother-in-law Renie McKay's 101st birthday, seeing nothing had changed with the sign's condition, he took it upon himself to restore it. Talking with local resident Murray Westby, Selnes indicated he was willing

to provide the paint and labour to touch up the historic marker. With approval from the Town of Watrous, the now B.C. resident began working on the project to bring it back to life.

"Most of the work was scraping and getting rid of the rust," said Selnes who turns 81 in October. "I think it looks good now. I wanted a little blue on there as well because the flag of Norway is red, white and blue but blue didn't show up very good."

Using yellow instead of the blue, after applying one coat of paint in September with a second coat in October, the sign can now be easily viewed from nearby Hwy. 2. "I am proud of the history of Mandal and of my heritage and I wanted to do this."

The site where the Mandal sign sits just west of Watrous near Hwy. 2 signifies the beginnings of what is now Watrous. According to Prairie Reflections, the community's history book, on Nov. 11, 1903, B.B. Haaland, T.N. Bjorndahl, and T. Odne journeyed from Davidson by democrat to the Manitou Lake district looking for homesteads.

Finding land just south

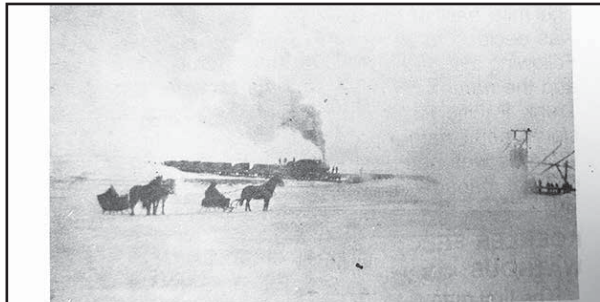


Mr. Bjorndahl came out in 1905 to settle at a point not far from the present day Watrous, Sask. He and the settlers around him got together and agreed to call the place Mandal. Above is the Mandal post office, tar paper siding and all, as it looked in 1906.



Mr. Bjorndahl built a store at Mandal and it is seen in the above photo standing (right) beside the drug store and Dr. White's office. Presumably that is the good doctor standing in front of his office in the coonskin coat. Note fancy store front.

Images from Prairie Reflections History Book



Then came the steel laying gangs working in summer and working in winter to push the railway through in a booming country. This photo shows the gang at work near Watrous. But something went wrong — the GTP railway decided to make Watrous a divisional point. Sooo-----.



With the help of about 12 horses, 10 men and a pair of mules, Mr. Bjorndahl loaded his store on wagons and moved it into Watrous, the new divisional point.

of the lake, they opted to settle there. However, the land was not open for filing on, so they returned to their homes in Edmore, North Dakota.

The following summer, the land was open for settlement and the men returned July 4, 1904. Building sod shacks into

which their families moved into in the fall, much land settlement took place and homesteaders' shacks dotted the country for miles around. With the nearest post office 51 miles away, an application was also made to open a post office which the settlers named 'Mandal' after their

hometown in Norway.

Learning of the settlement after arriving to the area from Norway when he was 20 years old, Selnes felt the name was fitting. "Mandal is the most southern city in Norway. A lot of people from the Mandal area came to Watrous before the

railroad came."

With many early settlers calling Mandal home in the 1900s, the prairie place began to rapidly grow. T.N. Bjorndahl opened up a general store and blacksmith shop and the

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RCMP Report

Humboldt/Lanigan/Watrous RCMP temporary amalgamation

Meetings have been held and conversations are ongoing with local leaders of Watrous, Humboldt, and surrounding areas regarding the temporary amalgamation of the Watrous and Humboldt detachments.

The RCMP's number one priority is the safety and security of the public and of its officers and when a policing need is identified, police work to address it. One example is staffing strategies, such as this collaboration between the Watrous and Humboldt detachments, which helps to ensure more officers are on duty at any given time to respond to calls for service.

RCMP do not provide specific resourcing numbers for officer safety reasons. At any given time, some of the officers can be unavailable – members can be on vacation, modified duties, parental leave, training or sick.

