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Province to gradually reopen for business; local business survey results released

■ Daniel Bushman

As Saskatchewan keeps flattening the curve and new positive cases of COVID-19 remain low, the provincial government unveiled its plans to reopen Saskatchewan in an effort to keep the economy going in a safe way.

In a rare provincial address, Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe spoke to residents of the province last Wednesday evening stating the government will be taking a cautious and methodical approach as it moves forward. Moe praised people of the province for following the guidelines and restrictions.

"Saskatchewan has reduced the spread of COVID-19. We have flattened the curve. And that is thanks to you. Each and every one of you."

With 326 cases of COVID-19 in Saskatchewan, 61 active, four deaths and five people in hospital on the day of Moe's address, the premier said, "To put those numbers in context, on a per capita basis, the number of COVID-19 cases in Saskatchewan is about 70 percent below the Canadian average, and the number of serious outcomes - hospitalizations and deaths - is more than 90 percent below the national average. And at the same time, the COVID-19 testing rate in Saskatchewan is more than 40 percent higher than the national average. We are doing so well here."

Taking the decision to reopen Saskatchewan extremely seriously, Moe noted there are risks on both sides. "If we move too quickly, we risk increasing the spread of COVID-19. If we move too slowly, we risk permanent damage to the livelihoods of thousands of Saskatchewan people. Businesses that may never reopen, and jobs that may never come back. So we have to find the right path."

Moe hopes that right path is contained in the plan announced Apr. 23 which will be carried out in five phases. Joined by Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab, Moe announced the

Re-Open Saskatchewan plan.

"Over the next several weeks, restrictions will be gradually lifted by adding more types of businesses to the allowable businesses list, meaning that they can reopen if they so choose," Moe said. "All businesses and public venues will be required to continue following physical distancing and cleaning and disinfection practices to protect both employees and customers. Members of the public will be expected to follow physical distancing rules and to stay home if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms."

The Re-Open Saskatchewan plan consists of five phases and the timing and order of the businesses and workplaces included in each phase is subject to change throughout the process based on a continuous assessment of transmission patterns and other factors.

Phase One – Beginning May 4

- The first phase of the plan includes the reopening of medical services restricted under the current public health order, and the resumption of low-risk outdoor recreational activities, including fishing and boat launches, golf courses and a fixed date for parks and campgrounds. The size restrictions of public and private gatherings will remain at a maximum of 10 people.

- On May 4, public access to medical services will be reinstated, including access to dentistry, optometry, physical therapy, opticians, podiatry, occupational therapy and chiropractic treatment. When it is not possible to physically distance, providers will be required to take precautionary measures as outlined by the Chief Medical Health Officer.

- Low-risk outdoor recreational activities will be allowable with precautionary measures, including fishing and boat launches (May 4), golfing with physical distancing guidelines (May 15) and a fixed date (June 1) and clear guidelines for the operation of parks and campgrounds.

Phase Two – May 19

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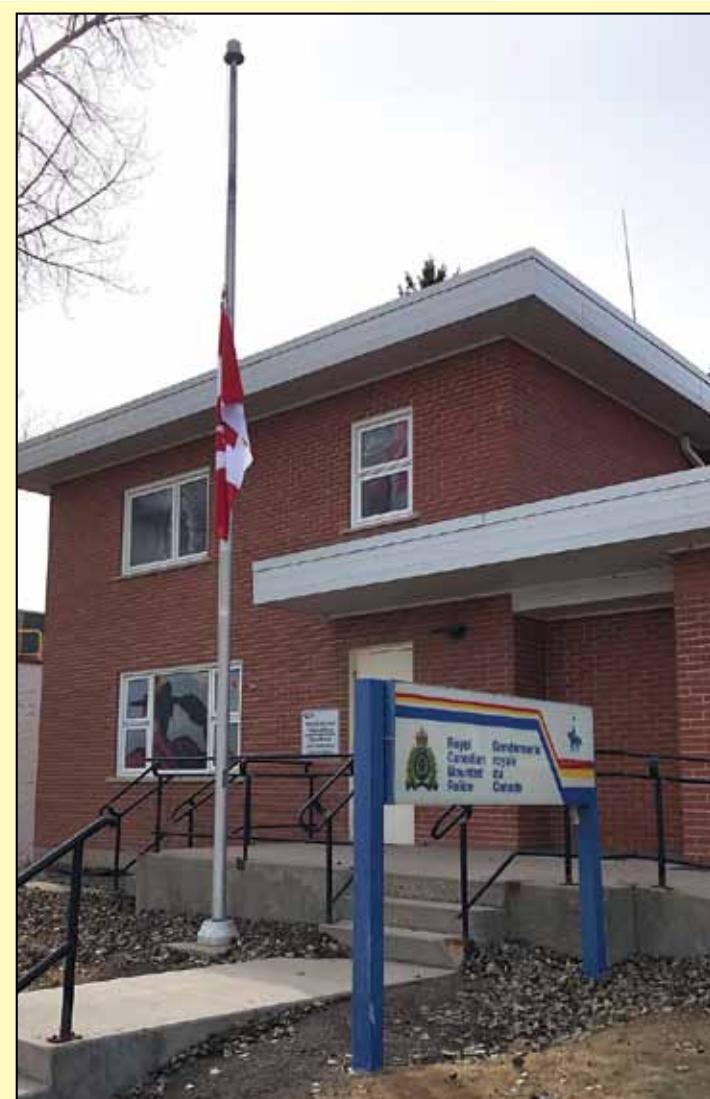
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►People from coast to coast have been flooding Nova Scotia with support in the wake of a tragic shooting where at least 22 people including a member of the RCMP were reportedly killed Apr. 19. Flags have been lowered to half-mast throughout Canada including in Watrous (pictured). In a post, the RCMP in Nova Scotia stated they are touched by the outpouring of support from people wanting to honour Cst. Stevenson and the other RCMP member who was injured. A condolence email has been set up for people across the country wanting to provide messages which will be passed along to Cst. Stevenson's family. The email is: RCMP. Condolences-Condoleances.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

photo by Daniel Bushman

• The second phase of the plan includes the May 19 reopening of retail businesses and select personal services that were previously not deemed allowable.

• The size restrictions of public and private gatherings will remain at a maximum of 10 people.

• A full list of retail businesses and select personal services that will be deemed allowable in phase two is included in the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan, along with guidance, protocols, and physical distancing measures that allowable businesses and services are required to observe. Retail businesses that were previously not allowed can begin providing services to the public, including: clothing stores; shoe stores; flower shops; sporting good/adventure stores; vaping supply shops; boats, ATV and snowmobile dealers; gift

book and stationery stores; jewelry and accessory stores; toy stores; music, electronic and entertainment stores; pawn shops; and travel agencies.

