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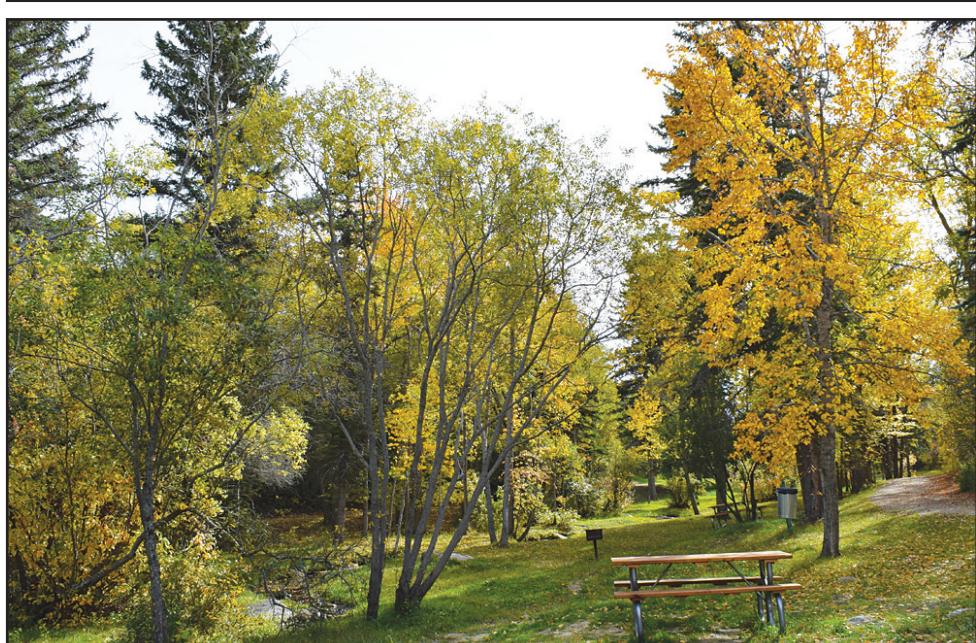
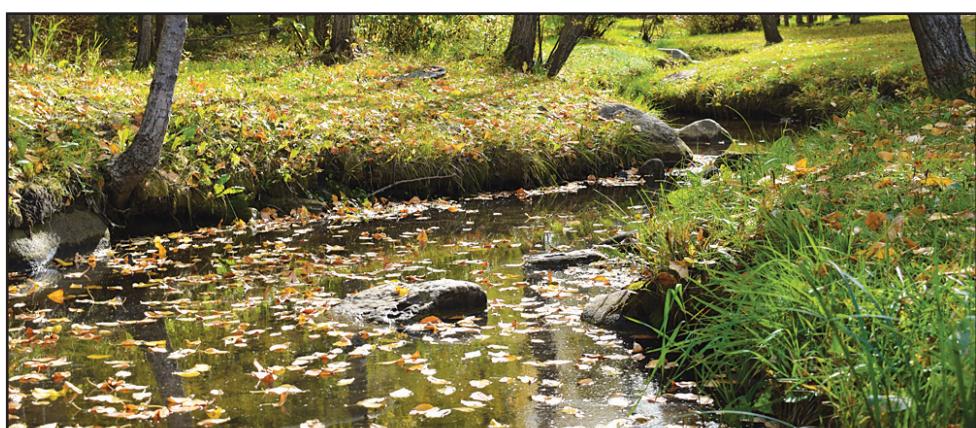
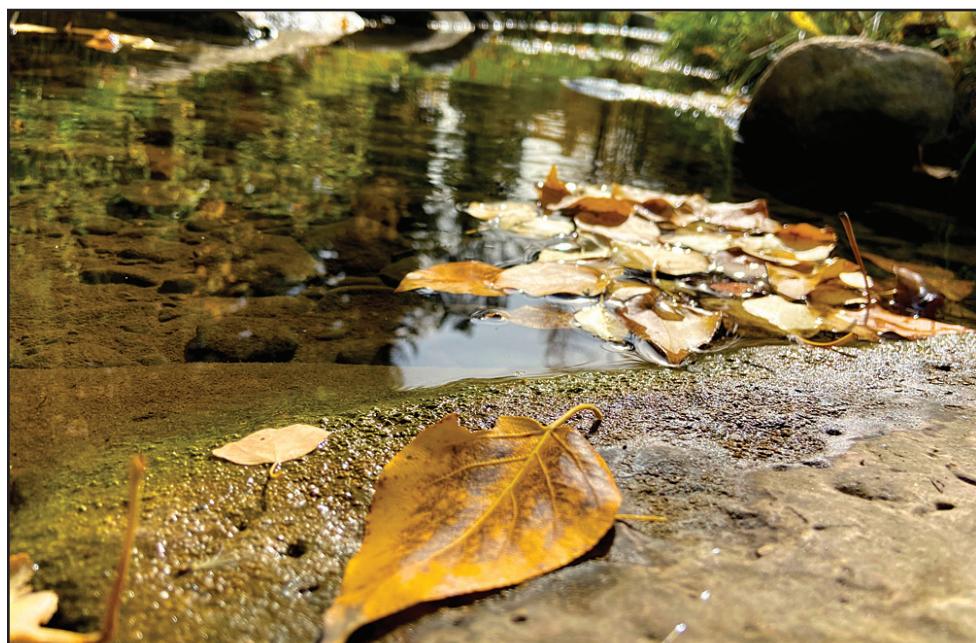
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Signs of the season

In recent weeks, it has been evident that a new season has arrived as colours are changing and the amount of hours of daylight get less each day.