The Saskatchewan RCMP are committed to providing the most efficient and effective policing services possible.

Search warrant executed

Saskatchewan RCMP's Yorkton Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team executed a search warrant in Springside Oct. 6 as part of an ongoing trafficking investigation.

Officers located and seized approximately 198 grams of suspected cocaine, approximately 240 grams of suspected methamphetamine, approximately 40 pharmaceutical-style pills, trafficking paraphernalia, brass knuckles and a stun gun.

An adult male was arrested at the scene. Forty-four-year-old James Lloyd from Yorkton is charged with three counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and two counts of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88(2), Criminal Code. Saskatchewan RCMP's Yorkton Municipal General Investigation Section and Yorkton detachment assisted in this investigation.

Collision near Darwin

At approximately 6:30 p.m. Oct. 7, White Butte RCMP received a report of a collision on Hwy. 48 near Darwin. Investigation determined a truck and a car collided. The drivers of both vehicles passed away at the scene.

The driver of the truck has been identified as a 47-year-old male from Arkansas, USA. The driver of the car has been identified as a 22-year-old female from Kipling, Sask.

Their families have been notified. The adult male passenger of the car was taken to hospital with injuries described as serious. Hwy. 48 was blocked during the initial investigation and response to this collision.

White Butte RCMP continues to investigate with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

Traffic stop at Chamberlain

Craik RCMP set up a traffic check stop on Hwy. 11 at Chamberlain to promote road safety during the Thanksgiving long weekend. Officers stopped 1,350 vehicles during the check stop, which ran from noon to 4 p.m.

Officers completed 23 impaired driving tests; 14 of the drivers tested positive for cannabis use and were issued roadside suspensions. Two suspended drivers were stopped and ticketed after trying to avoid the check stop. Their vehicles were all towed.

Officers issued seven tickets for infractions like speeding and using a phone while driving, and gave out 21 warnings.

Craik RCMP thanks SGI for assisting with this road safety initiative.

Saskatchewan RCMP participated in Operation Impact from Oct. 6 to 9. This national public awareness campaign, held each Thanksgiving weekend, focuses on eliminating behaviours that put drivers, passengers and other road users at risk: impaired driving due to alcohol, drugs or fatigue, as well as aggressive driving, distracted driving, and driving without a seat belt.

A half-century of service

■ submitted by Rhonda Cooper/Imperial Library

Palliser Regional Library was founded in 1973 and within its boundaries are 19 rural branches one of which is the Imperial branch and one city branch. While not all the libraries turned 50 this year, Imperial did. It officially opened Sept. 25, 1973 and the board hosted an early 50th birthday bash on Friday, Sept. 15 at its branch at 310 Royal Street Imperial.

Preparations for the day had been in the works for a number of weeks with local businesses and individuals stepping up to the plate and donating a number of great prizes for the birthday bash. Friday's weather was perfect for an outdoor celebration and the exterior of the library was a festive sight with balloons tied to the handrails along with a golden 50 balloon set adorning the front window.

