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ALC beds temporarily closed at Lanigan; Watrous sees access to resources as COVID cases increase

■ Daniel Bushman

As more and more daily active COVID-19 cases appear within the local region and throughout the province, Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) has been moving forward with its Health System Readiness plan. As part of that plan, a temporary closure of Alternate Level of Care (ALC) beds has been issued at Lanigan Hospital while resources have been allocated to the hospital in Watrous.

SHA stated the temporary closure of ALC beds at Lanigan Hospital went into effect Nov. 30 and will remain until further notice. “Due to active COVID-19 activity in the area, staffing challenges in Lanigan, and required re-deployment of health care providers to other health services to support care, ALC beds will be temporarily closed at the facility effective Nov. 30, 2020. ALC admissions have also been temporarily suspended. Lab and X-ray services are not affected. Patients affected by the closure will also be temporarily relocated to appropriate facilities in the area as beds become available.”

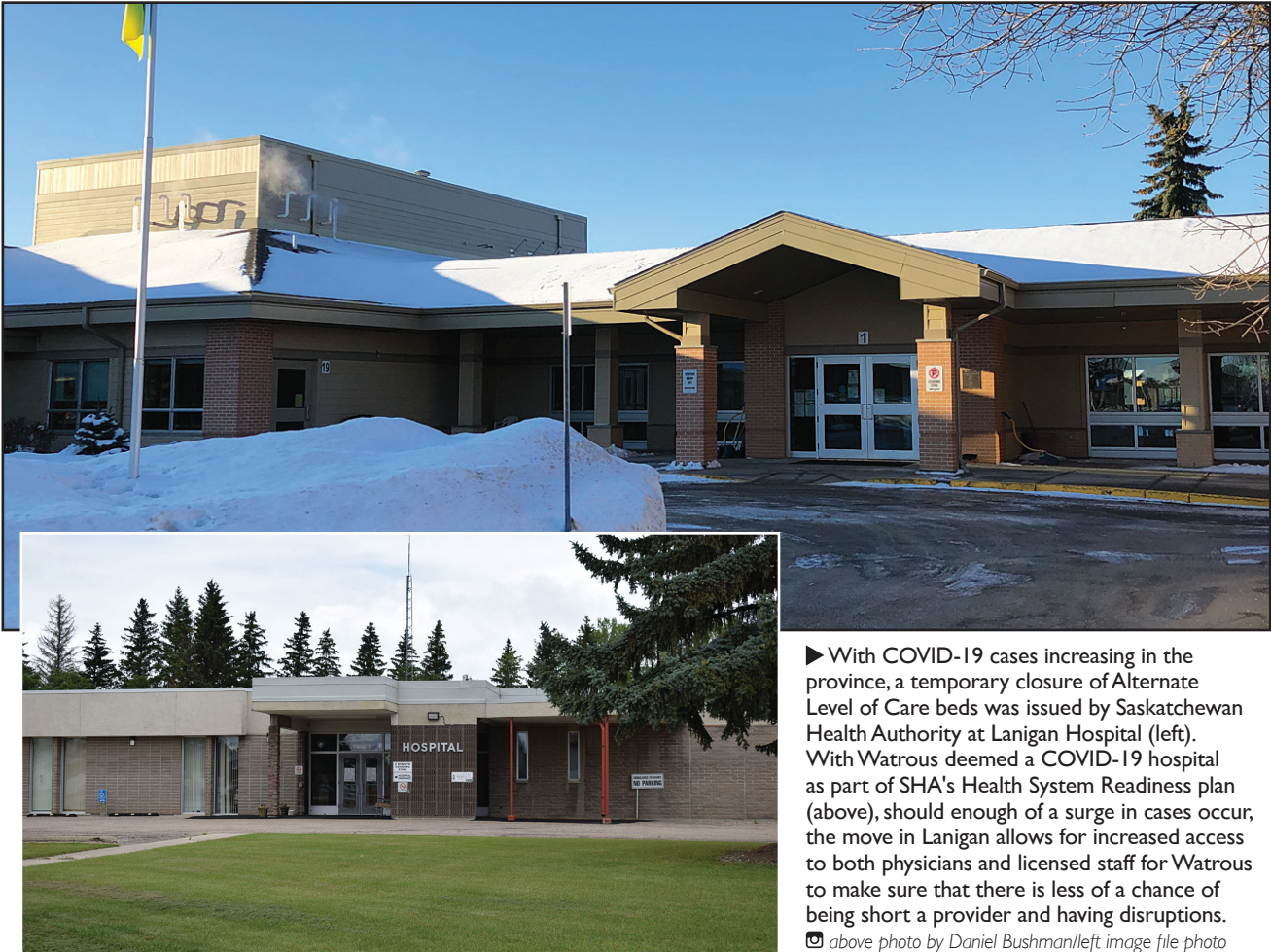
SHA said in the event of an emergency, residents of Lanigan and the immediate area can call 9-1-1 or visit the emergency department in either Humboldt, Watrous, or Wynyard. Non-urgent health related questions can be directed to the provincial HealthLine by calling 8-1-1.

Back in April of this year, SHA shared its Integrated Rural Health plans and as part of those, Lanigan’s hospital was one of 12 designated ALC sites. Working to convert the 12 sites, a temporary suspension of emergency services also took place. As conversions to the 12 ALC sites occurred earlier in 2020, the majority were later allowed to reopen their emergency services because of lower than anticipated COVID numbers; however, due to staffing challenges, SHA noted the emergency services in Lanigan remained closed.

Having those emergency services suspended in Lanigan for the majority of this year has caused frustration for many in the community and surrounding area. SHA Physician Executive Dr. Kevin Wasko understands the disappointment and noted before the recent surge in COVID cases, officials had been working with SHA and community leaders to find new and innovative ways to provide emergency care in Lanigan.