Wellington Park at Manitou Beach, fall has definitely made its presence known in beautiful fashion (pictured).

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Made in Manitoba: Fresh Bisons offensive line ready to prove their worth

■ **Mike Still, University of Manitoba Bison Sports**
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Without a shadow of a doubt, the biggest question mark heading into training camp for the Manitoba Bisons football team was their offensive line. All five starters from 2019 are no longer with the program, while the sixth and seven men up are also gone.

"Not only have I never experienced losing an entire unit at this level or at the high school level, at this level I've never seen it," mentioned head coach Brian Dobie, who enters year 26 with the team in 2021.

"To replace those guys is the biggest task. I think we had some really good young guys that are now two years older, and I think we recruited some really good players, but now those guys have to become a unit."

With no career U SPORTS starts amongst the group, and understanding the need for game-ready players, Dobie and offensive line coach Ryan Karhut sought out some of the best junior football talent from across the nation. Karhut tapped into his alma mater, the Edmonton Huskies, where he secured the services of 6'6", 285-pound tackle Joel Cardinal and 6'0", 285-pound centre Sandy Walker, the co-winners of the Huskies Offensive Lineman of the Year award in 2019.

Additionally, former Calgary Colts team captain Tyson Rosas and Westshore standout Halem Hrizai signed on the dotted line, while multiple time CJFL national champion and Lineman of the Year Ryder Klisowsky from Saskatoon also decided to take his talents to the middle province.

These players, along with veterans — both local and from out of town — such as Matteo Vaccaro, Mark Rauhaus, Matt Stokman and Ethan Croome, as well as 2020 commits Victor Olaniran (Vincent Massey) and Hayden Piche (St. Paul's) are part of a group that are hungry to showcase their abilities.

Klisowsky takes on a leadership role

Right from the jump, Klisowsky took on a vocal leadership role amongst the group. When the COVID-19 pandemic derailed the 2020 season, he led conversations over Zoom that were facilitated by Karhut in order to increase rapport.

"He's played in undeniably the best junior football program in the nation. That was a huge signing for us. That's what he is, but the bonus is who he is. Wow, he has leader written all over him," noted Dobie.

"He just emerged as the leader of that group, and he'd never been here. He's leading, and we're totally virtual at that time. I think he brings obviously his talent, but he

also brings his experience of being a Hilltop with him. Programs don't win by accident. That's a great football program. I think that's a bonus for us."

One quote from Klisowsky tells you all you need to know about both his playing style and attitude towards the game. A relentless interior lineman with a nasty edge, he hits to the echo of the whistle on every play and leaves nothing behind.

"I didn't want to go out east. In all fairness it's just a different kind of ball. I wanted to stay in Canada West because I played in the Prairie Football Conference. Whenever I'd go out east it was kind of sad playing against them. They just didn't want to be there. We'd hit them hard and they'd cry and give up. You have to grind it out, and that's why I came to Manitoba," he says candidly and with a smile on his face.

"I like what Manitoba is doing, there's a lot of good things going on and I like [Ryan] Karhut. I like his coaching style and I understand it. I've been coached by those kinds of guys. I'm a loud guy and I'm loud when I coach, so I understand his process."

You can't pamper people. You have to be hard at times because that's the only way people learn. That's what I like about Karhut. He'll yell at you, but there's always a reason. He's yelling at you because he knows you haven't hit that potential and he knows you've got so much more potential, and the o-line, it's kind of neat to start from scratch."

Klisowsky also understands the importance of working as a unit. He had immense trust in his Hilltops hoggies, which was a big reason why their run game was consistently successful. For example, in 2018 and 2019, the six-time defending CJFL national champs combined for a ridiculous 4,503 yards, which more than doubled the



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opposition in each year.

"I know what it takes because I played with my o-line for four years. The three guys on the interior that I played with, we started together as rookies and we played until the end. Even the two tackles like my left tackle Mason Ochs, he started his rookie year and I played with him for three more years after that. We knew everything because we spent so much time," he says.

"We really were a family. In the playoffs we would do team meals and everything like that. The parents would bring a potluck and the whole team would just sit in our giant film room and eat together and chat. We tried to stay inclusive because you can't fully trust someone until you get to know them. If I don't know this guy, can I trust him to do his job? That builds the trust and the bond and you pick up that communication and way of thinking."

Thankfully, it didn't take long for UM's hoggies to click once training camp started. A thorough trip to Sushi Jet early on eased the transition and it's been clear sailing ever since.

"I'd never met Halem [Hrizai] in person, same thing with Sandy [Walker] and Joel [Cardinal] and the Winnipeg guys, we talked over Zoom and it was nice, but you

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VISCOUNT

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Wow, what amazing colours for fall this year as we enter into the month of October.

