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## Community rallies together to help bring playground equipment to WES

■ Daniel Bushman

With tremendous support from residents of Watrous, local businesses and through a number of events and fundraisers, Watrous Elementary School is moving ahead with Phase 1 of its new playground.

After safety concerns were raised and previous equipment on the school grounds was subsequently torn down in September 2019, staff at Watrous Elementary School along with the School Community Council (SCC) began garnering funds to purchase new structures.

Needing to raise between \$113,000 and \$114,000 for the entire project, Vice-Principal at Watrous Elementary School Rhonda Hardy said, "During the winter months our staff and SCC were able to host several events to raise money for our playground including our Family Movie Night, the Christmas Basket Raffles, and our Community Bingo. In addition, we received several donations from local businesses and community members. Then everything shut down in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic leaving us \$25,000 short for Phase 1."

With the pandemic reaching Saskatchewan and schools shutting down for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, Hardy said staff were unsure if a new structure would be installed for the following year. However with incredible support from



After receiving a number of contributions, a few more significant donations for a new playground at Watrous Elementary School were recently presented to Vice-Principal Rhonda Hardy. Because of the donations from Richardson Pioneer Nokomis Branch (\$15,000), Quality Plus Construction (\$10,000) and the Town of Watrous (\$10,000), Phase 1 of the project will now move forward. Presenting a cheque on behalf of Richardson Pioneer was Director of Operations at Nokomis Stuart James (above left) who noted the company strongly believes in giving back to the places its employees and customers call home. Royce and Tracy Dyck of Quality Plus Construction (above) also wanted to give back, providing funds and labour to the project. Understanding the value of the playground, the Town of Watrous contributed to the project as Watrous Mayor Ed Collins provided a cheque to Hardy on behalf of the Town (left).

photos by Daniel Bushman

Quality Plus Construction provided \$10,000. Then this past week, Watrous Town Council approved \$10,000 in funding

to order a large play structure worth \$66,000. Our community of Watrous has been very supportive even during these difficult times. There were so many businesses who donated prizes and monetary donations prior to COVID. We also created a few partnerships and fundraising opportunities that had to be put on hold due to COVID restrictions. We hope to be able to continue our efforts in the near future and add Phase 2 and Phase 3 to our playground."

It is estimated that the

structure will be installed the first week in October, so we are very hopeful that our fall weather cooperates. Hardy is hopeful to have the larger play structure installed as part of the first phase and enjoyed by students before winter. Phase 2 and Phase 3 which would include additional equipment would be installed as the funds are raised.

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local businesses over the summer months and additional funds approved by Watrous Town Council, Hardy added they are now able to break ground.

In addition to the donations received heading into summer, Hardy said Richardson Pioneer (Nokomis Branch) recently donated \$15,000 while

to support the project. "These generous donations in addition to our fundraising and donations received before the pandemic will enable us

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# New owners of John's Plate eager to serve area

■ Daniel Bushman

While the name, menu and staff will remain the same, starting Sept. 1, new owners will be taking over John's Plate in Watrous. After officially opening the family restaurant on Oct. 24, 2008, nearly 12 years later, John and Marla Koupantsis are selling their business to Yanny Cen and her husband Johnny.

Along with their two kids Joshua and Caleb, the Cen family who are originally from Asia are no strangers when it comes to the food industry. Involved within the sector for nearly two decades, Yanny and Johnny spent 18 years in the Dominican Republic operating and managing restaurants with Chinese



and Western-style food.

Looking for a new opportunity, the family ventured north and found John's Plate. "We are regarded as Chinese and Western gourmet cooking chefs with a certain amount of service and experience," said Yanny who was all smiles as she shared her story. "Learning to cook and develop cuisines from various countries is our hobby. We are willing to concen-

trate on cooking every delicacy for our customers in our business. Every time we receive praise from our customers, it is our greatest comfort."

Learning the recipes created by John Koupantsis and training over the past few weeks at the restaurant in Watrous, the Cens are planning to keep things essentially the same. "The colour and fragrance of the food will remain the same and we will also look at developing other unique and world healthy foods."

Yanny and Johnny said the way of life in Watrous attracted the family to the community and after talking with John and Marla about the business, the Cen family felt John's Plate would be a great fit.

**Effective September 1, 2020**

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## WATROUS CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL IS LOOKING TO HIRE A TEACHER ASSISTANT FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

This position is intended to replace the need for a duty parent within the classroom.

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► After cooking thousands of burgers, hundreds of pizzas and countless steaks over the years, owners of John's Plate, John and Marla Koupantsis (pictured above far right) have sold the restaurant. Officially taking over Sept. 1, Johnny and Yanny Cen along with their children Joshua and Caleb (pic-

tured above middle) are excited for their new venture. Coming from the Dominican Republic after spending 18 years operating and managing restaurants, the family is planning to keep things the same at John's Plate as they adjust into their new roles.

