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## Horizon School Division preparing for return to school

■ Daniel Bushman

Ensuring safety for staff and students has been the key focus of officials at Horizon School Division as the division readies for the resumption of school around the area. As Horizon staff and families prepare to see students return to classes for another school year, The Watrous Manitou reached out to Horizon School Division CEO Kevin Garinger to find out about what has been taking place over the past number of weeks.

### Returning to school

After planning to return to school Sept. 1, that start date was recently pushed back a week by the provincial government allowing more preparation for school divisions throughout the province. "Opening day has changed to Sept. 8 as the premier announced. In the meantime I felt like we were on the path to be ready for Sept. 1."

Garinger said the division welcomes back its staff Aug. 24 and they will be spending the majority of their time in schools preparing and making sure the procedures are practiced, planned and ready for when students return. The two phase process will see staff return two weeks before students to ensure they are ready to go and then students will now arrive Sept. 8. "We've got a lot of things we have implemented."

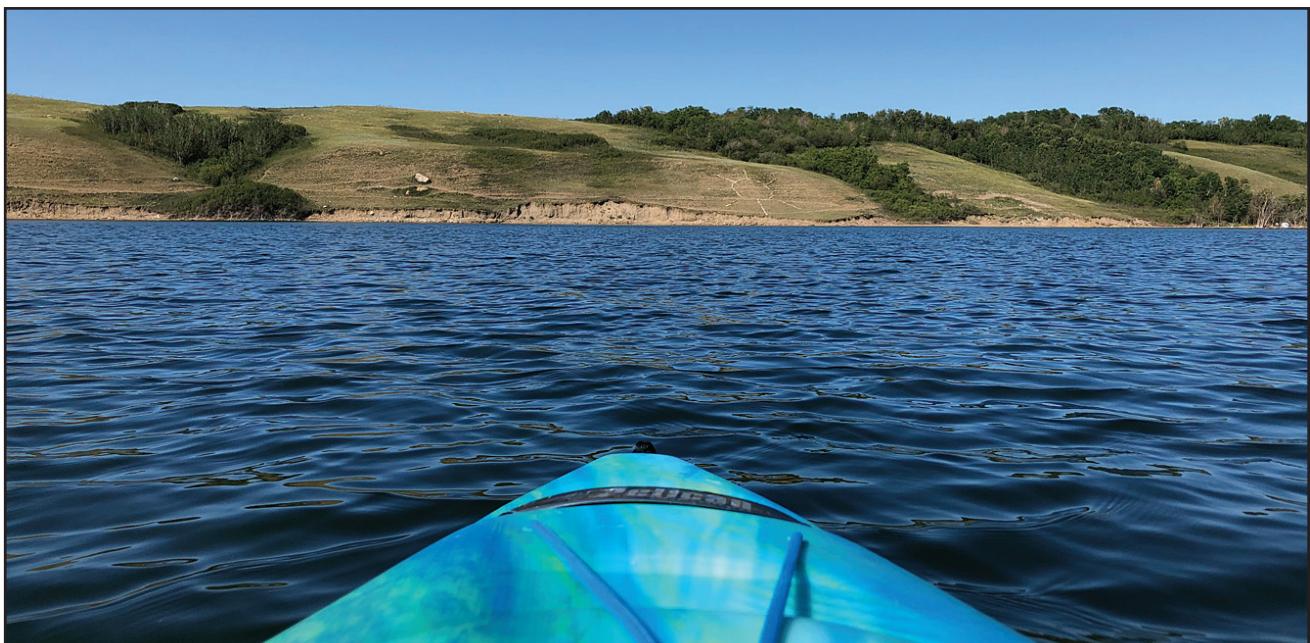
Caretakers and facility staff have also been getting schools set up after each principal submitted floor plans in June indicating what schools would look like and where COVID-19 signage and decals would go. Garinger said that has now been established and is being implemented.

Principals have been in communication over the summer with the division and Garinger said, "These people want to do the best that they can for the kids. It is the incredible nature of our profession. Even during the holidays that is all people could think of, protecting the children, themselves, their colleagues and their families and I am grateful for that. We hope people will see a very strong plan that will help mitigate the risks of COVID-19."

### Wearing masks

Part of Horizon's return to school plan will see masks required for Gr. 4 to 12 students in common areas and hallways; and in some classrooms where two metre physical distancing cannot be maintained. For all students including Pre-K to Gr. 3, it is recommended they also wear masks.

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### Heat wave

► With heat warnings issued by Environment and Climate Change Canada for much of Saskatchewan last week, people were finding ways to stay cool. As the temperatures soared past 30°C in a number of places, locally records were broken including around Watrous and Last Mountain Lake. According to Environment and Climate Change Canada, on Aug. 17 daily records were set at Last Mountain Lake as the temperature hit 34.7°C. The old record of 31.7°C was set in 1979 with records from there being kept since 1975. Also on the 17th, Watrous hit 33.9°C beating its old record of 32.8°C which was set in 1958. Records from Watrous have been kept since

1953. The records continued to be broken in the province as numerous daily record highs were also set Aug. 18. Locally that included at Last Mountain Lake where the temperature hit 36.9°C breaking the previous record of 34.0°C which was set in 1984. The Watrous area hit 35.0°C breaking the old record of 34.0°C which was set in 1984. Then on Wednesday, Aug. 19 the Last Mountain Lake area once again broke a record hitting 35.8°C, beating the old record of 33.9°C set in 1979. The prolonged hot and dry conditions in August also prompted a number of local area rural municipalities and communities to issue fire bans as the area waits for more moisture to arrive.

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# Imperial wins \$25,000 as part of Spruce Up Your Story

■ Daniel Bushman

With years of memorable events, tournaments and games both on the hockey ice and the curling sheets, the Imperial Arena will not only open for another season but thanks to a recent contest will have some dollars to put towards a few substantial repairs.

Hoping to secure additional funding for what is considered the hub of the community during the winter months, Imperial Town Administrator Joslin Freeman submitted a write up as part of Red River Mutual Insurance's Spruce Up Your Story. Freeman's submission detailed the community's connection to the arena, the impact it has had over the years and the space's importance to the community.

After understanding the value of the facility to

Imperial and its residents, Red River Mutual Insurance awarded Freeman and the community with \$25,000.

"I was very excited when I found out," said the town's administrator. "I was on holidays and it was my 20th wedding anniversary. I decided to check my work email just to see what I would be needing to catch up on and was so surprised to see a congratulatory email from Red River Mutual Insurance. I called my husband who was working and said, 'We have been married for 20 years and that is awesome but I also just won \$25,000 for the rink.'"