Some personal service businesses can begin providing services to the public, including: hairdresser/barber; registered massage therapist; acupuncturist; and acupressurist.

Phase Three – Date To Be Determined

• The third phase will be implemented following an evaluation of transmission patterns of COVID-19, and does not have a pre-determined date. The third phase will include the reopening of remaining personal services, along with the reopening of restaurant-type facilities, gyms and fitness facilities, licensed establishments and

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Teddy Bears Anonymous provides comfort to kids at Watrous hospital

■ Daniel Bushman

For a child who may be sick or going through a traumatic experience, visiting the hospital can sometimes be frightening. In an effort to try and make their experience a little more comfortable, a local registered nurse has brought in Teddy Bears Anonymous to the Watrous District Health Complex.

Providing cuddly bears to kids who come through the doors of the hospital in Watrous, Melanie Airey said they are given to those who have something traumatic happening. "That

might mean they come to the hospital for stitches or a needle or something invasive. By giving a teddy bear to a child it just makes them feel a little more comfortable and less afraid during their stay. Our EMS team also has teddy bears as well so if they are taking a child to the city by ambulance or respond to a scene they can provide kids with a teddy bear as well."

With a passion for helping kids at the Watrous District Health Complex, Airey first learned about Teddy Bears Anonymous a few years ago. "After watching the Van de Vorst kids receive teddy bears in the hospital in Saskatoon I wanted to become a volunteer with Teddy Bears Anonymous.

The family were also the first to provide a memorial donation through Teddy Bears Anonymous and since that time more families have followed. Seeing how great the program was, I decided I wanted to bring it to our facility in Watrous."

Marking its 10th anniversary in 2019, Luke Lawrence launched Teddy Bears Anonymous as a way

to celebrate his daughter Erin, who died from a rare form of gastric cancer in 2008. Through Teddy Bears Anonymous, Erin's compassion has continued in Saskatchewan hospitals as children receive teddy bears to help them through their experiences. Handing out more than 133,000 bears to sick children throughout Saskatchewan since the program started, the teddy bears are ordered direct from a manufacturer and are individually cello sealed and sterile so a child requiring surgery would be able to have the same teddy bear go with them.

"Knowing that the teddy bear is there for them, it just makes my heart happy," said Airey.

While the initiative has been a success in the province, before Melanie could bring Teddy Bears Anonymous to Watrous, she had to secure initial funding to pay for the teddy bears.

"I approached Manitou Mainline Chrysler in Watrous and they did not hesitate to help. They gave me a substantial donation to launch Teddy Bears An-

onymous allowing us to bring in a lot of bears to the hospital. Manitou Mainline Chrysler also created individual birth certificates for each teddy bear with a poem on them so kids can name their teddy bear and write it down on the birth certificate. That is a very special touch to the Watrous teddy bears."

When the local dealership was contacted by Airey, Manitou Mainline Chrysler General Manager Ryan Campbell said they were happy to be able to help. "Sometimes visiting a hospital can be a scary experience for a child and being able to support such a great program like Teddy Bears Anonymous, Manitou Mainline Chrysler was pleased to lend its support. Knowing that sick children visiting the hospital in Watrous or riding in the ambulance will receive a teddy bear means their experience will be a little more comfortable and for that, we could not be happier to be a part of the program."

Since Teddy Bears Anonymous began in Watrous, Airey has handed out a



► After receiving initial funding from Manitou Mainline Chrysler to bring Teddy Bears Anonymous to Watrous, Melanie Airey who works at Watrous District Health Complex was then able to bring the program to the hospital last year (pictured).

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number of bears already and said watching a child's face light up when they receive the bear has made it all worth it. "Absolutely. They look at them and most of them clutch the teddy bear. I find a teddy bear is universal and kids love them."

Melanie has also since provided residents of Manitou Lodge with their own

bears and added it has been heartwarming to see their reactions as well.

Teddy Bears Anonymous currently has at least 14 hospitals and 25 EMS/First Responder Services including the Watrous District Health Complex and Watrous EMS participating in the Teddy Bears For Sick Children program in Saskatchewan.

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To the residents of Watrous, thank you for continuing to practice social distancing and safe practices to ensure the health and well-being of each other. We encourage you to continue to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 like washing your hands, maintaining a proper physical distance, and following the advice of the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Together we can continue to flatten the curve!

WATROUS TRANSFER STATION SUMMER HOURS

The Watrous Transfer Station will begin operating under summer hours beginning Saturday, May 2. The Watrous Transfer Station will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WATROUS PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Deemed an essential service, as of Mar. 23, 2020 the Watrous Primary Health Centre have made the following changes:

- All non-essential primary care appointments have been cancelled/postponed and will be rebooked in the future;
- The Watrous Primary Health Centre have moved to mostly telephone visits, where the doctor or nurse practitioner will call the patient for their appointment;
- The doctor or nurse practitioner will determine if a patient must be seen in the health centre. If yes, they will screen the patient for COVID symptoms and exposure first; and
- Some providers may begin exploring audio-visual options for a patient's visit.

The Watrous Primary Health Centre has locked its doors to prevent walk-ins and requires everyone to call the health centre first at 306-946-1241. Everyone who visits the health centre in person will have been screened first and all precautions will be taken.

Please do not come to the health centre without calling first if you think you may have COVID-19 or have been in close contact with someone who has it or who has travelled out of country in the past two weeks. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

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childcare facilities. Capacity limits will remain in some facilities, such as limits to 50 percent of regular capacity for restaurants and licensed establishments. The remaining personal service businesses can begin providing services to the public, including: esthetician; tattoo artist; cosmetologist; electrologist; manicurist; pedicurist; sun tanning parlour; facilities in which body piercing, bone grafting or scarification services are provided; and other personal service facilities.

• All businesses and customers will be expected to maintain physical distancing practices, guidelines and recommendations.

• Other than in allowable businesses, the size of public and private gatherings will increase to a maximum of 15 people.

Phase Four – Date To Be Determined

• The fourth phase will be implemented following an evaluation of transmission patterns of COVID-19, and does not have a pre-determined date. The fourth phase will include the reopening of indoor and outdoor recreation and entertainment facilities.

• All businesses and customers will be expected to maintain physical distancing practices, guidelines and recommendations.

• Other than in allowable businesses, the size of public and private gatherings will increase to a maximum of 30 people.

Phase Five – Date To Be Determined

• The fifth phase will be implemented following an evaluation of transmission patterns of COVID-19 and the preceding four phases, and will include the consideration of lifting long-term restrictions.

Monitoring Transmission of COVID-19 and Phase Advancement Criteria

• As restrictions are gradually lifted, the Government of Saskatchewan and Dr. Saqib Shahab, Chief Medical Health Officer, will carefully monitor the daily number of reported cases and other important indicators. These factors will inform decisions regarding the pace at which the restrictions can be lifted or put back in place if required.

