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Former Watrous resident to be inducted into Sask. Baseball Hall of Fame

■ Daniel Bushman

With a passion for baseball and having the opportunity to watch young athletes grow both on and off the field, former Winston High School principal and ball advocate Allan Fitzsimmons has been named as one of this year’s Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame inductees.

Along with making substantial contributions in the classroom during his time in Watrous, Fitzsimmons also made an enormous impact when it came to ball. Previously inducted into the hall of fame under the Team Category as a second baseman with the 1967 Govan Angels (inducted in 1994) and the 1961-’83 Leader Barons Senior team (inducted in 2016), Fitzsimmons has been a big part of Baseball Saskatchewan.

After his playing days ended and through his involvement and hard work as a volunteer within the sport, Allan will be inducted under the Individual Category as part of this year’s hall of fame class.

In the nomination letter submitted to Baseball Sask., it stated Fitzsimmons was able to increase the awareness of baseball in Saskatchewan through his dedication as a volunteer and because of that, participation numbers grew within the sport.

Along with being a fixture at the Watrous Minor Ball diamonds, beginning in 1995 Fitzsimmons also joined the Board of Representatives of Baseball Saskatchewan. Then from 1997-’99 he was the Zone 5 Governor, overseeing all baseball activities in the large zone. In 1998 he was appointed Senior Supervisor and was in charge of running the Senior Provincial Championships and Post Provincial Play. Holding that position until 2002, Fitzsimmons was also elected as vice president in 2000, serving a two-year term before being appointed president in 2002. Serving a two-year term as president, that was followed by taking on the past president role for a two-year term.

While the majority of his work with Saskatchewan Baseball was done while living in Watrous, after retiring as the principal of Winston High School, in 2004 Allan moved to Saskatoon with his wife Penny. Two years later he was once again

named as Senior Supervisor with Baseball Sask. and occupied that role until 2011.

With numerous contributions made during his time with Watrous Minor Ball, Baseball Sask. and ball in Western Canada and Canada, perhaps the only one surprised that he was named as a Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame inductee for 2020 was Fitzsimmons himself.

“It was a complete surprise and a real shock when Jane Shury from the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum contacted me regarding my selection to the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame. I have to say it is an honour, but also have to say this would not have happened if it had not been for all the support I received throughout my baseball life: my parents, coaches, teammates, baseball officials, players, and my immediate family. These people encouraged me throughout the years and I thank them for supporting me and making this possible.”

Right from an early age, Allan enjoyed the sport of ball. Growing up in Govan, like so many others who called small communities in Saskatchewan their home, Fitzsimmons began playing minor baseball. “At that time, baseball was a small town sport. Over the years and as I moved to different communities, I continued playing and coaching and loving the game. I wanted to give back for all the enjoyment I gained from this great game called baseball so, in 1995, it was an easy decision when Jim Korte asked if I would join the Sask. Baseball Board of Representatives.”

Watching his three kids compete in the same game he loved growing up, along with coaching, Fitzsimmons said he enjoyed the opportunity to serve in a variety of positions with Saskatchewan Baseball Association (SBA). “The highlight of my SBA appointment was the opportunity to supervise many zone and provincial championships held throughout the province. I got to meet many young baseball players and got to watch our great game.”

Remaining heavily involved with SBA, Fitzsimmons continued to invest in the game by joining the Baseball Canada organization. It was during that time he served on the championship committee and as treasurer. “I also got the oppor-



► Calling Watrous home for a number of years before moving to Saskatoon, Allan Fitzsimmons not only had a big impact at Winston High School where he was the principal but he was also a tremendous supporter and advocate for ball. After being inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame with the Govan Angels and Leader Barons under the Team Category in 1994 and 2016, Fitzsimmons is being inducted into the hall in 2020 under the Individual Category for his many contributions to the sport.

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experience.”