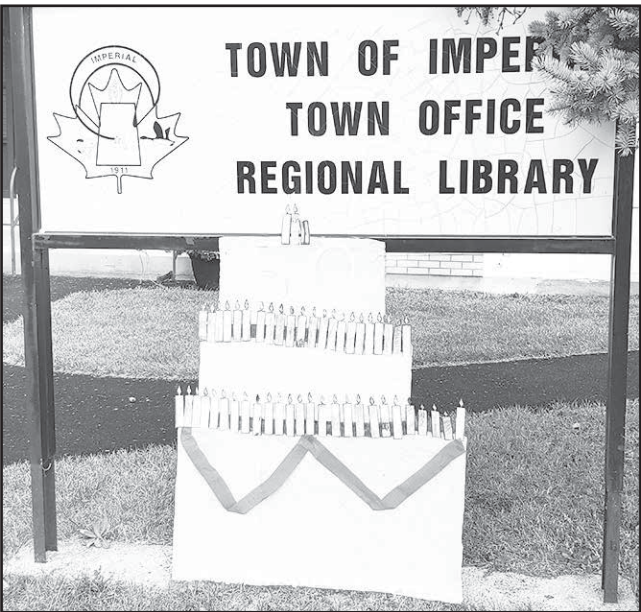
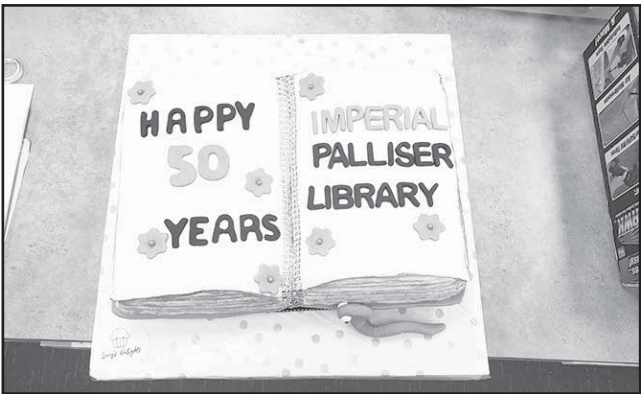
Prior to and during the outdoor lunch beginning at 11:30, visitors and patrons made their way inside to check out the deals to be had at the garage and book sale as well as the picture collage showing off a few pictures from over the years. Although all the photos had special meaning, the ones including Ike Cruise who built some of the library's furnishings brought forward a flood of wonderful memories.

The staff and students of Imperial School were

some of the first in line for the barbecue lunch. Interspersed were a large number of community members and the board members manning the grill were kept on their toes. When the majority of the crowd was served, Imperial Mayor Ted Abrey said a few words about the library and the important role it has played in the community. Although unsure of the actual date, Mayor Abrey commented how the northeast corner of the library once housed the local jail. In the crowd a few nodding heads with knowing smiles chuckled at the memory.

The day concluded with the draws for the nine raffle prizes. The winners included Nancy Grieve, Carol Charbonneau, Kylee Freeman, Arenell Robinson, Aaron Lucas, Gina Wheeler, Paula Kerr, Joni Ingram and Gayle Brooker.

"It was a wonderful day," said Marj Klenk, board chair of the library board. "It was great to see all the students here as well as so many community members. Imperial has always supported the library and it was great to see such a wonderful turnout for our 50th birthday."



►Pictured above: Back row (left to right): current Imperial Library Board Muriel McLane, Pat Joa, Debbie Van Damme, and Arenell Robinson. Front row: Imperial Mayor Ted Abrey, Marj Klenk, Freda Walker and librarian Rhonda Cooper. Missing: Rhonda Kelly, board member. The birthday cake (top left) was made by Loretta Lamont. The oversized birthday cake (bottom left) was made by elementary school student Kylee Freeman and the candles were coloured by little ones from the daycare who attend the library for storytime.

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It's All About Me



Pass The Salt

A spiritual column
by Pastor
Greg Dermody

I came across this Martin Luther quote about the Bible: “The Scriptures are like a cradle. When you come up to the cradle do you look at the cradle or the baby within?” We can appreciate a well-crafted cradle as well as a plain serviceable rocking box, but we really want to see the babe within.

The Scriptures are a vehicle given by God to us. They stand on their own and can point to God, yet they can also be easily abused for our own ends. We are all quite capable of putting our own agenda and perceived needs ahead of what God is calling us

to. That is the ultimate battle of sin; selfishness. The devil told Adam and Eve that they would become like God, a subtle but powerful lie. To let the scriptures speak to our lives requires an intentional intimacy with their source. The scriptures are said to be God breathed, God’s communication to us for a purpose.

