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## Local locksmith leaves lengthy legacy

■ Daniel Bushman

What started out as a way to stay busy during his retirement years turned into four decades of mastering the craft of cutting keys and keying locks. Receiving his locksmith certification through correspondence in the mid-1980s, Watrous resident Don Wilson (referred to as W.D. by many) has been a key part of the community.

After years of honing his craft and more recently, marking his 95th birthday, Wilson decided 2023 would be it for the long-time locksmith's career. Filing away a job that lasted 40 years, during an August afternoon, Wilson provided a glimpse into the inner workings of his shop.

Walking down the stairs and into the basement of the Wilson home, the light illuminated an intricately mapped out space. With rows of keys lining the wall next to his framed locksmith certificate, numerous tools strategically set around his work area and more equipment on a shelf nearby, Wilson explained he would tinker for hours. "It kept me busy and made me think."

While age is just a number for the Watrous resident, when the calendar flipped to 2023, he felt that "it just got to the point where I couldn't think as hard as I used to so that was when I decided to quit."

Despite recently giving up his passion, you can tell by W.D.'s voice that being a locksmith has certainly been a labour of love. From the hours spent finding homes for the plethora of keys that line the peg board wall to the many others spent organizing boxes of keys found behind a hinged panel, tucked away for safe keeping. A quick glimpse to the other side of the nook and a stacked shelving unit shows years of accumulated information, equipment and gadgets. There is even a custom seat welded for Wilson so he could maneuver around his space a little easier. "I had Janzen Metal Fab custom weld the bike seat on a square tube. That fits into another piece under the table and you slide them together."

Showing how well the seat still works,

sitting on it, Wilson remarked, "It has been the handiest thing ever."

Ingenuity is abound in Wilson's workshop, which is probably why he has been able to carry on for the past four decades. From W.D.'s custom made seat and labelled wall of keys to the variety of tools like a jeweller's loupe, used to magnify his projects. A chainsaw file can also be spotted nearby which he used to get into the grooves of freshly cut keys. Then there is dental picks for marking the keys and even a pipe cleaner, which Don says is simple but effective. "I used these to clear out the gunk in the pin holes of a lock. They worked like a charm. When they get dirty, I cut them down with a set of pliers my dad gave me and they are just like brand new again."

Tailor-made for the lock specialist, perhaps Wilson's greatest creation in his workshop is the one on his table. With an idea he collected from a watchmaker in Moosomin, Wilson's invention contains a type of cloth canvas stapled to a frame made out of hockey sticks. Used to keep

(continued on back page: WILSON)



►Following a lengthy career with SaskTel, after retiring, Watrous resident Don Wilson embarked on a journey that would last 40 years. Becoming certified as a locksmith, Wilson wanted to keep busy in his retirement years and up until earlier this year, had been keying locks for four decades. Pictured above: Wilson stands next to uncut keys in his basement workshop. Pictured left: behind his wall of keys is a storage space containing even more inventory.

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# SARCAN in Watrous relocating to larger facility

■ Daniel Bushman

With a need for more space and the opportunity to remain close to Main Street in Watrous, the SARCAN depot in the community has

found a new home.

Scheduled to open in the next couple of months following renovations to the building at 110 3rd Ave. W. (right across the street from Watrous Centennial Arena), Executive Director of Interlake Human Resources Corporation (IHRC) Angela Silzer said the move from Main Street will not only be a benefit to customers but to the staff as well.

Purchasing the facility from Chad Mierau, once settled into their new space, IHRC SARCAN will go from around 2,400 square feet up to 3,200 square feet. "Currently we have no outdoor space at our Main Street location and with our new facility, we gain a lot of outdoor space which enables us to store

parts of our operation. We will also be able to have updated equipment that bigger depots currently use, making our whole process more efficient."

Purchasing the building and nearby compound, which was at one time the home of a geothermal business, Silzer explained the massive door on the front of the facility will be replaced by large sliding glass doors. Inside, a counter space, wall, area for a drop and go station and added equipment will be created before the opening. "We are really excited about the new place for our customers and are looking forward to the move."

For the staff, Silzer said they can utilize a break room, bathroom, storage room and have an office



► Pictured above: the new location for the SARCAN depot in Watrous which is located at 110 3rd Ave. W. (right across the street from Watrous Centennial Arena).

© photo by Daniel Bushman

adjacent to the area where customers are able to drop off their cans and various recyclables including glass.

And while IHRC SARCAN is eager to utilize its larger indoor space, it is the added outdoor area which they are really pleased about. "Currently it is very tight where we are on Main Street. People bringing in their recyclables and parking on Main Street have to walk behind their vehicle and open their trunk and sometimes vehicles passing by can get a bit close. At our new facility, that will not be a problem as there is plenty of off street parking. We will also have a space for our staff to park and there is a large overhead door around the back of the building for people to do bulk drops, something that is difficult to conduct right now. So for large bottle drives or if someone has accumulated a lot of recyclables, this will

be a perfect space."