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► Despite the COVID-19 pandemic forcing a number of closures this year, the Wheatland Library Watrous Branch is still able to offer books to avid readers. While the library remains closed to the public due to the pandemic, curbside pickup is being offered at the Main Street location. As part of that, Watrous resident Rudy Gross (pictured) along with his wife Marg donated an outdoor drop box for books to be placed in. Built and installed by Rudy Aug. 10, people can now place their larger books in the box or for smaller books that are borrowed from the library, they can still be placed in the slot located in the library's front door. photo by Daniel Bushman

Funding to support tourism

■ media release

The Government of Saskatchewan announced \$35 million in support for Saskatchewan's hard-hit tourism sector. Under the Saskatchewan Tourism Sector Support Program, eligible hospitality and event/attraction operators will be able to apply for a one-time, non-repayable emergency payment.

For the accommodation sector and large event facilities, payments will range from \$10,000 to \$50,000, depending on sales revenue. For attraction, tour or event operators with ongoing fixed costs, payments will range from \$7,500 to \$15,000.

Of the \$35 million, \$5 million will be used to support marketing and increasing the demand for Saskatchewan tourism experiences.

"Saskatchewan's tourism industry is critically important to our quality of life and attractiveness as a destination for investment," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "The Government of Saskatchewan recognizes that the sector's recovery will take time. This support will provide some immediate relief for accommodation properties, major event facilities and attractions, and will also focus on increasing demand, which will be essential to long-term recovery."

Tourism in Saskatchewan, Canada and around the world has been brought to a standstill because of unprecedented measures taken to contain the virus. There

were nearly 12 million visits to and within Saskatchewan in 2019, with visitor expenditures totalling \$2.2 billion. Estimates indicate Saskatchewan's tourism industry could see a decline of at least \$730 million in visitor spending in 2020-'21. It may take two or more years for the industry to recover.

"The COVID-19 pandemic delivered a devastating blow to our province's tourism sector," Minister Responsible for Tourism Saskatchewan Gene Makowsky said. "The new Saskatchewan Tourism Sector Support Program will provide critically needed support to accommodations, venues, attractions and tourism businesses. The \$35 million investment will stimulate the sector's recovery, build resiliency and help tourism operators continue to deliver remarkable Saskatchewan experiences."

"We are all painfully aware of the devastating effects of COVID-19 on the tourism and hospitality sector," Saskatchewan Hotel and Hospitality Association President and CEO Jim Bence said. "With severe reductions in revenues, organizations will be under extreme pressure to find ways to manage their fixed costs and expenses in 2020. We are very pleased with this significant investment in our industry by the government and we much appreciate their continued support and willingness to collaborate with us during this crisis."

Applications will be accepted starting 2 p.m. on Aug. 24, 2020. Applications will be accepted until Oct. 1, 2020.

(from front page: BALL)

Having the ability to remain involved with a sport he grew up enjoying and continues to enjoy, Fitzsimmons extended his appreciation to the provincial organization led by Mike Ramage and Greg Brons and the national organization led by Jim Baba. "Their support was invaluable for

me continuing with baseball in Saskatchewan and throughout Canada."

Looking forward to his induction into the hall of fame under the Individual Category, joining Fitzsimmons as 2020 inductees in that category are: the late Father Leonard Albers from Bengough, Sask.; Fred Curts of Holdfast,

Sask.; Al Greschuk of Yorkton, Sask.; George Guillaume of Moose Jaw, Sask.; Elemer Jerkovits of Regina, Sask.; Rick Johnston of Maidstone, Sask.; Kevin Kusch of Lloydminster, Sask.; Rocky Nickel of Caronport, Sask.; the late Roy Taylor of Visalia, Calif. (Saskatoon, Sask.); Neil Urlacher of Okotoks,

Alta. (Macklin, Sask.); and the late "Goldie" Wiggins of Fillmore, Sask.

Being inducted in the Team Category this year is the Aquadell Flyers Baseball Team (1947-'72) and the Kamsack Cyclones. Being inducted in the Community Category is the Village of Gray, Sask.

Joining this year's prestigious list of people, teams and the community of Gray, Fitzsimmons said, "It is a tremendous honour to be selected to the Sask. Baseball Hall of Fame and a huge thank you to all of you who promote our game of baseball."