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the couple plan to help the Cen family transition into their new roles over the next few months adding they have greatly appreciated the support from the community and surrounding area over the past decade.

As for John and Marla,

## Harvest progressing in Sask.

■ media release

Warm, dry conditions continued for the period of Aug. 18 to 24 which allowed crop development and maturation to progress and farmers in all regions of

the province to make some harvest headway. That is according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report where 15 percent of the crop is combined, up from four percent the previous week and ahead of the

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fall rye, 82 percent of winter wheat, 59 percent of lentils, 56 percent of field peas, 20 percent of barley, 15 percent of durum, nine percent of oats, five percent of spring wheat and two percent of canola has been combined. An additional 16 percent of canola has been swathed or is ready to straight-cut.

Harvest progress is most advanced in the southern regions. Farmers in the southwest region have 31 percent combined, the southeast region 19 percent, the west-central 12 percent, the east-central nine percent, the northeast four percent and the northwest two percent.

There were scattered rain showers throughout the province with most areas receiving trace amounts of rain. Isolated parts of the eastern regions, along with most of Crop District 9B in the northwest region, received more than 25 mm of rain. Areas west of Turtleford received the highest amount with 83 mm.

## Watrous Minor Hockey Annual General Meeting



Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom link emailed to members of WMH.

For more info, please email [watrousminorhockey@outlook.com](mailto:watrousminorhockey@outlook.com)



# “RCMP Report”

## Mischief at RM of Wood Creek shop

Sometime between Monday, Aug. 17 and Friday, Aug. 21 an attempted break and enter occurred at the RM of Wood Creek's shop in Simpson. The person or persons used a bar to damage the back door; however, they failed to gain access to the building. If anyone has any information, please contact the Watrous RCMP.

## RCMP seize suspected cocaine near Wynyard

On Monday, Aug. 24 around 9 p.m. officers from the Saskatchewan RCMP's Traffic Services Unit were working in the Wynyard area on Hwy. 16. A traffic stop was made on a vehicle for a driver's licence, vehicle registration and driver sobriety check.

During the traffic stop, officers observed that the lone occupant, a 33-year-old female from Fort Saskatchewan, Alta. was in possession of unstamped tobacco. She was subsequently arrested for being in possession of unstamped tobacco.

During a search of the vehicle, officers located and seized several packs of unstamped tobacco and six kilograms of suspected cocaine.

The female was then arrested for possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking.

Charges against the female are pending under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and The Tobacco Tax Act, 1998.

## Multi-vehicle collision near Wakaw

On Aug. 25 at approximately 1 p.m. Wakaw RCMP

responded to the report of a five vehicle collision approximately eight kilometres east of Wakaw on Hwy. 41. The collision occurred when a semi-truck entered a construction zone and rear-ended the other vehicles involved.

A 69-year-old male who was the driver and lone occupant of the vehicle stopped immediately in front of the semi-truck passed away on scene.

Other motorists sustained non-life threatening injuries and were either treated on scene or transported to hospital.

Thirty-eight-year-old Gurmeet Singh Cheema was arrested on scene for dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm under Section 320.13(2) and Section 320.13(3) of the Criminal Code.

Wakaw EMS, a Saskatchewan RCMP Traffic Reconstructionist, Wakaw Fire Department, Saskatchewan Coroner's Service, Department of Highways and Prince Albert Victim Services all attended the scene.

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

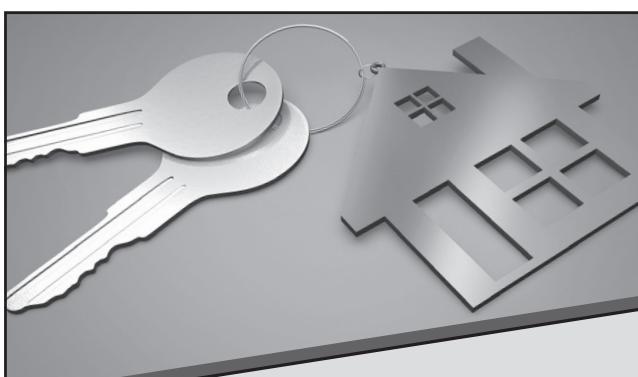
The highway was closed for a period of time and has since reopened.



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**Erin Leslie Lucas and  
Cody Alexander Crawford**

on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 3 p.m.

The small family wedding was held at the Wendorff acreage followed by a reception, family photos and supper.

Officiant was Jordan Karst, friend to the couple.

Photographer was Lindsay Mark-Mills, cousin of the bride.

Erin and Cody live and work in Lethbridge. They have two children, Nash and Navy and a great dog called Rocky.

Erin and Cody thank the community of Watrous for the very thoughtful shower and wedding gifts and the many messages of care and support they have received in the last year.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

SaskWater's District Operations will be treating the water in the Saskatoon Southeast Water Supply System (SSEWS) canal to control the growth of weeds and algae during the 2020 irrigation season.

Treatments will take place approximately every two weeks until September 19th, 2020.