The Terry Fox Run was held Friday, Sept. 24 at Viscount Central School. The weather was perfect. Most money raised by a class

was the Kindergarten class, second was the Gr. 11/12 class and third was the Gr. 1/2 class.

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

COLONSAY

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Colonsay Community Hall was a busy place Monday, Sept. 20 for voters casting their ballots.

Jim, Irene and Dale Gray travelled to Watrous Sept. 21 to have a visit with Ervin and Carol Gross.

Joan Campbell hosted her annual fowl supper Sept. 24 for her friends Norma Sparrow, Ed and Dorothy Tymchatyn and Al and Suzanne Pike all from Saskatoon.

The ministers come from Saskatoon for services at Colonsay United Church. Due to the large numbers of COVID at this time, service has been cancelled until further notice.

Fun & Friends Playschool held its annual bottle drive fundraiser. A good number of bottles were received.

Jim and Irene Gray attended the celebration of life for Arnold Strueby, who passed away Aug. 30, held at Danceland at Manitou Beach Sept. 25. Celebrant was Rev. Marilyn Stobbs. Special music was by Dyana Moroz and The Decades band.

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Plunkett folks send their deepest sympathy to the Langston family on the recent passing of George Langston of New Zealand at the age of 95 years.

Several folks are done harvesting and are getting ready for the winter. Curling will be on TV in November with the Tim Hortons Canadian Curling Trials.

Plunkett folks also send sympathy to the family of Marcel Puffard on his recent passing in Ontario. He was staying with his brother.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Clara Smith of Humboldt on her recent passing.

The 100 days of rodeo which was on TV from the United States has now come to an end.

Stan and Irene Giddings went to Saskatoon to watch their grandson Jared Giddings play and

they won their game.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

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

Anyone having any news, please phone me. Thank you kindly.

■ submitted by

Isabelle Langston

Word was recently received on the passing of George Langston of Wanganui, New Zealand. He was 95. George grew up as a farm boy in the Eltham School District and was the son of Charles and Mertle Langston. He grew up with three brothers and three sisters. George later became a mechanic. He was married and had four children. Being a very brave soul, with some of his wife's persuasion, they decided to make the move to a warmer climate. They ended up in New Zealand.



Tips from
Reena Nerbas

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

Can you please give me some advice on how to prevent rabbits from entering and eating my garden? Bruce

Dear Bruce,

Here are some solutions that worked for contributors in the past.

If possible, construct a two-foot-high chicken wire fence. Bury the fence a few inches into the ground because rabbits are more likely to go under the fence than hop over it.

Surround the garden with milk jugs lined with sand. The idea is that the rabbits will chew on the jugs instead of your plants.

Suspend aluminum pie plates around plants to keep rabbits away.

Sprinkle one of the following around plants or shrubs; bags of human hair (from your local hair salon), blood meal, fox urine, bone meal or Irish Spring soap shavings.

Add turkey manure in with soil.

Homemade rabbit repellent: into a spray bottle mix one tablespoon baby shampoo and one tablespoon household ammonia and one quart water. Spray plants every three days.

Soak corn cobs in vinegar for five minutes and then place them throughout the garden or under shrubs. Re-soak the corn cobs after two weeks.

When planting flower beds mix thyme, spearmint, daffodils and/or eucalyptus in with flowers, they do not like the smell and often will not pass by to get to your yummy flowers.

Some people had success with burying fabric soft-

ener sheets around plants.

Around newly planted vegetables, bury a collar cut out of a milk carton or jug to protect each plant.

Fill mason jars three quarter full of water; add a drop of dish soap to each jar. Line jars along garden one to two feet apart and place on top of foil pie plates. The water reflects the sun off the jar and the foil and scares rabbits.

Ultrasonic repeller is a sound emitter that sends off a high-pitched noise that humans are unable to hear, but is uncomfortable for animals such as dogs, cats, deer, rabbits, raccoons, opossums, armadillos, skunks, bats, rodents, squirrels and other creatures. Adjust the unit frequency so that the sound does not hurt animals in the area. Note: study the best unit for your yard, some units are not effective at all.

Hints for storing apples

If you are planning to store apples for an extended period, wrap each unwashed apple individually with a piece of newspaper and store inside a box in a cool dark place such as the basement, refrigerator or your pantry. The newspaper is intended to prevent apples from contacting one another thereby protecting each apple.

Bruised apples should not be stored for longer than a few days. Use them right away or make them into apple cider, apple pie filling or applesauce. If the apples are to be eaten within a few days, store them in the fridge away from carrots and potatoes.

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

Public recognition could be a case of mistaken identity



Neighbourly advice
according to Ed

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

Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, likes to be recognized as a farmer and was recently mistaken for a farm machinery salesperson. Ed was looking over the farm implements up for sale at a farm auction and a fellow called him Archie. The fellow asked (Ed) if he was still selling John Deere machinery at South Country in Weyburn.

Ed was quick to tell the person his name was not Archie and that he was a farmer from near Melville and no salesperson.

Ed said that he never was and never would be a salesman. The fellow's wife said to her husband, "I told you it wasn't Archie. Archie is always well dressed and way younger."