While the induction ceremony was originally scheduled for August, due to COVID-19, the hall of fame event has now been tentatively planned for Oct. 3 in North Battleford.

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

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

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INTENT
The proposed bylaw will remove the minimum side yard requirements on corner lots.

AFFECTED LAND
The affected lands are the corner lots in the Resort Village of Alice Beach.

REASON
The reason for the amendment is the existing minimum side line yard requirement on a corner lot is too great for reasonable development.

PUBLIC INSPECTION
The proposed bylaw may be inspected by any person or group at the office of the administrator upon request. Copies of the bylaw are available by request.

PUBLIC HEARING
Council will hold a public hearing on August, 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Resort Village of Alice Beach, SK to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received prior to or at the public hearing. Due to COVID-19 council encourages written submissions prior to the public hearing.

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Issued at the Resort Village of Alice Beach (August 5, 2020)
Darlene Mann, Administrator

RCMP Report

Multiple break-ins in Imperial

Watrous RCMP are seeking the public's assistance to identify a man after a number of break-ins occurred in Imperial. During the night of July 28th and the morning of July 29th the Imperial Town Office, the RM office and a manufacturing business were broken into. Between the three buildings, the suspect (pictured) obtained approximately \$360 using a pry bar after entering each building. The male approached the buildings and then changed into his break and enter gear.

For information on these break-ins or to identify the person involved, people can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 to leave an anonymous tip. You may be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000 if a tip leads to an arrest or charge.



photos courtesy RCMP

Motor vehicle collision near Young

On Thursday, Aug. 13 at approximately 11:45 a.m. Watrous RCMP were called to a two vehicle collision at Hwy. 2 and the Zelma grid junction (below). The drivers of each vehicle were the lone occupants and both were transported to the hospital in Watrous with minor injuries. The initial investigation showed that one vehicle was southbound on Hwy. 2 heading towards Watrous when the other vehicle attempted to enter the Zelma grid off of Hwy. 2 and was struck by the southbound vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.



photo courtesy Watrous RCMP

Watrous RCMP advising community about CRA scam

The Watrous RCMP would like to advise the community that the Canada Revenue Agency scam is again targeting the area with calls. The Watrous RCMP office has received numerous calls. The scam has evolved to become more sophisticated with the groups using recognizable local prefixes for the call displayed. On call back the caller may end up talking with the real cell phone number holder who has no idea their number was used. This occurs by the groups using software specifically designed to phish for active cell phone numbers.

As these crime groups and calls originate in India or Nigeria, there is very little local RCMP detachments can do other than to make the public aware. Watrous RCMP is reminding the public that CRA does not call people and threaten them with warrants and arrests. Most CRA communication involves letters in government marked envelopes. If you receive these calls hang up on them and do not respond. You can report this to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or visit their website at www.antifraud-centre.ca

Watrous RCMP office reopens to public

The Watrous RCMP office has reopened to the public for criminal record checks, traffic collision reports and other enquires. It is asked that people call before attending the office. If the issue can be dealt with by phone it should be done that way. If people need to attend the front counter of the office they will be required to wear a mask and only one person will be permitted in the lobby at a time. COVID-19 screening questions will also be asked as this is national policy.

Armed robbery at Theodore Hotel

Yorkton RCMP received a report of an armed robbery that took place at approximately 1:30 p.m. Aug. 11 at the Theodore Hotel in Theodore, Sask.

It was reported to police that three masked males with weapons wearing black and white clothing and sunglasses were involved in the robbery. The males fled the scene in a vehicle described as a small, grey, possibly Pontiac Sunfire or Chevrolet Cavalier with four doors.

Yorkton RCMP is requesting the public's assistance in locating these individuals and/or the suspect vehicle. If you have seen or located these individuals or the suspect vehicle, do not approach or attempt any form of contact. Please contact the RCMP by calling 310-RCMP or 911 immediately.

Information can also be submitted anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.sask-crimestoppers.com.



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Opinion



Hockey in August.