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

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

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

Dosages will be maintained at a level where the water can safely be used for irrigation with no damage to field crops.

Please ensure that people are reminded that swimming, canoeing and fishing in the canal at any time is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

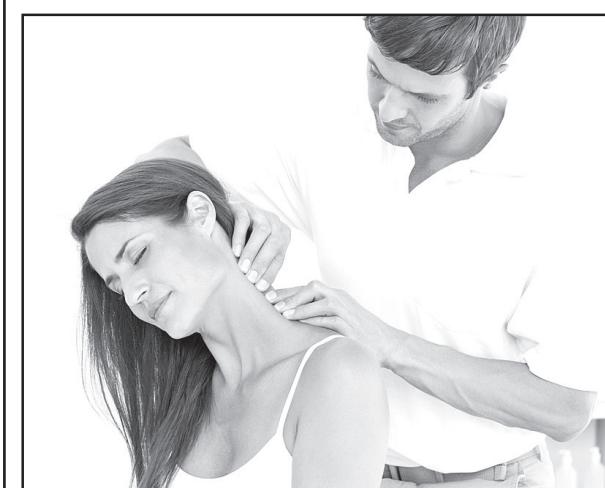
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# “Opinion”



## Bye summer?!

— an opinion column  
by TWM's editor Daniel Bushman

I know I've noted this before but 2020 has been anything but normal. For a person who likes routine, I have certainly felt like I have been a bit out of my element this year. My kids who have been missing their friends have also been looking for a more normal and with the start of school approaching, they are eager to get back to the

classroom and visit with their buddies again.

With everything out of the ordinary since the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in Saskatchewan, to me at least, it doesn't feel like we are headed for the start of September this week. Where did the rest of this year go? I was mentioning to my wife earlier this week that I thought it still felt like June or July (not weather wise) but it just seemed like we should be somewhere in the middle of summer and not at the end of it. In the same breath, I know that for some they are waiting to flip the calendar to 2021 and get rid of 2020.

Before we get ahead of ourselves, there are still a handful of months left in 2020 and it provides an opportunity to try and make the most of a goofy and uncertain year. Trying to carry a positive attitude through this time, I want to extend my appreciation to all of the health care professionals, officials, businesses, communities, teachers and all of those who have been doing their best to be safe this year as we all try and transition to a new normal.

With school officially starting in our local area Sept. 8, I want to thank the staff at our schools for the work they are doing and will be doing to ensure our kids are safe as they head back to class. It is certainly not easy as we navigate through a pandemic not knowing what could or will happen in the coming weeks, months and year. The work that has already gone into planning, preparing and setting up in anticipation for another school year is something that I applaud our local teachers, school cleaning staff, bus drivers and school divisions for doing. I know they are doing their best to ensure the safety and well-being of students and themselves and as has been the case at local businesses - at least at ours - I have appreciated the patience and understanding from our customers as we have adjusted to this new normal.

So as kids return to school next week and I wrap my head around the fact that it will be September and not June, I hope that you will be encouraged to keep moving ahead during these uncertain times, leaving summer behind and embracing fall as it approaches.

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## Tips from Reena Nerbas

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Dear Reena,

I enjoy making homemade pizza, but I find that the crust texture after baking is soggy. Do you have any suggestions for baking a thin crispy crust pizza? Thanks a lot, Peter

Dear Peter,

Bake pizza on a pizza stone, in fact even before making the crust heat the stone in the oven at 500° for 10 minutes. In a bowl combine one-quarter ounce active dry yeast, one-quarter teaspoon sugar and three-quarter cup water. Make sure that the water is hot, but not so hot that you cannot touch it. If the water is too hot, it will kill the yeast and the dough will not rise. Leave for five minutes. In another bowl combine 1 3/4 cup white flour, one-half teaspoon salt and two teaspoons Italian seasoning. Stir into yeast mixture. Knead for two minutes and add a little flour if dough is sticky (about one tablespoon). Roll into a 12" circle. Using a fork, poke holes all over the surface of the crust. Bake crust in 500° oven for four minutes (check on pizza every minute). Add toppings but do not smother the crust with excessive amounts of cheese, sauce and meat. Bake seven minutes (check often). Enjoy!

### Wonderful feedback from caring contributors

Re: vegan guests

Hi Reena,

I have been vegan for over a decade now and never have vegans and the people hosting them had it so easy or good! Vegan options are available at every major grocery store and they taste better than ever. It is no harder to get

## Solutions and Substitutions

meat wieners or burger patties than it is to pick up vegan equivalents. So, to read that Susan is considering cancelling her barbecue because vegans are planning to attend is surprising to say the least!

Because vegan options are so easy to acquire, I think that it is rude to suggest to the host that she ask vegans to bring their own food. Never would I assume that all the dishes would be vegan at an omnivorous barbecue. That being said, it is simple enough to provide vegan wieners or burger patties and make a salad with oil and vinegar on the side so people can serve themselves.