I asked Ed, "What is wrong with being a salesman?" My old neighbour said that if I didn't know, he wouldn't tell me. It seems to me that being a salesperson can mean you are recognized as helpful, knowledgeable, and very trustworthy in your dealings. But, on the other hand, it could also mean that a few salespeople will not be helpful, knowledgeable, or reliable, but they will need to move on to another line of work.

We may get recognized by what we do and also who we are. However, our degree of recognition is often limited to family, friends, our job or profession, or the sports we play. Jesus might not have received much public attention on earth. There were count-

less rabbis before Jesus and after him with disciples that had very little public recognition or acclaim. There is an interesting account of Jesus going to the region of Tyre and Sidon to rest and get away from the public pressures of his preaching, teaching, and healing the sick and demon-possessed.

The region of Tyre and Sidon was not a Jewish area. Jesus went there so he would not be recognized as he hoped to hide away for a time. But Jesus was too famous to be left alone. A Gentile woman came to Jesus immediately after Jesus entered the house where he came to rest.

An unclean spirit possessed her little girl. The woman had heard of how this Jewish rabbi could heal those who suffered from demon possession and she was determined not only that Jesus could help her daughter, but she would not be put off if Jesus seemed reluctant to help her daughter. She acknowledged that Jesus as a Jew was to minister to and to heal Jewish people. The woman had faith that Jesus could spare some crumbs of healing for her non-Jewish daughter. Jesus was impressed with the woman's faith in him and he healed her daughter. Jesus' healing of the demon-possessed girl confirmed that he was more than a rabbi but also the Son of God able to heal the suffering.

After returning from the region of Tyre, Jesus travelled to the area of the Decapolis. There he was begged to heal a man who was deaf and who also had a speech impediment. Jesus cured the man of his deafness and enabled him to be able to speak plainly. People were astonished beyond measure and Jesus' public reputation grew as people said of him, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear, and the mute speak."

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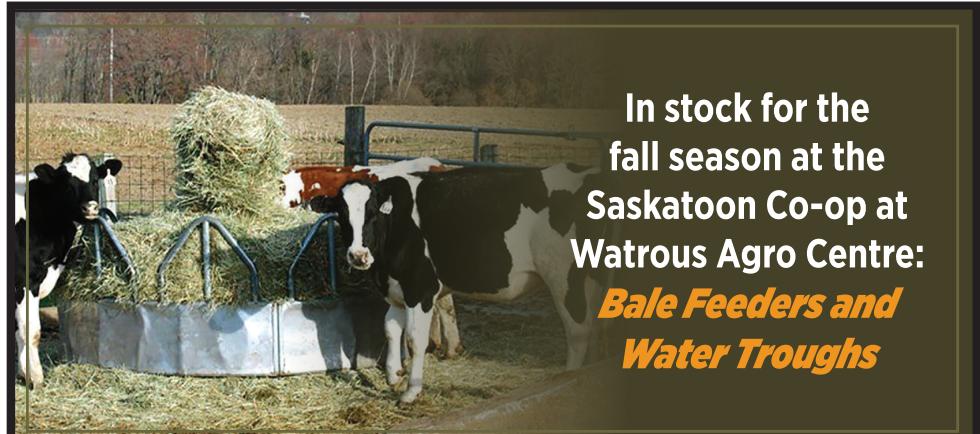
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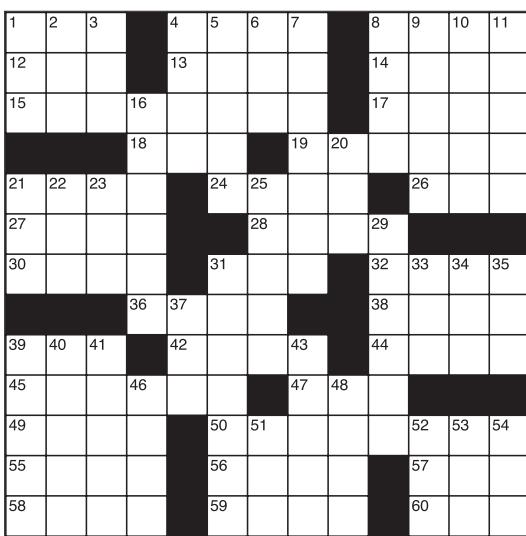
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At the Watrous Centre

Crib winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Sept. 23 were: first - Olive Sundquist, 880; second - Doreen Foster, 864; third - Isabelle Langston, 852; fourth - Peter Sundquist, 842. Travelling - Faye Johnson and Peter Sundquist. Homesteader was Doug Gregory, seven times at same table.

Kaiser winners at the Senior Cen-

tre Monday, Sept. 27 were: first - Colleen Hunt, 205; second - Grace Anderson, 183; third - Earle Amendt, 164; fourth - Lorelei Stewart, 160.

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“Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky”

Lemon Rainbow Dessert

Ingredients:

- 1 small white cake, baked
- 1 lemon pie filling mix
- 2 to 4 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 small bag coloured marshmallows
- 1 cup boiling water
- Cool Whip or whipped cream

Directions:

In a glass 9 x 13 pan, crumble the cake into small pieces. Sprinkle the marshmallows over this. Mix the lemon pie filling according to directions on the package. Add the boiling water and the lemon juice. Pour carefully over the cake and marshmallows in the pan, using a fork to make sure the sauce gets all around the pieces. Cool to room temperature, then place in the fridge. Before serving, ice with Cool Whip or whipped cream. Best made the day before serving.