— an opinion column
by TWM's editor Daniel Bushman

If you would have told me in January that I'd be watching the Stanley Cup playoffs in August I probably would have laughed out loud. But then again, since the start of 2020 it appears as though nothing has been really normal this year.

That includes sports as professional leagues in North America like the MLB, NBA, PGA, NFL and the NHL are doing

their best to resume while the CFL . . . from what I've read I don't think anyone really knows what is going to happen with the Canadian Football League this year.

In any case, the NHL has done a good job it seems in being able to return to play without having any issues related to COVID-19 and the spread of it. While the NBA is also adopting a 'bubble' format there has been all sorts of trouble in the majors as teams like St. Louis and Miami have had to postpone multiple ball games because players and staff have tested positive.

It truly is a different time right now.

As for the NHL playoffs and as a hockey fan, it has been nice to have a little bit of normalcy seeing the return of the game. While the stadiums are empty and there is a bit of a different feel, it is really nice to see clubs competing at a high level for the Stanley Cup. My son is also a big hockey fan and is at the age where he is enjoying watching teams compete. While we both agree on a few teams that we want to see do well there are a few that we don't quite see eye to eye.

Along with my nephew, my son has traded in his Edmonton colours and has become a bit of a Dallas Stars fan. Before he decided he liked Edmonton I did all I could to have him cheer for Calgary, the team I have grown up cheering for. While that lasted for a bit, as he got older, the Flames were extinguished in his mind and he decided to pick someone else which was Edmonton and now Dallas. The reason I bring this fun feud up is because Calgary and Dallas are meeting in round one of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

When I mentioned the two would be playing against each other, the twinkle in his eye and the wide smile on his face told me all I needed to know about who he would be cheering for. He was not too thrilled about the Flames defeating the Stars in game one but had a large smile after Dallas took game two. Regardless of who ends up winning it is just nice to have hockey back again and have something that both Carter and I can enjoy watching together . . . no matter the final score (well, maybe the final score matters a little).



Tips from Reena Nerbas

Dear Susan,

I invite everyone to share their favourite vegan recipes, email householdsolutions@mts.net! Instead of cancelling the barbecue, please consider the following options. Invite people who have dietary restrictions to bring their own main dish or purchase plant-based burgers and wieners specifically made for vegan diets. If you prefer to make your own plant-based dishes, incorporate ingredients such as peas, a variety of spices for flavour, herbs, garlic and onions.

Dear Reena,

I love my polar fleece tops and jackets, but they are such magnets for hair and pet fur. The hair/fur stays on the garments even after laundering. Can you suggest some kind of laundry product or method to solve my problem? I do not use commercial laundry softeners in either the washer or dryer as I am sensitive to smell.

Dear Ethan,

You are not alone, many pet owners refuse to purchase fleece solely because of this challenge. Lint brushes, masking tape and lint rollers are not overly effective because fur becomes imbedded in the fleece fibres. Unfortunately, fabric softener in the washer is your best defense against cling on fur. Of course, vinegar is a wonderful alternative to commercial softeners. Use about one cup per load.

Wonderful feedback from caring contributors

Re: cleaning pots

With regards to your tip about cleaning pots, I want to

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

I am hosting a company barbecue in a few weeks. I found out that some of the people I invited are vegan. I have no idea what to serve them as I was going to cook hamburgers and hotdogs. Should I cancel the barbecue? Susan

tell you that a handful of rhubarb (available in the frozen food section in the winter) does a great job of cleaning a blackened pot (voice of experience). P.S. When preparing rhubarb, if you bake it instead of boiling it, the rhubarb will not go mushy. Menno

Re: cleaning pots

My husband says the most effective way to remove black char on pot bottoms is to rub it with garden dirt or sand, barely moist. R.D.

Fabulous tips for making delicious fried chicken

- Add fibre to fried chicken by adding bran or wheat germ to your coating mixture.

- For crispy chicken, use half flour and half cornstarch along with your usual seasonings and add one-half teaspoon of baking powder.

- Do not cover the chicken once it has finished cooking because covering it will cause the coating to lose its crispness.

