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Navigating through the stresses of harvest

■ Daniel Bushman

With harvest in full swing and the challenges that can come with it, producers have remained busy in the fields. Facing a number of conditions including drought, as yields come in, the stress and mounting pressures can often follow.

Champions for the mental wellbeing of those within the Canadian agriculture industry, those at the DoMoreAg Foundation including executive director Megz Reynolds understand how stress, anxiety, depression, emotional exhaustion and burnout can all run high at harvest.

Coming through another year of tough and varied conditions, Reynolds said a lot of areas in Saskatchewan, Alberta and areas elsewhere in Canada have experienced a lot of excessive drought. Recognizing this is not the first year producers are dealing with extreme drought but in fact a second or even third consecutive season of very dry conditions, Reynolds said factors like that can further fuel and compound an already stressful time.

"That brings in the economics of can I keep doing this?" she said. "It brings in that multi-generational stress of am I going to let down generations of my family who have built this before me?"

Add severe wildfires occupying agricultural areas across Canada and very very wet seasons in other places and many of the country's producers are left with more uncertainty as crops come off fields. "On top of that, what I have heard across (Saskatchewan) is that everything seems to be very spotty. Instead of having a full county or municipality that is able to declare a state of emergency for drought, you may only have a portion of that county being affected so that can add some additional challenges for producers looking to, especially on the ranching side, maybe have some of those federal support programs."

While rain did come for some of those areas desperate for moisture, it arrived when farmers were already on the combines. "I think for the most part, weather has really been that over-arching stressor," said Reynolds about what has created tense times this harvest season. "Then just add it to all the other uncertainties and challenges that come with farming."

The former grain farmer has also not been immune to the stresses sharing one particular year yields and drought were so bad, she put a black piece of electrical tape over the yield monitor in the combine. "Constantly



seeing how low that number was was just putting me on this very poor spot with my mental health for 14 hours a day."

Understanding producers may have similar experiences and wanting to help raise awareness and remind them they are not alone, Reynolds suggests they talk with people. "It is really important to keep having conversations and be open. Know what you need and find ways to have that self-maintenance like shutting down at supper, having dinner with the family and taking that half hour instead of just spending it in the equipment. That is going to be something that is good for everybody to kind of recharge your batteries and destress a little. And then maybe it is reaching out to someone who doesn't know you but understands the industry in an anonymous setting."

With hopes of helping others, launching Ag Talk, a free national peer-to-peer support platform for those 16 years and older, the DoMoreAg Foundation has provided the fully anonymous service to Canadians which is monitored 24/7 by mental health clinicians.

"It has gone really well," shared Reynolds of the platform's launch. "Sometimes social media can be really

► Harvest is well underway within the local area including near Young (pictured). For more harvest photos, see inside this week's edition.

photos by Tena Dempsey

challenging when we are going through something, especially like a drought year or under stress from other factors. Being online and seeing someone who has a bumper crop or that isn't in the same circumstances can be really hard for us."

Understanding the mental stress that can be created or compounded during harvest, having Ag Talk available to producers around the clock, Reynolds said, "The beauty of that platform is that you're having a conversation with people that get it. So even if you're not going there for support, you can go there to read what other people are posting, and in doing so understand that you're not alone. And just that in itself can make someone feel so much better. Or maybe you're in a pretty good place, and you can actually go there to support others and can help build community."

For those who would like to learn more about the work the DoMoreAg Foundation is doing, people can visit www.domore.ag. Once there, producers can access a full resource page broken down nationally and provincially. "You can find resources close to home, you can read blog posts and tips and all sorts of other things."

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Nearing completion

► Entering the latter part of September, crews have made consistent progress on the Main Street Revitalization project in Watrous. Closing portions of the #100, #200, and #300 blocks of Main Street, following the first layer of new asphalt being put down, the focus turned toward new street lighting. This past week the current streetlights were removed and holes dug where the new fixtures will be added. Conduit was also put in for the underground power to the new lights. Town of Watrous Public Works Superintendent Dion Tarasoff indicated the new lights have been delayed in arriving but temporary fixtures have been put up. The new lights are expected to arrive in the next month

or two and in the meantime, paving stones between the sidewalk and curb will be put down and a final lift of asphalt added on Main Street. Tarasoff estimated that work will be done either the week of the 18th or the last week of September. Once completed, during the first week of October, crews will be painting lines and crosswalks. "From what has been indicated to me, essentially everything aside from the new streetlights will be completed by the end of the first week of October. Once the streetlights arrive, they will be installed immediately and that will wrap up the project. We are very appreciative of how patient people have been during these past few months of construction."

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“RCMP Report”

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These include: 3,755 charges and 1,631 warnings for having an invalid vehicle registration; 491 charges and

147 warnings for having an invalid trailer registration; 650 charges for driving while disqualified, suspended, refused by SGI, or prohibited; 929 charges and 135 warnings for driving with an invalid licence; 197 charges and 18 warnings issued to learner drivers unaccompanied by a qualified person; and 178 charges and 75 warnings for failing to comply with licence endorsement restrictions.

Saskatchewan RCMP reminds residents that licence and registration regulations exist to ensure our roads are safe. If you do not have a licence or valid registration, do not drive. If you do, always abide by any rules and restrictions.

CTSS consists of officers from the Saskatchewan RCMP and municipal police agencies.

RCMP receive report of suspicious person

At approximately 6 a.m. Sept. 7, Nipawin RCMP received a report of suspicious persons on 5th Street

West. Officers immediately responded. Investigation determined two or three unidentified males, one of whom was possibly armed with a firearm, had threatened two adult victims. The males then fled the area in a red van. The victims did not report physical injuries to police.

Nipawin RCMP continues to investigate. Investigators are asking people who were in the 500 block of 5th Avenue West to call police if they saw anything suspicious in the area between 1 and 4 a.m. Sept. 7. Additionally, investigators also ask anyone in the area to check cameras for any footage of a red van or any other suspicious activity in the same time frame.

Information can be provided to the Nipawin RCMP detachment at 306-862-6270. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com

Four producers acclaimed to the Sask Wheat Board of Directors

■ media release

The Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission (Sask Wheat) will welcome one new and three incumbent directors to its board following a summer-long nomination period.