“A lot of that work was underway in the fall to try to create some processes that made use of virtual care and also had times where there would be in-person emergency assessments from a physician as well. Those had been progressing quite well but with changes that came with our surge of cases in the province with COVID we had halted that. But there is the intention that when our numbers start to settle down and we start to see that we are better able to manage the surge of cases then at some point in the new year we would resume those conversations.”

Asked if Wasko could confirm whether or not emergency services would in fact resume in Lanigan, he stated,



► With COVID-19 cases increasing in the province, a temporary closure of Alternate Level of Care beds was issued by Saskatchewan Health Authority at Lanigan Hospital (left). With Watrous deemed a COVID-19 hospital as part of SHA’s Health System Readiness plan (above), should enough of a surge in cases occur, the move in Lanigan allows for increased access to both physicians and licensed staff for Watrous to make sure that there is less of a chance of being short a provider and having disruptions.
 above photo by Daniel Bushman/left image file photo

“They will look different than what they had previously, but how exactly they look differently is yet to be determined. It is something that is in the works. The involvement of community leaders, patient and family partners, that’s all been part of the work that has been underway.”

In Watrous, emergency services remain open as that facility has been marked as a COVID-19 hospital through SHA’s Integrated Rural Health plan. Meanwhile in Humboldt the hospital there also has emergency services open but is designated as a non-COVID hospital. Despite what each facility has been designated, VP of Integrated Rural Health, Karen Earnshaw said whether community or regional, all hospitals need to be COVID ready.

“What that means really is they need the ability to be ready to provide care to anyone who is needing that care. Since spring we have done training, we have done scaling up, we have ensured people have access to all the most appropriate personal protective equipment and whatever they may need to care for both COVID and non-COVID patients.”

As for what changes are currently taking place at the hospital in Watrous, Earnshaw said things are continuing along other than they have increased access to both physicians and licensed staff. Being deemed a COVID hospital, Watrous would be accepting COVID-19 patients should enough of a surge require it. Earnshaw stated the move to have increased access to both physicians and licensed staff is to ensure that there is less of a chance of being short a provider and having disruptions.

By adding to the numbers in Watrous, Wasko added that is what the recent changes in Lanigan have provided. “Yes we have reduced some of the services temporarily in Lanigan but that means we have been able to enhance the pool of staff and physicians that can serve Watrous to ensure that that service is even more stable and reliable as we go into an uncertain time over the next few months.”

With the ongoing surge in cases, SHA is moving ahead with its next phase of its surge plan, including required

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Dog park being created at Manitou Beach

■ Daniel Bushman

With a number of dog owners residing in Watrous and Manitou Beach and visitors bringing their companions with them to the resort village, a group of local residents are creating an off-leash dog park at Manitou Beach.

Looking to have the park open for dogs and their owners come spring, Manitou Beach resident Marcie Seymour who has spearheaded the project shared a bit about the process and how it has all come together.

How did the idea of an off-leash dog park come about?

Over the years there has been a lot of talk of a dog park in the Watrous area. The interest from dog owners in the area started the initial spark for the project. A lot of locals and tourists like to bring their dogs to the beach and exercise them

on the trails. But, dogs aren't allowed on MacLachlan Beach and there have been complaints over the last few years of dogs not being picked up after or running off-leash.

We figured the addition of a designated spot for dogs to get some exercise would be a great addition to the community and surrounding area.

When did the process begin and how did it come to fruition?

Although it has been a thought in my mind for over a year, this project really began in early September. I created a Facebook post asking if there was still interest in an off-leash dog park and if anyone was interested in being involved to contact me.

I took our proposal for the dog park to the council of Manitou Beach for approval and received the go ahead at council's next meeting.



photo courtesy Marcie Seymour

The approved proposal included: use of village property east of the Community Hall and south of the lookout point on the walking trail at Manitou Beach; use of elk fencing donated to the village by BHP; a draft of the rules and guidelines; benefits to the community; and the expectations of the off-leash committee.

Tell me a bit about the dog park?

We haven't been out to measure exactly, but the perimeter of the fence is approximately 2,000 feet. We chose that specific location because it has a mix of rugged and level ground. The top area where the main entrance will be is fairly even and is best suited for small or elderly dogs. The rough terrain further down the valley provides a challenge for larger, more active dogs. There's plenty of natural trees and shrubs for the dogs to

explore as well.

We are planning on having two double-gated entry points. The main entrance will be on the west side of the park and another entrance will be placed on the east side. There will be a sign located at each entrance with our rules and regulations. There is no fee to use the park, we just ask that you follow the rules!

Were others involved with the park project and where are you at in terms of completing it?

There have been a ton of people involved and supporting this project, it's hard to name them all! First, I should mention the women on the committee: Marie Schmidt, Jessica Richardson,