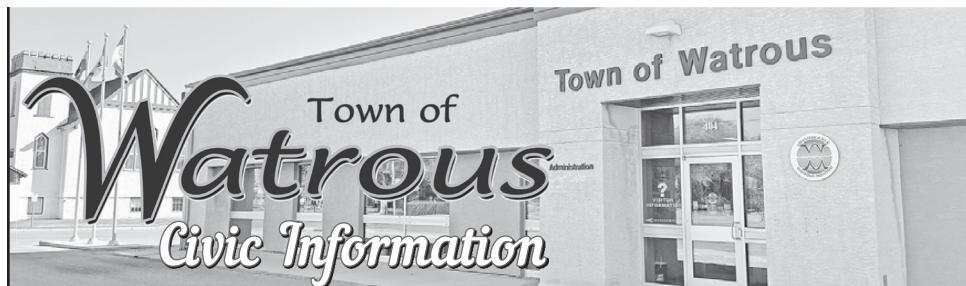
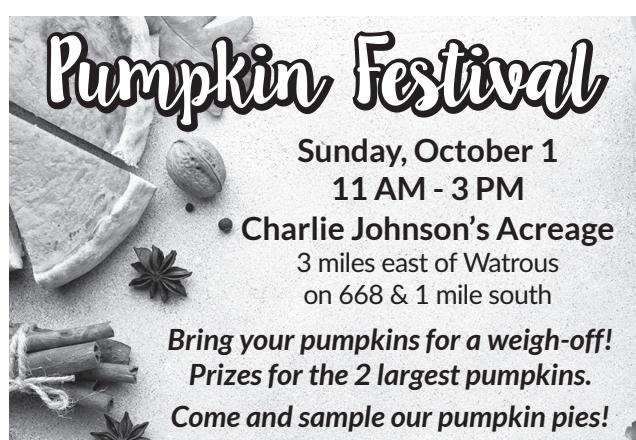
Silzer also shared the local depot has space to angle park a 53 foot trailer as opposed to a smaller one that they currently use. "This way SARCAN will not have to switch trailers as often which in turn will be good for the environment and reduce emissions as well. Helping the environment is something SARCAN puts a big emphasis on and this really fits into that."

Operating the SARCAN in Watrous and also in Davidson, Silzer said while the decision to move into a new building was not originally expected this year, it was something they had on their radar. "SARCAN indicated to us that we would require a larger building for how much volume we process in a year. They said we had a maximum of three years to find or build something

more suitable. We wanted to continue owning our own building to operate SARCAN from, so when this opportunity came about, we took it. The compound next to the building is also something we can use to potentially earn extra revenue in the future."

As for the current building that SARCAN operates out of, it will be going up for sale. "It is well-maintained, situated at a great location and will have a new sidewalk and paved street so we are hoping to get a buyer for it."

With four staff employed at the depot in Watrous, Silzer said they are really looking forward to the new space a few blocks away. "We are hoping to be in as soon as possible. Our SARCAN depot serves a big area and I can see this new building and location serving our needs for a long time to come."



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Coming Up: October 2 & 16

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Sept. 11 & 25	Sept. 18
Oct. 10 & 23	Oct. 2 & 16
Nov. 6 & 20	Nov. 14 & 27
Dec. 4 & 18	Dec. 11 & 27

### For more info:

[townofwatrous.com/react](http://townofwatrous.com/react) or [reactsask.ca](http://reactsask.ca)  
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**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**  
mailed out in first week of November

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Starting **September 24, 2023**, emergency services are available at the Watrous Hospital **7 days a week, 24 hours a day**

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► Despite a bit of rain, crews were busy early last week applying the second layer of asphalt on Main Street in Watrous (above). By Sept. 20, traffic was allowed back on the road as the Main Street Revitalization Project is nearing completion.

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# “RCMP Report”

## CTSS issues charges and warnings

Since the beginning of 2023, Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) has issued 254 charges and 2,615 warnings to drivers in Saskatchewan for headlight, taillight, or turn signal violations.

These include: 74 charges and 1,427 charges for inadequate headlights or daytime running lights; 127 charges and 917 warning for inadequate vehicle brake lights; 15 charges and 73 warnings for inadequate vehicle turn signals; and 38 charges and 198 warnings for inadequate trailer brake lights or turn signals.

Of those pulled over for inoperable lights, 480 drivers were given vehicle defect inspection notices to have the problem repaired and to report to an RCMP detachment to confirm completion.

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

### RCMP receive report of vehicle rollover

At approximately 11:45 p.m. Sept. 12, Kindersley RCMP received a report of a single vehicle rollover on Township Road 314, approximately seven kilometres west of Hwy. 21.

Officers immediately responded. An adult male passenger passed away at the scene. He has been identified as a 42-year-old from Coleville.

The adult male driver and two additional adult male passengers were taken to hospital with injuries described as non-life-threatening.

Kindersley RCMP continue to investigate with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

### RCMP warn of scam

Rosetown RCMP would like to alert the public to a social media scam in the area.

The scammer lists high value items for sale on Facebook at a cheap price, and asks interested buyers to send a deposit or payment to hold the item for pick-up. Rosetown RCMP has determined the residents at the address provided by the seller do not know the scammer/are unaware of the transaction, and that the items were never actually available.

Rosetown RCMP is working with Facebook to have the scammer's account banned.

Saskatchewan residents are reminded to exercise caution when buying or selling items online.

- Do not pay for or send a deposit for an item you have not seen.

- Do not give out personal or banking information to the buyer or seller.

- Take screenshots of the advertisement, the buyer/seller's contact information and your communications with them.

- If meeting in-person, complete the transaction during daylight hours and in a public place with other people around.

- Use common sense. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is. If something seems suspicious about the buyer/seller, trust your instincts and walk away.

- Inform the buy/sell site of any fraud or suspicious activity.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, report it to your local police service. Dial 310-RCMP to reach your local RCMP detachment. You can also report scams to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm>.

## Crop Report

### ■ media release

Producers have made the most of another dry week in Saskatchewan with harvest now 82 percent completed.

This is ahead of the five-year average of 64 percent and the 10-year average of 62 percent according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for Sept. 12 to 18. Producers are hoping for timely rains once harvest is complete.

Harvest in the southwest is essentially complete with 97 percent of the crop off. Only a few flax acres remain in the region. The west-central region continues to make great progress with 92 percent of this year's crop harvested.

The southeast has 79 percent, followed by the northeast and northwest at 75 percent and finally, the east-central region has 66 percent harvested.

Producers mainly focused on harvesting oilseed crops and made substantial progress. Canola is now 65 percent complete across the province, up by 23 percent over last week. Mustard is 97 percent complete, soybeans are 47 percent and flax is 39 percent. Oat harvest has also progressed rapidly, with 79 percent of the crop harvested, an increase of 21 percent from last week. Durum is 94 percent complete, barley is 92 percent and spring wheat

is 88 percent. Chickpea harvest progressed, with 87 percent of the crop off. Harvest of fall cereals, canary seed, peas and lentils is complete for the year.