First-time director Cameron Reich will join returning directors Lesley Kelly, Jocelyn Velestuk, and Glenn Tait on the Sask Wheat Board of Directors. Each director will serve a four-year term, with Kelly, Velestuk, and Tait continuing into their second consecutive terms. The terms of the four directors will begin on Jan. 9, 2024, following the Sask Wheat Annual General Meeting.

Reich farms east of Craik, where he is the fourth generation to produce grain on his family's grain farm, and is a part-time adjuster for the Saskatchewan Crop

Insurance Corporation. He has previous experience working for a grain terminal in Davidson, along with experience working for an agricultural technology business that operates throughout Western Canada.

Kelly farms with her family at Watrous, where they grow wheat, canola, and lentils. She is the farmer behind the High Heels & Canola Fields blog where she dispels myths about agriculture and brings consumers and farmers together. Kelly's goal in being involved in her community and agriculture is to create conversation, collaborate, and identify solutions that help make agriculture and the community stronger.

Velestuk is part owner of Velestuk Farms Inc., a family operation she runs with her husband and his parents. Her farm is a mixed operation focusing on practices that

improve the soil and are based on sound agronomy to help create a more sustainable farm business. His great-grandfather Velestuk, who has worked as an agronomist, has a background in research due to her master's degree in soil science (crop science) degree

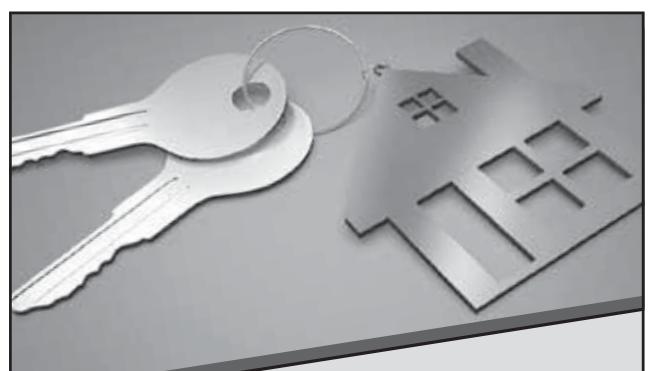
Tait farms on land his great-grandfather homesteaded on near Meota in 1903. He has been farming full-time since receiving his agriculture degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1985. He has served on numerous organizations, including his rural municipality council, the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan's Crop Committee, and the

National Farmers Union.

The four acclaimed directors will join sitting directors Brett Halstead, who serves as Board Chair, Jake Leguee, who serves as Vice-Chair, Scott Hepworth, and Rob Stone.



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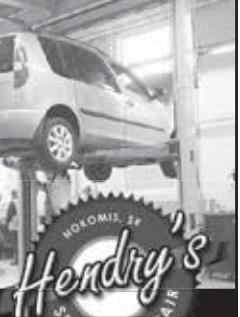
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These treatments will take place approximately every two weeks from May to September, 2023.

The chemical used in these treatments is called Magnacide "H". It is a registered aquatic herbicide that has been approved by the Water Security Agency for use in the SSEWS canal system.

It will remain active in the water for approximately 24 hours after each treatment and will diminish to non-detectable levels prior to treated water entering the reservoirs. Treated water may also be harmful to the skin, causing irritation to exposed areas.

This water treatment helps to prevent irrigation intakes from clogging and ensures adequate flows are maintained in this multi-use system.

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Opinion

The Smoke Lifts



Pass The Salt
A spiritual column
by Pastor
Greg Dermody

our chest. Things are no longer clear. We cannot really suck in a lung full of clean air and feel revived. Grief impacts us to our core, and it brings with it a work that is heavy, uphill and surrounded by smoke.

This morning I got up after a particularly bad night of smoke, we had spent the evening in the trailer, forgoing our campfire and s'mores, and behold the sky was clear, the light crisp and I stood in the campsite and breathed deeply. What a wonderful moment. Then I started coughing from the effects of the smoke. That will take a while to clear out.

Grief lifts, we never go back to what we once were, because we have had a loss. Yet as we work through the grief, hunker down in the smoke, there comes a time, gradually or even suddenly, when things are new and clear and we can begin to rise, feeling the desire to live and engage again. Forever changed by our loss, but able to live on and build a new life. Smokey days may return, hopefully not with such intensity.

The Psalmist (30:11) describes it this way: "You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy." The ancient Hebrews would put on rough sack cloth as they mourned, its itchy and coarseness reflecting their inner turmoil, not unlike the smoke in our skies irritating our lungs and view. As we work through grief, like the far flung forest fires and weather patterns, we have no control in the timeline, but there will be a day that will bring clarity and freshness, even dancing and joy. If you are in a season of grief, may you know God's protection from the smoke, His presence in the hunkering down, and His strength to live on. The smoke will lift.

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**Tips from
Reena Nerbas**

ing out the contents. Dry the can and stuff it full of crumpled up newspaper, leave for a few days.

Hi Reena,

I have dried on margarine marks inside the walls of my microwave. I have tried boiling a cup of water and a cup of vinegar for 10 minutes and allowed it to sit a few minutes before opening the door and trying to wipe it down with paper towel and a sponge, but no residue comes off. Are the stains too old or is there something else I can try? Please advise. Thanks, Shannon

Dear Shannon,

It sounds like the challenge is not with the vinegar and water combination, but with the sponge. Scrub the microwave with an abrasive, non-scratching, scrubby pad. Sponges and paper towels are too soft to get the job done.

Dear Reena,

I made a pot of homemade macaroni and cheese and day one it was nice and saucy, but the second day the sauce was absorbed by the pasta. Is there any way to prevent this? Also, how do you stop the noodles in homemade chicken noodle soup from turning to mush? Thank you, Cathy

Dear Cathy,

Here are a few suggestions for solving your pasta conundrums, beginning with the mac and cheese dish. Undercook the pasta slightly so that it does not absorb all the sauce. When making the sauce, opt for a thinner consistency. If possible, add a little milk or water to the pasta before reheating.