The one thing the host should ask vegans in advance is what kind of bread product would be acceptable to go with vegan wieners or burger patties. Not all buns are vegan, but most vegans will easily be able to point an omnivore in the right direction in any given major grocery store. And that is how someone can be a good host - by including everyone and taking that extra step. It is only a very small inconvenience, but also a wonderful learning opportunity. As more and more people adopt plant-based diets, I can guarantee that this will not be the last time Susan hosts a vegan. So, she, and many others, may as well begin to explore right now how they can be inclusive hosts who meet their guests' needs and show everyone a good time!

The Internet is full of recipes that people who are inexperienced with vegan diets can easily throw together. Omnivores will certainly enjoy eating vegan dishes too even if they have gluten or allergy-related food needs! Vegan mayonnaise, for example, can be bought at major grocery stores at no additional cost. For example, Hellmann's makes a clearly labelled vegan mayo and Superstore has a PC brand mayonnaise that is part of their plant-based line. Thank you for sharing my thoughts and ideas. Take care! Svitlana

*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)

Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, calls the COVID-19 virus, "The Spoiler"! Instead of a boy and girl walking hand-in-hand along the shady lanes, they are to keep six feet apart these summer days. I told Ed that teenagers no longer go for romantic strolls holding hands because they talk, text and tweet by phone. Walking has been replaced by their skateboards or their cars.

In past summertime, we have had an invasion of tourists. More than six million

visitors a year, but now with COVID-19 restrictions, travellers are unwelcome and limited in number. Cruise ships cannot dock in Vancouver until September. The population of the province of British Columbia is diverse with many different cultural groups living and working here. It has been a province where anyone and everyone could feel at home.

Sadly, since the pandemic, hate-motivated incidents and crimes here have multiplied. Generally, people are frustrated and feel trapped by a virus that is like a forest fire burning out of control. If lightning causes a forest fire, people will accept it as an act of nature. If the forest fire is blamed on a specific camper, Henry chain-smoker Smith, those most affected by the fire may hold a grievance towards Henry and his carelessness. Accusing, arresting, fining or imprisoning Henry Smith will not put the forest fire out or bring back what has been

destroyed. Blaming a particular country and anyone from that country for the COVID-19 virus is pointless and spreads the disease of hate. Blaming others even for good reason has all the value of a Canadian penny.

We are often quick to hold a grudge when someone else's actions adversely impact us. Easily we broadcast our past grievances and find fault with others in our present situations. We may take offence at some other people because we see them as different from ourselves. Often the prejudices that we carry are unknown to us.

In the time of Jesus, his people had a superior attitude when it came to their neighbours and distant relatives, the Samaritans. The Jews and Samaritans had no dealings with each other, but Jesus could see beyond their history of rejection and lack of honour and respect. Some Jewish people were displeased with Jesus' parable of the Good

Samaritan. In the story, a Samaritan acts compassionately towards a Jewish man beaten and left at the side of the road. Some were offended in Jesus' story when two Jewish people had an opportunity to help the injured man, but they did not do so. They did not want a Samaritan to be the hero of the story. A common understanding among the Jews was that they were better than the Samaritans. Jesus had a different attitude as he came to his own people to gather Jewish outcast sinners for God and others.

In Matthew 15:21-28, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon, perhaps to rest from his hectic ministry among the Jews. There a Canaanite woman (not Jewish) of the area came to Jesus begging him to heal her daughter oppressed by a demon. Although Jesus was sent to minister to the Jews, he healed her daughter because she needed help. Do not exclude others needing your assistance.