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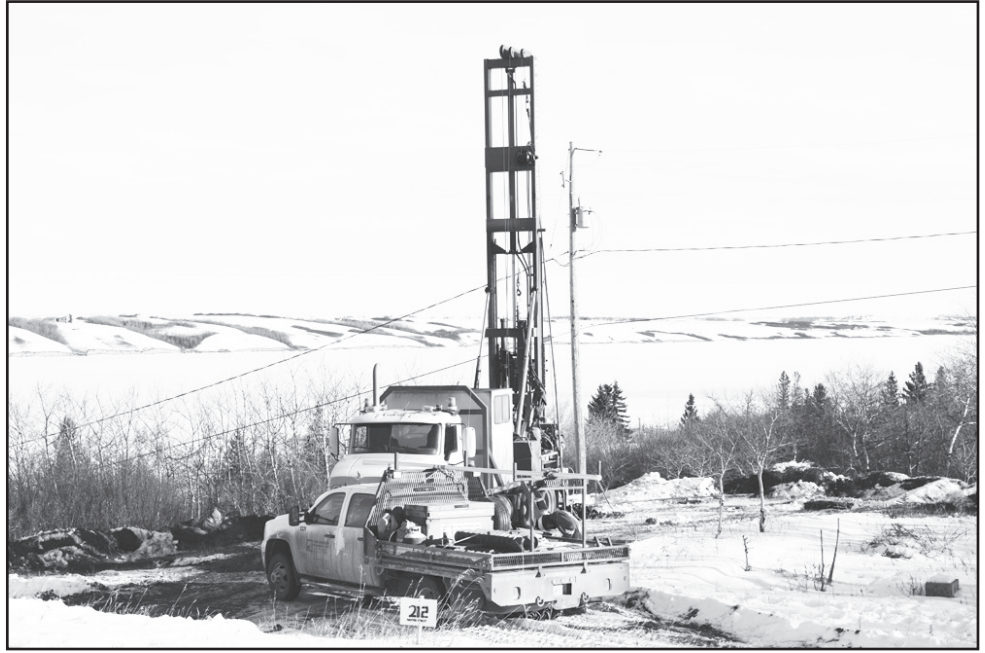
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►After securing a parcel of land at the Resort Village of Manitou Beach, geotechnical soil analysis work took place last week as part of the Oasis Village project. Developer Michael Byrne with Health Haven Holdings said the work began on the future retirement living and health centre Dec. 1 and as part of it, six holes were drilled to determine what would be required of the building design, foundation and the stability of the hill that the facility will be constructed on. With five of the holes completed by Dec. 2, Byrne was pleasantly surprised with the results. Once the analysis is complete, Byrne who now has an office nearby the site (above) noted more



planning meetings will take place as his team works towards a rendering of the building. "This is a premier location for phase one of our project and a big step in seeing this project come to fruition. We have already had a number of planning meetings and will continue dialoguing in the weeks ahead as we work to develop a rendering."

photos by Daniel Bushman and left photo courtesy Michael Byrne

Small business emergency payment program renewed

media release

The Government of Saskatchewan announced the Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment (SSBEP) program is being renewed for the period of Dec. 1 to 31. Through this program, small businesses closed or significantly curtailed due to a public health order will be eligible for provincial support.

"Our government recognizes that small businesses are the heartbeat of Saskatchewan's economy," Premier Scott Moe said. "By renewing the Small Business Emergency Payment, we are ensuring small businesses remain strong and continue to provide thousands of jobs across Saskatchewan, even when they are impacted by public health orders necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19."

"Our small business community continues to be impacted by the global COVID-19 pandemic," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "As we focus on our economic recovery plan during this challenging period, renewing this program will help provide critical

assistance to our small businesses who have had to fully or partially close their doors to protect public health and reduce the spread of COVID-19."

The SSBEP program initially launched Apr. 13, 2020 to provide support to small businesses that had to temporarily close or substantially curtail their operations as a result of COVID-19. The program was extended for May 2020 and provided 6,485

businesses more than \$32 million in support.

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The library experience will be quite different from before COVID-19, there are rules that must be followed to make everything safe for our patrons/staff and community.

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Curbside pickup and ordering library materials online is still highly encouraged due to increased COVID-19 cases within the province. To keep staff/patrons and the facility safe and available to the community, if you must come into the library **PLEASE** follow the guidelines set in place!



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We feel particularly fortunate in 2020 to have received the amazing support we did to be able to stay open through this pandemic. Without you all, John's Plate would not have grown into the restaurant it has become today. Over the years we have enjoyed being able to give back to the community through donations, and we feel privileged to be able to donate to the Watrous and area food bank once again this year. Lastly, we want to thank our incredible staff we've had throughout the past 12 years, for making our experience as restaurant owners so enjoyable. We are excited to start a new chapter of our lives in Watrous, and hope the community continues to support the new owners of John's Plate, Johnnie and Yenni.

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stopped a semi-truck for a commercial vehicle inspection on Hwy. 1 east between Pense and Grand Coulee.

During the inspection, approximately 223 lbs. of cannabis was discovered in the trailer of the commercial vehicle. The driver was arrested by the Saskatchewan Highway Patrol and White Butte RCMP.

As a result of this investigation, 51-year-old Cesk Kalaj of Milton, Ont., was charged with one count of Possessing Cannabis for the Purpose of Distributing under the Cannabis Act and one count of Possessing Unstamped Cannabis under the Excise Act.

Kalaj appeared in Regina Provincial Court on Nov. 26 and was released with conditions. Kalaj is scheduled to make his next court appearance on Feb. 17, 2021.

White Butte RCMP continue to investigate.

RCMP investigating break and enters

On Nov. 29 Humboldt RCMP were dispatched to multiple break and enters in the towns of Muenster and Lake Lenore.

Three buildings on Railway Street in Muenster had been broken into between the hours of 8

p.m. and 4 a.m. the next morning. There were also three attempted break and enters into three separate buildings in Lake Lenore during this same time period. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry into these businesses and stole items once inside.

RCMP believe all these incidents are related.

Humboldt and Lanigan RCMP along with Saskatoon Forensic Identification Section are investigating at this time.

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.saskcrimes-toppers.com.

Vehicle hit and run in Humboldt

The Humboldt RCMP received a call of a hit and run to a vehicle on Sept. 25. The incident happened between 10 and



10:10 p.m. at a convenience store located in the 700 block of Main Street. The victim's vehicle was parked legally and sustained significant damage. The Humboldt RCMP are asking for the public's assistance in identifying this male (above), as he is a person of interest in this case.

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Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at www.saskcrimes-toppers.com.

RCMP partners with 211 Saskatchewan to provide additional support to victims

This past summer, the funding has been approved through the RCMP's Family Violence Initiative Fund to complete a division-wide, general duty business card reprint. The new business cards will have the RCMP contact information on the front, in English and French, and 211 Saskatchewan information on the back.

Victim assistance can be a frustrating process and victims are often required to call multiple service providers before getting the appropriate assistance. This can discourage victims from seeking assistance.