Secondly, homemade chicken noodle soup is yummy when freshly made, but soggy on day two, three, four etc. Since soggy noodles are not delicious, here is what I do to prevent this fresh pasta plight. Cook the soup as

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

Do you know of a good solution to remove a putrid smell out of a wood floor in a steel Sea Can from China? Something must have spilled before we purchased it. Thank you for any help, Antonio

Dear Antonio,

The quickest solution is to clean the base of the can with Murphy's Oil Soap. Scrub the inside of the can and then fill it with hot water for a few hours, before spilling

normal. Cook the noodles in a separate pot. Rinse the noodles with cold water to prevent them from sticking together. Add the noodles into the individual soup bowls instead of into the soup pot. Use only what you require for that meal and save the remainder separately in the fridge. The next day, heat up the soup and add more noodles from the extra storage in the fridge. No more soggy noodles.

Feedback from smart contributor

Re: glue stuck on upholstery

Someone asked how to remove glue from car upholstery. My advice would be to try use a hair dryer and/or clothes steamer to remove the glue. Marijke

Wonderful contributor's share

• Your dog just returned from a brisk run around the yard, he smells bad and company is on the way over. Sprinkle your loveable family member (the dog, not your spouse) with baking soda. Rub it into his fur to reduce odours.

• Give your cakes that professional bakery finish. After icing a cake or cupcake with buttercream icing, heat the icing with a hair dryer on low setting, the dessert will display a glossy finish.

• When brown sugar ends up as hard as a rock, soften it with this easy solution. Wrap the brown sugar in aluminum foil and place it in a dish and into the oven for five minutes at about 325°. Soft and good as new!

• Next time you run out of eye make-up remover try one of the following: the oil from an avocado, hair conditioner or baby oil.

• I have heard it said that "natural" peanut butter is better for you than many of the popular branded peanut butter options. Therefore, I decided to purchase natural peanut butter, made only from peanuts but what I did not like is that the oil kept separating and sitting on the top of the jar. It looked disgusting and kind of grossed me out. Now I store my peanut butter upside down and it no longer separates! Submitted by: The Nut Genius!

• My least favourite chore is cleaning the bathroom. I decided to purchase a fillable dish wand from my local Dollar Store. I filled it with 50/50 vinegar and dish soap. Now scrubbing the bathroom is fast and less gross. Craig

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



**Look What's Cooking by
Laura Novecosky**

Easy Lemon Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 prepared angel food cake (bought or homemade)
- 1 package instant lemon pudding mix
- 1 1/2 cups 2 percent milk
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 can cherry or strawberry pie filling

Directions:

Tear angel food cake into bite-sized pieces. Place in a lightly pan sprayed 9x13 pan. Combine the pudding mix, milk and sour cream, beating on low until thick (takes two to three minutes). Spread over the cake in pan. Spoon the pie filling on top. Chill for about two hours before serving. I have used blueberry pie filling or rhubarb pie filling as well.