• Transmission is controlled;

• Health system capacities are in place to test, isolate and treat every case and trace every contact;

• Outbreak risks are minimized in special settings like health facilities and nursing homes;

• Preventive measures are in place in workplaces, schools and other essential places;

• Importation risks can be managed; and

• Communities are fully educated, engaged and empowered to adjust to the new norm.

The plan will also provide clear guidance to the public so they can continue to follow current public health orders and prepare accordingly for lifting of restrictions.

A number of long-term measures and restrictions that are related to the highest risk areas will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

These long-term restrictions include:

- Maintaining the current Provincial State of Emergency;

- Recommendations against non-essential international and interprovincial travel;

- Mandatory 14-day self-isolation following international travel, exposure to COVID-19, or a positive COVID-19 test;

- Visitor restrictions limited to compassionate reasons at long-term care homes, hospitals, personal care homes and group homes;

- The suspension of classes in all primary and secondary educational institutions, both public and private; and

- Large public gatherings remain prohibited.

The following recommendations should remain in place through all five phases:

- Protective measures for vulnerable populations;

- Individuals should continue working from home if they can do so effectively;

- Physical distancing must be maintained, wherever possible;

- People must stay at home when they are sick;

- Vulnerable individuals, such as seniors and those with underlying health conditions, should continue to exercise caution and minimize high-risk exposures, such as public outings;

- Personal hygiene will continue to be a key prevention measure;

- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection should take place in workplaces, public spaces and recreational facilities;

- Although the public health order regarding the size of gatherings does not apply to businesses and workplaces, they are expected to follow the recommended public health measures, including: physical distancing for staff and clients; regular cleaning and disinfection; frequent hand washing and sanitizing; use of PPE where available and appropriate; and keeping staff who demonstrate or report COVID-19 symptoms out of the workplace; and

- Long-term care and personal care homes must en-

sure that each staff member works in only one facility.

Re-Open Saskatchewan does not include service delivery plans for the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Resumption of elective surgeries, diagnostics and other non-essential procedures currently suspended as part of the COVID-19 system response will be considered separately, with updates on that plan coming in the near future.

During the announcement April 23, Moe was asked if schools and universities would be able to reopen. "Universities would be the decision of the institutions as they made the decision on their own to go online. I likely expect for the most part that would continue throughout this term. With respect to schools, there really isn't an opportunity for us to have a discussion around reopening schools in the next number of weeks. And as we get into the end of May early June we are nearing the end of the school year and I expect that we would have a discussion at some point as to whether it would be worth the risk to reopen the schools for just a week or two at the end of the year or allow them to continue to be closed and hope to reopen this fall. That is where the K to 12 school system is."

With the announcement of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan, the provincial government stated Saskatchewan

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Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Village of Viscount intends to adopt bylaws under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 2017-049, known as the Official Community Plan, and Bylaw No. 2017-050, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed Official Community Plan bylaw amendment will modify the Future Land Use Map to contain recently annexed land within the Village boundaries and modify references within the bylaw to this land and annexation. The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will modify the Zoning Bylaw Map by adding and zoning the recently annexed land to UR-Urban Reserve District and M-Industrial District.

AFFECTED LAND

The affected land is all land recently annexed into the Village of Viscount within the NE 1/4 Section 29-34-26-2 and shown on the following map within the bold dashed lines.



REASON

The reason for the amendments is to update the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw to reference and zone land recently annexed into the Village of Viscount and to accommodate a proposed industrial subdivision on land legally described as LSD 15-29-34-26-2 Ext 55. Permitted developments include buildings, heavy equipment storage, maintenance yards, etc.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Village of Viscount office at 220 Amherst Ave in the Village of Viscount during regular office hours and by appointment only. Copies are available on the Village website www.villageofviscount.ca or if requested can be emailed. Please email viscount.office@villageofviscount.ca to request a copy.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on May 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held at the Viscount Community Centre, 102 Drake Ave. in Viscount, SK. Any person that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws is welcome to attend in person or to submit written comments prior to the public hearing. Council invites written comments via email by Monday, May 11, 2020. Due to COVID-19 we would encourage written submissions prior to the public hearing. If a person wishes not to attend the public hearing, a conference line will be made available for verbal comments. Should this be the option chosen please email the Village Office for the conference number. The Village will implement additional safety measures for those planning to attend in person. Council will consider all comments received.

For further information please call the Village Office at 306-944-2199.

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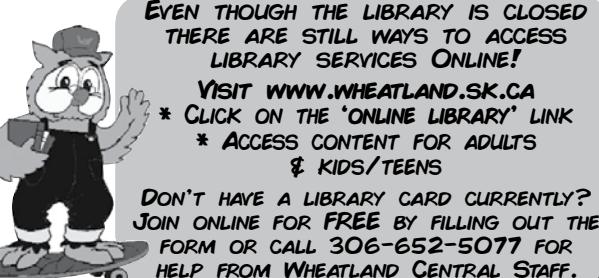


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“RCMP Report”

Sask. RCMP stats for COVID-19 related calls to date

Between Mar. 1 and Apr. 16 Saskatchewan RCMP received 894 COVID-19 related calls for service in Saskatchewan RCMP jurisdiction.

These calls for service can be broken down into the following:

- 229 complaints of social gatherings of over 10 people;
- 395 complaints of people failing to self-isolate when allegedly required to do so; and
- 270 other COVID-19 related complaints.

The total number of charges laid is 13.

The vast majority of these calls for service were resolved by educating members of the public of the potential health and enforcement consequences that can result from non-compliance with the Public Health Order. Saskatchewan RCMP continues to work closely with Saskatchewan health authorities to investigate any potential violations of the order.

Police officers are responsible for ensuring their actions do not put others at risk while helping to slow

the spread of the virus. Police are asking the public to do the same and that begins with the simple act of staying home and avoiding situations where there is the potential to spread the virus.

Saskatchewan RCMP Detachments remain open and local police officers continue to be present, responding to calls for service and ensure community safety.

Liquor theft at Canora Hotel

On Monday, Apr. 13, at approximately 10:10 p.m., an unknown male entered a Canora Hotel off-sale store carrying an axe. The male used the axe to smash a glass case and steal several bottles of liquor before leaving the business. He did not request any money or threaten any employees during the theft.

The male is described as being in his mid-20s and 30s, Caucasian and with a medium build. At the time of the theft, he was wearing a blue plaid jacket with grey and black patterns, a grey hooded sweatshirt, a red scarf and pants with a stripe on the side.

The male entered the business approximately 30 minutes prior to the theft but did not make any purchases or talk to any employees.