- Flavour the oil for cooking your chicken by placing two halves of an onion into the oil.

- Here are the ingredients for Outstanding Southern Fried Chicken. You will need three bowls. In the first bowl put 1/2 cup flour. Into the second bowl combine two eggs, 1 1/2 cups milk, 1/2 teaspoon chicken bouillon, 1/2 teaspoon paprika, 1/2 teaspoon sage, two crushed garlic cloves, one tablespoon flour, 1/2 tablespoon parsley and 1/2 teaspoon soya sauce. Into the third bowl combine one cup flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, one teaspoon pepper, 1/2 teaspoon onion powder, 1/2 tablespoon freshly chopped parsley and 3/4 cup bread crumbs. Put chicken pieces into each bowl and fry as normal. This mixture is for one small frying chicken.

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

Let me open new doors for you



Neighbourly advice according to Ed

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

Yesterday, I told Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, that I am going to explore having personal branding. I got the idea from a realtor who sent me an email with his brand. He signed his name Ross Smith Realtor – 'Let me open new doors for you.' I thought his slogan as a real estate agent was catchy. I decided that I should have a snappy motto myself like, Ray Maher – 'The bald old guy.'

Ed, of course, rained on

my enthusiasm. He said that anyone with an eye could see that I am both bald and old. He is sure a slogan should be unique and give the promise of something worth considering. Ed suggested a brand for me, Ray Maher - 'Leave him in the garden.'

I told Ed I was looking at some mottos on my computer for myself. He rejected these mottos, which I like, 'Dreamer of the impossible,' 'Seeker of the unknown.' "Everyone at your age is into napping and do not know if they are dreaming or awake in their favourite chair unless they fall out of it," Ed scoffed. Sometimes Ed is not ready for any progressive thinking. Through the years, I have had to be patient with him about anything new.

There are many Christian mottos, taglines or brands, such as, "My Saviour is tougher than nails."

"God loves each of us as if there was only one of us."

"Let go and let God." John Wesley's motto for Christian living is well known, "Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, To all the people you can as long as you can."

I searched scripture to find out how Jesus branded himself when he was here on earth. Here are the results of how Jesus labelled himself. John 6:48, "I am the bread of life." John 8:12, "I am the light of the world." John 10:9, "I am the door/gate." John 10:11, "I am the good shepherd." John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life." John 14:6 "I am the way, and the truth and the life." John 15:1, "I am the true vine."

Jesus is much more than his labels. He came down from heaven to give himself as the living bread

of heaven. He did this so that we could receive eternal life through the spiritual food of His body and blood given and shed for us sinners.

Jesus promises that whoever follows him will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. Whoever is a sheep of Jesus will have life to the full for his sheep are safe going in and out to pasture. For Jesus, their good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He knows his sheep, and they know him. Jesus promised, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." As the way and the truth and the life, only Jesus leads his followers to the Father in heaven. In our lives, we can do nothing fruitful unless we remain living branches in Jesus, our vine.