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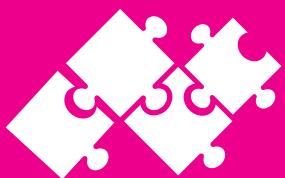
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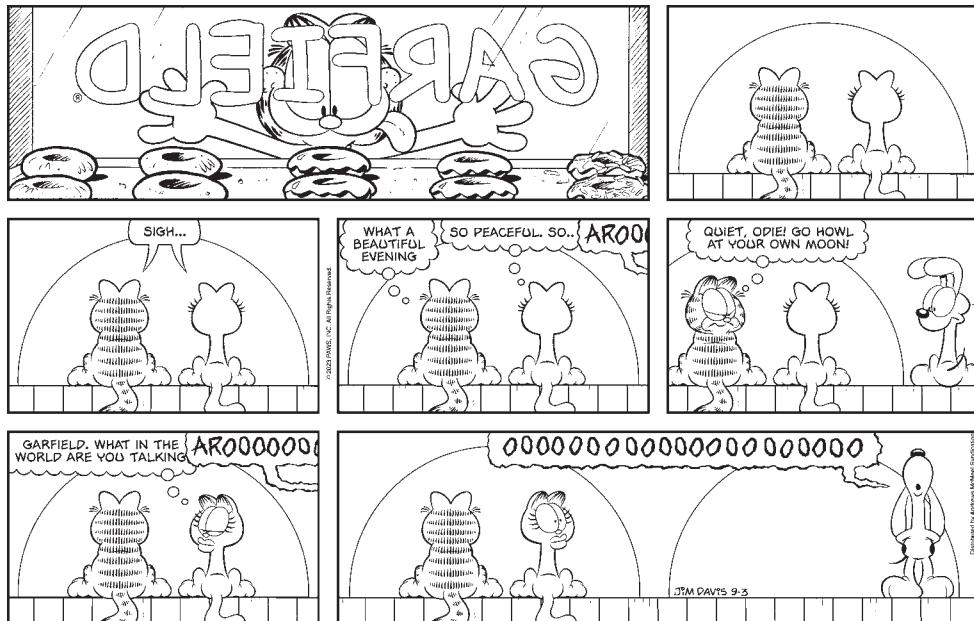
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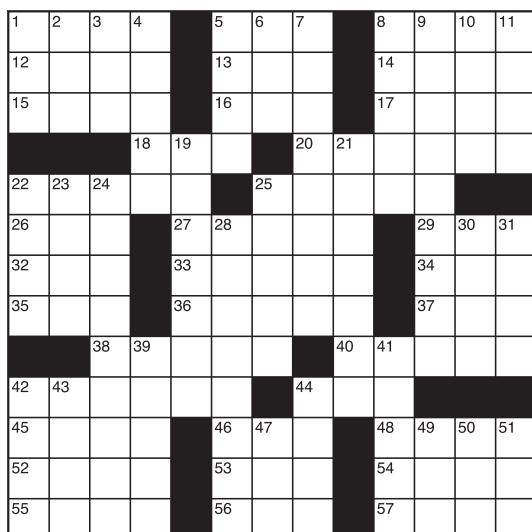
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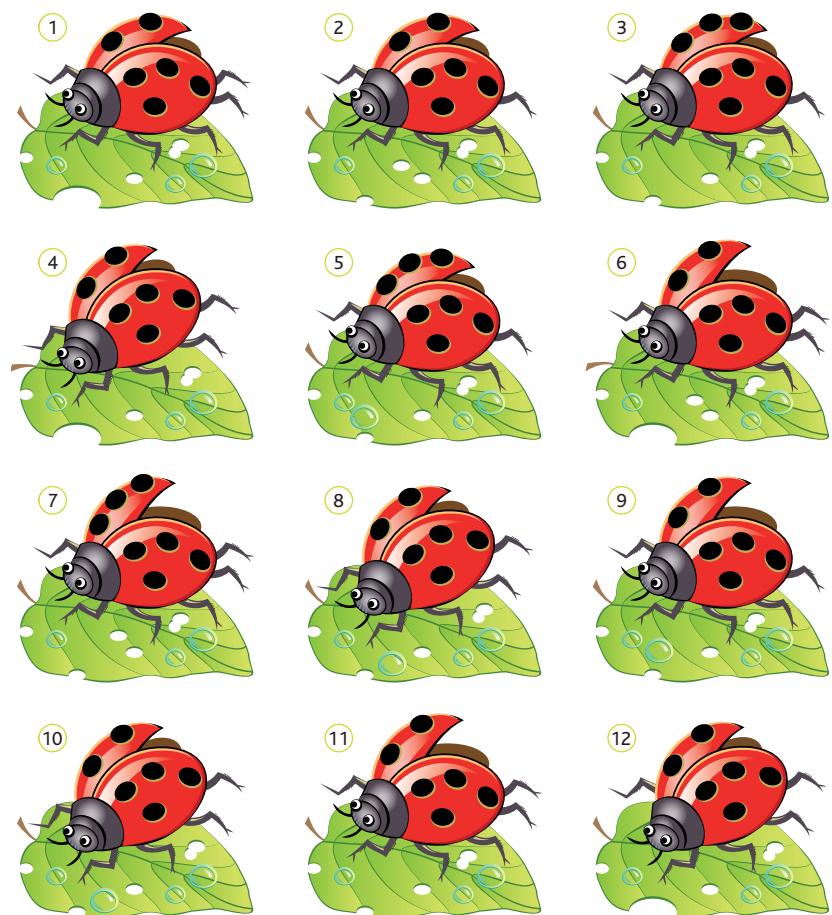
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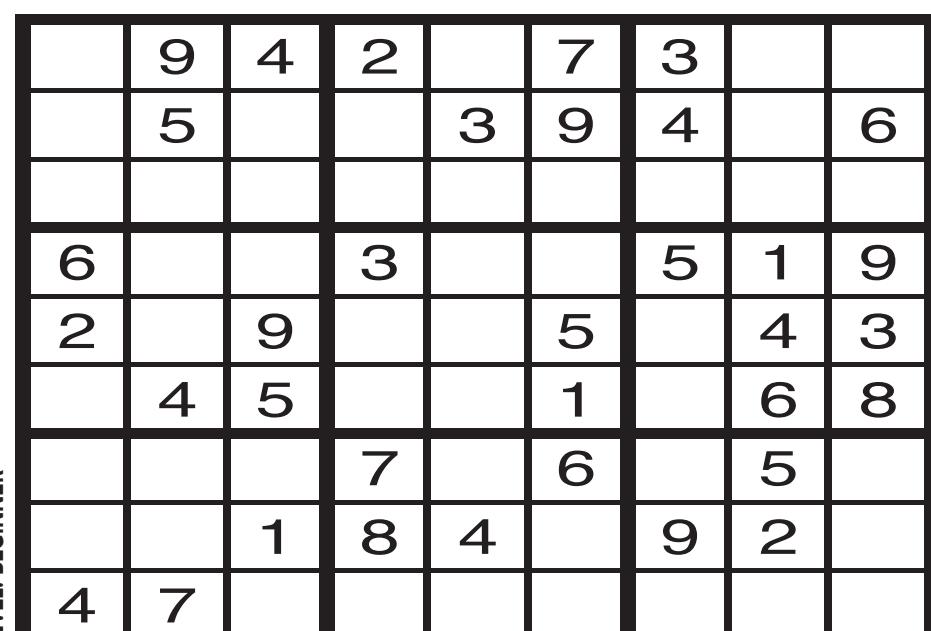
Private eye

Which two are exactly alike?



ANSWER: 8 AND 10

SUDOKU



LEVEL: BEGINNER

Crop Report

■ media release

Harvest progressed nicely with 68 percent of this

year's crop now in the bin. This is up from 51 percent the previous week and ahead of the five-year average of 52 percent and the 10-year average of 48 percent. That is according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for Sept. 5 to 11.

Combines continue to roll across the province with the

end of harvest in sight for many producers. The southwest is near completion at 93 percent. The west-central is not far behind at 78 percent complete. The east-central and northeast are now past the halfway point, with 54 percent and 55 percent complete respectively. The northwest continues to make great progress at 39 percent complete.

Field peas and lentils are nearly completed, with 96 percent of each in the bin. Chickpeas continue to be harvested quickly, with 78 percent of the crop off. Spring seeded cereals have been the main focus of producers for the last few weeks. Barley is now 86 percent complete, durum is 88 percent, spring wheat is 75 percent and oats are 58 percent complete. Triticale harvest is essentially complete with 99 percent of the crop off. Eighty-nine percent of the harvested triticale has been allocated for use as livestock feed. Producers are now turning their focus to oilseed harvest, with 84 percent of mustard, 42 percent of canola, 31 percent of soybeans and 25 percent of flax in the bin.

Provincially, quality is slightly above the 10-year average for peas, lentils and durum. Pea grades are mainly 1 CAN at 39 percent or 2 CAN at 57 percent; this is slightly above the 10-year average of 38 percent 1 CAN and 54 percent 2 CAN. Lentils are very similar, with 31 percent of the crop 1 CAN and 57 percent 2 CAN; the 10-year average is 28 percent 1 CAN and 49 percent 2 CAN. Durum grade quality is reported at 32 percent 1 CW, 46 percent 2 CW and 22 percent 3 CW. This is ahead of the 10-year average of 34 percent 1 CW, 27 percent 2 CW and 22 percent 3 CW.