Containing a hockey rink and curling ice under its roof, the Imperial Arena has been able to host hockey, learn to skate, youth and senior recreation hockey, birthday parties, curling bonspiels, and



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regular curling. Freeman said the place is perfect for people wanting to spend time at the arena but over the years it has required funding to help keep it operational and this year is no different.

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Notice is hereby given that not less than thirty days from the date of service of this notice, the Council of the R.M. of Morris No. 312 intends to pass a bylaw pursuant to the provisions of *The Heritage Property Act*, to designate as Municipal Heritage Property the following real property known as:

Charles Teneycke Homestead

legally described as:

Parcel A, Plan 102287077

and located at:

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The reasons for the proposed designation are as follows:

1. To make improvements to the building through government grants whereby the house would be fixed up.

2. To preserve the history of one of the few remaining T. Eaton catalogue homestead homes.

3. To provide a gathering place and act as a historical repository of early 1900 photographs and artifacts which would serve as a memorial to the pioneers who lived in the area.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed designation must serve council with written objection stating the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts not less than three days prior to consideration of the bylaw.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.  
Belinda Rowan, Administrator

"The condenser blew up in February of this year and it was a used condenser that has cost the town a lot of money over the years. So the town has now purchased a new condenser and hopefully will have minimal costs in the future. The condenser is now in the process of being installed while the roof also needs to be repaired on the curling side of the facility. This \$25,000 will go towards the condenser and some of the roof repairs if further funding we have applied for comes to fruition."

After naming Imperial as one of its recipients of this year's Spruce Up Your Story event, Red River Mutual said,

"We were overwhelmed by the support for Spruce Up Your Story, both from individual community members and our brokers. Their dedication to the initiative helped make it a great success in its inaugural year and seeing the excitement for it has been inspiring."

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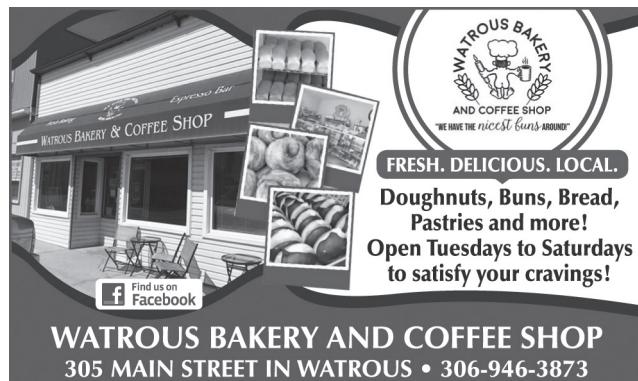
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a poll has been granted for the election of:  
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**Councillor for the Resort Village of Etters Beach**

Voting will take place on Saturday, August 29, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
at the polling place listed below:

Etters Beach Community Hall  
104 - 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Etters Beach, Saskatchewan

I will declare the result of the election at Etters Beach Community Hall on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, from at the hour of 8:10 p.m.

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"The communities we serve and protect with our insurance products are at the heart of Spruce Up Your Story. On the surface, we're helping to fix the roof of a beloved hockey rink, but on a deeper level we're also helping to preserve an important space where memories and connections are made."

"At Red River Mutual, we want to be a positive force in the community and lives of our customers, and the Spruce Up Your Story initiative is helping us see firsthand and better understand exactly how our involvement is making a positive change."

"We're excited for Imperial and that we're able to be a part of their story."

By winning the \$25,000, Freeman said it now means taxpayer dollars that would have gone toward the repairs will now be diverted to other areas of the town requiring funding. It also means kids, adults, and seniors will have a place to go this winter to watch and take part in hockey, skating and curling.

Freeman really appreciated Long Lake Insurance who is a broker for Red River Mutual for the heads up on the funding opportunity as well as Berg Chilling. "It is great to know that companies are keeping their eyes open for funding opportunities for the communities they serve."

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# “RCMP Report”

## Semi catches on fire near Plunkett

Humboldt RCMP attended a scene of a semi trailer hauling lumber products near the community of Plunkett that incurred fire damage. All lanes of Hwy. 16 were blocked during the latter part of Aug. 19 and early part of Aug. 20 while clean up took place.

Motorists were asked to use caution when travelling in the vicinity and to be aware of emergency personnel working on scene. All lanes of travel on the road were eventually reopen around 5:30 a.m. Aug. 20 and no longer blocked.

## Theft of combine GPS

During the early morning hours of Aug. 11 a GPS receiver was stolen off a combine at a farm equipment supplier on Hwy. 5 east in Humboldt. No further damage was done and no one was injured. Police continue to investigate this matter.

If you have information about this or any other crime, please contact Humboldt RCMP at 306-682-2535 or you may contact Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).

## Robbery at Beauval

On Aug. 14 at approximately 1 a.m. Beauval RCMP received a report that three suspects had entered and robbed a local business situated at the Beauval Forks off of Hwy. 155 north. They allegedly threatened staff with a firearm and demanded money. The three males then fled the business with an undisclosed amount of cash. No injuries were reported and no shots were fired.

One of the suspects is described as stocky, tall (over six feet), and was wearing a black hoodie and jeans. He was also wearing a medical mask. The second male was also described as being stocky, approximately five feet eight inches tall, and was wearing a white T-shirt and dark sweatpants with writing on the right leg. The third male was wearing a blue hoodie and jeans.

The suspects fled the scene in a silver or light grey four-door Chevrolet car with silver stock rims. It was reported that there was a fourth male involved, but he remained in the vehicle during the robbery.

Extensive patrols were conducted in the area and in surrounding detachment areas with negative results.

If you have any information that could identify the suspects or aid in the investigation, please contact Beauval RCMP at 306-288-6400. Information can also be submitted anonymously to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).

## Break and enter in Humboldt

The Humboldt RCMP and Crime Stoppers are seeking assistance from the public in solving a break and enter that occurred in Humboldt. At approximately 3:15 a.m. on the morning of Aug. 14, a storage building on the 1200 block of 5th Ave. in Humboldt was broken into. Suspects forced entry and approximately \$200 of merchandise was stolen. It is believed that two to three people are responsible for this break-in. Local RCMP continue to investigate.

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## Baler stolen

Melville RCMP Detachment are requesting the public's assistance in locating the person(s) responsible for the theft of a John Deer baler from a farm that occurred southwest of Fenwood. The theft occurred between the afternoon of July 17 and 20, 2020.