Canora RCMP responded immediately but were unable to locate the individual. Kamsack RCMP, Yorkton Forensic Identification Services, and Yorkton Police Dog Services also assisted with the investigation.

The investigation is still ongoing.

Canora RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this incident to contact the Canora RCMP by calling 306-563-4700. Information can be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-

222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Melfort RCMP execute search warrants in Melfort

On the morning of Apr. 15 Melfort RCMP, with the assistance from the Saskatchewan RCMP's Emergency Response Team, Crime Reduction Team, Tisdale Detachment and Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan, executed search warrants under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act on two residences in the city of Melfort.

In total, four individuals were arrested. One adult male and adult female occupant from each of the two residences were taken into custody.

During the searches, drug paraphernalia, unknown pills, unknown powder substances and weapons were located in the residences. The unknown substances are being sent to Health Canada for testing.

Twenty-seven-year-old Craig Natomagan of Prince Albert has been charged with Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous and two counts of Fail to Comply with a Release Order. Natomagan appeared before Melfort Provincial Court Apr. 16 on these charges and several outstanding arrest warrants. He was remanded into custody and was scheduled to appear in Melfort Provincial Court Apr. 21.

Sixty-six-year-old Vance Shmyr of Melfort has been charged with Trafficking Methamphetamine. He is scheduled to appear in Melfort Provincial Court July 13.

The two adult females were released with no charges.

This investigation is ongoing.

Melfort RCMP would like to thank the residents of Melfort for their cooperation during the investigation.

Fatal collision north of Moose Jaw on Hwy. 2

On Apr. 20 at approximately 1:30 p.m. Moose Jaw RCMP responded to the report of a serious motor vehicle collision approximately two kilometres north of Moose Jaw on Hwy. 2.

It was reported that a vehicle was travelling north and collided with a semi-tractor trailer travelling south.

The 29-year-old female driver and lone occupant of the vehicle passed away at the scene.

The driver and lone occupant of the semi-tractor was reported to not have sustained any injuries.

EMS, Saskatchewan RCMP Traffic Reconstructionist, Moose Jaw Fire Department, Saskatchewan Highway Patrol, Ministry of Highways and Saskatchewan Coroners Service all attended the scene.

Alcohol or drugs is not believed to be a factor at this time.

Hwy. 2 re-opened in both directions around 9:30 p.m. The investigation is ongoing.

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Village of Zelma

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Village of Zelma for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the Office of the Assessor upon request.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with:

The Assessor, Village of Zelma
GMB #14, Allan, SK S0K 0C0
by the 1st day of June, 2020

Dated this 17th day of April, 2020
Karen Elderkin, Assessor

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

RM OF COLONSAY NO. 342

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Rural Municipality of Colonsay No. 342 for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection, by appointment only, in the Office of the Assessor from:

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the following days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursdays, April 27 to June 30, 2020.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with:

The Assessor, RM of Colonsay No. 342
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hygienic use shall provide consumers with a notification of the quality of water produced or supplied and the permittee's compliance with sample submission."

If you wish to view any of this information please contact the village office at:
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“Opinion”

TWM and Advisor combine for 10 award finalist nods

With a tremendous focus on publishing a pair of local newspapers that you as a reader and advertiser can hopefully be proud of, The Watrous Manitou and the Lanigan Advisor have once again been recognized as multiple award finalists in a number of categories as part of this year's Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association's Better Newspapers Competition Premier and General Excellence Awards.

Striving to put together a product packed with local content each week, The Watrous Manitou was named a finalist in four categories while the Lanigan Advisor has been recognized as a finalist in six categories.

Daniel Bushman, publisher of both papers said, "I am really pleased that our two weekly papers have been recognized as part of SWNA's Better Newspapers Competition. Being included in multiple Premier categories, and for the first time in the General Excellence Awards category is truly a tremendous honour. My wife Kim and I are extremely proud of our staff, Laurie Regier, Vanessa Manz, and Alexandra Goodrich for the work that they do. It takes a team effort to be able to do what we do and being recognized as finalists once again shows we remain on the right track as we strive to do our best!"

Named a finalist for the first time in the General Excellence Awards category under publishers Daniel and Kim Bushman, the Lanigan Advisor is up for Best Front Page in Class A.

For a third consecutive year, the Lanigan Advisor finds itself a finalist in the Best News Story of the Year category. Receiving first place two years ago and second place last year, Daniel Bushman's article on the train derailment near Guernsey, which also appeared in The Watrous Manitou, was recognized this year. "Receiving finalist accolades for potentially having the top news story of the year amongst other weekly newspapers in the province is not something I take lightly. To be honoured with a finalist nomination in that category for three consecutive years is truly an honour."

In addition to Best News Story of the Year, Daniel was a finalist representing the Lanigan Advisor in the Best Saskatchewan Recreational Story or Series of Stories category for his article on Lanigan's Elaine Seifert and her volunteerism. Bushman was also a finalist in the Best Health/Healthcare Coverage Single Story or Feature for his article on Lanigan's Audrey Klatt who provides comfort for babies in the NICU.

In the photo category, Bushman was a finalist representing the Lanigan Advisor for Best Wildlife Photo of the Year, a category in which he won last year. He was also named a finalist for Best Colour Photo of the Year on behalf of the Advisor.

Representing The Watrous Manitou, Bushman is up against himself in the Best Health/Healthcare Coverage Single Story or Feature category for his article on Manitou Beach's Michael Gaudet and his new lease on life. With tourism a large focus in the area, Daniel was named a finalist in the Best Tourism Story or Series of Stories category for TWM's annual Tourism Edition, celebrating the importance of tourism. As Video Stop has become a bucket list item for many visitors to Watrous, Bushman's article on the unique business earned him a finalist nomination in the Best Business Writing category.

When it came to photos, representing The Watrous Manitou, Daniel was a finalist in the Best Black and White Photo category.

Meanwhile, the finalists for the Best Agricultural Coverage Series of Stories had yet to be announced.

Typically held in the spring, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year the Better Newspapers Competition is scheduled to take place Sept. 26th.



Tips from
Reena Nerbas

- When safe to do so, consider drying your fabrics on a clothing umbrella outside. This can save you a lot of money, help enhance freshness and increase the longevity of fabrics.
- Give each clothing item a shake before hanging them to dry, this reduces wrinkles. Tug on the bottom of fabrics to help with smoothness.
- If you dislike stiffness in pants and towels, tumble dry fabrics for 10 minutes before hanging them outside. To reduce colour fading, hang fabrics in a shady area.
- Harness the sun to naturally bleach white T-shirts. Wet fabrics. Spray them with a combination of one-quarter cup lemon juice and two cups water. Lay them on the grass for two hours, to dry.
- To measure remaining daylight with your hands: press your fingers together, hold your hand towards the sun. Measure how many fingers can fit between the horizon and the bottom of the sun. Four fingers equal one hour. Each additional finger equals 15 minutes.
- Make sure to get enough of the 'sunlight vitamin', more often called Vitamin D. Studies show that most

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people lack the recommended amount of this vitamin. Check with your doctor to find out if you are lacking.