Pockets of rain moved through the province and halted

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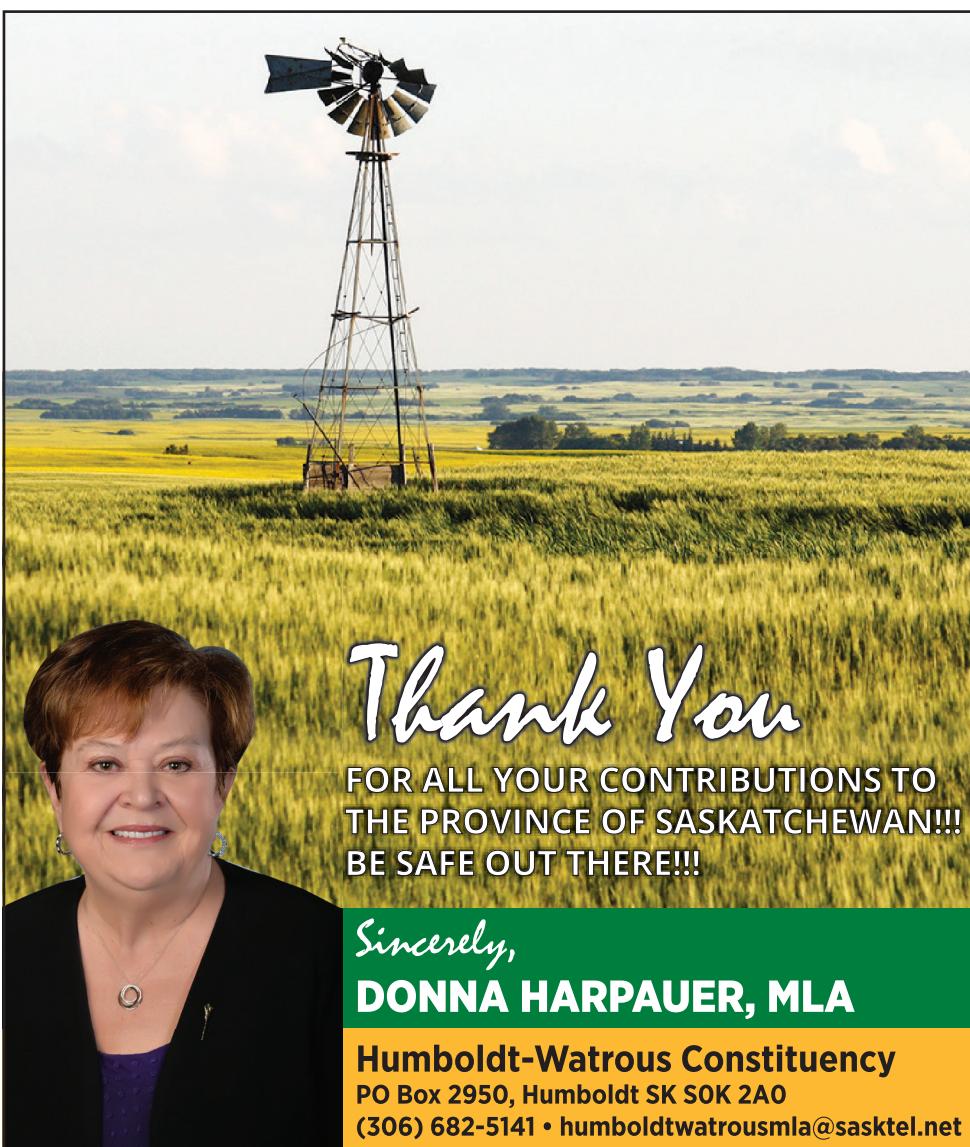