If you have information regarding this crime, please contact Melville RCMP at 306-728-1700. If you have information and you wish to remain anonymous, please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip via their website at: [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).

## Man struck by train in Yorkton

On Aug. 17 at approximately 8:12 p.m. Yorkton RCMP responded to a report of an adult male pedestrian who had been struck by a train near Betts Avenue in the city of Yorkton.

Emergency Medical Services attended the scene and transported a 72-year-old male to hospital with what were described as life-threatening injuries. On Aug. 18 Yorkton RCMP were informed that the male had passed away.

Yorkton RCMP have concluded their investigation. The Canadian Pacific Railway Police Service continues its investigation.

Yorkton RCMP would like to thank all community partners for their assistance with this investigation, including Yorkton Fire, Yorkton EMS, STARS Air Ambulance and the Canadian Pacific Railway Police Service.

# Prairie Spirit gearing up for school

■ Daniel Bushman

As staff, students and families of Prairie Spirit School Division prepare to return to school during the COVID-19 pandemic, the local area division provided memos to its families and staff earlier this month.

Prairie Spirit School Division sent out a memo to its families Aug. 7 with the message of safety at the forefront. Prairie Spirit School Division Director of Education Lori Jeschke and Board Chairperson Sam Dyck noted while it is obvious that back to school is very different for everyone, they respect and appreciate the many concerns brought up regarding a return to school this September.

“We continue to be committed to communicating and connecting with you as we develop a plan for a safe and caring return to school.”

In addition to the division’s comprehensive plan that has been approved by the Ministry of Education, Jeschke and Dyck noted Prairie Spirit’s facilities, transportation, human resources, and learning teams have been working on their own plans within the larger division and provincial plans.

Schools will also be developing plans to share with fam-

ilies and one example that was highlighted included masks and face shields. The division will be providing masks and face shields for staff and students are encouraged to bring a mask from home to wear at school. If a student forgets their mask at home, a disposable mask will be made available, upon request.

“We are looking forward to working with our students and families in September. Prairie Spirit School Division is fully committed to supporting families with access to learning in the fall. We will continue to provide every opportunity for all students to be successful as we plan for a safe and smooth transition back to school.”

Understanding parents may have concerns or questions about the return to school, the pair recommended families remain registered at their local school, even if they are

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## Tips to protect seniors from financial exploitation

### ■ media release

The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (FCAA) is hoping to educate seniors and their families on how to protect themselves from financial scams and frauds.

"As financial abuse affects many seniors in Canada, we want to protect seniors by providing information and resources that will help them identify and avoid exploitation," FCAA Securities Division Director Dean Murrison said. "Seniors can protect their money by understanding the warning signs of financial fraud and by being cautious when speaking to people on the phone they do not know."

In some cases, seniors end up losing money by giving out their credit card or banking information to fraudsters or occasionally, dishonest family members.

Here are some red flags and preventative tips from the FCAA to help avoid exploitation:

- If you receive "prize offers" without engaging or enrolling with the business offering the prize, do not reply to them.
- If someone emails, texts, or calls asking for personal or banking information, do not provide the information.
- If you are asked to keep information secret, that is a red flag.
- If a new friend, relative or caregiver suggests they start taking control of your finances, do not let them.
- If someone calls asking for access to your computer, do not give them access.
- If a stranger sends you a cheque, do not accept it as the cheque may bounce after you deposit it.
- If someone asks you for large sums of money, do not give it to them.
- If you receive an email with an attachment from people you do not know, do not open or download the attachments.

Here are some red flags from the FCAA that may indicate a senior is being targeted by a fraudster:

- A senior starts talking about a new "friend" and their helpful financial advice.
- A new friend, relative, or caregiver starts conducting financial transactions on behalf of the senior without proper authorization or through an unexpected power of attorney.
- The senior expresses excitement over a financial windfall or prize cheque.
- Noticeable changes in banking habits, such as NSF (non-sufficient funds) activity or inconsistent transactions.
- They withdraw large sums of money from their bank accounts.
- Suspicious signatures on cheques.
- Behavioural changes such as depression, fear and/or memory loss.

Here are some steps outlined by the FCAA people can take to protect a loved one from financial scams and frauds:

- Tell them not to give out personal or banking information if someone emails, texts or calls asking for it.
- Make sure antivirus software is installed and up-to-date on their computer.
- Tell them not to reply to sweepstake offers and unsolicited mail.
- Stay actively involved in their day-to-day life and ask what happened during their day.
- Tell them to call you or someone they trust before they make a financial decision.

For more information about senior financial abuse visit <https://fcaa.gov.sk.ca/financial-literacy/seniors/senior-financial-abuse>.

# Opinion



Tips from  
Reena Nerbas

tato and one onion. Fry until browned, about seven minutes, add to slow cooker. Add 1/2 teaspoon paprika. In a bowl whisk together 12 eggs, one teaspoon hot sauce, salt and pepper, to taste, two ounces goat cheese and 1/2 cup diced canned tomatoes. Pour egg mixture over potatoes. Close lid and cook on low until eggs are set, about four hours. Option: add 1/2 cup cooked and diced chicken to the mixture. Enjoy!

**Hi Reena,**

I bought a used exercise machine and did not realize it came from a smoker's home. I cannot stand the smell. Do you know how I can get rid of the smoke smell? I think it is mostly in the foam wrapped handles. Roxy

**Dear Roxy,**

Many people suggest that wiping exercise equipment with apple cider vinegar or dish soap will remove odours, but I have found this is not effective because the smoke has penetrated every part of the equipment including the belts. The most effective solution for removing the smell is to rent an ozone machine from a hardware store and use it according to the manufacturer's instructions. This little machine is not recommended for regular use, but it is great for enclosed areas that are affected by pets, smoke or flood damage or just smell. The machine lets out a molecule called O<sub>3</sub> (which is oxygen with an extra molecule attached). The third molecule escapes into the air and absorbs all odours. If you are targeting the foam handles alone, wrap newspaper around them and tape it on to absorb odours.