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never got to meet them in person, which is a huge aspect. We got here, and the first day everyone kind of moved in, but after that we went for food and just chatted and had a great time," recalled Klisowsky.

"That little bit of awkwardness was broken and we were able to build from there. Even now we've been able to learn more about each other. It seems like we've been together for a while and not just two weeks of camp."

Developing an identity

Hrizai — a 6'4", 300-pound tackle who's a favourite to start — mimics Klisowsky's approach to the game. He's mean and incredibly athletic for his size, due in part to playing fullback for many years in high school. The 2021 season will serve as a homecoming, as he played Division 1 football for Murdoch MacKay prior to suiting up for the Regina Rams and Westshore Rebels. He's taken pieces of each experience and moulded them into his game, such as footwork from the U of R and ferociousness from his time in BC.

"When I went [to Westshore] for my first day of spring camp, I hadn't played football for a year and I wanted to put my name where I wanted it. No one knew who I was when I got there and I went there and I just performed and dominated guys. That's where I learned to be a dog on the team," he says.

"All the coaches eyes caught on. [Coach JC Boice] doesn't want you to just be one of the guys, he wants you to be a dude out there. He always said that. Don't be one of the guys, be a dude. That hit me pretty good. Westshore was definitely the one to open all the doors and now I'm here. I'm blessed and thankful for it."

Local third-year players such as St. Paul's alum Matteo Vaccaro and Vincent Massey product Mark Rauhaus have also adopted a dog mentality. Unlike their jun-

ior football counterparts, neither player has towering size, as Vaccaro is 5'10" and around 290, while Rauhaus is 6'0", however their aggressiveness and understanding of the playbook more than make up for their metrics.

Both athletes are widely adored in the locker room, and if you need an example, look no further than the team's exhibition game in 2019, where Vaccaro suffered a severe knee injury. The entire offensive line came out to make sure he was okay, which speaks to the respect he's already earned. He's a favourite to start at centre and for all the right reasons.

"It's definitely nice because they know the plays," chuckled Klisowsky.

"Half the time I'm lost because it's a completely different numbering system and play calls. It's nice to have those guys there, especially Rauhaus and Matteo at centre, because they've been here and they've studied the playbook for three years, so they know Karhut and they know the lingo. It helps for us mentally, and don't get me wrong, they're physical. They'll go out and hit. Matteo, he'll try and power through anyone."

As week one nears closer, there are few groups hungrier than the hoggies, who are out to prove exactly what they can do at the U SPORTS level.

"We're going to come at you. We want to come out there and prove our point that even though no one has started a U SPORTS game, that doesn't matter to us," says Hrizai. "We're coming out there to smash heads, protect our quarterback and make drives. That's all we want to do. We want to be those guys that teams don't want to be blocked by. That's the biggest thing."

* Editor's note: Mike Still's story first appeared on the U of M Bisons website Sept. 20, 2021. Bisons football player Ry-



► Ryder Klisowsky of Watrous is playing for the U of M Bisons this season. photos courtesy Mike Still



der Klisowsky calls Watrous home and after playing high school football with the Winston Wildcats, he went on to compete with the Saskatoon Hilltops, winning several national championships. Ryder then committed to the Bisons but due to the pandemic, he was unable to compete with the team last year.

Increased COVID ICU and hospital admissions continue

■ media release

Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is hitting new highs in intensive care unit (ICU) and non-ICU COVID admissions, as it continues to redeploy staff to critical care areas and other required COVID services. These adjustments are required as a result of unprecedented hospitalization rates, with overall hospitalizations and admissions to ICU due to COVID

nearly tripling over the last month.

As of Sept. 29, a review of Saskatchewan's COVID-19 data continues to show that unvaccinated people are six times more likely to test positive for COVID-19 than a fully vaccinated individual, and five times more likely to be hospitalized for COVID-19 than fully vaccinated people.

"As COVID cases continue to increase, teams are working hard to move

staff to where we anticipate the surge to be in the coming days and weeks. This means some communities are going to see disruptions to their hospital services, including temporary emergency department closures," said Derek Miller, SHA's EOC Commander. "We have already seen facilities experience these disruptions, and we appreciate all those involved for supporting our provincial response to deal with this onslaught."

ICU/Acute Care Capacity

Over the last few days, COVID hospitalizations have hit new highs with over 300 individuals, including more than 60 COVID ICU patients. Adult admissions into the pediatric intensive care will continue, as that department continues to provide care for COVID critical care patients under the age of 11.