Minimal rain was seen, with the Stoughton area receiving the most rain at 10 mm. The lack of significant rain led to topsoil moisture once again decreasing.

Twenty-five percent of cropland has adequate topsoil moisture, 49 percent is short and 26 percent is very short. Twenty percent of hay and pastures have adequate moisture, 49 percent is short and 31 percent is very short.

Pasture conditions remain relatively

unchanged. Twelve percent of pastures are in good condition across the province, while 31 percent are fair, 35 percent are in poor condition and 22 percent are in very poor condition.

Crop damage continues to be caused by drought conditions and grasshoppers. This past week crops were also damaged by light frosts, wind and wildlife. Producers are currently busy with harvest, spraying post-harvest weed applications, working their fields and hauling grain. Many are also hauling bales, preparing feed for winter and marketing cattle.



Photo by Daniel Bushman

Harvest is a very busy and stressful time for producers. They are reminded to take safety precautions 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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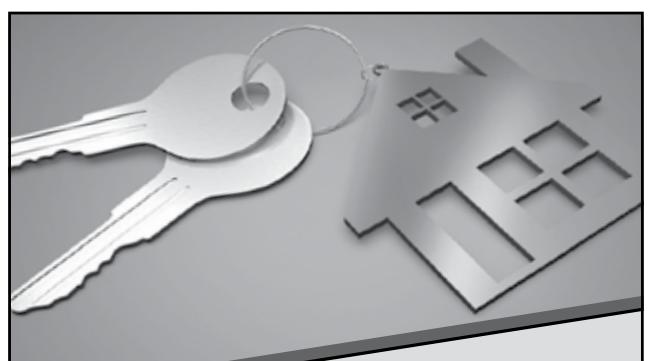
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The Public Works Department will begin a water main flushing program on **Tuesday, September 26 at 8 a.m.** Flushing is required to remove the rust and sediment that has accumulated in the water mains. Crews will be flushing the mains from approximately **8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily until completed on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

During the flushing, the water will contain a considerable amount of rust and sediment and may be discoloured for several hours after flushing has stopped. If possible, refrain from turning on your taps or flushing your toilets during the periods of actual flushing when the movement of sediment is at its highest. This could draw sediment into the water pipes on your property, water meter, hot water tanks and into water filters. Also, turn off all time-delayed water systems, i.e. dishwashers, washing machines, coffee makers and lawn sprinklers.

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# Opinion

## Stupid sayings in the Bible



### Pass The Salt

A spiritual column  
by Pastor  
Greg Dermody

"There are six other days, come for healing on one of those days not on the Sabbath."

Hmmmm. Those fellers certainly had their priorities mixed up. Their rules were extensive and nit-picky about how one could please God. One of God's commandments was to rest from our work on the Sabbath. Medical procedures were considered work. They had completely missed God's miraculous intervention. The practice of their religious rules and traditions, along with how it made them look to others, became more important than the God with whom they sought relationship.

There is always a danger of faith based on rules and ritual that becomes all about our appearance. Jesus compared this appearance focused faith to be like a tomb, whitewashed and clean on the outside, but full of death and rot on the inside. Not saying rules and ritual are wrong, they are a rich part of the faith journey, but they cannot serve as a basis for faith. Ritual and tradition serve us well when they point us toward the master, they were never meant to be our master.

I remember a story on the radio about a dad and son splitting logs for a picnic. As the pile of wood grew they felt pretty good about their work and achievement, making the pile in a way that demonstrated their hard work to the family. All of a sudden, these two men came a running and screaming, picnic over! They had whacked open a big log full of hornets! That's the danger of a hollow Christianity. Sometimes when the inner life is dulled or dead, we can reach out for alternatives to get the fire going so that someone appreciates our skills and dedication, typically with disastrous results.

Don't let your initial reaction to that which is intended to draw you to God get in the way of loving God with all your heart, soul, mind and body, as well as loving others as yourself. That way you may avoid your own stupid sayings and the potential hornet's nest that may be revealed. It is what is on the inside that counts! Our actions flow from that place within. Let God do His work in His way.

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Tips from  
Reena Nerbas

tape around the hose several times to cover the holes. Wrap once more with Gorilla Duct Tape and that should be all you need.

Hi Reena,

I bought a new mattress on Tuesday. It is gassing off quite noticeably. I have left the window in that room open and had a fan pulling air out. I have sprayed it a couple of times with Febreze, but I do not do well with that smell either. I am washing the sheets and mattress cover again today because I am sure they have absorbed the odour. I was able to sleep on it because my head is on the pillow but when I pulled the covers back today it was still quite noticeable. Thanks. Pat

Dear Pat,

Time is the best solution for this challenge; the smell will likely take a few weeks and eventually taper off. Keeping the windows open as much as possible is brilliant. Some people shared success stories about sprinkling their mattress with a healthy amount of either baking soda or fresh coffee grounds. Leave for five hours and vacuum or spray the mattress with plain old vodka.

Dear Reena,

What is the best inexpensive product to apply to very chapped lips? Donna

Dear Donna,

Apply petroleum jelly to your lips several times a day. If you want to add colour and flavour to your lips melt

## Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

I need a temporary quick fix to repair the three holes in my garden hose so that I can finish my watering task today. Any suggestions? Mark

Dear Mark,

The first step is to locate the holes. Turn on the water and mark the leaks by inserting a toothpick into the hole. Dry the hose and wipe the damaged areas with rubbing alcohol. Remove toothpicks and wrap electrical

petroleum jelly in the microwave and add a half teaspoon of cocoa or Kool-Aid powder. Stir and store in a container.