## Solutions and Substitutions

Wonderful feedback from caring contributor

Re: spreadable butter

**Hello Reena,**

A week or so ago you had a solution for softening butter for toast, etc. I have another solution that I have used for years after getting tired of fighting with hard butter out of the fridge. I use an empty 907 gram margarine container, put in 1/2 pound of butter, let it soften (slight mixing to hasten the process but not to a liquid state), add 454 grams of soft margarine or "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter," then blend the two with a whisk and when happy with the mixture place in fridge until next use. Spreads very nicely on toast right from the fridge - may require a minute or two if wanting to butter fresh baked bread. Works for me anyway! The way I look at it is that if there are benefits to butter and/or margarine I get them both. On the flip side, if there is a downside to using this mixture, then I guess I have to live with it, but at the very least, I have a spreadable product. Stay safe, stay well, Hartley

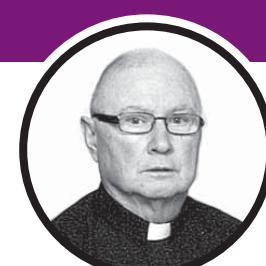
**Fabulous tips from contributors**

• To keep cheese fresh, wash a box and line the bottom with paper towel. Add one tablespoon vinegar, top with a layer of wax paper. Cheese will keep fresh indefinitely. Joan

• My best barbecue meal includes bacon, onion and ground beef. Take the entire first layer off an onion. Roll a portion of ground beef into a ball the size of a golf ball and place the beef inside of the onion as a cover. Wrap the beef/onion ball with strips of bacon and fasten with toothpicks that have been soaked in water. Grill until cooked through. Submitted by: Pam

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

*Reena Nerbas is a popular motivational presenter for large and small groups; check out her website: [reena.ca](http://reena.ca). Ask a question or share a tip at [reena.ca](http://reena.ca)*



Neighbourly advice  
according to Ed

A spiritual column  
by contributor  
Raymond Maher  
[www.accordingtoed.com](http://www.accordingtoed.com)

I can understand that the present high heat of the summer wilts my tomato plants. They need more water as the daily temperature soars. I cannot understand Ed saying that I should just let my plants wilt and not water them. He believes that their roots will grow deeper in search of moisture and they will be stronger in the long run if I do not water them daily. I believe if I do not water my tomatoes they will die before their roots find

## It's never as simple as a matter of common sense

moisture. Since the weather forecast is for a week of hot dry weather, my common sense is to water my tomatoes each day until it cools off or rains again.

Amazingly, what I see as common sense may not be all that sensible to others. As a husband, it is baffling to find my wife pronouncing to me, "That doesn't make any sense." My answer of course is that it makes perfect sense to me. There seems to be a very slippery slope between common sense and its rejection by others as plain foolishness.

As I write this, it seems to me common sense for people to wear a face mask in public areas. Others reject the suggestion that they need to wear a mask for their own sake and to protect others. Here in B.C. we are not forced to wear a face mask; it is a voluntary action. In the Philippines, where my daughter lives,

the rule is strictly enforced in stores: no mask – no service.

The Bible does not refer to wearing a face mask. It does speak of the wearing of a veil or a face covering. In Genesis 24:65, Rebekah covered her face with a veil because Isaac was walking toward them to greet them. Her veil indicated that she was unmarried. The Old Testament has women covering and uncovering their faces with veils. It was part of their culture and lifestyle.

Moses had no problem wearing a veil when the people became afraid of him. When Moses was in the presence of the Lord receiving the Ten Commandments, his face became radiant. When he came to his people with the tablets, the people were afraid to go near him because of his radiant face. He had to call them to come near him. He did not realize his face was

so bright that they were afraid of him. Once he realized that speaking with the Lord resulted in his face becoming dazzling, he put a veil over his face before the people. If he was talking to the Lord, Moses took the veil off (Exodus 34:33). Moses covered his face for the benefit of his people.

The face mask that we are asked to wear because of COVID-19 is a protective mask covering the nose and mouth to prevent the spread of the virus. Protective face masks such as gas masks, fencing masks, surgical masks and safety goggles have been worn for years as they are needed. Better safe than sorry makes good sense to many folks. Better to be healthy than sick. Better not to give the virus to others, especially a loved one. For many, these statements will seem like common sense. For just as many or more, they will not.

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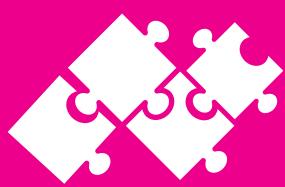
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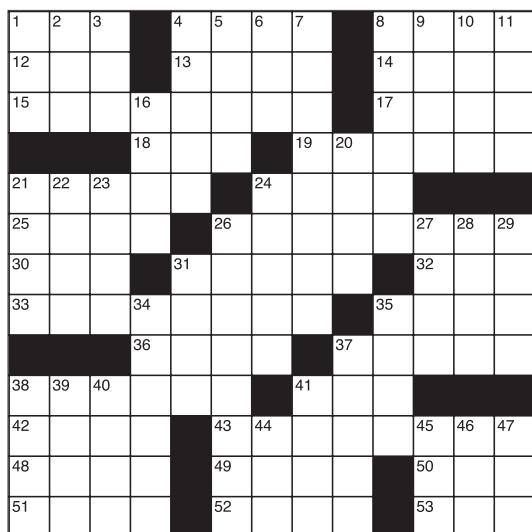
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## CROSSWORD

### PUZZLE NO. 42



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### ACROSS

- Type of bran
- Tent site
- Chops
- Beer's cousin
- Impostor
- Egg shape
- Long-legged bird
- Italian money unit, once
- Unwanted picnic guest
- Hollow between hills
- Resound
- Silent actor
- Fully developed
- Scenic view
- Unity
- Movie
- Island necklace
- Urge
- Thing
- Says yes to
- Honks
- Me
- Scalding
- Beast's neck gear
- Ran
- Journey
- 1981 Warren Beatty film
- Fierce anger
- Female chickens
- BLT spread
- Fresh
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### DOWN

- Clumsy person
- Each and every
- Iced brew
- Hold fast
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- Shout
- Rotten
- Silver or glass follower
- Do in, as a dragon
- Small amount hair
- Trunk
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- Covering
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- Dais
- Voice range
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- Goals
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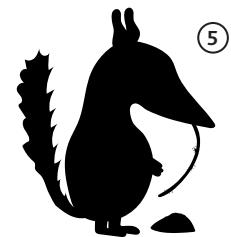
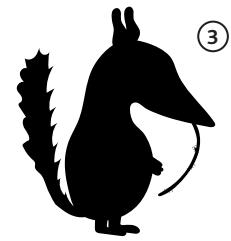
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TO SUDOKU AND  
CROSSWORD,  
SEE PAGE 11

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS  
USE AMERICAN SPELLING



## Private eye

Which of these is the opossum's shadow



ANSWER: 5

## Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

### Cucumber Salad

#### Ingredients:

sliced cucumbers

chopped chives or finely diced onion

finely chopped dill leaf

vinegar

mayonnaise

#### Directions:

Peel and slice cucumbers into a bowl. Add chives and dill. Sprinkle this with about two tablespoons of vinegar. Add about three heaping tablespoons of mayonnaise and stir gently to combine. This will be enough dressing for about two to three cups of sliced cucumbers. Best made about a half hour to an hour before serving.