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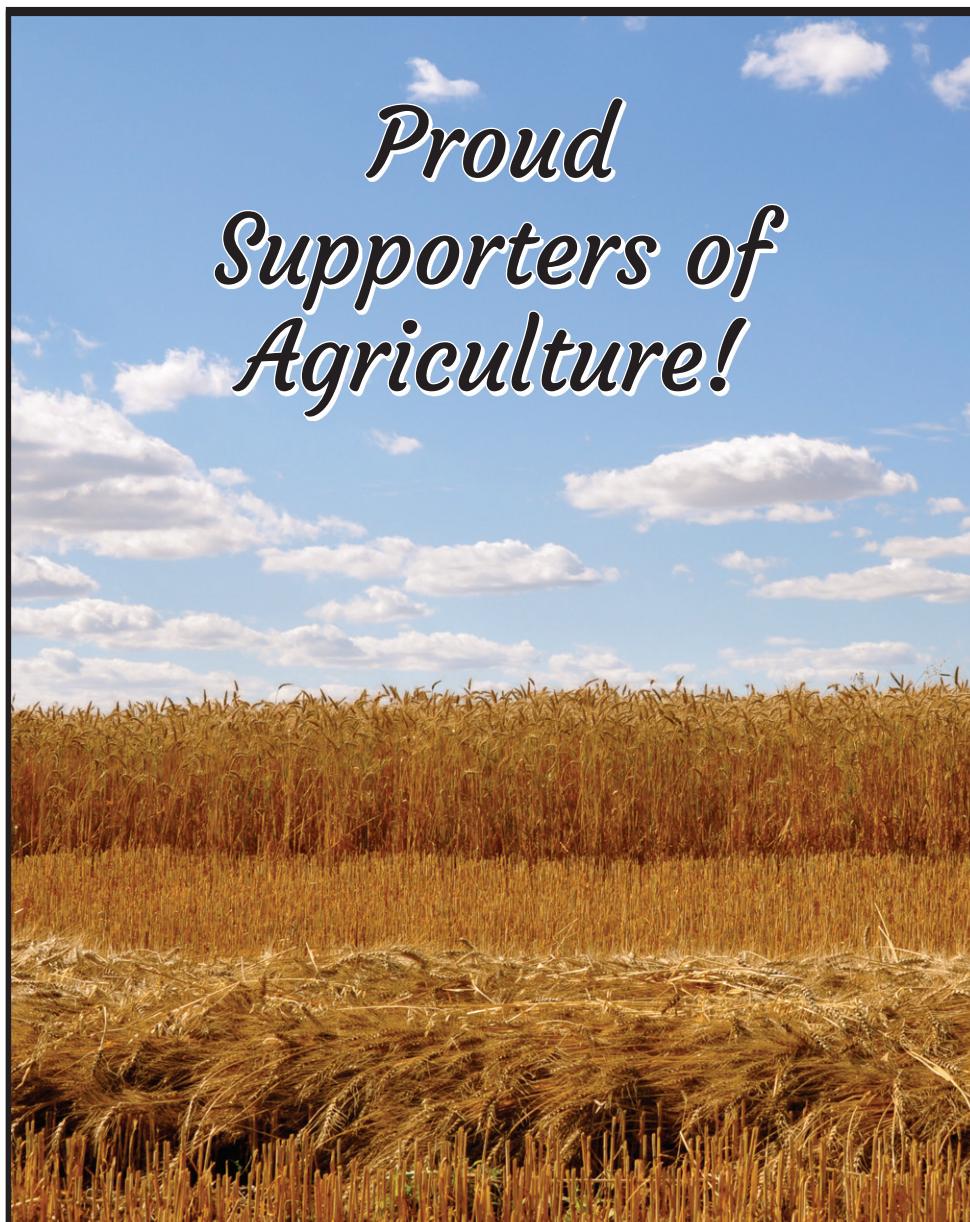
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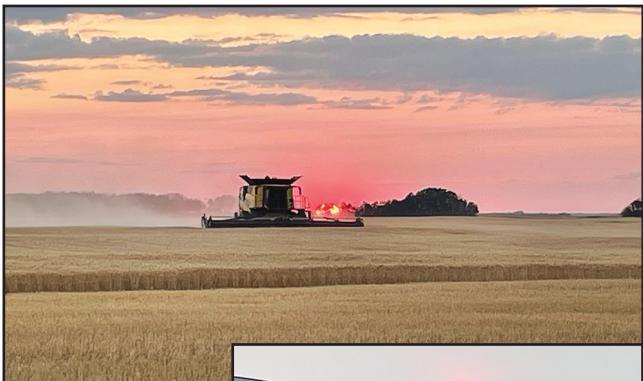
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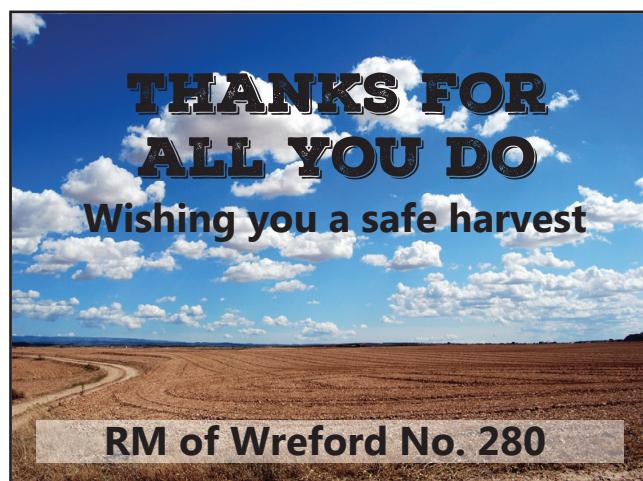
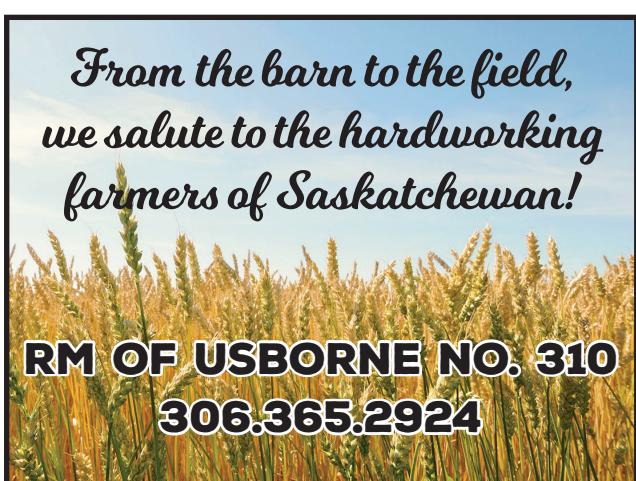


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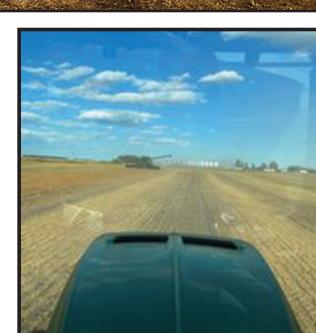


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Obituary



KUSSNER, Dianne

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dianne Theresa Kussner on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

Dianne will be lovingly remembered by her sons, Trevor and Corey; grandchildren, Alesia (Shane) Dankoski and their children, J'leena, Jaida, Jayla; Ashley (Dallas) Turcot and daughter Kinsley; Rebecca (Darien) Standing and son Hudson; Grace Kussner; sisters, Irene Driedger and

Joanne Harpauer-Digneau (Garth); brother-in-law, Vern (Irene) Kussner; sister-in-law, Margo Fritsch; brother-in-law, Fred Zick; as well as many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Dianne was predeceased by father and mother, John and Elizabeth (Thole) Harpauer; sister, Rosemary Sawicki; brother, Larry Harpauer; brother-in-law, Lloyd Driedger; parents-in-law, Ernst and Adeline Kussner; sister-in-law, Edith Zick; brother-in-law, Gerhard and Walter Kussner, Johannes Carstensen, and Peter Fritsch.

Above all else, Dianne loved her family, and her sons were the light of her life. No matter what time they arrived home, she would have a home-cooked meal on the table with Cherries Jubilee and ½ Hour Pudding, their favourites. Dianne had a strong work ethic and made

memories for her extended family by hand cranking homemade ice cream. She documented their lives with her trusty wind-up Kodak camera and saved many mementos. With her family, she loved to travel to the Rocky Mountains and especially camping at Waskesui and Watrous. In later years, Dianne had many friends new and old from the condo and Riverside Terrace; she loved to build puzzles and she played a mean hand of Kaiser.

Donations in Dianne's memory may be made directly to the Canadian Cancer Society.