Feedback from contributor

Re: cleaning shower

The dish soap worked so well to clean my shower. Recently, on the radio was a story about a man who was cleaning his shower with toxic commercial cleaners and no ventilation and he passed out. Luckily when he came to, he was able to stagger to his cellphone to call 911 but was unconscious when the emergency team arrived. He was revived as soon as he was outside. Dish soap and water are cleaning winners! Best wishes, Tess

Re: denture cleaner

• A while back, I read a person in your column say they have used water and baking soda for cleaning dentures. I followed that tip and am happy to report it works! My dentures get a bit brown over some weeks and at that point I still use Polident. Works great! Mariya

Wonderful contributor's share

• Give grilled cheese sandwiches a unique flavour by smearing the inside with mayonnaise instead of butter. Marcella

• Whenever I have scratches on my CDs, I take Chapstick and smear it all over the CD. Then I rub it with a soft cloth and remove the excess. The CD plays once again. Submitted by: Terry

• I rub the inside of a banana peel on my acne to dry up my blemishes. I have done this for two years and love the results. Submitted by: Karenna

• I had a plant that had fungus gnats, I put it outside and it froze. I left it out all summer and it started to grow so I replanted it with new soil. I brought it in, but the gnats came back, I put Dr. Scholl's Athletes foot powder on the dirt and the gnats did not return. Bernice

*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](http://reena.ca). Ask a question or share a tip at [reena.ca](http://reena.ca)



## Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

### Skor Toffee Almond Bars

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease the sides of a 9 x 13 pan or line with parchment paper. In a large mixing bowl, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Gradually add flour until well blended and press the dough into the bottom of the prepared pan. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Meanwhile stir corn syrup and Skor bits together in a pan on medium heat. Cook until melted, adding 1/2 cup almonds and 1/2 cup coconut. Spread almost to the edge of the crust in the pan. Sprinkle remaining almonds and coconut over top. Bake about 12 to 15 minutes, watching closely until the surface is bubbly. Cool completely.

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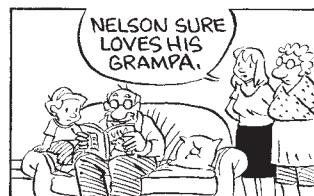
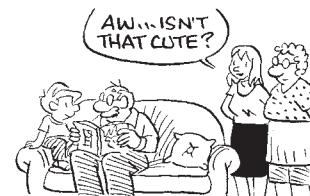
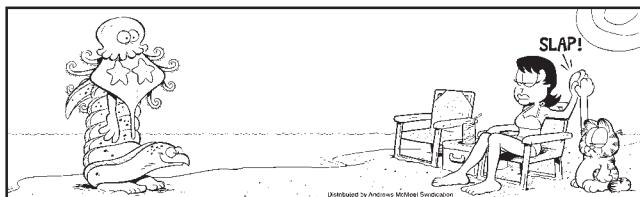
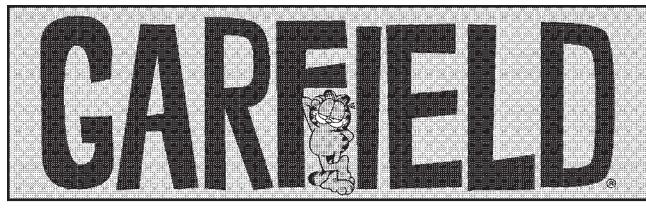
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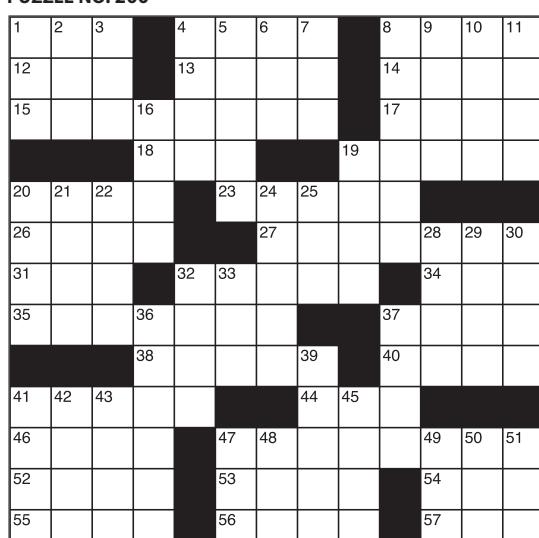


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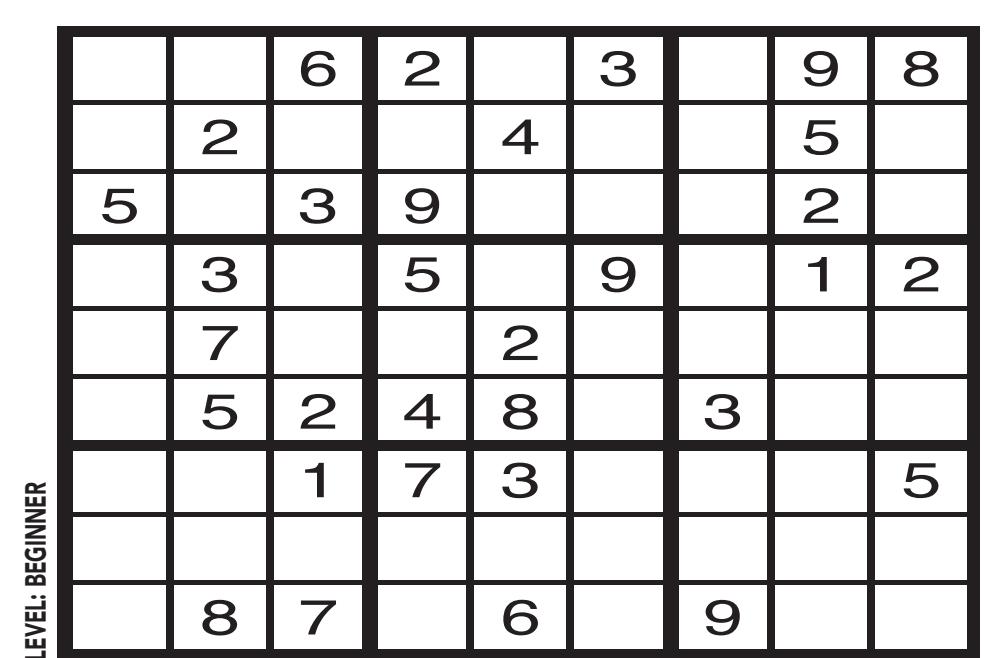