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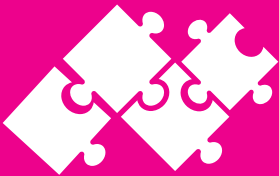
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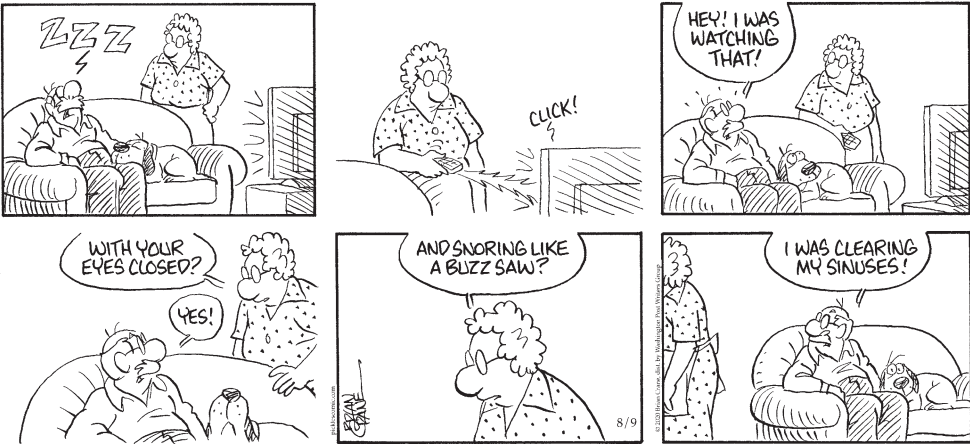
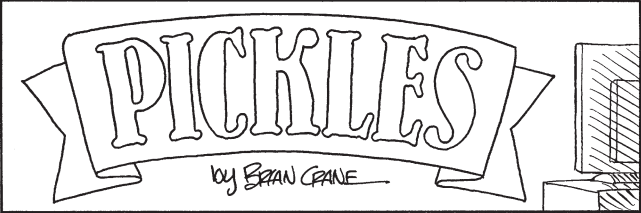
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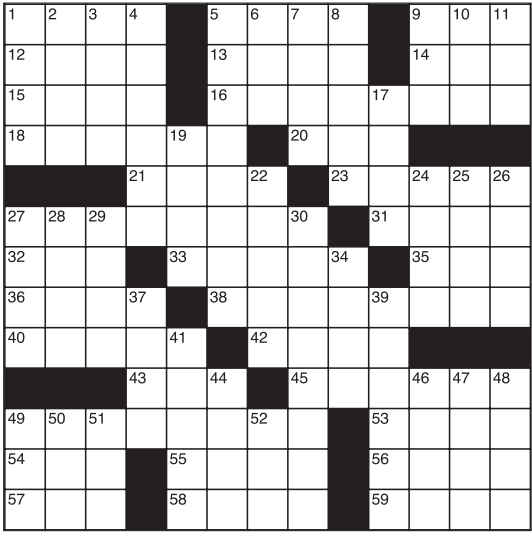
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PUZZLE NO. 41



9. Burnt wood

10. Be deceptive

11. Bed-and-breakfast, e.g.

17. Not short

19. Suds maker

22. Mortgages

24. Tad

25. Rotten

26. Totter

27. "I Remember _____"

28. Former spouses

29. Small coin

30. Frontiersman Davy _____

34. Kind of dive
37. Snack store

39. Brilliant

41. Soldiers' standings

44. Copenhagen native

46. Radiate

47. Leading man

48. Change for a twenty, perhaps

49. Trim grass

50. Dumbfound

51. Cincinnati player

52. Physician, briefly

- ACROSS**

1. Vulgar

5. All the _____

9. Famed boxer

12. Cafe sign

13. Amino _____

14. Sermon subject

15. Male swine

16. Elongate

18. Enroll for military service

20. London drink

21. Mattress part

23. Craftier

27. Auto repairer

31. Strong emotion

32. Lumberjack's tool

33. Equals

35. Fasten with string

36. Heal

38. Icy missile

40. Fall flower

42. Wound's left-over

43. Tyke

45. Round Table member

49. Tenderizing sauce

53. Type of club

54. Have bills

55. Square or granny

56. South America's Cape _____

57. Day before Thur.

58. Religious order

59. Duos
- DOWN**

1. Kimono, for one

2. Once _____ a time

3. Negotiate

4. Fortify

5. Soup accompaniment

6. _____ in the hole

7. Coin-making factory

8. Boundaries

FOR ANSWERS TO SUDOKU AND CROSSWORD, SEE PAGE 11

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Harvest getting underway in Sask.

media release

Warm weather continued to help crops mature throughout the province. That is according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for the period of Aug. 4 to 10. This was beneficial for many areas, but some reported premature ripening and damage from high heat.

Producers in the province have one percent of the crop combined and two percent swathed or ready to straight-cut. The five-year average for this time of year is two percent combined and three percent swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Fifty-two percent of fall rye, 19 percent of winter wheat, six percent of field peas and three percent of lentils are now in the bin. Harvest is most advanced in the south and west-central regions, where two percent of the crop in the southwest is combined and one percent of the crop in the southeast and west-central is combined. Producers in the central and northern regions have less than one percent of the crop combined, but many expect to start in the coming weeks.