A memorial service for Dianne was held Monday, September 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Funeral Home (210 Wess Road), Saskatoon, Sask.

Condolences for the family may be sent to www.hillcrestmemorial.com

Obituary



ROBINSON, Robert Edward Oct. 25, 1924 - Sept. 6, 2023

Dad passed suddenly and peacefully at his residence.

He was born on the family farm near Simpson, the youngest of three boys. His father's failing health made the 1930s even more difficult for his family. The three young boys took over many farm tasks starting with the milking, tending the animals, and hauling barrels of water from Devil's Lake to water their large garden. The family sold vegetables, berries, eggs and cream to help them get through the dry years. One year they shipped a boxcar of cabbages to Regina. Dad said his childhood was happy despite all the hard work. He enlisted in the RCAF at age 18 and spent nearly three years in Great Britain. After the war, he moved to Saskatoon, learned meat cutting at Canada Packers, and farmed part-time. He married Marjorie Laird and in 1954 they became full-time farmers. Dad's meat cutting skills were appreciated by his neighbours and he enjoyed how the community came together, whether it was moving a building or simply giving a helping hand. In 1987 Mom and Dad retired to Saskatoon. Dad spent a lot of time tending his beautiful garden and helped his brother Tom as needed. At their last harvest both were over 80. Mom and Dad travelled to see family and enjoyed Laird reunions. They made many friends through the Avalon Senior's group to add to the farm friends and family that dropped in regularly. It was a rare day with no visitors or something to do.

Bob was predeceased by his wife Marjorie, brothers Thomas and John, John's wife Marion and their children Allen and Lynn, and all of Marjorie's siblings and their spouses.

He will be lovingly remembered by his daughter Nancy, son-in-law Wolfgang and his pride and joy: grandchildren Sabrina, Derek, Anita and Niels. He will also be fondly remembered by nephew Brian Robinson and many treasured Taylor, Childs, and Laird nieces and nephews. Thank you to the wonderful staff at Veterans Village.

The laying of Bob's ashes will be private, but we invite you to an informal memorial at a favourite place of Mom and Dad's from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at the Western Development Museum (2610 Lorne Avenue, Saskatoon) for coffee and dainties.

Memorial donations in Bob's memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Thea Katchmar, Mourning Glory Funeral Services 306-978-5200.

To share memories of Bob or send condolences please visit www.mourningglory.ca

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George Dieno from Regina is home staying with his mother Judy Dieno while his sister Annette Glendenning is visiting friends.

Sympathy to Trevor and Corey Kussner and their families on the passing of their mother Dianne Kussner Sept. 6 in Saskatoon. The Kussner family lived in Colonsay for many years before moving to Saskatoon when the boys both graduated from Colonsay School.

Seventeen seniors met for supper and a meeting Thursday, Sept. 7. Simply Kitchen supplied supper. At their meeting, Dec. 7 was booked for their Christmas supper. The Rockin' Robins have been booked for entertainment. Members are going to invite other seniors to come as guests.

Wayne Folk from Saskatoon visited Jim and Irene Gray Thursday, Sept. 7.

Irene Gray had a visit with Larry Holenski and family Saturday, Sept. 9. Larry used to farm in the Colonsay RM. It was great to catch up.

The Colonsay rink was busy Sept. 9 while the Colonsay Market held its second event. There were lots of bargains to be had. They also were selling hamburgers for lunch.

Saturday, Sept. 9, Jim and Irene Gray travelled to Manitou Beach to attend a 101 birthday celebration for Rene McKay (actual date Sept. 23). It was held at her nephew's Murray and Kathleen Dering. Twenty-three guests enjoyed an afternoon of music and dancing on the deck. Her son-in-law Niels Snelles sang a few songs. Murray Westby also sang some songs. Then the Rockin' Robins entertained with several selections. Everyone enjoyed supper. Happy Birthday was sung to Rene and everyone enjoyed birthday cake. Her family Ralph and Linda Sharman from Saskatoon and Niels and Donna Snelles from Kelowna, B.C. were there to help Rene celebrate her birthday.

The truth is, there is no better time to be happy than right now.

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You know it is autumn when we hear the distinctive call of the Canada goose inviting fellow geese to join their southbound journey. For many of us autumn is synonymous with harvest. This issue of The

Watrous Manitou is the annual Harvest Edition, celebrating the farming industry and the valuable work each farmer does contributing to the local and provincial economy.

Harvest looks a lot different now than it

did a century ago. From horse-drawn binders to threshing machines to our present day combines operating with GPS, harvesting equipment has changed drastically. However, the joy and pride of a field harvested and

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The Viscount Vikings Football team won against the St. Brieux Crusaders Thursday, Sept. 7. It was the first home game for the Vikings.

Monday, Sept. 11, it was Blanket for Canada's first week back after a leisurely summer. There were seven of us all excited and ready to go. We hope to make many blankets throughout our year which runs approximately September to April/May. We meet weekly at the Viscount library on most Mondays between 1 and 4 in the afternoon. We welcome any and all to join us, even if it is to sit and watch us work. Do not be shy, come on down. We happily accept donations of yarn as well as 8" x 8" crocheted and knitted squares (not cotton or wool). We also accept quilted blankets and already made blankets. There are several shelters that receive them and the need is never-ending. For more information please call Evelina at 306-281-8196.

Monday, Sept. 11, we played games of pickleball in the school gym. It was so much fun. We play every Monday and Wednesday evening.

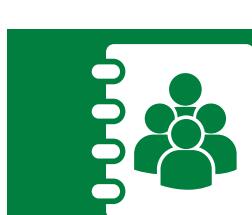
Exciting times will be happening at the Viscount library for children 3+ years. Craft hour started Sept. 13. Looks like they will be making some awesome crafts.