## In the good old summertime couples could walk hand-in-hand

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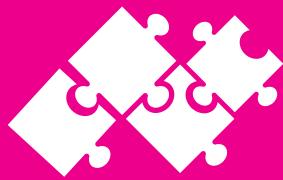
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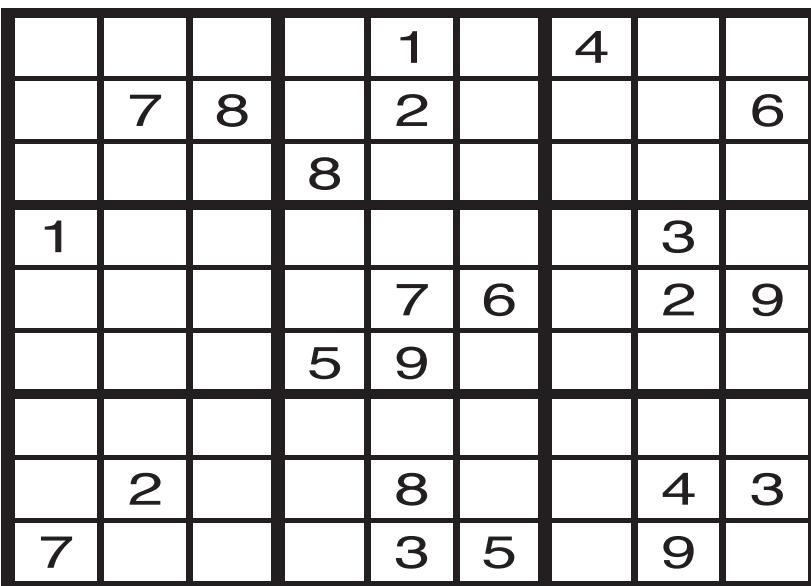
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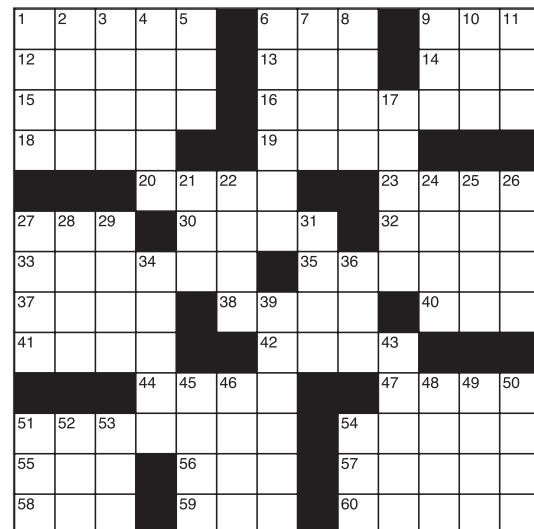
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- 19. Stitched
- 20. Memo error
- 21. Nero's garment
- 22. Border
- 23. Alpine slider
- 24. Compulsion
- 25. Loony
- 26. Undergo
- 35. Studio couch
- 37. Bright light
- 38. Wiggles, as a tail
- 40. Previous to, poetically
- 41. Appetizing store
- 42. Tot
- 44. Not this
- 45. Threat's final word
- 46. Totally cool
- 47. Carton
- 48. Kind of sauce
- 49. Storage crib
- 50. Challenger
- 51. Weed tool
- 52. Puzzling
- 53. 12-month periods
- 54. "Town" (play)
- 55. Expanded
- 56. Evening garment

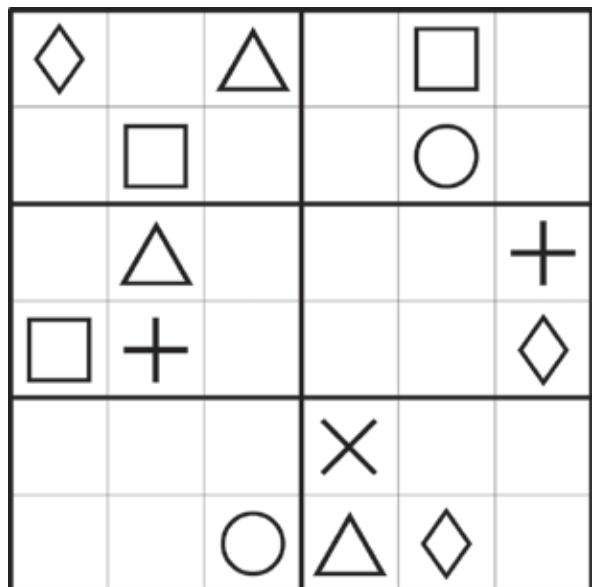
**DOWN**

- 1. Gear teeth
- 2. Angler's bait
- 3. From scratch
- 4. Meager
- 5. Goldfish, e.g.
- 6. GI's ID
- 7. Wrong
- 8. Radar-screen spot
- 9. \_\_\_ up (confess)
- 10. Enemy
- 11. Gave lunch to
- 12. Honorable
- 21. \_\_\_ "Town" (play)
- 22. Expanded
- 24. Evening garment
- 43. Unearthly
- 45. Wanderer
- 46. Among
- 48. Igneous flow
- 49. Night sight
- 50. Slippery fellows
- 51. Charcoal residue
- 52. Court, as a sweetheart
- 53. Gaze at
- 54. Wail

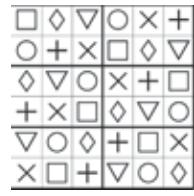
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mixing well. Ready to serve in about 15 minutes.  
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# Marking a milestone for former Imperial resident

■ submitted by  
Lianne Nekrasoff

Former Imperial resident Margaret Braddock turned 90 Aug. 28. Braddock who lived in Imperial for many years moved to Regina about nine years ago and the proud mother of five children, nine grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren (13 girls and four boys) was joined by members of her family at the end of July to celebrate.

Rylee Boutin, her oldest great-granddaughter gave a toast on behalf of the family:

"I'd like to make a toast dedicated to the incredible and beautiful birthday girl; the reason we are all gathered here today. And not just because it is her birthday but because she was the one that taught us the importance and mean-

ingfulness of celebrating together as a family.

"It was always crazy to me when I was younger that my friends were celebrating Christmases, Easters, birthdays, etc. with only their parents and siblings when our family celebrates every birthday (and there is a lot), Christmas, and Easter together - all together.