Much of the province received small amounts of rain with parts of the northern, west-central and southeast regions receiving half an inch to an inch. The Broadview

area received the most rain with 39 mm. The St. Walburg area has received the most rain in the province since Apr. 1 with 433 mm. More rain is needed to help crops during the seed-filling stage. Moisture conditions were slightly reduced.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 51 percent adequate, 37 percent short and 12 percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as 38 percent adequate, 41 percent short and 21 percent very short. Many producers reported that hay yields are below average this year.

Estimated average dryland hay yields for the province are 1.2 tons per acre for alfalfa, 1.1 tons per acre for alfalfa/bromegrass, 1.0 tons per acre for other tame hay, 1.0 tons per acre for wild hay and 1.8 tons per acre for greenfeed. Estimated average irrigated hay yields are 3.0 tons per acre for alfalfa, 2.7 tons per acre for alfalfa/bromegrass and 2.8 tons per acre for greenfeed.

The majority of crop damage was due to wind, dry conditions, heat, wildlife and grasshoppers. There were also isolated reports of hail.

Farmers are busy wrapping up haying and baling, getting ready for harvest, desiccating and swathing crops and starting to combine in some areas.



photo by Daniel Bushman

Local MP endorses MacKay in Conservative leadership race

media release

As the Conservatives seek a new leader and candidates put their names forward, local Moose Jaw-Lake Centre-Lanigan MP Tom Lukiwski announced his endorsement of Peter MacKay in the federal Conservative leadership race.

"I have known and worked with Peter for a long time, since the reunification of the Conservative Party, and I regard him as

a friend and trusted colleague. After many long one-on-one discussions with Peter, I have concluded that he is the best choice to lead the Conservative Party into the next election," said Lukiwski.

With the endorsement from Lukiwski May 11, the MP stated, "I have two main reasons for supporting Peter. First, I feel that he has all the skills needed to be an excellent prime minister. He is knowledgeable,

experienced, dignified and has excellent communications skills. Compared to the amateurish leadership of our current prime minister, Peter has a solid policy background, having worked as a Crown Prosecutor and business lawyer. Unlike Trudeau, Peter will not merely be the spokesman for the government – he will be a real decision-maker.

"The second and perhaps most important reason I am supporting Peter is that I believe he will be a unifier for the Conservative Party. As a big tent party, the Conservative Party embraces conservatives with many viewpoints," Lukiwski said. "For example, there are a number of issues, particularly social issues, on which Peter and I agree to disagree. However, Peter has assured me that, under his leadership, the Conservative Party will not restrict private members' bills or votes of conscience on social issues."

"While I am endorsing Peter, I firmly believe that the most important principle of this leadership race is

party loyalty and unity. No matter who wins or loses the leadership race, it will be my pleasure and honour to serve the next Conservative leader, whoever he or she may be. To ensure that we can build a future for Canada based on conservative principles, I would urge all Conservative members to take the same approach."

After Lukiwski's endorsement in May, MacKay visited Saskatoon Monday, Aug. 10 to meet members of the Conservative Party of Canada, and to convey his message of getting the economy back on track as Canadians emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

This was MacKay's second visit to Saskatchewan this year, after visiting Regina earlier in the campaign. So far, he is the only candidate to visit the province twice during the leadership campaign. During his visit, MacKay discussed his eight-point Jobs Plan for Canada and his plan to create a prosperity corridor across the country. The corridor will feature pipelines to ensure oil and gas products from Sas-



Peter MacKay visits Tim Horton's in Saskatoon. photo submitted

katchewan and Alberta get to international markets.

MacKay also reiterated his opposition to a federal carbon tax and emphasized the need to extend high speed Internet access to all rural and remote areas of Canada. He acknowledged there is frustration in Western Canada and stressed the importance of defeating the Liberal government in the next election to strengthen national unity.