Our struggle of sin and self is not necessarily a deal breaker. Psalm 69:5 reads: “you know my folly, O God; my guilt is not hidden from you.” God knows just who we are, and still desires friendship with us. Jesus Himself said, “You have your heads in your bibles constantly because you think you’ll find eternal life there, but you miss the forest for the trees. These scriptures are all about me.” (John 5:39 MSG). So, there we are, as we go to the Bible it must be with a certain vulnerability and honesty. The God who knows our very folly and our guilt still wants to communicate with us! Not just through this 2,000+ year old collection of writings, but in real time as God

were entertained by Wild Prairie and by the Old Time Allstars.

The Rotary Gazebo on Sunrise patio and our Harmony patio were well used and enjoyed during our hot weather! Several residents were able to get out for a country drive. One evening was enjoyed at Danceland, listening to live music, conversing, and dancing. On Aug. 20, several residents rode the bus to Venn for the parade and celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Venn Hall. The birthday party in August was a hit hosted by the Lutheran ladies.

We are well entertained here with many visits from the Happy Gang consisting of Lil Gingrich and Brian Dennis. We are able to enjoy the many songs they lead for us. Every two weeks, Dieter Penner entertains us with his wonderful talent on the piano.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The following is an open letter to the Honourable Minister of Trade and Export Development Jeremy Harrison regarding rural economic development funding:

The Last Mountain Economic Development Alliance (LMEDA) has been taking initial steps to bring together our resources to promote and develop our local and regional economies. LMEDA’s membership is currently made up of the towns of Strasbourg, Govan, Nokomis, and the village of Semans.

Through our goal setting process with SEDA we have come to realize that your office has no funding or initiatives available for the economic development of rural Saskatchewan towns.

Our membership looks to your office for support - ultimately leadership - in providing financial investment for economic development in our region. Securing your support is essential to realizing our region’s ambitions for local economic growth, leveraging recent opportunities like Broadband Fibre access and the BHP Jansen Lake construction project. This funding is pivotal for transforming our local economy through increased local expenditures.

As local authorities, we are duty-bound to maintain and deliver core services to our ratepayers. Together we provide for safe drinking water, effluent management, safe roads, and collection of waste to name a few keystone services. Regardless of scale

(urban/rural: city/town/village) these core services are the foundation to all day-to-day life and operations throughout the province, from the cafe to the cabinet table.

With this fundamental role in mind, why do rural Manitobans and Albertans enjoy hundreds of millions and billions, respectively, for rural economic development when rural communities here in Saskatchewan have nothing?

How can the Saskatchewan Party promote an economy that works for “everyone” when it clearly has no interest in rural funding for economic development?

How do we attract business partners to help in this work without leadership from our government?

How are we going to work together to get the necessary funding in place? Funding to help incubate new businesses, exploit available commercial property sales for new industry, and help build the 1,000 new homes BHP needs to operate here in the province?

The disparity between Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan is not only embarrassing, it is costing our communities and region dearly both today and for future generations.

Respectfully,
David Mark

Chair of Last Mountain Economic
Development Alliance (LMEDA)

the Holy Spirit introduces us to the living Word. This can be somewhat intimidating, yet as we trust in God and ask Him to reveal His great love and care for us: we will find peace, growth and hope. So look in the

cradle, take a tour by asking God to reveal Himself and guide you in this discovery of the one it’s really about: Jesus, His words to you, and His invitation to life.

Manitou Lodge Report

■ submitted by Betty
Vickaryous and Lois Martell

Summer is over and we are well into fall. We have had a very busy summer at the lodge. We spent a lot of time going for walks and playing several games outside on our patio, such as Kerplunk, Bocce Ball and the newly acquired Axe Throwing Game. Several of our residents were also able to go for a trip to the golf course to enjoy a breakfast out.