"I cannot stress how critical it is that if you are eligible to get vaccinated, you must do so to protect young children in your household," said Dr. Johnmark Opondo, SHA's Medical Health Officer and Offensive Chief for Public

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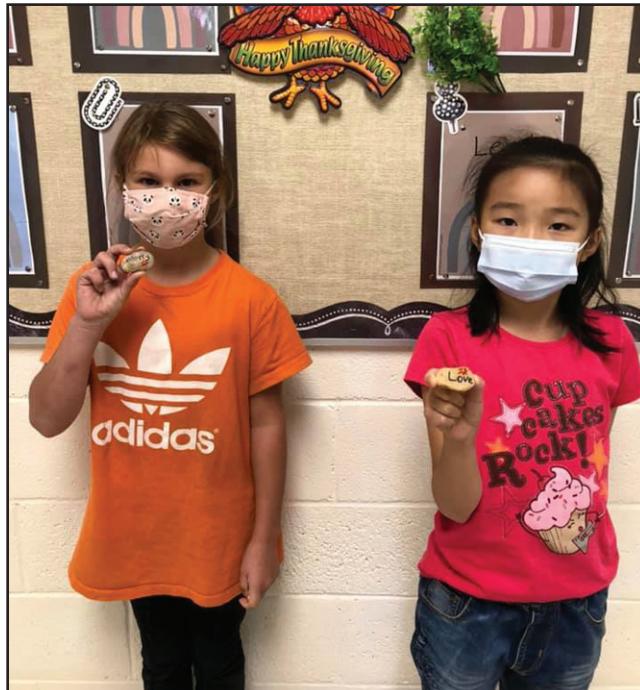
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► Canadians from across the country took time to pause, reflect, remember, learn and listen as part of the first Truth and Reconciliation Day held Sept. 30. According to the Government of Canada, it stated the day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. The creation of this federal statutory day was through legislative

amendments made by Parliament. On June 3, 2021, Bill C-5, An Act to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, the Interpretation Act and the Canada Labour Code (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) received Royal Assent. Students and staff in many schools including Watrous Elementary School (pictured) also took part in the day honouring the lives lost in residential schools by wearing orange and learning and preparing for Sept. 30.

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Local riders compete at provincial show

■ submitted by
Amber Siebold
(SRCA Director)

On Sept. 17 to 19, 2021, the Last Mountain Riding Club attended the Saskatchewan Riding Club Association's Provincial Finals in Moose Jaw.

Last Mountain Riding Club, based out of Lanigan, is one of 10 clubs in the province affiliated with the SRCA. Each year, excluding 2020, a provincial finals is held where qualified members from each club compete against each other

in western and gymkhana events.

This year nine members of our club attended and competed in Moose Jaw. Our youngest member, Briar Bartel (four years of age), competed in the weepee age division with her pony, Nike. We had two members in the Junior C category, Kaylin and Mesa Bartel. Keira Cardinal and Katy Laing competed in the Junior B category, and Mckenna Britz competed in the Junior A category. Amber Siebold and Leah Bartel competed in the Intermediate category, and

Cheryl Guenther competed in the Pioneer age group.

It was a very successful weekend, seeing members bring home a total of six first place finishes, six seconds, two thirds, and five fourth place finishes. McKenna also won the Jr. A Girls high point award in gymkhana and came home with a new trophy buckle.

The Last Mountain Riding Club is always welcoming new members. Our riding season begins in June and concludes with the provincial finals in September. For more



information you can contact our executive: Cheryl Guenther (president), Brandy Parker (secretary/

► Pictured (left to right): Mckenna Britz, Keira Cardinal, Katy Laing, Kaylin Bartel, and Mesa Bartel.

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Health. "We are seeing more children getting sick with COVID in households where adults and other caregivers remain unvaccinated, and they are getting COVID at home. In the last few weeks, one in five cases in children in Saskatchewan reported were under the age of 12. We must take responsibility and create a needed circle of protection for our children who do not yet have access to a vaccine."

Unvaccinated people remain the primary driver of hospital pressures

For adults who remain unvaccinated, aside from a larger risk of becoming admitted to the ICU than those who are vaccinated, a recent analysis is showing the length of stay in ICU is two and half times longer for unvaccinated COVID patients compared to vaccinated COVID patients. The median length of stay for fully vaccinated patients is 3.1 days in ICU compared to 7.6 for unvaccinated or partially protected patients.

Those who are vaccinated in the ICU are typically older individuals with other pre-existing health complications. Unvaccinated patients in ICU appear to only have their vaccination status as the common denominator.

The SHA has now made accessible 30 additional ICU surge beds across the province, up from the previous 24 (from two weeks ago), with the month's early goal remaining to surge up to care for 125 ICU beds for COVID patients while maintaining care up to 50 for non-COVID ICU patients. However, teams are already seeing pressure to try and maintain this level of non-COVID ICU care as demand for COVID critical care grows daily. The SHA continues to prepare to care for up to 350 COVID non-ICU patients through Saskatchewan hospitals in response to this fourth wave.

It is important to note that the number of ICU and non-ICU COVID patients will change frequently throughout the day as patients are admitted or transferred/discharged.

Service Slowdowns and Labour Redeployment

Service slowdowns continue around the province as health care teams are deployed to other areas to strengthen the SHA's surge response. This includes in surgical areas where the goal remains to resume elective procedures as soon as transmissions come under control and the health system is able to safely resume normal volumes.

This latest wave is affecting Saskatchewan residents' wait time for procedures. There has been a 32 percent increase in overall wait times across the province affecting 33,078 individuals since Mar. 22, 2020 until Sept. 26, 2021. The largest growth of those waiting their elective procedures is over 18 months, from approximately 1,283 individuals last September to 3,697 this September.