"Front line officers with the RCMP will use the business cards to inform clients of 211 Saskatchewan and provide them with an avenue of outreach when a social issue is beyond our scope of ability to help with," said Constable Joelle Nieman, Saskatchewan RCMP's Violence Relationship Coordinator.

This initiative was created to help victims of intimate partner violence and family violence who often struggle in silence. 211 Saskatchewan will be an avenue to help empower victims to reach out for help and feel confident knowing they can access the services they need, immediately and within

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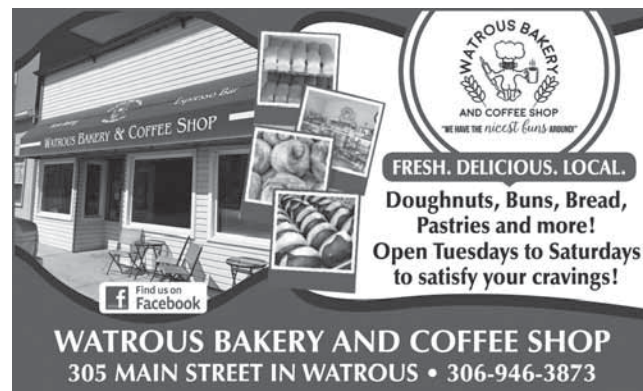
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“211 Saskatchewan is grateful for our partnership with the RCMP. With 211 being available 24/7/365 through phone, text, web chat, or independent search online, help is available in the way that is most comfortable and convenient for the person seeking services,” said Kristin Nelson, Director of 211 Saskatchewan. “Over the phone, services are available in over 175 languages, including 17 Indigenous languages. We are focused on connecting people to supports and services in their community. Through this partnership, we can help people meet their needs through the most appropriate and effective channel.”

Saskatchewan RCMP participates in new initiatives to help victims and survivors of Intimate Partner Violence

The Saskatchewan RCMP was proud to take part in Saskatchewan Violence Prevention Week, which ran from Nov. 30 to Dec. 6, 2020. Saskatchewan Violence Prevention Week is an opportunity to gather people together to focus on the prevention of violence and bring discussions of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) to the fore-

front.

Violence in Relationships investigations remain a high priority for the RCMP. Police officers respond and attend to these types of calls for service immediately. These types of investigations are very complex.

From January to September 2020, there have been 3,711 victims of Intimate Partner Violence reported to the Saskatchewan RCMP. So far, 2,529 of these files resulted in charges.

In October 2019, the Saskatchewan RCMP launched its first Violence in Relationships Course. This training gave officers an opportunity to listen, firsthand, to the experiences of survivors of Intimate Partner Violence. This helped our officers increase their understanding of the cycles of violence and how interactions with police impacts the situation.

“We do not measure success on Intimate Partner Violence files by laying charges or making arrests,” said Cst. Nieman. “Success is measured by ensuring victims have support measures in place that meet their needs and ensuring they are safe.”

Resources to assist victims and survivors of In-

timate Partner Violence

There are many resources that can assist victims and survivors with safety planning. Whether or not victims and survivors decide to report the violence to police, they can reach out to local victim services, shelters, cultural and community health centers, Indigenous friendship centers and other community centers for support.

If you think someone you know might be a victim or survivor, RCMP encourage you to reach out to that person and encourage them to seek support and identify their support network.

For more information on Intimate Partner Violence and abuse, creating safety plans and where to get support, visit: <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/relationship-violence/intimate-partner-violence-and-abuse>.

Call 211, text 211 or visit [website abuse.sk.211.ca](https://www.abuse.sk.211.ca) to connect Intimate Partner Violence victims with resources in their community.

All non-emergency incidents can be reported to any local RCMP detachment by calling 306-310-RCMP (7267).

Fatal collision at Hwy. 16 and Hwy. 9 junction

On Nov. 30 at approximately 5 p.m., Yorkton RCMP responded to the report of a collision involving a car and a semi at the intersection of Hwy. 16 and Hwy. 9.

A car was travelling south on Hwy. 9 and collided with the rear trailer of a semi travelling west on Hwy. 16.

The driver of the car, a 43-year-old male from

Churchbridge passed away while being transported to hospital by ground ambulance.

The passenger of the car, a 42-year-old female from Churchbridge was reported to have sustained critical injuries and was transported to hospital in Regina by ground ambulance.

The driver and lone occupant of the semi, a

67-year-old male, was reported to not have sustained any injuries.

An RCMP Traffic Reconstructionist, Yorkton RCMP Traffic Services, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure and the Saskatchewan Coroner’s Service all attended the scene.

The investigation is ongoing.

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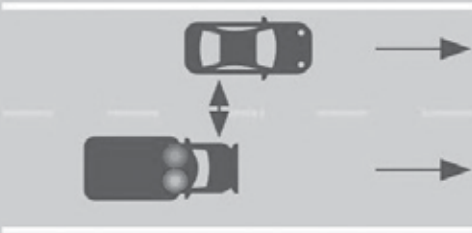
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Opinion

Striking it rich the hard way in 1859 without the help of Lotto Max

■ media release

The Deadly Five is a new historical fiction novel that explores the actual events of the Fraser River Gold Rush as it gave birth to present-day British Columbia. (Published Sept. 22, 2020 FriesenPress)

Five fictional characters travel the gold rush route along the Fraser rubbing elbows with authentic figures like Hanging Judge Matthew Begbie.

Striking it rich today may be as easy as buying a lottery ticket, but most ticket buyers do not win. The expectation of winning seems to be enough for those buying tickets.

Only a few went home rich after the Fraser River Gold Rush ended. All that dared to look for gold faced the danger of death in their desire for gold.

Mean Mike, Nothing Brown, Jacque, Seth, and Old Man Magee struck it rich when many others did not. They found that their success was overshadowed by accusations that they were 'The Deadly Five', guilty of murder, among other things.