# Community Connection

## COLONSAY

Florence Halvorson • 306-255-2358

A speedy get well to Patsy Grey who is a hospital patient. I hope your stay will not be long.

Congratulations to Robert Helmky and Jennifer Yausie who were married Saturday, Aug. 15 at their acreage west of town.

Visitors with Joan Campbell over the

weekend were Norma Sparrow, Ed and Dorothy Tymchatyn and Donna Beres, all of Saskatoon.

Sunday visitors with Florence Halvorson were her nieces Diannia and Debra Bergstrom of Saskatoon.

We have great harvest weather now. I am sure the farmers will be going.

## VIISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Never really thought about it until I was outside cutting grass. Under this tire swing in our backyard there used to be a well-worn path. It is now filling in with wild grass. Wow, I should cut grass more often. Most days I am in the yard but I never really thought about it until I had to run the lawn mower over it.

Best wishes to any weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week and stay safe everyone.



photo submitted by Sandra Reid

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## ALLAN

Sarah Ross • [sarah\\_lou@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah_lou@yahoo.com)

The Allan Fire Department has purchased a new rescue truck to add to the fleet of emergency vehicles. This will replace the old fire van which is getting older and has helped its fair share. This truck was purchased with the assistance of the donation from Richardson Pioneer.

The golf course is still open for their ladies and men's nights. It has been a great opportunity to get out and enjoy this wonderful season!

Sadly, the Allan Fall Supper will be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. This is such a great event and is yet another thing that has been cancelled this year. All intentions are to get back to normal next year, as long as restrictions are no longer in place for it to be held.

School supply lists were out a week ago now, so that means its time to



photos submitted by Sarah Ross

get back into the swing of things for the children. Whether it is at home learning or in the classroom, I wish all of the students good luck this year!

**For more Community Connection news,  
see page eight.**



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# Instrumental for ball in Holdfast, Curts being inducted into Sask. Ball Hall of Fame

■ Daniel Bushman

Synonymous with baseball and the sport's success in the community of Holdfast, ball coach, volunteer, and former Schell School principal Fred Curts is being inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame.

Joining 11 other individuals in the Individual Category, two teams and one community as part of the 2020 inductees, Curts said it was quite an honour to be selected. "It is not something that you expect to happen, that is for sure. It is not why you do things but I guess somebody thought I should go into the hall of fame. It was an honour for sure. There are a lot of great players, coaches and organizers in there and to be a part of that is something special."

In the nomination letter submitted to Baseball Sask. explaining why Curts should be inducted into the hall it stated he is the reason there is senior baseball in Holdfast. "Driving into this small community the first thing you see are the three beautiful baseball diamonds, particularly the senior diamond. Credit for this goes to Fred Curts for the numerous volunteer hours he spends weeding, trimming, edging, watering and spraying Holdfast's baseball diamonds."

After graduating from university and moving to the area in 1988, Curts later traded in his glove for a clipboard and began his coaching career. In 1993 he approached the Knights of Columbus to sponsor a baseball team and the Holdfast Knights were born. Since then Curts has not only coached in a number of divisions including AA and AAA ball but found success along the way.

Starting in 1992, Curts led a Holdfast provincial team to a Bantam D silver medal followed by a silver medal in provincial Midget C play in 1994. A year later in 1995 the provincial Atom team took a silver in provincial Atom C competition. Then in 2001 and 2002, Curts and his team went back to back capturing provincial Midget AA titles followed by Curts leading the provincial Mosquito

AA team to a silver medal in 2003. In 2004, Curts then coached a pair of teams to league titles, helping the Holdfast Mosquitoes take first along with the Holdfast Pee Wee team.

In 2011, Curts took on coaching duties for the Moose Jaw Junior Eagles before capturing a silver medal with the Moose Jaw provincial Eagles in 2012. Curts was also the coach of the provincial AAA junior champions in 2013 and took his team to within an out of winning gold at the 2013 Western Canadians.

"There was a kid from Winnipeg and I still have no idea how he made the catch or my boys would have had a Western Canadian gold," said Curts.

Along with helping to lead clubs to titles, off the diamond Curts was recognized with the Joe McDonald Special Award of Merit in 2010, given to someone who has distinguished themselves in an outstanding manner in support of Baseball Saskatchewan.

"The whole thing about baseball for me has been a lifelong passion for sure, especially when I moved to Holdfast. I shut down my playing career and focused solely on coaching kids and it was a lot of fun."

Playing ball as a kid, when Curts moved to Holdfast out of university he said there was some minor ball going on in the community but he felt it could be taken to another level. "There were lots of big centres so kids would go to the cities but I thought, 'Why not have something in Holdfast?'"

One thing led to another and after spending a lot of time and effort within the local ball program, Curts was able to build up the sport. Along with teaching at Schell School, Curts carried his knowledge to the diamond and over the years was able to instill a number of techniques, values, and fun.

"To me the whole thing about teaching them was getting myself educated. You play the game but you don't necessarily think about all the things that go into it. Teaching and breaking skills down for kids on the ball diamonds go hand in hand. We were lucky enough to be able to

build a solid program in Holdfast."