"Our country's unity is under more pressure than we have seen in a generation," said MacKay. "With a resurgent Bloc Quebecois in Quebec and a growing

Wexit movement in Western Canada, Justin Trudeau's Liberal government has made Canada more fractured than at any time in recent memory. We will get our country back on track by treating all regions of the country with respect and by focusing on what matters to Canadians – creating jobs, managing our economy and improving the lives of Canadians in all parts of Canada."

Before leaving Saskatchewan, MacKay met members and collected ballots at Prairieland Park and at meet and greet events in Saskatoon.

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We have been completely overwhelmed by the outpouring of kindness since Melissa's passing. The cards, food, gestures of sympathy, charitable donations, texts, messages and kind words acknowledging our loss have been so appreciated - thank you. Thank you to the doctors, nurses and staff at the Watrous hospital for administering excellent care with great compassion. Special thanks to Dr. Choudhary for understanding exactly what Melissa's wishes were. Jo-Ann Hills, thank you for doing the funeral service, your caring presence and effort to really understand Melissa and her life are greatly appreciated. Al Mosewich and Fotheringham-McDougall Funeral Service, thanks for your professionalism and attention to detail, you made a brutal process less so. At times like this, we are reminded of how important the people in our lives are. We are blessed to have the people we do in our lives, and to be art of such a caring community.

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Several places are getting lots of rain and some are needing it now.

Visiting Marge Haynes in Lanigan over the weekend were her sister Cheryl and her husband Ford of Saskatoon and her son Laverne Haynes of Saskatoon.

Visiting us were Dean and Rosanne Mattson of Lake Country by Kelowna, B.C., their daughter Ashley Humphrey and girls of Okotoks, Alta. and Sunday her husband joined them all at Linda and Trevor's in Saskatoon for supper and we joined them also.

School is just around the corner and my grandchildren are looking forward to getting back to school and seeing

their friends again.

Plunkett folks wish Layne and Sylvia Duke well in their move to Alberta and we must say they will be missed in town.

Anyone having a garden are busy with vegetables that are ready.

It was nice hearing from Anna Mae Rynne of British Columbia. She will be coming in early September for her son's wedding and we may join her in Saskatoon for lunch.

Plunkett folks send their deepest sympathy to Margaret Millsap and family on the recent loss of Mervin Millsap. A family graveside ceremony was held Saturday, Aug. 8 at Plunkett cemetery.

Several folks attended the flea market at the drive-in at Manitou Beach Sunday, Aug. 9. There was a lot of venders.

Folks also send their deepest sympathy to Linda Campbell on the loss of George. A graveside memorial was held Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 11 at Hoiland Cemetery on the Burr Road.

Farmers are busy haying and making bales and some are busy swathing. It is now a very busy time of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jensen of Saskatoon were weekend visitors with their daughter Gail and Lorne Giddings and family.

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Katherine Templeman of Kindersley recently visited Florence Halvorson. She picked up saskatoon berries and we had a great visit.

Judy and Annette Di-eno spent the weekend at Annette's cabin at Turtle Lake.

Speedy get well to anyone who is not feeling great.

Garden produce and grass is finally slowing down.

I hope everyone is having a great summer and not getting to bored by staying at home.

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Well, back to school shopping will soon be happening as we entered the middle of August. Hopefully all goes well.

A fundraiser for the Viscount rec board to help support our local rink was held Saturday, Aug. 8. It was the 19th annual golf fundraiser. They had an awesome turnout of 41 golfers and they really appreciated all the help holding the event that Lanigan golf course provided. They did not do first place for score or anything like that. Just a relaxed day of golf. They really appreciated all the door prizes that were donated from their sponsors.

A change for the garage sales has happened from September long weekend until first weekend in October. Hopefully the weather will co-operate.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Thank you to all who helped make this week's Viscount news possible. Have a great week and stay safe.



► It seems like the rabbits (pictured above), which are waiting in line are enjoying the finches bird feed as well as the birds at Good Spirit Lake. Watching a deer (pictured right) outside of our camper at Good Spirit Lake.

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