"But as I've gotten older I've realized that they aren't crazy. I'm just lucky and I will cherish that forever as I'm sure you all will too. And that's all thanks to you Grandma. You've taught us to love, appreciate, to be loyal, dedication, hard work and to put family first always.

"And so I'm incredibly thankful as I know everyone is that we could all come together today considering the circum-



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stances we are living in to celebrate the one that always, no matter the day or time - unless her elevator gets stuck - comes or came to celebrate us whether it be at our weddings, birthdays, every single sporting game like hockey, ringette, softball, curling, and dance or academic awards, school concerts . . . you name it

and she was there! And although not all of us could be here today for reasons - our biggest one being distance - we know that you're here in our hearts. So here's to 90 years of love, and light that you've brought into this world and shared with each and every one of us here today. We love you!"



## Imperial & District Service Club

► On behalf of the Imperial & District Service Club and the Town of Imperial, we are pleased to recognize and congratulate Mackenzie Lynn Van Damme from the 2019-'20 Gr. 12 graduating class as the successful recipient of the \$500 bursary award. Mackenzie achieved high marks academically and was very active in extracurricular activities while attending Imperial High School. Mackenzie participated in the drama club and played various roles in a number of performances. She was also very active in high school sports including volleyball, track and field, basketball and badminton. Mackenzie played a role in her high school community and held positions including room rep., social director, and president. She has volunteered within the community, as community life has always played a large role with her and will continue to do so for many years. Recently, Mackenzie was the recipient of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Student Scholarship award. She will be attending the University of Saskatchewan, Agriculture and Bioresources-Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, starting in September 2020. Because of her excellent academic achievement, Mackenzie was eligible to receive the Guaranteed Entrance Scholarship. The service club award was presented by Keith Busche and Harold Anhorn from the Imperial & District Service Club.

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# VISCOUNT

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The playground at Viscount Central School has had the final pieces installed. It is an awesome playground with beautiful sand. Local children did a fantastic job as they volunteered their time to shovel and rake sand into place. I kept trying to go to the playground and take pictures, but it seems to be very active with children, which is so awesome to see, so I slipped over early in the morning. I cannot wait for the great-grandchildren to visit so I can take them.

Minor sports and Viscount School of Dance held registration night Tuesday, Aug. 18 at the Viscount Community Centre.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon.

September long is soon upon us. Safe travels to anyone who is going to be on the road for our last summer long weekend. Have a safe and happy holiday. Have a great week and stay safe.

## MANITOU BEACH

Sue Alcock

Well, the weekend monster community-wide garage sale seems to have been a huge success with over 20 vendors selling from their garages and many folks meandering around looking for bargains and enjoying having something different to do. At Manitou Waters proceeds from the garage sale are heading towards a solar shower for the beach. I mean a shower with solar panels and batteries and not the black water tanks of yesteryear.

I have heard there was a child driving a golf cart on the road while gabbing on his cellphone and no parents in sight. A few years ago parents were seen supervising their children from the roadside as the youngsters took turns driving a quad along the main drag.

Temperatures are falling and trees are looking a bit roasted – signs of summer coming to an end. I had a solitary roam through Camp Easter Seal on Sunday to pick chokecherries and discovered that my favourite picking spots were so sad that I had to walk more to fill my pail. We used to cross-country ski through the camp over 15 to 20 years ago but nowadays the Windy Way, High Way Number 9 and other runs are overgrown with thistles, nettles and uncut grass. Also caraganas and assorted dead trees have fallen and blocked the run, most of the grounds look like a tinderbox with so much dead brush and dead trees. A fire plus a west wind and we will have a problem. I have no idea how many fire hydrants we have at the west end of the village but I hope they work!

Good news! A set of steps has been erected at the east end of the boardwalk so there is another place to access the lake. We know the area nowadays as Stinky Bay but I believe that way back when it was known as California Bay – is this correct? If not, then what was the

original name? I recall that there used to be grass and a flowerbed with day lilies, irises and other perennials before the lake rose up. Michael of the Oasis project is the new owner of that area and responsible for the new steps which were made by Sherwin Petersen.

I do remember hearing from a previous mayor at a village meeting, I think, some years ago that as our community is not a recognized park (national, provincial or regional) that we do not receive any government funds as they do for improvements. All our improvements for infrastructure and tourism etc. have to be funded by our taxes and whatever grants