With more than 80 percent of new positive COVID cases in the province in unvaccinated individuals, and these cases expected to continue to drive up hospital admissions, staff from both operating areas and pre- and post-surgical care areas are some of the skilled individuals needed to help care for growing COVID hospital and ICU cases. This is why surgical areas continue to be so hard hit with COVID surges.

Based on the current trajectory of COVID cases, staffing needs for both acute and ICU surge provincially is anticipated to require between 400-500 highly-skilled full-time equivalents (FTEs). This includes registered and licensed practical nurses, respiratory therapists, continuing care aides and physiotherapy. In addition, movement is occurring among unit clerks, unit assistants and other support workers to create a team response to assist with hospital units' growing COVID demands.

To date (Sept. 29), approximately 64 FTEs have been redeployed to ICU. As well, the SHA is adapting staff-to-patient ratios and is allowing for double occupancy in some ICU areas in an effort to support safe patient care with an increasingly stretched workforce.

At the same time as supporting hospital care, the SHA is aiming to deploy 340 FTEs to support contact tracing and 150 FTEs to testing to support the mitigation of COVID transmission in Saskatchewan.

"The challenge remains that the pool of those able and skilled in the right areas is finite," said Miller. "Individuals need to be oriented, and in some cases require refresher training. We know being asked to move to these areas is causing stress and anxiety for our staff. We are so appreciative of their commitment and ongoing sacrifice."

Patient Transfers

Patient transfers across the province are anticipated to increase in the coming days to level load care across Saskatchewan hospitals. Those patients whose care needs can be safely met in lower acuity hospitals will be transferred. However, this may not be the hospital closest to home or match their preferred location.

Family Presence

The SHA enacted this past week additional measures to protect long-term care residents, expanding family and visitor masking requirements from common areas to all areas within a long-term care home.

Acute care facilities and long-term care homes are experiencing increased restrictions based on current local COVID risk of transmission. The SHA reminds the public to check on current restrictions in their community prior to visiting, and is asking everyone to follow all protocols for that facility or long-term care home. Most of all, do NOT visit if you have any symptoms or have been in close contact with a COVID-positive individual.

COVID Immunization

The SHA is doubling its vaccine clinic capacity over the month of October to support a blend of bookable, outreach, and walk-in vaccine clinics. Teams will also be balancing these clinics with the need to operate this fall's influenza clinics.

All eligible Saskatchewan residents are encouraged to get their COVID immunization and protect yourself, and those around you. The SHA updates clinic information regularly for both booked and pop-up clinics on the SHA website. As well, COVID immunization continues to be offered at participating pharmacies across the province.

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Fatal collision

On Sept. 25, 2021, shortly before 9 p.m., Moose Jaw RCMP received a report of a single vehicle roll over on Hwy. 1, west of Moose Jaw.

Officers arrived on scene and located the vehicle in the south ditch. Investigators have determined there were two people in the vehicle at the time of the collision: an adult male and a 14-year-old male.

The driver of the vehicle, an adult male, was transported to hospital in Moose Jaw for non-life-threatening injuries. The 14-year-old male passenger passed away on scene.

The vehicle was travelling westbound at the time of the collision. Hwy. 1 was closed and traffic was rerouted while officers investigated and the scene was cleared.

Moose Jaw RCMP continue to investigate this collision with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP Collision Reconstructionist.

Charges laid in Alberta related to fraudulent cattle purchases

On Aug. 19, 2021, a report was received by the Alberta RCMP Livestock Investigation Unit regarding alleged fraudulent purchase of cattle in Tofield, Alta.

The Alberta RCMP Livestock Investigation Unit's investigation determined suspects had allegedly purchased cattle with a fraudulent cheque and transported the cattle out of province without brand inspection. Livestock Services of Saskatchewan were called to assist and a location was identified where the cattle were believed to be grazing.

On Sept. 2, 2021, the Alberta RCMP Livestock Investigation Unit, with assistance of Livestock Services of Saskatchewan, executed a search warrant in Spiritwood, seizing two purebred Black Angus bulls and locating evidence of additional victims.

On Sept. 16, 2021, a subsequent search warrant was executed where Alberta RCMP Livestock Investigation Unit recovered cattle subject of alleged

fraud committed by the same suspects in Thorsby, Alta., and Lloydminster, Sask. A total of 19 animals were seized and identified through registered livestock brands and/or registered pure bred tattoos.

Shane and Shanon Hoff, both of Two Hills, Alta., have both been charged with Fraud Over \$5,000 and are scheduled to appear in Vegreville Provincial Court on Oct. 18, 2021.

Alberta RCMP Livestock Investigation Unit investigators encourage all livestock owners to brand their cattle and horses as this is the primary means of ownership identification and in most cases, relied upon for successful prosecution.

It is notable that Shane and Shanon Hoff are believed to have been involved in similar business transactions. As such, the RCMP are asking anyone with information about similar incidents is asked to contact the Alberta RCMP Livestock Investigations Unit at 403-598-6991, or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.



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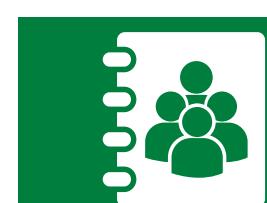
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Watrous library news

■ submitted by Lety Schalm/
Watrous branch of the
Wheatland Library

There is a new face at the librarian's desk at the Watrous branch of the Wheatland Library. If you have not met Maria Vanderbie yet, come in and get acquainted. We were sorry to see Candace Whitfield move on to other employment and wish her well in her new endeavour.