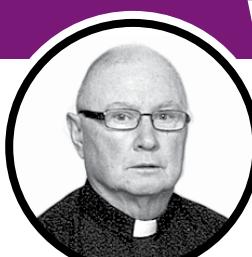
If your hair is exposed to prolonged sun, you might notice dried out follicles due to sun damage. Wear a hat whenever possible. Rinse with cold water after conditioning hair. Consider wearing a hairstyle that covers at least part of your hair, like a messy bun.

To get rid of perfume scent in clothing begin by soaking the smelly fabrics in a pot with one gallon water and one-quarter cup of one of the following: Borax, white vinegar, washing soda or club soda. Boil for five minutes. Next launder in hot water. If the clothes still smell, lay them on the grass on a rainy day, the combination of sunshine and rain will help take away the odours.

Slush recipe for a sunny day. Pour seven cups water into a stainless steel pot. Heat on high until boiling. Add two cups sugar and stir until dissolved; set aside to cool. In a bowl place four tea bags in two cups boiling water, leave for five minutes. In a freezable bowl mix together: one can frozen lemonade concentrate, one can frozen orange juice, two cups gin (optional), tea and sugar mixture. Freeze and eat with a spoon or mix with any carbonated drink. Here comes the sun!

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

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



Neighbourly advice according to Ed

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

There are a lot of excuses at my age for not washing my hands. First of all, I have not done anything to get my hands dirty. That is because I am old and retired.

Twiddling my thumbs is not dirty work. "Stay home and practice social distancing when you are out," is the regular lifestyle of an old geezer like me. It seems to me that the only way people would get close and talk to each other is if all cell phones were confiscated.

Ed, my old neighbour

in Saskatchewan, has suggested that I stop talking about taking away cell phones. He feels it makes me sound both old and completely out of touch with reality. I did not argue with my old friend, but reality is pretty much upside down lately. The whole world is waiting to get back to normal since COVID-19 has turned life inside out.

I spoke with one pastor relative who was so frustrated that there was no Easter service at his church where his congregation could attend in person. He streamed Sunday and Holy Week and Easter services. He feels the emptiness of his church building with heartache at present.

Stay home and wash your hands often and do not touch your face may feel like a trap and snare for many. As soon as we are advised to do something, we may resent it because it curtails our independence and our way of doing things. It always seems some ignore in-

structions while others live to correct those who are not doing as they should. When my grandson was a little guy, he always washed his hands after using the toilet. When I would come out of the bathroom he always questioned, "Did you wash your hands, grandpa?"

In scripture, Jesus was asked, "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!" Jews became ceremonially defiled during the ordinary circumstances of daily life and were cleansed by pouring water over their hands. This washing with water was meant to cleanse Jews in a spiritual sense, which kept them from becoming spiritually unclean.

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will make us spiritually unclean but physically ill. Jesus explained to his disciples what makes people spiritually unclean. He said about food Jews considered unclean to eat, "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man unclean."

We know crowds brought Jesus their lame, blind, crippled, mute, and others for help. Jesus healed them and the people praised God for the healings. Jesus acted to provide healing for all sinners by his unwashed hands nailed to the cross in death as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

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VIDO-InterVac at U of S paving the way during COVID-19

■ Daniel Bushman

Throughout these unprecedented times around the world, right here in Saskatchewan a team at the University of Saskatchewan has emerged as a beacon of hope. As people try to flatten the curve while waiting for a COVID-19 vaccine, the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization - International Vaccine Centre (VIDO-InterVac) at the U of S has been thrust into the global spotlight.

Strengthening Canada's role in responding to infectious diseases, VIDO-InterVac is leading the way when it comes to creating a vaccine. The University of Saskatchewan based group has also come up with the ability to decontaminate thousands of N95 masks on a weekly basis should a provincial shortage arise.

Associate Director of Research at VIDO-InterVac Dr. Scott Napper said, "We were the first lab in Canada to isolate the virus. We were the first to establish an animal model of infection and we were the first to develop a vaccine that has gone into the testing stages."

Right from the beginning of the COVID-19 infection Napper said the team at the U of S saw the potential of what COVID-19 could become. Before the virus was accessible, once the gene sequence of it was made available, VIDO-InterVac was very proactive in getting that sequence so they could start producing some of the viral proteins that could be used in a vaccine.

Coming up with a potential vaccine, Napper said, "Assuming we see the vaccine is showing some protection in our animal models, both in ferrets and hamsters, we will then spend a lot of the summer just proving the efficacy and safety of it within animal models. Then for fall we would have to be able to produce enough material of sufficient quality that we could start doing testing within humans; doing phase one clinical trials."

Once the vaccine is then approved and able to be administered to humans, a larger scale trial would occur to have a closer look at whether it is offering protection within people. "Safety is always the number one priority."

If everything goes according to plan, Napper indicated the best case scenario as to how quickly a vaccine could then be ready to be administered to humans would be about a year to 18 months.

Receiving a large investment from the federal government, VIDO-InterVac is also hoping to produce a small scale vaccine manufacturing facility within its organization with construction expected to be completed around the same time the vaccine could be made in-house at the University of Saskatchewan.

"This is the reason we are here," said

Napper of being able to help during the pandemic. "We are like an insurance policy, you hope you never have to use us but if you need to, you want to make sure you have a good one. We have the people, the expertise, the infrastructure to be able to respond to these types of situations and everybody has really risen to the challenge."

Every year infectious diseases emerge threatening the health of people and animals while impacting the global economy. VIDO-InterVac stated on its website it is estimated that three diseases emerge annually, and every three years one of them will lead to a larger epidemic.