The five men found that they had become more than friends and closer than brothers, which no one could spoil.

Five unlikely individuals trusted each other with their very lives, proving that one for all and all for one can mean the difference between success or failure, life or death. A good truth for any time.

The Deadly Five is by author Raymond Maher known for his regular newspaper column in several Saskatchewan weekly newspapers for the last decade. (www.accordingtoed.com)

A lifelong storyteller, Maher was inspired to write The Deadly Five after research into the Cariboo Gold Rush, a development following the Fraser River Gold Rush.

Raymond is a retired schoolteacher and ordained minister of religion. He has a passion for gardening and writing and enjoys creating art, curling and making people laugh.

He now lives in downtown Chilliwack, B.C., near Historic Five Corners with his wife of 53 years. (raymondmaher.com - author's website)

The Deadly Five is available from FriesenPress Bookstore in eBook, paperback and hardcover.

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** Editor's note: Along with Raymond Maher's novel, The Watrous Manitou also sells other works by local authors (pictured below), just in time for the holidays.*



Tips from
Reena Nerbas

all over again. What is an easier way to remove bandages without the hurt? Celeste

Dear Celeste,

Step one: if the area is allowed to become wet, have him take a warm bath submersing the bandage. Step two: soak a cotton ball in olive oil and gently rub it over the bandage until it loosens. Step three: take a hair dryer and heat the area while gently removing the bandage.

Dear Reena,

I have a canvas strap that I use to carry my drum when marching in my band. The problem is the metal hooks that attach to the strap have caused rust stains on the strap that I would like to cover or remove. Help. Thanks, Ray

Dear Ray,

You can remove the rust stains by pouring three percent hydrogen peroxide and salt onto the stain. Set in a sunny spot for a few days and wash with dish soap and water. If the stain remains, pour a few additional drops of three percent hydrogen peroxide and a few drops of household ammonia onto the rust. Cover with plastic wrap. Remove after 24 hours and rinse with dish soap and water (test all products before using). Extra tip: In order to prevent the hooks from further damaging the strap, consider coating the hooks with clear nail polish.

Dear Reena,

I am hoping you can help me rescue a turtleneck T-shirt. I recently went for a massage at a new clinic. The masseuse used grape seed oil instead of lotion like the previous person had used. I did not like the 'aroma' or the feel of the oil. At home I immediately laundered the T-shirt

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

I have a three-year-old boy who constantly falls and scrapes his knees. He loves to wear animated bandages and immediately stops crying when I put them on him but when it is time for the bandage to be taken off, the crying starts

(and had a shower). Afterwards the T-neck still smelled and I realized that the oil was rancid. I now need advice on how to get the rancid smell out of the shirt.

The T-neck is white, 100 percent cotton of good quality (Eddie Bauer brand). The T-shirt was washed in warm water using liquid "free and gentle" detergent. It was dried (along with the rest of that load of laundry) in the dryer on delicate/low until approximately 80 percent dry, then hung to dry completely.

The odour has become so bad that it smells from several feet away and tends to turn my stomach. I suspect that the T-shirt is ruined but because it is a favourite, I want to try to rescue it. Thank you in advance for your advice. Joanne

Dear Joanne,

In order to better your chance of getting rid of the smell, wash the T-shirt in hot water instead of warm. Begin by soaking the shirt in a pot and one gallon water and either one-quarter cup Borax or white vinegar or washing soda or club soda. Boil for five minutes. Next launder with hot water. If the shirt still smells put it outside on a snowy day, the combination of sunshine and snow will help take away the rancid oil smell.

Handy Tip of the Week

• Spills are a part of everyday life. Here is an easy recipe for making wipes to store in your car for those unexpected moments. Cut one roll of paper towels in half to create usable squares. Place cut paper towels into a plastic container. In a bowl, combine half cup olive oil, three cups water and half cup baby shampoo. Pour over paper towels and close with a tightly fitting lid. Store in car, shake before using.

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

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

Keep away from me, but it's not personal



Neighbourly advice
according to Ed

A spiritual column
by contributor

Raymond Maher

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When I phoned Ed yesterday, his wife Ruby answered the phone and said that I could not talk to Ed because she had put him outside for curbside pickup. I knew she was kidding me and Ed came to the phone. I told Ed there was not much demand for new or used husbands but that Ruby might get a dollar for him at a curbside pickup.

The call to keep a six-foot distance and safely interact with others has changed lives and continues to mean

buying things differently. What is the best way to get what we need or want? Usually, when it comes to curbside pickups, the orders are placed by phone or online, paid for, packaged up, and perhaps put in the customers' car trunk or placed in a curbside area ready for pickup. It lessens the risk of contracting COVID-19, with less interaction with people.

Stay home and keep to just your own immediate family has tended to be a trial or a test of endurance. The limited mingling with friends and family will mean less up close and personal celebrating as we work toward Christmas. This year, folks may complain that Christmas was too quiet.

Many who have come down with COVID-19 express their surprise and shock as they cannot figure out how they contracted the virus. When the Lord re-

turns to earth, there will undoubtedly be surprise and shock both for the believers and unbelievers in Jesus. When Jesus rose from the dead and Thomas was told that Jesus was alive, he refused to believe the other disciples. When Jesus appeared to the disciples when Thomas was among them, Jesus said to Thomas, "Look at My hands and My feet. It is I Myself! Touch Me and see: a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see, I have." Luke 24:39

When Jesus appears, all doubt will end. The Bible warns that Christ will return from heaven, but it will be a surprise, and a shock as every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him. (Rev. 1:7) Jesus speaks of his return in Matthew 25, "When the Son of Man, (Jesus) comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all nations, and

he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left." (Matthew 25:31-33)

Both the sheep and the goats continue to be amazed and unable to figure out why they are gathered to Christ or rejected by him. His judgment has to do with helping or not helping the least of Christ's brothers during their lifetimes. Jesus is aware of our deeds of mercy done without any thought of reward or our deeds not done for others that were unmotivated by love.