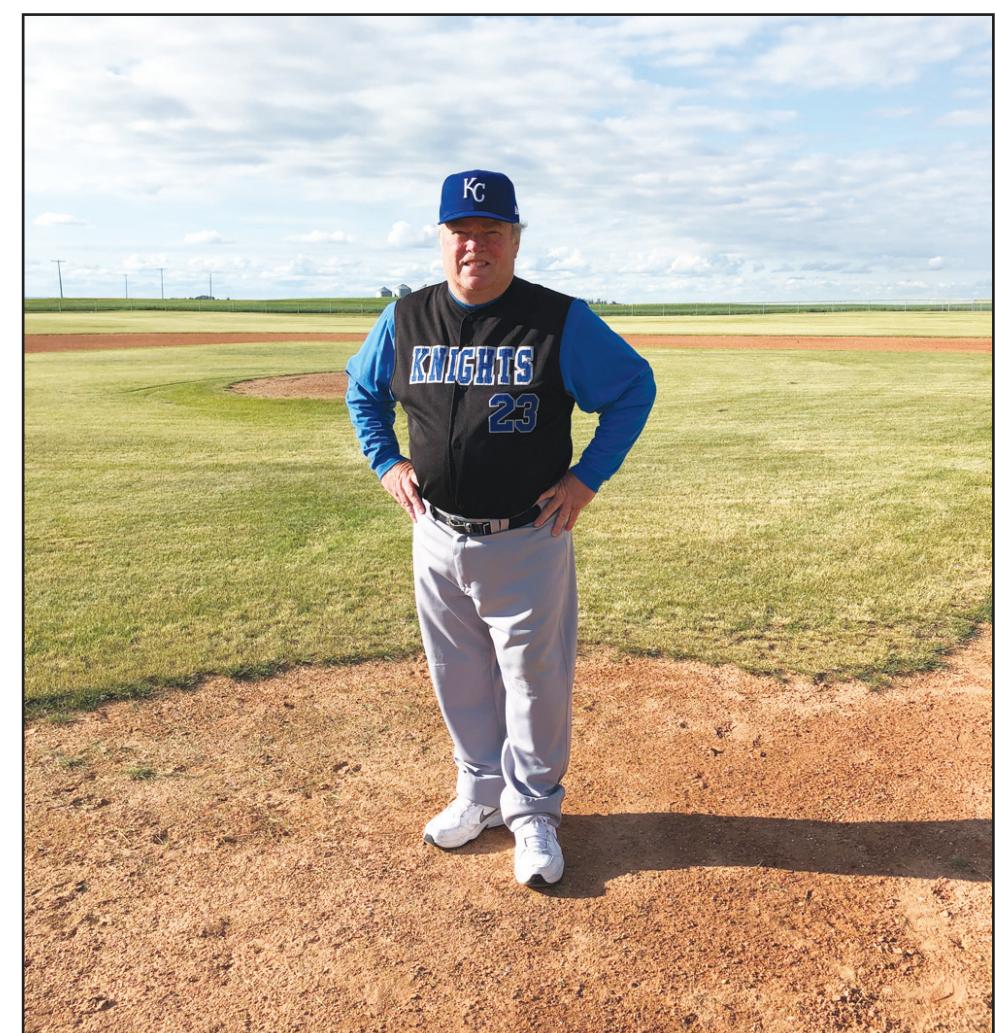
Coaching the same kids over the years, Curts not only watched them excel and grow but was able to celebrate their successes through championships as well.

"I followed them up to junior where they won AAA and came one out away from winning Western Canadians. Other years, even in Pee Wee, I always believed trying to play at the highest level you can so we had kids coming from Lumsden and other areas to fill our roster. We took some pleasure in the fact in those days we were beating the city teams with a little old country team. It didn't do much for the city teams but our guys were sure happy about it."

While it was hard to pinpoint a single highlight over his time coaching and being part of ball in Holdfast, Curts did mention in order to have a AAA midget team, a pro-style diamond was created.

"That was a pile of work and was certainly one highlight putting that team there. I had a lot of help as well and the community support was great. Another highlight I had was a group of Pee Wee kids who won AA provincials and AAA provincials but to me it is all of that other stuff in between. Certainly though, putting AAA ball in small town Saskatchewan was something that was a lot of fun."

While Curts took a break from coaching ball in 2019, he is looking forward to resuming his passion once again when the COVID-19 pandemic is over. "I really like coaching the younger guys. That is the most fun. They are just like little sponges at that age, soak-



► Not only having a big impact at Schell School but former principal Fred Curts was also a major driver in watching the ball program become a success in Holdfast. Transforming the program and the

diamonds in the community, Curts (above) has been recognized for his tremendous efforts and is being inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2020 under the Individual Category.

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ing up all the information. And the adults I've worked with over the years were really helpful. You have a lot of fun and learn a little bit from everybody."

Excited about his induction into the hall of fame within the Individual Category, joining Curts as this year's inductees in that category include: the late Father Leonard Albers from Bengough, Sask.; Allan Fitzsimmons of Saskatoon, 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.

"It is quite an honour but not really something I expected," reflected Curts. "It is an honour to be inducted and a lot of the people that I've met along the way are just as much a part of this as I am."

While the hall of fame induction ceremony was originally scheduled for August due to COVID-19 and then later tentatively planned for Oct. 3 in North Battleford it has now been postponed until May 22, 2021.

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## Obituary



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Nov. 4, 1926 -  
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Jackie is survived by daughter Sandra (Emmett); granddaughters Shari and Kris; grandsons Joey (Ashley) and D.J.; great-granddaughter Evie; brothers Ken (Rose) and Cecil; sister Audrey (Ross) and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Ben; sons Ronnie and Wayne; great-grandson Riley; parents Jack and Lillian (Pearce) Milligan; brothers Gordon and Reg and sisters Irene, Dorothy, Shirley and Joan.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions a private family interment took place in the Watrous Cemetery.

A celebration of Jackie's life will take place at a later date.

Memorial donations directed to the Manitou Lodge Activity Fund would be appreciated.

To leave online condolences, tributes or memorial donations please visit [www.fotheringham-mcdougall.com](http://www.fotheringham-mcdougall.com)



## Thank you

We would like to thank all the people for the cards, flowers, donations, meals and all the kind words after Jackie's passing. We would also like to thank everyone at the Manitou Lodge for their excellent care. She told us all the time how much she liked it there and she loved that someone was always coming in to her room to visit or ask her to go somewhere. Also thank you to Al at Fotheringham-McDougall Funeral Service for all his help and compassion for our loss. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.

- Sandra and Emmett

Thank you to those who acknowledged, either in person or with cards, our loss of Tye Silverfox (24 years) grandson to Betty and Willy, son to Trevor. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

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## MANITOU BEACH

Sue Alcock

Oh my, such things I have been hearing: illegal campers on the beach, stop signs stolen and walking trail signs being vandalized! I hope our bylaw enforcement officer is busy dealing with these folks. A lot of time, energy and money went into the creation of the trail signs and it is so sad to hear of the damage done. It looks like we need more "No Camping" signs placed along the main drag, and strong ones at that to stop theft of those. I suppose the thing to do is call the resort village office or RCMP about these violations, depending if they are local bylaw or provincial/federal offences.

I wonder if anyone has been illegally camping in Wellington Park, other than the fairies. I see that some dog walkers are not "picking up" after their pooch and leaving deposits here and there. I have even seen dogs in the outside shower on the main beach. What happened to the signs about pets on leash and not on the beach?

Meanwhile, I see Danceland is 90 years old this year, the story of Jubilee Drive-In's 65th anniversary plus a sign outside Danceland prompted my memory. Concerts may now be held at the dance pavilion but not dances, yet.