Kelvin ‘The Ice Cream Man’ treated all residents and staff with ice cream on our patio. The July birthday party was hosted by Interlake and enjoyed by all! Many residents took in the car show and enjoyed the drive by that several car entries participated in. A bus load of residents went for a country drive and stopped for ice cream before heading home. At the end of July, we



Look What’s Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Homemade Pudding

Ingredients:

4 cups milk
4 tbsp. cornstarch
¼ tsp. salt
¾ cup sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
½ tsp. vanilla

Directions:

Bring three cups of milk to a boil in a saucepan. Mix remaining cup of milk with cornstarch, sugar, eggs and salt. Use this mixture to thicken the pudding, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add vanilla.

Variations:

For coconut cream add ½ cup coconut and 1 tbsp. butter when you remove from the heat.

For chocolate cream pudding add ¼ cup cocoa to the cornstarch mixture, blending it well.

I then put the puddings into individual serving containers with lids and let cool in the fridge with the lids on.

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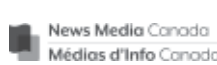
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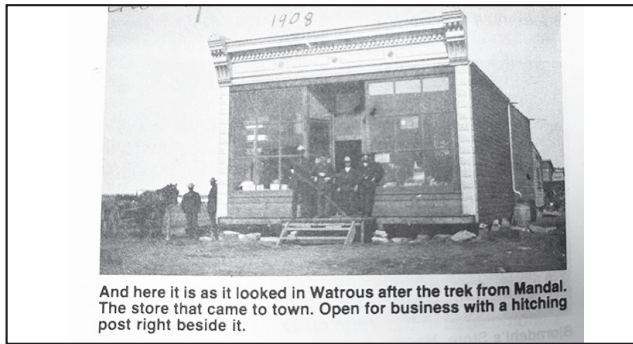
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next spring, Dr. J.H. White opened a drug store. J.J. Abraham and J. Elsworth opened a real estate office while Ole N. Bjorndahl started a restaurant and butcher shop. Anton Burke opened a blacksmith shop and the North American Lumber Co. put in a lumberyard. A school board was also elected and the first school was held in a sod shack on the homestead of O. Forgaard. The first church services were organized by the Norwegian Lutherans and conducted at the farm home of Hans Johnson.

Then in the fall of 1906, engineers came through surveying for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad. The next year, the townsite was surveyed one mile east of the Village of Mandal. According to the local history book the new location would be more adaptable for railway yards. Following that decision, the Village of Mandal was then moved and the name of the community changed to Watrous by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. This kept the divisional point name in alphabetical order on the line. Watrous was named after Frank Watrous Morse, the general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Gone but not forgotten, decades later, Westby shared a reunion was held where it was decided a sign should be created to acknowledge the original settlement. Commissioning a marker, it was welded together, painted and then placed just west of Watrous where Mandal was situated.



Impressed to learn of the history when he first arrived to the area from Norway, Selnes felt like it was a second home. "I came to Viscount and we worked on a farm there milking cows. We met some people from Watrous when we were in Watrous and they invited us to move there. On July 1, 1964 I moved to Watrous and lived in the community for five years."

Starting a painting company with his partner, it was not long after when Selnes got married to Watrous girl Donna (nee McKay). The couple eventually moved to Regina for 10 years and then after visiting a neighbour in Kelowna, made the decision to move there. Now 40 years later, Selnes returns to Watrous from B.C. to visit family and reconnect.

"It impressed me when I first came here. It is like a little Norway and I enjoy coming back. I was honoured to be able to restore that sign and now when we come back every year, I will keep an eye on it."



► Pictured above: Nils Selnes stands next to the Mandal marker that he recently restored. Following a move from Norway when he was 20, Selnes spent time in Watrous before eventually moving to B.C. Like a second home, Selnes returns annually to Watrous to visit.