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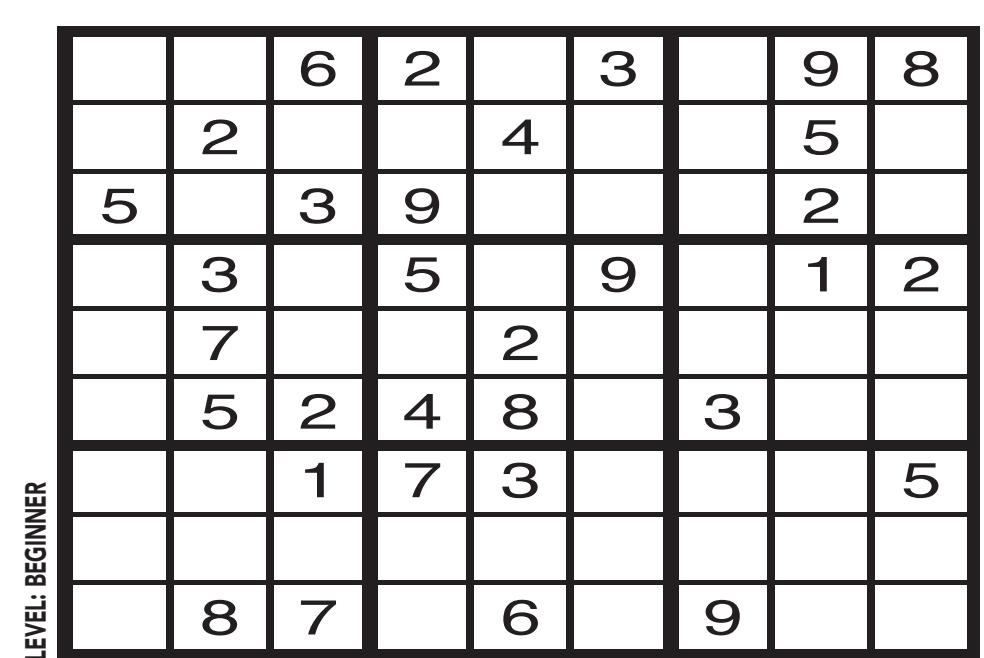
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# SUDOKU



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## Ready to roll

► The Winston Wildcats football team kicked off its season on a beautiful Friday afternoon. Building up a lead against Assiniboia during the Sept. 15 contest, Watrous went on to win 44-14 at home. The blue and gold were scheduled to head to Clavet for an evening contest Sept. 21 with the team's next home game slated for Thursday, Oct. 5 against Clavet.

□ photos by Kandi Holland/above photo by Natalie Bushman

## Horizon junior golfers tee off

■ Daniel Bushman

Lanigan and Wynyard golf courses played hosts to this year's Horizon Central Athletic Association's junior golf pre-districts Sept. 14 while Wynyard was the location for the Sept. 19 junior district event.

The top 10 finishers in both the male and female events who met the cut line during pre-district play were able to qualify for the HCAA district championship in Wynyard.

Locally a number of golfers took part in pre-district play and the results are as follows with the schools each represented according to Horizon. Local golfers not noted were unintentionally missed:

On the male side in Lanigan, Emmett Bryksa of Lanigan tied for third with Kash Elke of Lanigan with a 45, Cohen Dvernichuk of Lanigan tied for sixth with a 47, Sam Brenner of Lanigan placed 10th with a 50, Kayden Stroeder of Lanigan and Maguire Hendry of Nokomis tied for 11th with a 51, Kruze Craven of Lanigan placed 14th with a 53, Jaxton Richard of Drake tied for 16th with a 56, Breckan Wolter of Lanigan placed 23rd

with a 58, Kellen Thiele of Drake placed 29th with a 65, Trystan Hulan of Nokomis placed 31st with a 68, Justin Edwards and Tanner Edwards, both of Nokomis, placed 34th with a 69, Kaysen Wolfe of Drake placed 36th with a 70, Jagger Cull of LeRoy tied for 39th with a 74, Gabe Kurtz and Mason Emde of Imperial tied for 41st with a 75, Seth Friesen of Drake placed 44th with a 77, Charlie Sainsbury of Imperial placed 45th with a 79, and Pryor

Hebron of Imperial placed 46th with an 80.

On the female side in Lanigan, Skyla McNichol of Nokomis placed second with a 69.

In district competition Sept. 19 in Wynyard, on the male side, Kash Elke and Emmett Bryksa of Lanigan tied for seventh with an 89, Cohen Dvernichuk of Lanigan placed 12th with a 93, and Sam Brenner of Lanigan placed 14th with a 97.



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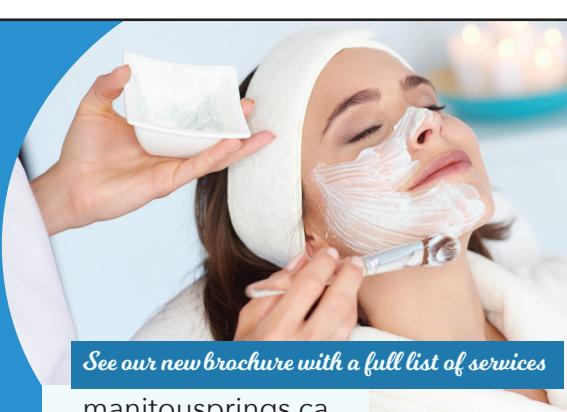


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## Allan New Horizons

► The Allan New Horizons sponsored its first special activity of the new season. Line dancing with Dyana from Danceland. It was great fun! The next event will be card making in October. Registration night and the fall barbecue was held Sept. 12. Newcomers were impressed with our renovations including the new paint job, the colour being Heritage Silver! Cards, Forever in Motion and chair yoga have all started up for the fall. All newcomers welcome! Our sincerest gratitude is extended to Affinity Credit Union for the funding we received to help with our Facility Upgrade Project. The funding has helped us put down new flooring and upgrade our lighting as well as help with other costs incurred for the renovations of the washroom and main area of our building. Without this support we could not have completed this part of our renovations. On behalf of the Allan New Horizons Centre members and community, we are extremely appreciative.