Everyone already is aware that our local election is coming up with election day Aug. 29 for village council and mayor. Aug. 15, Danceland was the place to be to meet and question the candidates. Candidates for mayor include Poppy Petersen and Gerry Worobec. Candidates for council include: Vince Armstrong, Douglas Guenther, Mike Hayward, Robb LaRochelle Horner and Bill Mattick. Several of these good folks did participate in the meet and greet and so far as I can tell 25 folks tuned into the meeting via computer and about 75 folks were in attendance at Danceland to pose questions

and concerns as well as listen to certain candidates express their feelings about various village topics. Of course, the roads came up, access to the lake and administration plus other topics of concern to various locals. It was good to see a representation from both summer and year round residents. Overall feelings are that the meeting was very well planned and organized and many expressed their appreciation to the candidates who spoke and to the organizers – they are such wonderful volunteers and it is apparent that we have very talented, eloquent and well-educated residents who speak very well in public.

I have been hearing too about how busy main beach and the newly opened up Sunday flea market are during these hot summer days. In case you do not know, the flea market is back at its old site – Jubilee Drive-In with Earl Hayhurst organizing it.

We saw a number of meteors courtesy of the Perseid light show. The night was clear and the berm empty so we cranked our necks upwards and watched and watched several flashes of light bolt through the sky. We also saw airplanes and perhaps satellites. I wish I could identify more constellations other than the Big Dipper and Cassiopeia.

Boaters, sailboards, kayaks and canoes all continue to cruise the lake. The new docks in the marina are being well used but I suspect non-motorized vessels could enjoy a much gentler and easier access to the lake. It is very difficult to drag canoes over berms and even with lighter kayaks you need to possess good upper body strength to carry a kayak safely in and out of the water. But many already know this, hence the push for better and more docks specifically for them. Swimmers could also use better access to the lake.

(from front page: SCHOOL)

All staff are also required to wear masks where two metre physical distancing cannot be maintained and masks are required on all buses, for students of all ages and for bus drivers when loading and unloading students.

Masks will also be provided by the division for students and staff use. Masks with clear sections for the mouth are being purchased for Speech and Language Pathologists and teachers who have the need to ensure their students are accommodated (hard of hearing, cochlear implants, early learners, etc.).

Horizon is also in the process of purchasing a reusable cloth mask for all students and staff and in addition, the division will be providing face shields to all staff. Garinger also noted there are some other things the division will be doing like using different types of air filters within schools to ensure air quality is the highest it can be. Currently the school division has not engaged in purchasing air purification units, costing about \$3,800 a piece and working in a 400 square foot area. The reason for that Garinger said is because classrooms are often times upwards of 800 or 900 square feet so the practicality and additional funding it would take to purchase them may be a challenge to support the initiative. However, Garinger said the division continues to monitor and address those needs as they come up.

#### Classroom sizes

While the division does not know exactly what things will look like yet with parents still making decisions on whether or not they will be sending students to school, Garinger said, "From an education standpoint we are going to educate everyone in Horizon. I have heard people wanting to go to other entities with some of the other entities wanting to take them on but I can't say a loud enough statement that Horizon will educate all children."

Garinger is hopeful that people who are not in immuno-compromised situations will send their children to school. "We will have them in our classrooms and we will manage them in a safe manner with strong protocols and plans that will govern how we will act and support our children in the same light. What I am strongly encouraging is that parents contact the school and talk to the

principal if there is a need that way. Please inform the school and just allow us that time to understand who is going to be doing what so we can start planning around whether we need to add staff or start doing some other things. Or maybe their children in some way perhaps will look at doing a video conference into their classroom which might be an option for that family."

As for how many kids will be in each classroom, Garinger noted Horizon School Division has one of the lowest class sizes in the province with its PTR (Pupil/Teacher Ratio) the third lowest. Because of that, Garinger said they have positioned themselves well but will be looking at any spots that may have larger numbers and will be preparing information to see what schools were able to achieve for those class sizes. From there the division will evaluate whether they may need to add staff or components of staff or support staff to make sure class sizes are at a place to keep children far enough apart and safe.

Garinger stressed cohorting is really critical and Horizon's plan has some necessary components that are fluid for that. "We are also needing to ensure as the tides have shifted that adjustments are made to that plan to keep children and staff safe and healthy."

#### Outside user groups like preschool and organizations

In the process of looking at outside user groups, Garinger noted daycares currently existing within schools will continue and typically have been ongoing. Where there are preschools that utilize facilities, Garinger who also sits on the Corporate Services Team for the Response Planning Team (RPT) for the province said last week they were discussing the potential of having those user groups continue to access the division's facilities.

Trying to finalize a structure and look at how they can bring preschool back as quickly as possible, Garinger noted it may not be right away in September but officials are hopeful to have something in place either by Sept. 8 or as soon as they can in September. "People are so great and have been asking what they need to do to make sure it can happen. Now we are at a place where we are going to start looking at other components and that is one of them. We want to ensure safety for everyone."

While the division works toward having preschool resume in its facilities, other outside user groups would not have permission to utilize them at this time.

"Again, with the hope we continue to review as we head into September and get towards the end of September, perhaps things will change or there will be more information that will allow us to do some things in a different manner. We have so much that is necessary to ensure that children and staff are well set up and structures and procedures and protocols are understood."

#### Additional funding from the provincial government

"What we know is the funding is there on an as needed basis so ultimately we are utilizing the funds we were able to realize as savings from the past year."

Those savings came from fuel costs by not running buses and sub costs. But while the division is able to use those savings, Garinger said they have also been purchasing Personal Protective Equipment and other types of equipment to outfit the schools to ensure they are ready.

"The idea is that there would be a request we could make to the ministry to try and access some of the \$40 million if and when that becomes a necessity."

Considering whether or not additional staff is needed to help early learners for the first month of returning to school to help make that transition smoother for the students, Garinger said staff at the central office have been working with principals to make sure that is being done properly.

"We recognize there is some additional spending through sub costs and other types of costs that we will need to support our families to ensure learning continues for kids. We also recognize we may have to add staff to have a cohort of kids who are all learning from home. That may be the case instead of having it as such where the learning is happening in the classroom. If there are enough children in say a Gr. 3 group for example that would require us to hire someone to look after that from a learn from home standpoint - we call them a learning from home teacher - then we may have to add to that level of full-time employment (FTE) in some capacity to make sure we can support that type of learning."