► above photo by Daniel Bushman, top left from Prairie Reflections History Book

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Diving ahead

► On a chilly Oct. 5 afternoon, one that provided the first flurries of fall, the Winston Wildcats senior tackle football team hosted the Clavet Cougars. After a tough loss on the road to Clavet earlier in the season, Watrous kept its opponents in check for the most part Thursday including adding some points by quarterback Blake Morelli (left). However, as the game progressed, the visitors became too much and went on to take a victory. With a 1-2 record, head coach of the Wildcats Barry Croshaw felt his team played pretty good but are still needing to clean up a few things. "It was overall a very physical game and we ended up with a couple of injuries but overall I thought our guys responded well against possibly the number one team in the province." With a few new starters slotted in the lineup, the blue and gold were scheduled to play in Assiniboia. "It will be a real important game so hopefully we can come back with a win."

photos by Daniel Bushman

VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Wow, what a fantastic Thanksgiving weekend we had this year. It all began by becoming great-grandparents for the seventh time, then we had the community garage sales. It was so great visiting with each person that stopped by. The weather was just awesome for the sales. Then we enjoyed our family Thanksgiving dinner and family visiting. It was a very busy but so enjoyable weekend. I hope everyone else was able to enjoy their Thanksgiving weekend as much as we did.

The Viscount seniors are extremely happy with the turnout for the first

breakfast that was held Saturday, Oct. 7. It was a great success and will continue Saturdays from 7:30 until 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 9, we enjoyed great games of pickleball at Viscount Central School.

There was no Blankets for Canada Thanksgiving Monday but continued Monday, Oct. 16.

We have not got around to putting our Christmas lights up, which our oldest mentioned is better to do in October than wait until the snow and colder air comes. We will be doing that shortly.

Viscount Central School Scholastic Book Fair starts

Oct. 18 at the school. It was so awesome to hear about the generous donation of sugar/nut free cereal that was generously donated by the Young Wildlife Federation to the Viscount Central School. This really helps the much needed breakfast program!

Fundraising is continuing by the Kindergarten, Gr. 1 and 2 classes for the outdoor learning space that has been started outside the school.

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

YOUNG

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"Shine on, shine on harvest moon." A harvest moon is one of the first cues that fall is near. The full harvest moon Sept. 29 marked the final supermoon of 2023.

The Papa and his hunting buddy Doug were fortunate enough to bring home an elk in September. They marvelled how at the beginning of their hunt the forest was a mass of colourful foliage and a short time later the leaves had fallen and it was a different landscape. Additionally, on the way home, the Papa got a mule deer on the grill and front of his truck but that is another story.

There was repair work happening on the CP Rail crossing and Hwy. 2 Oct. 4. Unfortunately it had rained and continued to rain, so taking the detour on the gravel roads was a bit of an adven-

ture. The crossing opened the following day much to the relief of travellers.

National Teacher's Day was Oct. 5. We applaud all those in the teaching profession who lead, teach, guide, encourage and mentor. From nursery school to high school to community college, teachers are invested in the lives of their students; men and women who teach with both compassion and tough love. My friend remembers her home economics teacher instructing her to rip out a crooked seam, which to a teenager was quite disheartening; however, today this gal is an excellent seamstress. The calendar sets this one day aside but we really do celebrate teachers every day.

Enjoy your week!

COLONSAY

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Thursday, Oct. 5, 18 seniors gathered at the senior centre for supper catered by the Colonsay Hotel. It was great with lots of visiting. After supper president Jim Gray presided the October meeting. An informational meeting for the citizens of town will be held Oct. 18 at the community hall. Open for discussion will be held for activities and plans for the community planning map.

Jim and Irene travelled to Saskatoon Sunday, Oct. 8 to Tyler and Venessa Hinz's for a Thanksgiving supper. Brenda Liang from Saskatoon, Ben, MuLing and grandma from Unity, Tyler's grandmother and two of Brenda's friends also joined them. We were able to FaceTime with Kory Liang who is travelling with a friend in Australia. Barry and Merilyn Kirk enjoyed family gatherings at

Vern and Michelle Kirk's. Saturday, they enjoyed Scott, Emma and Michael Kirk. Sunday, they visited Erik and Stephanie Holmstrom and great-granddaughter Addie from Edmonton who joined the Kirks for the weekend.

There were lots of family gatherings over the weekend. The weather has co-operated with lots of sunshine. We saw lots of combines going to gather their crops.