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# New winner named at Nutrien's annual firefighters' rodeo

■ Daniel Bushman

With some local faces competing, firefighters representing Nutrien mines and fire departments were in Lanigan Sept. 9 to take part in the annual Nutrien Firefighters' Rodeo. Showcasing specialized emergency response skills and training, the daylong rodeo also acted as a rather unique opportunity for emergency responders to practice their techniques and demonstrate skills in a safe environment.

At this year's rodeo, teams from Nutrien mines including Lanigan, Allan, Cory, Patience Lake, Rocanville and Vanscoy divisions along with the Lanigan and Humboldt fire departments each had the opportunity to compete in seven events. In Search and Rescue, First Aid, Fire Extinguishment, Practical Skills, Burst Hose, Challenge Relay and Water Soccer, members representing each unit had the chance to demonstrate their skills and practice firefighting techniques learned throughout the year.

Taking on the challenges beginning at 8 a.m. and running into the afternoon, once the final results were tabulated, the overall winner for 2023 was Nutrien Allan while the overall runner-up was Nutrien Rocanville. Since 1981, Nutrien Allan has now won the event 13 times (two of those as a tie) while Nutrien Lanigan has won nine times (one of those as a tie) and the Town of Lanigan has taken the title six times.

The following is the final standings from each event:

First Aid: winner Nutrien Cory and runner-up Nutrien Allan;

Search and Rescue: winner Nutrien Allan and runner-up Nutrien Lanigan;

Burst Hose: winner Nutrien Rocanville and runner-up Town of Lanigan Fire Department;

Fire Extinguishment: winner Nutrien Rocanville and runner-up Town of Lanigan Fire Department;

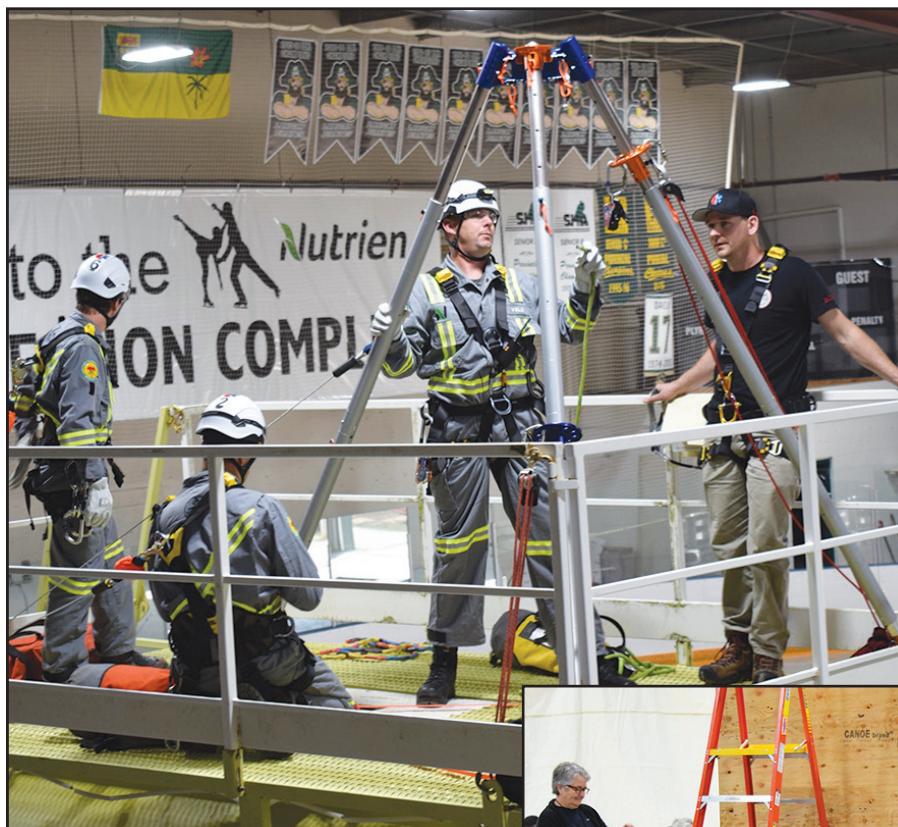
Practical Skills: winner Nutrien Lanigan and runner-up Nutrien Cory;

Challenge Relay: winner Nutrien Rocanville and runner-up Nutrien Allan; and

Water Soccer: winner Nutrien Allan and runner-up Nutrien Rocanville.

This year's Nutrien Lanigan team was comprised of captain Justin Foley, Kyle Moniuk, Daniel Veld, Cody Morrow, Wade Mutimer, coaches Ford Leggott and Kyle Renwick and F/A coach Jeff Morelli.

This year's Town of Lanigan team was comprised of captain Austin Stevenson, Jory Vanthuyne, Travis Beauchamp, Brayden Rommelaere, Brandon Uhry and coaches Dave Campbell, Barry Hoop-



er and Bill Parker.

This year's overall winner, Nutrien Allan, was comprised of captain Joel Thompson, Dan McGillivray, Devin Neill, Derek Sells, Spencer Turkenburg, coaches Lee Cooper and Jason Roy, and F/A coach Janet McDonald.