Garinger said he is still hoping many parents will send their children to school with the knowledge there is a lot of strong plans being put in place for the safety and health of students. Ultimately those who need support will be informed and education will continue to be provided and delivered.

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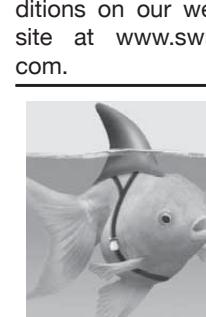
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# “Coming Events”

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considering keeping their child at home at the start of the school year. “Some distance courses will be available to students, with a focus on blended learning at our schools. Families do not need to register outside the division to receive these services. We look forward to continuing to support our students through the local school. For more information, please contact your local school. School administrators will be available in their schools on Aug. 24.”

Also mentioned in the memo which can be found on Prairie Spirit's website, each of the schools will be developing and sharing a school-specific safety plan with their learning communities. These plans will be available to parents later this month and will include details like: hygiene practices, school day schedule, plans for limiting student movement through the school and drop off and pick up plans.

As memos were sent to families on Aug. 11 the Government of Saskatchewan, Education's Response Planning Team (RPT) and Public Health updated guidelines to support the safe return of children to school.

The province and Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer, Dr. Saqib Shahab provided additional guidance for divisions wishing to move to Level 2. This guidance is being made to provide consistent direction to school divisions which will implement specific plans and measures best suited to their location and facilities.

For those divisions exploring measures in Level 2, the following guidance has been provided by Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer:

Students in Gr. 4 through 12 wear a mask in high traffic areas, such as in hallways and on buses. For those students in Gr. 9 through 12, masks may be required in classrooms where it is not possible to maintain physical distancing or where students are outside of the cohort within their classroom, as well as all teachers and staff.

For those high schools that have a high density population, further discussions with Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions have resulted in factors being developed for those considering Level 3. Factors that would be considered include the location, structure and population density of the school. School divisions may consider additional options, including alternating days for high school students.

Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer has also directed the following additional measures to be included in all division plans: teacher and class cohorting, with a focus on cohorting teachers to a limited number of students and keeping students in one cohort as much as possible; in elementary school settings, students' cohorts will be the classroom; in high school settings where cohorting is more complex, school divisions will be encouraged to find creative solutions to move students in cohorts where possible; front-facing instruction for students, any exceptions will be identified for approval by public health; and staggered start

times, breaks and end times, where possible.

Responding to the additional guidelines, Prairie Spirit issued a memo Aug. 12 stating: “The Minister of Education and the Chief Medical Health Officer have provided additional guidelines to school divisions. It is recommended that school divisions consider moving to Level 2 of the government's Saskatchewan Safe Schools Plan, which includes masks in schools.

“The Prairie Spirit Board of Education and senior leadership team have decided to move to Level 2 in the Division's planning for a safe return to school. As a result, masks will be required for students in Gr. 4 through 12 where physical distancing is not possible (e.g. hallways and buses). Pre-kindergarten to Gr. 3 students are encouraged to wear masks.

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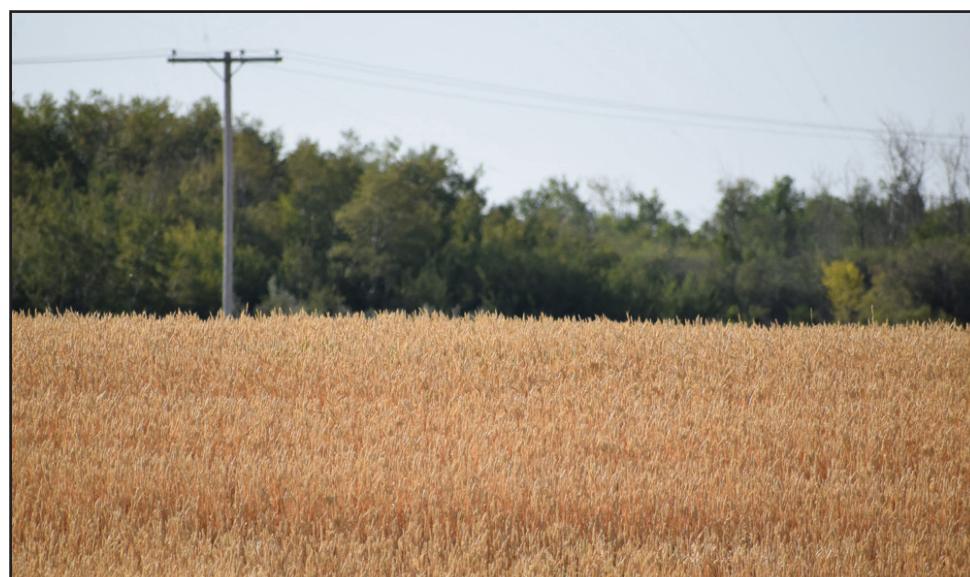
## ■ media release

Warm temperatures have continued to rapidly develop and ripen crops, with some reports of premature ripening. That is according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for Aug. 11 to 17.

Four percent of the crop has been combined, up from one percent the previous week and slightly behind the five-year average of five percent for this time of year. Six percent of the crop has been swathed or is ready to straight-cut, behind the five-year average of eight percent.

Sixty-two percent of fall rye, 37 percent of winter wheat, 22 percent of field peas, 19 percent of lentils and six percent of barley has been combined. An additional three percent of canola has been swathed or is ready to straight-cut.

Eleven percent of the crop in the southwest region has been combined, five percent in the southeast, two percent in the central regions and less than one percent in the northern regions. Some farmers in the northern regions have started to desiccate



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and swath earlier seeded crops and many more plan to in the next few weeks.

Most of the province received trace amounts of rainfall. Areas near Glenavon received the highest amount with 77 mm. Some rain was reported in parts of the eastern crop districts of the east-central and southeast regions. Most of the rest of the province received anywhere from zero up to 13 mm of rain. Rain is not needed in near-mature or ready-to-harvest crops, but

some later-seeded crops and pastures would benefit from more moisture.

Moisture conditions declined throughout most of the province except for areas in the southeast and east-central regions that received rain. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 44 percent adequate, 39 percent short and 17 percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as 33 percent adequate, 42 percent short and 25 percent very short.

Crop damage causes

remain the same with the majority caused by wind, heat, lack of moisture, wildlife and insects such as grasshoppers. There have been some reports of flea beetle damage in canola, as well as localized hail damage.

Farmers are busy getting equipment and bins ready for harvest, swathing and desiccating crops, and combining. With harvest underway in Saskatchewan, producers are reminded to exercise caution and remain safe.

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