Colonsay Wheatland Library is accepting second-hand books in excellent condition. No magazine or Reader's Digest condensed. They appreciate the support! Library week is Oct. 15 to 21. Draws, coffee and treats will be available. They will also hand out treats Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Fun N' Friends annual bottle drive is Sunday, Oct. 22.

They appreciate the support to help maintain the pre-school program.

Oct. 26, Colonsay School will hold Kindergarten to Gr. 12 conferences. Oct. 27 there is no school. It is a day in lieu of interviews.

Pickleball and badminton will resume Nov. 1. Drop in for this free activity Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Colonsay School gym. School equipment can be used.

A Thanksgiving Prayer - As God fills the world with beauty when Thanksgiving time is here. Displaying his most splendid works of art, may he always fill your world with joy and make each day all year. A time for glad Thanksgiving in your heart.



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Obituary



**ATKINSON,
Mae
May 23, 1928 -
Oct. 4, 2023**

We announce with deep sorrow the passing of Mae, our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, at the Parkland Integrated Health Center.

Mae, originally Mae Muriel Magnuson, was born in Asquith, Sask. as the cherished first child of Ernest and Ethel Magnuson. Her schooling spanned Asquith, Kilwinning, Melfort, and Shipman, with her graduation in Hagen. 1946 saw Mae embarking on her career at the Co-op in Melfort. However, her path led her to Young, Sask. a year later where she met and married James Atkinson in 1948. The pair made Shellbrook their home in 1951, and it was there they welcomed their first child, Patricia. In 1952,

Mae bravely faced and overcame the challenges of polio. Her resilience shone through, as she learned to walk on crutches, emphasizing her determination. Rodney joined the family in 1955, and by 1966, Sherry-Lynn completed the Atkinson household. Throughout the years, Mae and James established businesses, built homes with provisions for renters, and continually provided for their family. Mae's passions were diverse; from knitting and crocheting to baking and sewing. An active member of the Knox United Church Women, Mae, alongside James, enjoyed memorable travels to places like Hawaii and the Canary Islands, and cherished their trips in their motor-home, visits to Danceland in Watrous, and their time during harvest in Young. Later challenges led Mae to the Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert in 2015, followed by stays at the Leoville Nursing home and finally the Parkland Integrated Health Centre Long-Term Care Home.

Mae leaves behind daughter, Patricia (Jim) Wasylkowski of Marcelin, Sask., their children Michael (with sons Adam and Owen), Jason (Mio) and their children Ionna and Ellena, and Brandan; son Rodney (Cathy) of

Shellbrook, their children Rebecca (Chris Dobson) with daughter Elka Dobson, and Blake (Carla Garvie) with children Dash and Lexi Atkinson and daughter Sherry-Lynn (Rick) Jensen of Canwood and their children Jalisa (Cassandra Olson) and Derek (Agatha).

She was predeceased by her husband James, parents Ernest and Ethel, brother Ken, and stepmother Marjorie.

A celebration of Mae's life was held Wednesday, October 11 at 11 a.m. at the Shellbrook Seniors Centre, Shellbrook, Sask. with Murray Hannigan as officiant. A video link of Mae's service can be found on Beau "Lac" Funeral Home's website.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, consider supporting the Shellbrook and Districts Health Services Foundation.

Family and friends wishing to share online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com

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Coming Events



LIBRARY WEEK
Colonsay Wheatland Library will have draws, coffee and treats during library week Oct. 15 to 21. The library is accepting secondhand books in excellent condition. Treats will be handed out Oct. 31.

BOOK FAIR
Scholastic Book Fair at Watrous Elementary School Oct. 16 to 19. Parent/family night shopping will be Oct. 18 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Everyone welcome!

TREASURE HUNT
Join Son Fun for the great treasure hunt! At Philadelphia MB Church Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. and Oct. 22 and 29 at 6 p.m. Kids in Kindergarten to Gr. 5 welcome!