Since moving the firefighters' rodeo to Lanigan from Rocanville in 1990, a substantial amount of work goes into the annual event. From utilizing the Lanigan Arena where a number of challenges are held to setting up the fire extinguishment and hose events outdoors, the day begins with a lockup of teams and ends with an overall winner and runner-up being named.

A tremendous number of people also make the day a success each year as Nutrien Lanigan noted team members, judges, 'casualties', the Town of Lanigan and members of the Lanigan Fire Department are a big part of the rodeo. There is also a lot of behind the scenes work done by volunteers who set things up and keep them running smoothly, then take them down again. Nutrien Lanigan stated: "This free event is open to the entire community and there was a great turn out including many children that enjoyed their time playing in the puddles after each event! Also, many local community groups provide support such as meals, setup and other services and feedback from those attending was very positive. Nutrien appreciates each and every little thing you do!"



►With firefighters representing Nutrien mines and local fire departments, the annual Nutrien Firefighters' Rodeo took place in Lanigan Saturday, Sept. 9. Competing in a number of specialized events including fire extinguishment (above), the daylong rodeo acted as a way for emergency responders to practice their techniques and demonstrate skills in a safe environment. This year's overall winner was Nutrien Allan while the overall runner-up was Nutrien Rocanville.

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Judy Dieno and Annette Dieno travelled to Alvena to enjoy family and friends at an end of summer barbecue Sept. 9 at Kathleen and Grant Haughn's. It was a great afternoon of visiting and listening to music.

Sympathy to the family of Robert Petryshyn of Saskatoon who passed away Friday, Sept. 8. Bob grew up in Colonsay with his sister Judy (Kerry) Foster. He enjoyed spending time with his friends from Colonsay. The funeral was held Saturday, Sept. 16 at Acadia Fu-

neral Chapel.

Thursday afternoon, Sept. 14, Judy Dieno, Margaret Breckner and Irene Gray visited Sandra Rourke to wish her a very happy birthday. They enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream with their coffee.

Sunday, Sept. 10, Linda Teneyke visited Judy Dieno and Annette Glendenning before heading home to B.C.

Joan Campbell and Lori and Brad Fraser attended the wedding of Kennedy Jorgensen and Cody Murfitt Saturday, Sept. 16. The wedding took place at the Remai Art Gallery. Cody is the son of Crystal Murfitt from Saskatoon who grew up in Colonsay. Her parents were John and Barb Fraser.

Dale Gray arrived home from Whitehorse, Yukon Saturday, Sept. 16. He is visiting Jim and Irene Gray, sister Joanne and friends.

The weekend of Sept. 15 and 16, Merilyn Kirk attended her 60th anniversary of graduating from Royal University Hospital nursing program as a registered nurse. It was a great time of visiting as 12 graduates at-

tended.

Sympathy once again to the Lauscher family and Clarence and Donna Moen on the passing of David Lauscher Friday, Sept. 15. His sister Ida Lust passed away Aug. 25. They were a family of 20 to Joe and Grace Lauscher.

Colonsay School is happy to welcome two new staff members: Mrs. Samantha Addley teaching Kindergarten/Gr. 1 and Ms. Megan Taupadel teaching grades nine to 12. They also welcome Mrs. Hunter back from maternity leave. She teaches grades 2/3. The milk program starts Oct. 2 and the first hot dog day is Thursday, Oct. 5. The breakfast program has already started.

The Colonsay Golf Course Revitalization Committee is happy to announce that it was Tee Box Day Sept. 17 as the disc golf rep was out helping to install all of the disc golf baskets and tee boxes. Monday, Sept. 18, volunteers planted some trees. The committee is excited for the start of making the space utilized again.

Great ideas need landing gear as well as wings.

# VISSCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Well here we are at the end of September. Leaves are falling, the air is crisp in the mornings and gardens are probably all cleaned out. Now here is me waiting for the garage sales. I always look forward to them.

Friday, Sept. 15 was another home game for the Viscount Vikings football team. They won against Ministik Islanders. Way to go Vikings!

Four ladies met Monday, Sept. 18 for the second meeting of the season for Blankets for Canada. We already have seven blankets ready to go! We are thankful for the gifts of yarn as well as finished 8" x 8" knitted and crocheted squares. We are thanked by those who receive our blankets and this extends to all of you behind the scenes as well. Come on by and sit with us or pick up a needle and yarn

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The Gr. 3/4 class at VCS is learning about plants, animals and habitats in science. They were able to walk and see a human-made habitat for two special rabbits.

Sept. 18 was another evening of great pickleball at Viscount Central School.

At the Viscount Seniors Centre the monthly 50/50 winner was Karen Dale. The senior centre will be starting up with their breakfasts with the first one being on the same day as the fall garage sale day. Oct. 7, you can have breakfast and then you will be able to shop around town. What a great day to begin!

Please let me know if you have any news to share. I would love to share it for you. Have a great week!

# YOUNG

Pat Bryson • 306-259-4860

What a summer our fellow Canadians in western and northern Canada have had! From over 400 active wildfires in B.C. to a state of emergency being called for parts of N.W.T., people have endured horrific situations. Now, post-tropical storm Lee has ravaged our eastern Canadian shores. As much as we in Saskatchewan complain about grasshoppers and smoky days, our friends and family and homes are safe. Let us count our blessings.

The Bethel Historical

Society board members have formed a cemetery committee to specifically give attention to the grave sites and old monuments that need repair on the cemetery grounds of the Bethel Lutheran Church. The goal is to respectfully fix broken grave covers and leaning headstones while honouring the final resting place. Any help would be greatly appreciated, whether it be your time and muscles or a monetary donation. Questions or concerns can be directed to any board member.

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lives. Thank you to Fotheringham-McDougall Funeral Service for your help and care during this time. Thank you to our community. That community means the world to us. Everyone from our staff at Model Meats who have stepped up in such a huge way, our loving families, our compassionate friends, and the community of Watrous and surrounding areas. We have been overwhelmed by your support, love, and care during this time. That includes the generosity by so many of you through memorial donations in Laurie's name. A total of just under \$10,000 in memorial donations was split between the Sask. Abilities Council (Camp Easter Seal) and the Watrous and District Food Bank. Thank you.