The sheep ask in Matthew 25, "When did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty, and give you something to drink? . . . When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"

Jesus answers, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

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Comics AND Puzzles



PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

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GRAMPA, YOU AND GRAMMA HAVE BEEN MARRIED A LONG TIME, HAVEN'T YOU?

YES, INDEED, WE SURE HAVE.

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FOR SOME REASON SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW WHAT I WAS THINKING.

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24. Master

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28. Biggest

29. "How do I love ___?"

31. Party food

32. Christmas

33. Comic Sparks

35. Harmonize

37. Become ready to pick

38. Singer Baker

39. Saratoga Springs, e.g.

40. ___ Kong

42. Religious ceremony

43. Nature's building block

45. Female relative

46. Franklin, to friends

47. Soap ingredient

48. Evergreen plant

ACROSS

1. Hooting bird

4. Forest-floor plant

8. Plays a role

12. Named before marriage

13. Scheme

14. Oxford or pump, e.g.

15. Timeless state

17. Covert suggestion

18. Aware of

19. Pounds

20. Microwave, e.g.

23. South American animals

25. Purpose

26. Brick house

27. Flawed

30. Blush

34. In the lead

36. "___ Got to Be Me"

37. Most unusual

39. Went in haste

40. Door hardware

41. Capture

44. Author Read

45. Aptly

49. Butterfly catchers

50. "___ the Night"

51. Potato bud

52. Small fly

53. Appear to be

54. Modern

DOWN

1. ___ of a kind (unique)

2. Not dry

3. Mr. Marvin

4. "Huckleberry"

5. Amend copy

6. Related again

7. No

8. Chagrined

9. Beijing's site

10. Pincers

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FOR ANSWERS TO SUDOKU AND CROSSWORD, SEE PAGE 15

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS USE AMERICAN SPELLING

Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Cream Cheese Cranberry Muffins

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 brick cream cheese, softened
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Directions:

Mix butter, cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Beat well. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing after each one. Combine flour, baking powder and salt, and stir into creamed mixture just until moistened. Fold in cranberries and pecans. Fill greased muffin tins (or paper lined) 3/4 full. Bake at 350°F for 20 to 22 minutes. Cool in pan for five minutes before removing to rack to finish cooling. Makes two dozen. We like these best if they are served warm.



Clothesline red bin program beneficial in a number of ways

■ Daniel Bushman

Despite navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic and heading into the holiday season, the need for items like clothing, footwear and general household textiles remains. With that need across the province, locally people have been extending a helping hand by placing donations in the Clothesline red bins in Watrous which in turn has also helped a local organization.

Deborah Farago with Interlake Human Resources in Watrous said the red drop boxes which can be found near the Interlake office at 116 Main Street and at Watrous Home Hardware at 802 4th Ave. E. not only help people in need but they also assist Interlake as well.

With a goal to raise funds for diabetes research, education and advocacy, Farago said the Canadian Diabetes Association entered a partnership with Interlake to allow them to monitor and empty the bins as well as store the donations in a secure location until the diabetes truck arrives and picks the items up.

As the truck comes to Watrous each month, participants at Interlake assist the driver in loading the bags and boxes, providing employment to them throughout the year. Farago said the funds made

from helping load the trucks are then used to provide recreational programming to participants at Interlake that they may otherwise not be able to enjoy.

“All the participants pitch in and help load the donations onto the truck every month no matter the weather or time of year.”

Appreciating the partnership between Interlake and the Canadian Diabetes Association, Farago said the opportunities that have been provided to the participants at Interlake along with Watrous Home Hardware’s positive working relationship while housing a second red bin has been tremendous.

“We really appreciate all who have donated items to the two red bins or have brought items to Interlake. Your continued support in choosing to donate by using the bins directly contributes to programming for adults with cognitive disabilities from your very own community.”

With a win-win partnership between the Canadian Diabetes Association and Watrous Interlake Human Resources, people using the bins can donate everything from clothing, accessories and bags, curtains, general household textiles like towels, blankets and sheets, shoes and boots and sleeping bags.

People planning to donate are encouraged to keep



photo by Daniel Bushman

items small enough for one person to pick up and carry; place any textiles in a standard 67 litre garbage bag; gather household items together and put them into boxes; make sure each item, bag or box does not exceed 20 pounds in weight; do not include organic or hazardous materials in your donation; and any large appliances or furniture are not accepted.

(from page two: DOG PARK)

Kaylee Guist, and myself. The off-leash committee is responsible for planning, maintenance, and regulation of the park as approved by council.

Also, the council of Manitou Beach has been involved and graciously

volunteered one of their staff members to help put the posts in the ground for us. Communities in Bloom also had a few volunteers come out and help us with the posts.

The park isn’t quite complete yet but we expect it to be open to

public use in the spring! **How great will it be to have the off-leash dog park at the beach?**

We’ve heard nothing but great things! Here are the benefits we included in our proposal that we submitted to the Resort Village of Manitou Beach

council:

- The off-leash park will create another opportunity for the community to gather and socialize in a public space;

- Safe place for owners and dogs to get exercise;

- Opportunity for citizens and visitors to socialize their dogs. Regular socialization usually results in healthier, less aggressive, and less destructive pets;

- Allow pets to meet in neutral territory;

- Promote responsible pet ownership and enforcement of pet-control laws;

- Create a safe place for elderly or disabled persons to exercise their pets;

- Potential of better compliance regarding leashing bylaws outside of the park;

- Create a more “livable” community for existing and potential community members with dogs; and

- Reduce presence of dogs in other parks and beaches.

Once it is officially open and people are able to use it, what are the regulations that



► Work has been underway at Manitou Beach on an off-leash dog park. The park which is being created east of the village hall could be open come spring.

photos courtesy Marcie Seymour



they need to abide by?