Our staff has been very diligent in following the COVID guidelines issued at the regional and provincial levels. To ensure patron safety, please hand sanitize upon entry, wear your mask and as of Oct. 1, proof of vaccination and photo identification will be required if you are entering the library. Children 12 and under are exempt. Curbside service is still available. Do not hesitate to call the staff if this better suits your needs.

Books or certain authors can be selected for you. Please note that any returns are being handled at the outside book drop. There is a separate dropbox for larger books. This was made for us courtesy of Rudy Gross.

The Watrous branch of the Wheatland Library has wrapped up a successful summer reading program with one of our own young readers Alexander Lawrence winning a \$100 gift card from Chapters! Watrous registered 50,788 of Wheatland's overall total of 999,285 reading minutes this summer. That was a great response! Various summer visitors as well as our local patrons availed themselves of the great reading material that can be accessed through our local library.

After a recent meeting

of the local library board it was decided that Library Week activities will be very low key because of the uncertainty of public participation and safety due to recent high outbreaks. It is our hope to soon resume hosting story time, author night, armchair travel etc. The regular library services remain mostly unaffected to date, aside from computer usage for the time being.

A Garage and Glam sale was held Saturday, Sept. 25, this being our main fundraiser for the year. It was another beautiful fall day so most of the sale was held outside in front of the library while books, DVDs and jewelry were displayed inside. Some of these items will continue to be on sale in the library.

So if you missed the sale or have further shopping to do, there is still a selection to choose from. We are very grateful to those who donated so generously and for all the time put in by staff and board members to make

the sale a success. Affinity Credit Union recently gave a generous donation for library programs and we very much appreciate their continued support.

Craft kits are coming later this fall. So if you enjoyed them last year or want to give them a try this year, they should be arriving sometime in October, November and through until December with a special gingerbread man craft. Just check with the librarians if you are interested in trying them out.

Our selection of periodicals is also gradually building up and ready for circulation.

Sometime in November there will be a silent book auction. The staff is working on gathering up some of the excellent book donations that have been sent our way. You can watch for that on our social media Facebook page and upcoming ads.

It is looking like a beautiful fall season to enjoy a good read after being outside!

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► With a nice fall season thus far, work is taking place in different parts of Watrous. While the large electronic sign was removed earlier this spring near the Watrous Civic Centre on Main Street after its software was outdated (pictured right), crews have been busy along 12th St. E. in Watrous (above). Public Works Superintendent Dion Tarasoff said they are completing work on 12th St. E. from 1st St. to Main St. which will create a through road. The plan is to see curb and asphalt done on the surface next year. Meanwhile, a couple more lots were developed along 12th St. E. and the serviced lots will be available for purchase. As for other work, Tarasoff said pavers will be wrapping up a few smaller projects this month near Murray Trunks Law Office, the Watrous Centennial Arena and a few other patching projects in town. After tidying up some street work, Tarasoff noted the Town of Watrous will then be doing some compost and branch pick up. "We ask that leaves are placed in clear bags and that branches are reasonable sizes so we can haul them away." With October now here, that also signals the arrival of ice at the Watrous Centennial Arena. "We are planning to turn the plant on Oct. 6 and we are hoping that the ice will be ready to use by Oct. 18."

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► Looking forward to playing at home once again after hosting Assiniboia Sept. 17 (pictured) and with a record of 1-1, the Winston Wildcats senior high school football team was scheduled to host Rosetown in an exhibition contest Oct. 1. While the team's league game in Caronport was cancelled Sept. 23, the blue and gold will welcome Davidson to Watrous Oct. 7 in its final regular season contest. Following that game, playoff seeding will be determined.

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"At the regional park and in previous years in Watrous, we have really appreciated Ken and his team for stepping up and providing beauty, shelter and protection. Ken and the Home Hardware in Watrous have participated with the program on a handful of different occasions, joining many other stores from across the country."

Dealer/co-owner of Watrous Home Hardware Ken Bushman said it was great to once again be able to lend a hand and see volunteers come together to support a worthy cause.

"I am glad Home Hardware was able to help provide trees to be planted at

LMRP and it was great to see everyone come together for a good cause. The support from everyone involved with this project from before we arrived to plant the trees until after they were all in the ground has been amazing and we look forward to helping with this initiative in the future as well."

Through Tree Canada's programs, research and educational efforts, the national non-profit organization have helped restore tree cover in areas hit by natural disasters, guided communities in managing their urban forests, helped green 700 schoolyards and organized urban forest conferences.

To date, with Tree Canada's community partners and sponsors, they have planted more than 83 million trees.

Appreciating the help from Watrous Home Hardware and Tree Canada and wanting to allow other organizations an opportunity to apply for the initiative, Skoropata said next year LMRP is planning to plant about 500 small poplars themselves. "They will just be twigs so it will be an intensive program but it will be done at the golf course where trees have died. We have lost so many trees in the park over the last few years between drought and the age of the trees, they are just aged out."



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