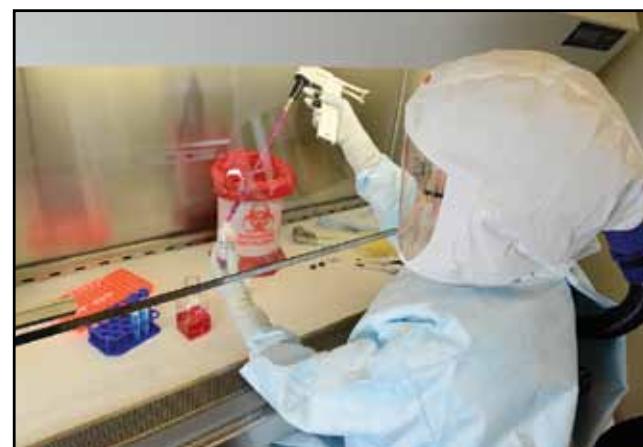
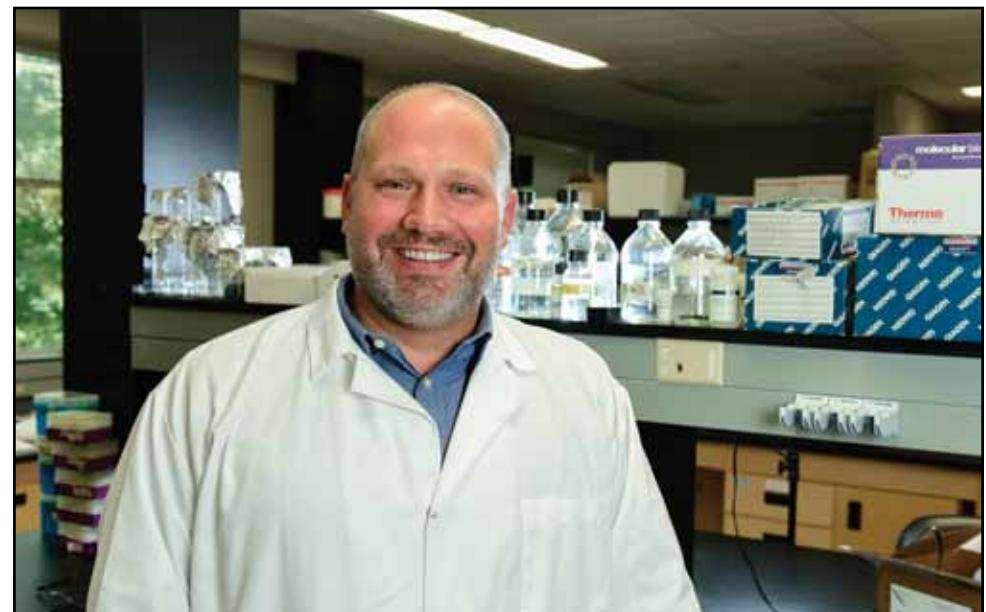
With more than 45 PhD level scientists from over 25 countries representing VIDO-InterVac at the U of S, the team has already created eight commercialized vaccines including six world firsts and hope to add a COVID-19 vaccine to that list. Napper said VIDO-InterVac's team contains some of the best people within the industry and along with scientists from around the globe, they have been able to join forces during this pandemic.

"It has been quite inspiring to be a scientist and we have all of these group calls with scientists around the world trying to develop vaccines. Everybody is leaving their egos at the door. They are sharing results, they are sharing ideas. There is very much a sense of there is something much bigger here and the priority is to come up with something that works."

Accumulating over \$200 million in containment infrastructure and more than four decades of experience, while the VIDO-InterVac team continues to work on producing a vaccine, they are also addressing the potential of a shortfall of N95 masks within the health care system. An essential piece of equipment for frontline workers, N95 masks allow them to do their jobs safely and effectively. With a shortage of masks in other parts of the world, VIDO-InterVac came up with a decontamination procedure called vaporized hydrogen peroxide (VHP) sterilization—a procedure VIDO-InterVac routinely uses to decontaminate its rooms and equipment in its containment Level 3 facility. Using the VHP sterilization process, the N95 respirator masks could then be decontaminated to provide an emergency N95 back-up supply for hospitals if the need arises during the pandemic.

After a recently published Duke University study showing a successful decontamination technique and researchers in Winnipeg confirming that study, VIDO-InterVac successfully tested the decontamination procedure on several dozen used N95 respirator masks from Saskatchewan Health Authority.

By being able to decontaminate the masks multiple times, Napper said, "You



► Hoping to come up with a vaccine to combat COVID-19, Acting Associate Director of Research at VIDO-InterVac Scott Napper (above) and his team at the University of Saskatchewan have not only been the first lab in Canada to isolate the virus but were the first to establish an animal model of infection and the first to develop a vaccine that has gone into the testing stages. Pictured left shows inside of the containment level 3 laboratory.

■ photos taken by Debra Marshall

can use them over and over again to stretch your supplies out further. In terms of doing those types of treatments we have those facilities available within VIDO-InterVac so we reached out to the health authority to see if this is something they were interested in. They were absolutely interested so we have gone through and done some initial testing and confirmed the results of the other groups."

Creating infrastructure for the decontamination of N95 masks, Napper indicated everything has fallen into place should the need arise. If that need does occur, VIDO-InterVac will then be able to decontaminate thousands of masks every week. "You hope it doesn't come to the point where we are facing shortages of these masks but they are certainly seeing that in other places. We want to hope for the best but prepare for the worst. If the situation gets worse and these types of supplies become limited we need to be able to do more with what we have."

Tests have been done suggesting masks can be decontaminated up to 20 times although Napper added the physical integrity of the mask may begin to fall apart if pushed to the extreme. Hoping they will not have to decontaminate masks numer-

ous times, should the need arise, hospitals from Saskatchewan would collect their masks and send them in to VIDO-InterVac. "We would be doing the decontamination and then we would package them up and send them back to them. We would have a process in place that we would be marking the masks each time they went through this decontamination so we would know for every mask how many times it had been decontaminated."

SHA CEO Scott Livingstone said, "Saskatchewan is so fortunate to have VIDO-InterVac. In addition to their ongoing COVID-19 vaccine development, we are also utilizing their infrastructure to ensure we now have a contingency plan for PPE if traditional supply chains for PPE cannot be maintained. The safety of our health care workers is our primary concern."

Being able to help during the COVID-19 pandemic while hoping to create a vaccine, Napper said VIDO-InterVac is proud to come together and lend its support to Saskatchewan and beyond.

"The University recently adopted a tag line: the University the World Needs. To me both of these examples, in terms of the vaccines, in terms of the N95 masks, it is really living up to that."