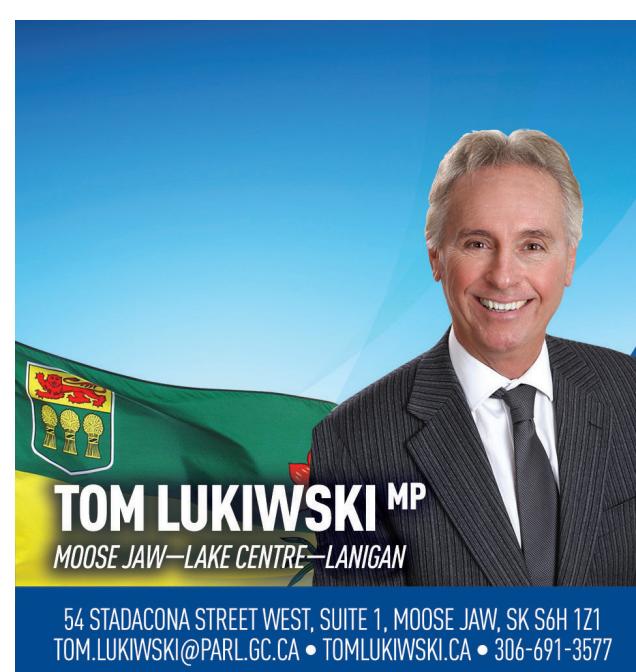
Sympathy to the bines should be going strong. Gardening is winding down with just potatoes and carrots in mine.

Congratulations to John Garner and Lauren Durant who were married in Saskatoon Aug. 22

It is great harvest weather. I think the com-

can be applied for and received. So as our tax money is limited – fundraising for “extras” is needed. So we should be very thankful to Michael for the provision of another set of steps to access the lake.

There will be a mini fireworks show Sunday, Sept. 6 at Manitou Beach, weather permitting. See the ad on the back page of this week’s paper for more details.



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# “Notices AND Classifieds”

## In memory



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- Missed and remembered by her Engle family.



## Additional funding provided for schools as return to school plans put in place

### ■ media release

As work continues to welcome students and staff back into classrooms Sept. 8, parents and caregivers will now have access to detailed information for their child's local school. As previously announced, all school divisions have posted online or communicated to parents and students these details by Aug. 26.

Copies of each specific school's plan will be made available through their respective school division websites. These plans may be updated or refined as students and staff return to school.

The Government of Canada has announced that school divisions across the province will have access to additional funding as Saskatchewan is set to receive \$74.9 million as a result of a new spending commitment by the Government of Canada.

This funding will be added to the \$40 million in new education funding already committed by the province from the COVID contingency fund, and is in addition to the \$40 million in funds available through school division savings. While application intakes will occur throughout the school year, the first intake closed Aug. 27.

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“As we work with our sector partners to ensure a safe return to school, we know that there will be increased costs associated with staffing, preparation and supplies,” Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. “With the federal government’s contribution, there is now up to \$150 million available to our education sector for costs associated with a safe return to school.”

Earlier this summer, the Ministry of Education centrally procured six million masks to distribute to school divisions to make available on a daily and ongoing basis. The first shipment has now been delivered to all 27 school divisions and is in addition to full-face shields the province obtained which will be made available for all staff. The second shipment of masks was set to leave the supplier Aug. 26 and will be delivered to school divisions during the first week of school.

The Government of Saskatchewan continues to monitor the transmission of COVID-19 in the province and updates will be made to the Safe Schools Plan as necessary based on the advice of the Chief Medical Health Officer.

As funding was announced by the federal government Aug. 26, Saskatchewan NDP Education Critic Carla Beck welcomed the announcement and called on

the Saskatchewan Party government to rapidly allocate that funding to making class sizes smaller in order to ensure a safe return to schools and minimize the risk of outbreaks.

“Despite having months to get the return-to-school plan right, Scott Moe and Gord Wyant kept insisting that no additional funding would be necessary to make schools safer for our kids during a pandemic – to the extent that they waited until far too late to even allocate funding from their own contingency fund. Despite the concerns raised by families, educators, and medical professionals, they did nothing to address class size as crucial weeks passed,” said Beck.

“The Premier and Education Minister’s slow-mo, status quo approach has left parents feeling betrayed, stressed and frustrated. Our classrooms are too crowded now because they were too crowded before,” said Beck. “School divisions still aren’t sure what, if any, additional funding they will receive, or if the government will in fact claw back funding at the end of September if enrolment declines due to COVID-19. We can’t be satisfied with the status quo. We must demand better, and that means a real plan to put this additional federal funding to work where it counts.”