Without even thinking about places closing after the September long, Evan and I decided to take a road trip. We drove to Melville to visit the Railway and Heritage Museum. Thankfully they had phone numbers for people to contact for viewing. We did and had a very nice lady come and tour us around. Then we drove down to Esterhazy. Same thing. Everything needed volunteers to tour us. Thankfully there was a gentleman at the museum that was so very helpful. We toured the museum, as he found another gentleman to come and take us on the tour of the Saskatchewan Potash Interpretive Centre. Fantastic tour with lots of interesting information. The gentleman at the museum told us he would be back at the museum around 10 a.m. the next morning and he would try to find us a person to tour the History Flour Mill, which was started in 1904 and finished in 1907. So we did, and he found us another

gentleman to tour us. He told us he was closer to 90 than 70. This was another fantastic tour. Lots of information and everything is working. He was able to show us. Then we toured out to the K3, K2, K1 potash mines and viewed from the road. Everyone was just so helpful and full of information. Such great tours!

We then drove to Wolseley to see the swinging bridge, which was originally constructed in 1902. The present bridge was constructed in 2004. The bridge was built so people could enjoy crossing the lake around which Wolseley is built. So we did cross one at a time, because I needed it not to be moving. As we crossed over the bridge we came to the oldest existing court building in Saskatchewan. It was built in 1894 - '95. We were unable to tour it. From there we went to Montmartre where we saw the Eiffel Tower replica. Looks awesome. Then home. Great tour of parts of Saskatchewan that we have not toured yet.

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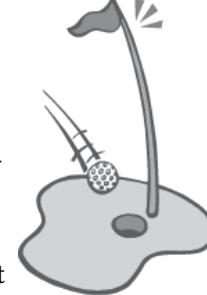
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Golf Report



Twenty-five golfers made it out to the senior men's scramble Thursday, Sept. 14 at Manitou Beach Golf Course. First place with a score of 32 was recorded by the team of Eric Day, Grant Collard, Ray Hall and Art Houle and second place with a score of 32 was recorded by the team of Bing Vanthuyne, Brian Anderson, Lawrence Roney and John Allingham. Mystery team was Jack Birnie, Earle Amendt and Richard Liesler.

Closest to the pin on hole eight was Brian Anderson and closest to the pin second shot on hole seven was Brian Anderson. Glen Crawford made the longest putt on hole six. Glen Crawford was closest to the line on hole nine.

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Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre Monday, Sept. 11 were: first - Arlene Gegner, 194; second - Lorne Bradbeer, 178; third - Bob Wignes, 167; fourth - Rod Degenstein, 158.

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.

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(from page six: CROPS)

combines momentarily; however, no major rain events were reported. The North Battleford area received the most rain with 25 mm recorded. Topsoil moisture remains unchanged with 35 percent of cropland having adequate moisture, 41 percent short and 24 percent very short. Twenty-nine percent of hay and pasture land has adequate moisture, 42 percent are short and 29 percent are very short.

Crop damage was due to light frosts in the north, drought conditions in the south and grasshoppers. Producers are busy swathing, combining and desiccating canola. Producers are also moving cattle onto stubble fields, hauling water and preparing for winter.

Harvest is a very busy and stressful time for producers. They are reminded to take safety measures in all the work they do. This includes having fire mitigation resources at the ready and taking precautions when working around powerlines. The Farm Stress Line is available to provide support to producers toll free at 1-800-667-4442. The public is reminded to take extra caution, time and space when encountering machinery on the roads.

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It was the first time that a reigning British monarch had visited Canada. And Canadians came out in record numbers—nowhere more than in Saskatchewan—as the couple crossed the country and back.

By the time the royals headed home, it was estimated that half a million people, more than fifty percent of the Saskatchewan population had seen the couple.

Even the royals, who had been unexpectedly thrust into their roles with

the abdication of King Edward VIII two years earlier, were astounded by their reception.

At each stop on the westward leg of the tour across the southern prairies, even at small towns along the Canadian Pacific Line where the royal train was not expected to stop, huge crowds gathered, if only to catch a passing glimpse of the king and queen.

More than one hundred thousand waited through light drizzle in Regina on May 25. Another forty thousand braved a heavy downpour in Moose Jaw.

The rain did not deter the royals either. They insisted that activities continue as planned, even going as far as to ask that the top be left down on their car as they made their way through the streets in

each city.

The long-awaited break in the drought, coupled with the arrival of the king and queen, seemed a sign of good things to come.

On the return trip across the country, the royal train travelled across the prairie parkland on the Canadian National Line with stops in Saskatoon and Melville on June 3.

Melville was one of the last western stops on the tour, and one of the last chances for people to see the couple.

Farm families reportedly came from as far as two hundred miles away. Cars and trucks rolled in all day from all directions, including Manitoba and the northern United States. It would reportedly take three hours to clear the traffic jam.

Special trains, meanwhile, brought groups from nearby towns. The towns of Yorkton, Esterhazy, and Canora simply closed for the day.

By the early evening, several hours before the royal couple was scheduled to arrive, hundreds, then thousands of people began to gather at the Melville train station, where a huge sign proclaiming, "Welcome to Their Majesties," had been painted on the side of the Pool elevator.

Those in attendance included 600 Great War veterans and an estimated 10,000 school children. A 200-piece orchestra was part of the celebrations.

Shortly after ten p.m., the royal train pulled into Melville to the deafening roar of the crowd. Moments later, King George and Queen Elizabeth stepped into a blue spotlight to another thunderous cheer.

Smiling and waving, but unable to see much beyond the platform because of the darkness, Queen Elizabeth asked that the spotlight be passed over the audience. She

and the king were stunned by the size of the crowd: there were an estimated sixty thousand people on hand.

In one day, Melville, with a usual population of four thousand, had become Saskatchewan's largest city—bigger than Regina or Saskatoon at the time.

The couple briefly mingled with the crowd before returning to their train just twenty minutes after their arrival. As they waved from the back of the last car before disappearing inside, fireworks were set off.

Melville's extraordinary welcome made headlines across North America. Reporters were particularly struck by how the region's immigrant population, mostly from central and eastern Europe, had so eagerly embraced the visiting couple.

The reception also left a lasting impression on the royals. In a telegram to town officials the next day, King George confessed, "The Queen and I will not easily forget the scene which greeted us at Melville."

More than anything else, though, the Melville celebrations reassured British officials of Canadian loyalty to the Crown.

Throughout the royal tour, there were regular dispatches about the deteriorating situation in Europe and the looming threat of another war. Naturally, British officials travelling with the royal couple wondered how Canadians would respond.

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