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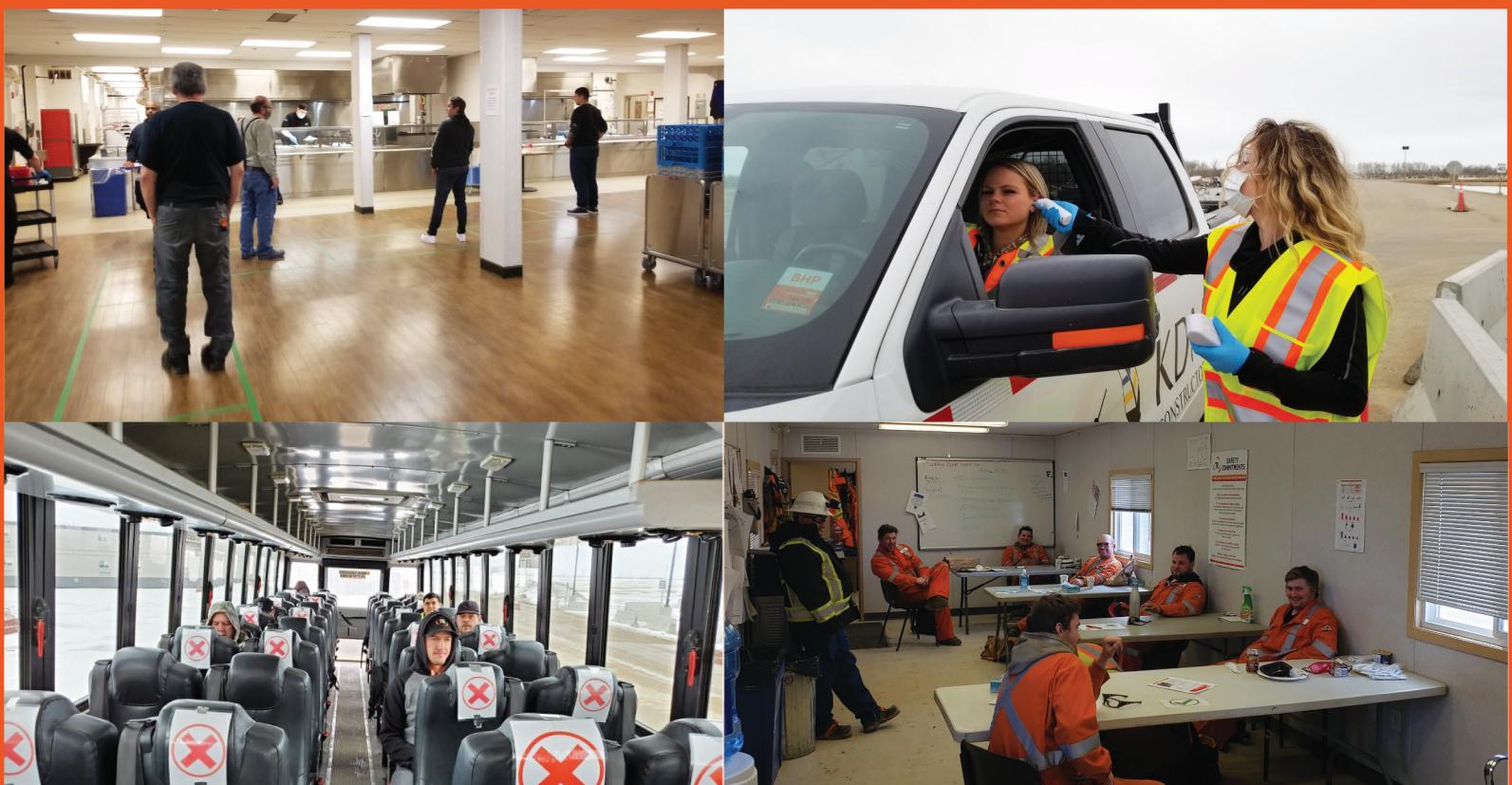
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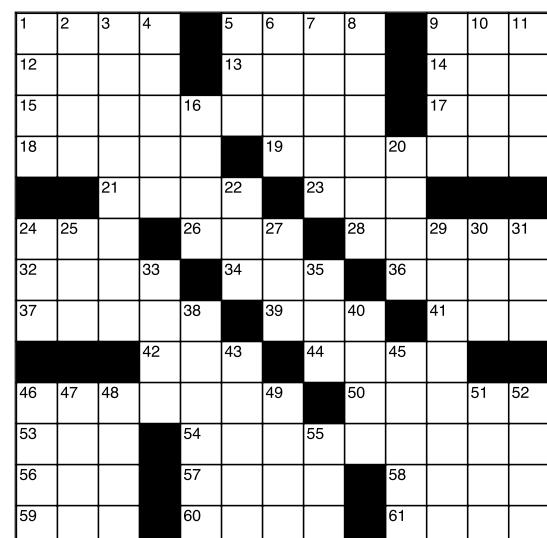


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- On the peak
- Picnic crasher
- Among
- Exec's car
- Constrictor
- Explain
- Blazed the trail
- Farmyard honkers
- Paints
- Advance
- Hog's pad
- Marry
- Ewe's mate
- Alternate
- Listen

DOWN

- Father
- Brave-deed doer
- More aged
- Baby wear
- Snare
- Fold over
- Biblical boatbuilder
- Motors
- Unsociable
- Scramble (for)
- Exit
- Small hotel
- Track shape
- Totally confused
- Say yes
- Simple
- Take ten
- Guzzle
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Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Wow, never have I ever seen the streets in Saskatoon so quiet. We had to make a trip into the city and I was amazed. Same with the stores that we had to stop at. Each store had different ways to do the social distancing. It is scary in a way, but hopefully if we all do our part things can get back to normal.

Not too much else to

say. The streets in Viscount are pretty quiet as well. It is nice to see the weather warm up. I have been able to get out into my yard and enjoy the fresh air and the sun's rays.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Enjoy the fresh air as you social distance. Have a great week everyone.

ALLAN

Sarah Ross • sarah_lou@yahoo.com

The Allan Food Bank is still up and running and asking for donations at this time. We do have some families hit with job loss during this pandemic and the food bank is asking for more donations if possible. Please consider grabbing some extra canned goods to donate while you are on your grocery run. Donations can be dropped off at #16 Fourth Avenue Court or contact Teena Kovitch at 306-491-4930 or Anita Holtorf at 306-257-4225. Donations are delivered twice a month to those in need.

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Welcome to spring Psalms.

Recently here for a quick stop on his way to work last week was Ken Wilson of Saskatoon.

Folks send their deepest sympathy to Margaret Millsap and family on the passing of her husband Mervin Millsap.

Lately everyone is staying home obeying the warnings about the Coronavirus that is going around the world. We will be glad when it is all over.

Anyone with news, please phone me at 306-944-4852.

Thank you.

MANITOU BEACH

Sue Alcock

Still pondering about Glendale Lodge and Arthur and Zoe Parsonson took me back into The Watrous Signal and 1920 village tax records – there it was, in that year Arthur Parsonson was listed as the taxpayer for the lots in Plan G10 that held Glendale which supports the theory that

the lodge was there before 1920 – and those tax records are goodness only knows where. The first time that Zoe Parsonson was listed on the village business register as having “rooms” was 1926 but who knows for how long the couple had been renting out some of their property. It could be that

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A few weeks ago I was nattering about Stacy's dam and a kind gent sent me a link that shows an aerial photo map of Watrous and Manitou Beach area. The gush of spring and heavy rain runoff that goes under Hwy 365 by the cemetery corner has a “bulge” or pond in the stream along the water runway and I can only guess that is where the dam was, I am told there are still some remains to be seen today. Sightseeing along the stream is probably not a good idea because a) there is a field in the way and b) getting stuck in the mud and bushes could be a problem to avoid. However if you Google Earth and find our area you will see what I mean about the bulge in the stream. The stream, by the way, seems to empty into the Watrous lagoon system, if that is the correct terminology. I thought erroneously that the water runoff went into Wellington Creek.