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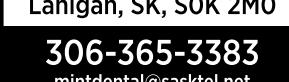
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## At the Watrous Centre

Crib winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Sept. 14 were: first - Fred Kahlert, 897; second - Arlene Gegner, 891; third - Shirley Birtles, 878; fourth - Marilyn Wignes, 876. Travelling - Ann Bouchard-Noble and Joan Harding. Homesteader was Sharon Carlson, eight times at same table.

Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre Monday, Sept. 18 were: first - Lorelei Stewart, 208; second - Colleen Hunt, 203; third - Lorne Bradbeer, 196; fourth - Fred Kahlert, 183.

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

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(from front page: WILSON)

small pieces from disappearing from the lighted space and scattering on the floor; W.D. said, "The watchmaker used his because watches have little screws so when they dropped they would hit the base and not bounce. I thought that was a great idea so I made something like it. When a key drops or a piece I am working with falls, it just stays on the surface and doesn't bounce off the table and onto the floor."

Equipped with other essential items like hammers and screwdrivers and what he refers to as a "good key cutting machine," Wilson welcomed the tasks that came his way. "You have to get a bunch of gadgets in order to be able to do the job properly. You gotta have them because you can't get along without them."

But it was not just the unique tools that equipped the former telephone repair man for the job. "Patience is really the key. You can't get in a hurry and if you get frustrated, turn the lights off, go upstairs and watch TV for a while. Then you can come back to it."

Tinkering and fixing is nothing new for Wilson. With his father once operating a section of land near Rouleau, W.D.'s dad did some fixing of his own. It was then the younger Wilson caught the bug. Receiving some handy tools and leftover uncut keys that his father no longer required in later years, W.D. would end up using them right up until he retired. "Dad mostly cut keys for people at Rouleau but didn't do the locksmithing like I did."

While becoming a certified locksmith was still years away, growing up, Wilson ventured east to Moosomin where he worked for SaskTel repairing poles. Along with wife Audrey and young son Stephen, the three then moved to Wadena where Don continued with his career. After daughter Christine was born, a position in the Watrous district opened up and Wilson submitted his name. Getting the job, the family decided to make the over 160 km trek west from Wadena to Watrous and moved into a 35 by eight foot house trailer. As the kids got older, the Wilsons purchased their current home from former baker Clarence Ginter, providing space for what would become a downstairs workshop.

While W.D. enjoyed his time with SaskTel, as retirement neared, he wanted to keep busy. It was during an evening at Air Cadets when Wilson bumped into a locksmith who was working at the Colonsay potash mine. Having a conversation about being a locksmith, Wilson was intrigued by the idea. So when it came time to hang up his repair equipment, he locked in on the opportunity.

Applying for a course through correspondence, in 1983 Wilson began taking classes to be a locksmith and



shortly after, became certified. "I like tinkering with stuff and this kept me busy. It was not hard work but it was thinking work."

With certificate in hand, Wilson's next item on the list was finding a basic key cutting machine. As other equipment started to accumulate, Wilson began fielding calls and eventually cut keys and rekeyed locks. Then adding another key cutting machine to his arsenal, word spread, and soon, post offices came calling.

"I started doing a few keys for Reg Preston who was the postmaster in Watrous at that time and from there it turned into about 20 or 25 different post offices from other towns."

Large bags of keys and locks addressed to Wilson were sent with special labels and instructions through Canada Post. The locksmith was kept on his toes ensuring each worked before mailing them back to each post office. "I did an awful lot of those over the years and I remember one time the post office from Wynyard sent 50 locks. Some of those didn't have any keys so I had to get into the plug and get the pins out. You had to measure the pins then find out what the key looked like. Then you had to grind it out and see if it worked. It was quite the process."

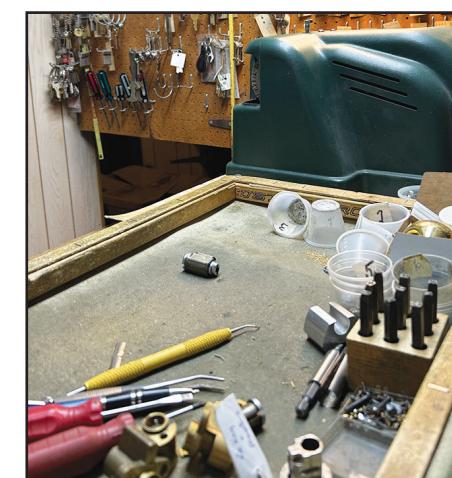
With a steady stream of work, while the postmasters would come and go over the years, W.D. continued to fit each lock and cut each key right up until he retired. Grateful for all of his years of service,

the Watrous Post Office created a display in its building to commemorate Wilson's dedication.

While Wilson was occupied with work from post offices spanning across northeast Saskatchewan, he would also get the occasional call to come pick a lock in Watrous. Not doing a whole lot of lock picking during his tenure, if someone did lock themselves out of their house, he said for the most part he was able to get them back in. "Some door locks you just can't pick so you had to get a drill and drill

them out. Overall though I had pretty good luck at picking locks when I did have to do those."

Sitting on the custom seat in his workshop and reminiscing about the numerous amount of locks he worked on, Wilson switches off a nearby light while pondering the future. "What is going to happen with all of this stuff, I am not sure. If there is someone who would like to take it on, they can certainly get in touch with me. Otherwise it will just stay here. It was a good run and it kept me going."



►Pictured far left: Don Wilson has spent countless hours in his basement workshop as a locksmith. Pictured above: The Watrous Post Office recognized Wilson earlier this year for his work as a locksmith. The Watrous resident cut keys and rekeyed locks for the post office for decades. Pictured immediate left: Wilson's tools that he uses the most find a handy space on the table of his workshop.

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