All we ask is that those who use the park abide by the rules and regulations we’ll have set out at the park. We will do what we can to enforce these rules but ultimately we want everyone to be able to enjoy the park!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I would just like to add, the council of Manitou Beach has committed to allocating the revenue from their pet licences to the dog park. This is a great start for our funding but we are looking into fundraising for the park in the near future!

If you would like to donate or help out in any way, feel free to contact anyone on the committee!

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WHS launches Merry and Bright photography contest

■ Daniel Bushman

Looking to brighten up their year amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, students from Winston High School were issued a fun challenge and are putting their photography skills to the test.

Spearheaded by WHS staff member Chelsea Murfitt, the first ever Merry and Bright photography contest is not only offering a few prizes for the best snapshots but the contest needs the public’s assistance when it comes time to vote.

“We thought it would be a great idea to have the students capture and find their favourite pictures related to the theme of merry and bright,” said Murfitt adding the photos can include seasonal pictures, winter pictures or things that remind them of, or make them happy at this time of year.

Once the photos are submitted from the students by Dec. 4, pictures will be posted on Winston High School’s Facebook page. Then from Dec. 5 to 11 people can view and ‘like’ the photos before a voting poll will be created Dec. 14 to 17.

“We are hoping to get a large variety of submissions from the students and then thought it would be fun to have people vote on them. Between Dec. 14 and 17, the top 10 pictures (from all the pictures entered the week before) with the most likes will then be entered to win prizes!”

With the students taking the photos themselves, Murfitt said the school has partnered up with a few local businesses to provide the winners with some prizes.

“The first place winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to 306 Day Spa. Second place will get a \$30 gift certificate to Inksters and third place will get a \$20 gift certificate to John’s Plate. The three winners will also have their photos appear in The Watrous

Manitou and on Dec. 18 we will display the photos on our new school sign.”

Murfitt encourages people to log on to the high school’s Facebook page and like their favourite pictures. “We wanted to make this a fun contest for the students and the community as well. We hope that everyone will have a lot of fun leading up to the holiday season.”



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The countdown to Christmas is on! We have totally decorated. Even if it is just for us, it is still nice to see.

The Blankets for Canada ladies still continue to make blankets, albeit on their own. Knitted and crocheted squares continue to be made by many. It is greatly appreciated the time that people put into doing this and those who donate to us. (We are always in great need of synthetic yarn). We also greatly appreciate the donations of fabric for quilted blankets as well as completed quilted blankets for us to pass along to the many shelters that are so in need.

The Viscount Library Book Club has finished reading *Alone in the Classroom* by Elizabeth Hay. Their new book is *Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral* by Kris Radish.

Thank you to all who helped to make this week's Viscount news possible.

Have a great week and stay safe.

November 2020 has been a busy month for Viscount Legion #271.

Viscount Legion #271 is pleased to present to the community of Viscount a new war memorial. It honours the men who gave their lives during WWI and WWII. Metalman Art & Design designed and produced the artwork. It was installed Nov. 4, a beautiful fall day just before the heavy snowfall. It was paid for in part by a grant from Dominion Command Royal Canadian Legion and the remainder from the generous contributions from this community to our poppy fund. Come check it out, I think you will agree it makes a nice addition to the park. Another reason to visit the memorial is to look on the back side going to the library. The first-place winners from the literary competition have had their entries reproduced and laminated for display. An official opening is slated for this spring or fall, depending on of course how our COVID-19 numbers are doing.

Remembrance Day was just that - a day of how things used to be done outside. We chose to do it Nov. 10 so that members could watch a National Remembrance Day Service on the 11th. The legion chose not to have a public indoor Remembrance Day service this year due to COVID-19. Instead, an outdoor service was conducted by the cenotaph and the new war memorial. President Lindsay Bergermann conducted the service. The Colour Party led by Sergeant at Arms John Methven marched in the Colours. Flag bearers were John Dale, Ed Morelli and Ken Schwalm. O Canada was played, honour roll was recited by Loa Titman and Last Post and Reveille were played (music played by Dave Titman). Two minutes of silenced ensued. Five wreaths, representative of all community contributors, were



photo submitted by Sandra Reid

laid by Evelina Talevi, John Methven, Bruce and Cooper Bergermann and Adrien Pratte. The Colour Party was marched out. This captured the essence of any Nov. 11th day. 'Lest We Forget'. Wreaths were laid earlier at Plunkett and Colonsay cenotaphs.

Our annual literary competition was well received. These first place winners received a certificate of recognition, prize money and a bracelet with 'Lest We Forget': Sawyer Dale, primary - colour poster; Isaac Tetzlaff, junior - poem; Sophia Lemke, junior - poster colour; Ryker Harriman, junior - poster black and white; Elizabeth Udell, intermediate - poster black and white. Other students who placed second and third were: Gage Hendricks, primary - black and white poster; Amber Wardell, Easton Gusikoski, primary - colour poster; Ryker Harriman, Porter Lowe, junior - poem; Paetyn Lefler, Bentley Young, junior - poster colour and black and white; Skye Harriman, intermediate - poster col-

our; Kaydence Chalifour, Skye Harriman, intermediate poster - black and white. Due to COVID restrictions we could not present these awards in-person so the school did it on our behalf.

Viscount Legion joined the ranks of organizations having a Zoom meeting. Our annual meeting was held via Zoom Nov. 26. We had a great turnout of members. Jordan Morelli set the meeting up. We had members from Kingston to Saskatoon to Calgary in attendance. Our slate of officers has not changed from last year as they were all in by acclamation. Lindsay Bergermann will continue to be our president for the coming year. Debbie Clavelle and Evelina Talevi ran a successful poppy fund campaign. Twenty-nine businesses contributed from Viscount, Meacham, Colonsay and surrounding areas. We may be small in numbers, but our goal and objective is to provide a means for the community to remember all who have served in service to our country.