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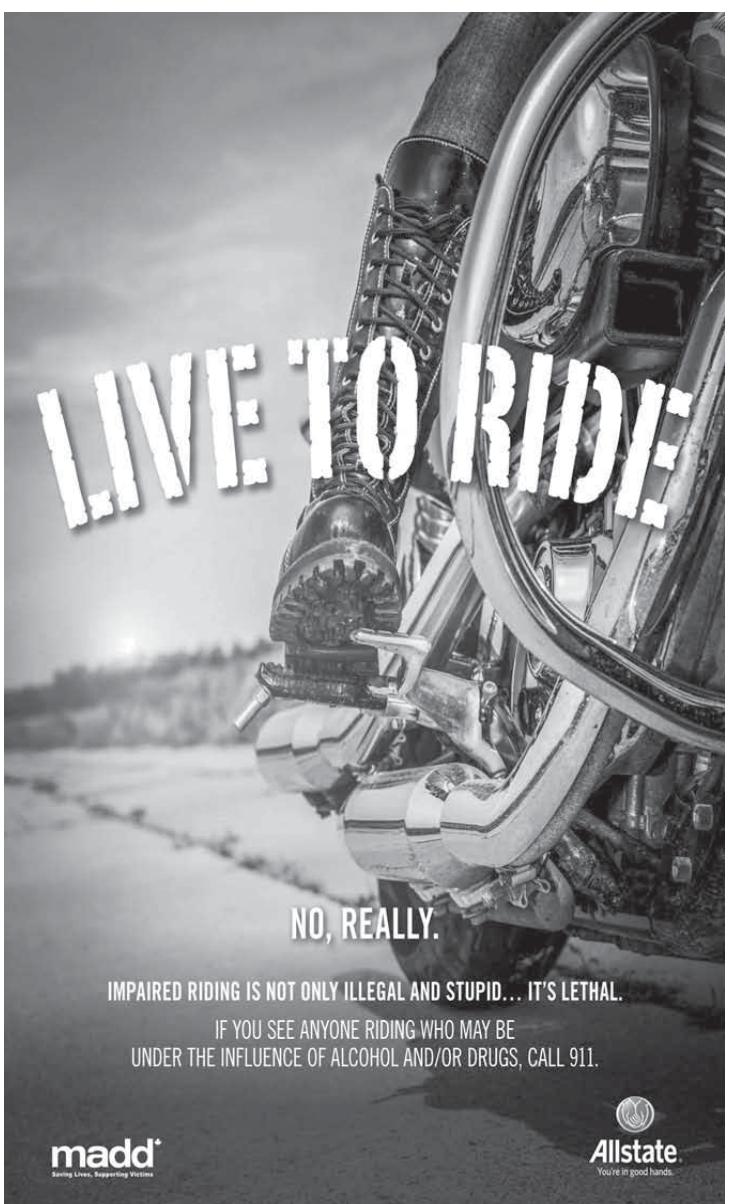
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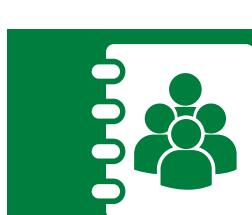
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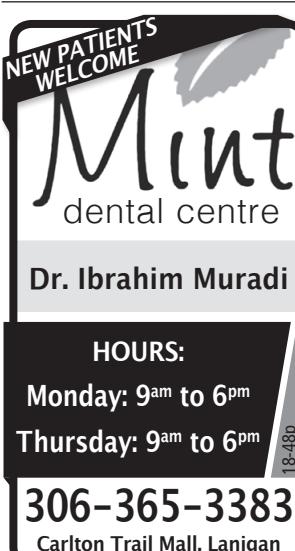


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"Quality Plus Construction has generously donated some labour and we know we can count on community members if and when we need additional assistance with setup."

With the overwhelming support, Hardy said the school along with the SCC feel very blessed to offer students a brand new structure to play on this fall. "With many grants and fundraisers unable to be realized this spring and summer, we were getting very worried our students may have to go without a playground for a second year in a row."

While the new playground equipment will be thoroughly enjoyed by students, COVID guidelines have been put in place by Horizon School Division and the provincial government. Hardy stated that these restrictions include mandated staggered recesses and designated specific areas where each group of students must play while social distancing.

"Having Phase 1 of our playground plan ordered and installed will ensure we have enough options for our students to play on when enjoying recess outside. Once again we are sincerely grateful to our local businesses and community members who donated prizes and monetary donations, attended our fundraising events, and volunteered their time to make this first phase of this playground a reality for our students at Watrous Elementary! We can't wait to get it in place for them."

~~Labour~~  
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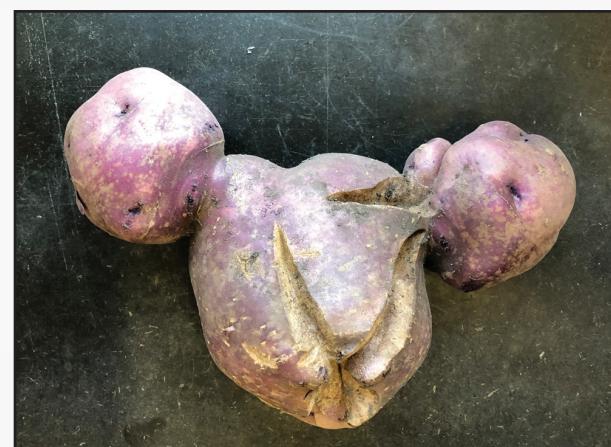
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## Photos of the Week



Wayne Busch took this photo of Sandhill cranes near Nokomis Aug. 20.



As gardens are harvested, there have been some unique items unearthed from below. In the garden belonging to Fran and Jane Dagleis, Fran dug up a potato which Jane dubbed as Mickey Mouse, resembling the face of the famous mouse.

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