I read that the Boogaloo for this year has been cancelled and it will be held next year. I suspect The Big Float could happen if and when social distancing ends. The format does not include out of community “extra events” people (e.g. musicians) just the all important floaters, so maybe we can pull one off, even if it is a smaller event than last year. Fingers crossed as that was such a fun time. And if music was required then we do have some handy locals.

Meanwhile, the weather has changed for the better, seedlings can venture outdoors for day trips, the merlins and crows are back, the latter in vast numbers around dusk. There is water around the periphery of the lake and the ice is acquiring a sort of greenish hue and the breeze wafts the wood smoke around and it does smell so good. Soon folks will not need to use their woodstoves for daytime heating, maybe just chilly mornings and evenings as the days get even warmer.



photos of Wellington Creek by Daniel Bushman



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Obituary



BRYSON, Grant Dennis

Grant Dennis Bryson passed away peacefully at his home in Holland, Man. on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at the age of 72 years.

Grant was predeceased by his sister Leslie Hoffman, brother Martin, parents Stuart and Joyce Bryson

and by in-laws Mike and Lorraine Nayko.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Ivalee (nee Nayko), son Michael Bryson and grandson Pierce



SPENCER, Muriel Irene 1924 - 2020

It is with sadness that the family of Muriel Spencer (nee Martin) announces her passing April 13, 2020 at a long-term care residence in Calgary.

Muriel was the third of nine children born to Robert and Isobel

Martin at Renown, Sask. Muriel took her schooling at Mount Loraine country school. She later moved to Imperial, Sask. to work with her Uncle Carl Munro at the Imperial Co-op Store and remained employed there for eight years. It was here that she met her husband of 68 years, Dr. Gordon H. Spencer. Muriel and Gordon were married in Imperial June 18, 1950. Gordon took over the family farm at Penzance, Sask. and established his veterinarian practice there. In 1960 the family moved in to Craik, Sask. In addition to raising their five children (Dawn, Richard, Merle, Owen and Jenny), Muriel was Gordon's bookkeeper. She sang in the Craik United Church choir and taught Messengers, the Craik young children's church group. She grew gardens that fed her love of flowers, canning and pickling. Muriel was an avid baker with a pie crust that her family just can't duplicate. Gordon accepted a position in Saskatoon with the Department of Agriculture and moved the family to Saskatoon before settling in Calgary. Here Muriel continued to grow her gardens and sing in the church choir. In addition to being grassroot members of Deer Park United Church in Calgary and after Gordon retired, together they headed up the Seniors Group at the church for a number of years. The family grew to add nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Muriel and Gordon were very lucky to be together until Gordon's passing March 2019.

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- Sadly missed by Irene, Wayne, Diana and Lloyd.

Bryson; sisters Verna (John) Rohde, Kathy Bryson, Judy (Nick) Stokman, Marriane (Michael) McLaughlin; brothers Russell (Donna), Kelly (Chris); brother-in-law Gary (Mary) Hoffman and sister-in-law Carla (Murray) Weddell as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Due to public health requirements surrounding COVID-19, no funeral service will be held at this time. Interment will take place in the Bryson family plot in Watrous, Sask. at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Grant's memory to the Holland Friendship Centre or the Therherne Friendship Centre, or to a charity of choice.

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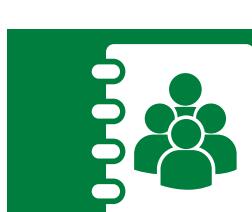
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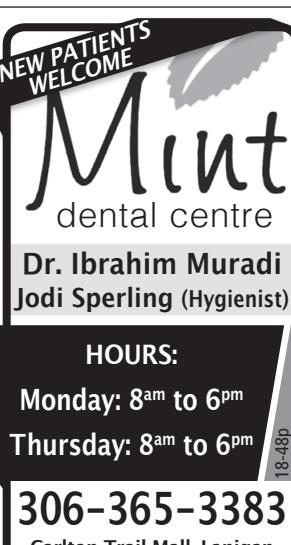
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To read more about the full Re-Open Saskatchewan plan, people can visit www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19.

As the province released its plans to re-open Saskatchewan, recently over 100 local area businesses from 12 communities participated in a COVID-19 Business Impact Survey. The survey which was conducted through a partnership involving Mid-Sask Municipal Alliance (MSMA), the Watrous Manitou Marketing Group, the Humboldt and District Chamber of Commerce and the Watson and District Chamber of Commerce served as a business needs assessment, an inquiry into personal protective emergency (PPE) gear inventory, and more importantly a way to gauge stress levels of area businesses experiencing the closing down of the economy due to the COVID-19 world-wide pandemic.

From the results, the survey indicated with 40 percent of respondents registering their stress levels at seven to eight on a scale of one to 10, cash flow, grants and financial supports were identified as the most immediate needs.

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Of those taking the survey, almost 68 percent had been in business for more than 10 years while 28 percent of the respondents were from the retail sector. The second largest group (27 percent) were direct to consumer services and the third largest group of respondents were part of accommodations and food services.

Checking all of the boxes that applied, when it came to the impact COVID-19 had on operations, a total of 88 respondents or 77 percent said business operations was the number one thing that had been impacted. Number two was sales (69 percent) followed by customer demand (63 percent), supply chain (39 percent), employee availability (35 percent), and technology (eight percent). A total of 14 percent were not sure yet.

The business survey service was set up by the Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance and stated the responses from the area will be included in province-wide data to evaluate the impact of COVID-19 at a provincial level. In reviewing the responses, the survey stated local organizations have been at work, determining existing support services across the region, identifying gaps in services and researching potential supports that could be put in place in an attempt to guide businesses through this trying time. Responses were tracked by community and results were distributed out to local business associations following the initial Apr. 3 deadline for submissions.

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► After a wind storm toppled over a few streetlights last summer along Main Street in Watrous, crews were in Watrous last week swapping out a number of other standard streetlights along Main Street. Joel Cherry with SaskPower said a total of 19 standard streetlights were being replaced in town. The streetlight structures were encased in sidewalk concrete so crews were cutting out the concrete base and removing it before the replacements could take place. Weather permitting, SaskPower anticipated the work would be completed by the end of last week. ☒ photos by Daniel Bushman



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