WHS SR. FOOTBALL
The Winston High School senior football team's next home game is Oct. 20 vs Davidson. Game time: after school at Croshaw Field in Watrous.

ELI BARSİ
Danceland at Manitou Beach presents Eli Barsi (Country, Bluegrass, Folk and Gospel) Sat., Oct. 21. Buffet 6 p.m. Show 8 to 11 p.m. Purchase your tickets online at watrousmanitou.com/events/eli-barsi-at-danceland/

BOTTLE DRIVE
Fun N' Friends bottle drive Sun., Oct. 22 in Colonsay. Please show your support to help maintain the preschool program.

AGM MEETING
Watrous School of Dance is hosting its AGM Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Watrous School of Dance studio.

TRADE AND CRAFT SHOW
Youth Entrepreneur Trade and Craft Show, Fri., Oct. 27, 4 to 8 p.m. Watrous Anglican Church Hall. Contact Cindy Mclean at cjk342@mail.usask.ca

TOONIE TUESDAY
Danceland at Manitou Beach presents Halloween Toonie Tuesday dance, Tues., Oct. 31. Supper 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Music 6 to 9 p.m. Kids \$2, adults \$4. Live music, prizes and games!

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.

PICKLEBALL/ BADMINTON
Pickleball and badminton resumes Nov. 1 Drop in for this free activity Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Colonsay School gym. School equipment can be used.

CHRISTMAS MARKET
Join us at the Watrous Kinette Christmas Market Sat., Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Watrous Civic Centre and Heritage Room, 404 Main Street, Watrous.

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).

Watrous Rotary Club meets alternating Tuesday evenings at the lower level of Watrous United Church. Call 306-946-3535 for more information.

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At the Watrous Centre
Whist winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Oct. 5 were: first - Arlene Gegner, 148; second - Bob Wignes, 147; third - Colleen Hunt, 144; fourth - Betty Carlson, 141. Travelling - Colleen Hunt and Earle Amendt. Homesteader was Sharon Carlson, eight times at same table.
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(from front page: THOMAS)

will benefit them later in life. He wants our students to be their very best, lifelong learners in whatever direction they take their life in. He works hard at refining student's skills in all of their areas. He takes on challenges in the most difficult of classes and helps to ensure student success. Doug can be found constantly in the school early or after school providing support to students in senior mathematics classes."

Volunteering his time as a coach, an official and helping within the community, Braman shared it has been that selfless dedication by his peer which has been instrumental in seeing local youth activities grow. Presented with a Horizon Central Athletic Association coaching service award in 2014 while helping coach a number of championship teams in football, basketball and softball, Thomas continues to make a positive difference both in and out of the classroom. "Doug is a vital part of the Winston High School staff team. He provides leadership, strength and perseverance to our building. The students and staff, myself especially, are very lucky to have him."


Now in his 25th year of teaching, when asked if there was a highlight or two that has stuck out for him during his tenure, Thomas said it was an impossible

question to answer. "There have been so many wonderful people that come to mind. In general, it is not the wins or losses while coaching or even the amazing grades on exams that I remember, rather, it is the building of relationships that provide wonderful memories. I love running into former students when they are adults and hearing of where life has taken them. I hope that they remember how much we are cheering for them even though they have left the building!"

Joining an esteemed list of educators throughout Horizon who have received an Excellence in Teaching award, when reflecting on the accolades and the opportunity to teach for over two decades, Thomas said, "I want to say a big thank you to my family for the support they have given me, especially in giving me up to the many hours of coaching that happen outside of the regular school day. My wife has been amazing in this regard. I also have to mention that there are many teachers in our community that are equally deserving of recognition like this. We are blessed with many amazing people that work very hard at both Watrous Elementary School and Winston High School. I am thankful to be a part of this profession and hope that I am able to continue for many more years."




►Pictured left: Winston High School Principal Terry Braman with Doug Thomas. Pictured above: Doug Thomas coaching football. Pictured below: Horizon School Division recognizing Doug Thomas with an Excellence in Teaching Award
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