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Deepest sympathy from the community to the families of the late Muriel Johnston of Saskatoon who passed away Wednesday, Nov. 25.

Congratulations to Amanda and Trent Rodrigues of Bakersfield, Calif. on the birth of their daughter Avonlea Paige Nov. 28. Proud grandparents are Kim and Shelley Stewart and Phil and Christie Rodrigues all of Saskatoon. Proud great-grandparents are Roy and Patsy Grey of Colonsay.

Joan Campbell spent Sunday night with her cousin Norma Sparrow in Saskatoon. She also visited cousin Ed and Dorothy Tymchatyn. She did a bit of shopping and returned home Monday afternoon.

A speedy get well to Jim Gray who is in the hospital. I hope your stay will not be long.

MANITOU BEACH

Sue Alcock

The wonderful Christmas lights that folks have been busy adorning their homes with are amazing. Indeed we will be all lit up for Christmas and realizing that we may have residents who do not celebrate Christmas, then we invite you to join in with lighting up your homes this winter. Lights are a wonderful way to lift the spirit and banish the gloom of long nights. There are several other holidays and events being celebrated in December: Hanukkah by followers of Judaism, Pancha Ganapati is a modern five day Hindu festival in honour of Ganesha.

Saturnalia recalls the ancient Roman winter solstice festival held in honour of the deity Saturn while Yalda celebrates the solstice and birth of Mithras in Persian mythology, Shabe Yalda is an Iranian festival which celebrates the victory of light and goodness over darkness and evil.

In Europe, especially Scandinavian countries, St. Lucia is celebrated. She is represented as a lady wearing a white dress with red sash and wearing a crown or wreath of candles on her head. Lucia of Syracuse was a 4th century virgin martyr and legend holds that she brought food and aid to the Christians hiding in the catacombs of Rome. To light her way and free her hands to carry as much food as she could, she wore a candlelit wreath on her head. I think I have heard of St. Lucia festivals in the Caribbean islands too?

Winter may be dark but looking at the various celebrations, light is special and welcome to all. In case you are wondering I found this material on handy dandy Wikipedia sites. My apologies if I give any misrepresentations.

The great outdoors has seen many cross-country skiers, walkers and snowshoers enjoying the welcome moderate temperatures. Having the trails groomed is wonderful and I suspect the skating pond is being well used too. I did see a few people sledding on the hill near the tennis courts and when cars stopped to see what was going on I saw big grins as the occupants watched kiddies enjoying themselves. Nobody minded a brief hold up; in fact they had live entertainment! I believe the Crokicurl rink is under construction, maybe near the skating rink, previous years it was near Danceland.

(from front page: CHANGES)

service slow downs to support the redeployment of up to 600 full-time equivalent staff to support the pandemic response.

The move is being done with a goal to avoid a broad reduction of services across all areas in the health care system.

As part of the surge plan's first phase, SHA will be creating capacity for 64 COVID patients requiring ICU care by mid-December to try to keep pace with projected demand. This means creating capacity to meet demand that is equivalent to 28 percent more ICU beds than what currently exists in Saskatoon and Regina.

SHA will also be creating capacity for 250 COVID patients requiring inpatient hospitalization by mid-December to try to keep pace with projected growth in demand. This is approximately equivalent to the capacity of the Cypress Regional Hospital in Swift Current and the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital combined.

In addition, SHA stated it will be creating capacity for contact tracing of approximately 560 average cases per day to try to keep pace with projected growth in demand, including keeping pace with more than 6,000 hours of work per day created for contact tracers if cases reach this level by mid-December as projected.

Other parts of phase one include strengthening SHA's supplemental labour pool to increase responsiveness to outbreaks and situations where large numbers of staff are required to isolate. SHA will also review surge plans every week to ensure each surge and any associated slow downs are as measured as possible to maintain an appropriate balance between urgent needs of the pandemic response and the need for Saskatchewan residents to have access to every day health services.

"Surges of this scale and on this timeline necessitate service slow downs to enable redeployment of staff, otherwise more people will die from COVID-19 because we can't get them the help they need and we can't get out in front of the virus," SHA CEO Scott Livingstone said. "We acknowledge that this will result in some Saskatchewan residents experiencing localized service slow downs in pockets across the province, that is why we are committed

to making these efforts as time-limited and targeted as possible."

Over the coming days, SHA indicated services will be affected at different levels depending on local plans and needs. Services slowing down include some primary health care services, elective surgeries in urban centres, endoscopy/cystoscopy procedures, Women and Children's Programming, diagnostics, therapies, ambulatory care, registration resources, environmental and food and nutrition services, rehab services and home care services.

SHA said, "It is critical to note that these services will still be available, just at reduced volumes or levels. The scale of service slow downs range by location and service type. In the vast majority of cases, these slow downs are simply reducing service volumes to enable redeployment of

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Obituary



**JOHNSTON,
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**July 10, 1929 -
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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Muriel Johnston (nee Norum) on November 25, 2020 at Oliver Lodge in

Saskatoon. Muriel was born July 10, 1929 near Imperial, Sask. to Arnold and Esther Norum and was raised on the family farm. She was a gracious lady with a gentle spirit, and accepted and welcomed every person she met. She always enjoyed being surrounded by family and friends. Muriel married David Garth Johnston on January 21, 1947 and they lived in several small towns before Dave rejoined the air force in the early '50s. They spent a year at the airbase in Trenton, Ont. and nine years at the airbase in Moose Jaw, Sask. After Dave retired from the air force he worked for Unemployment Insurance Commission and the family spent time in Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Yorkton, and Regina. During all the moves Muriel became very proficient at creating a new home, settling kids into school, meeting new people, and making friends. She enjoyed selling Avon, helping Dave with house renovations, and creating a garden haven in the back yard. She was an excellent seamstress and sewed not only for her family but also had a home business making clothes for others including wedding and bridesmaids' dresses. Wherever they were, their house was always open to family and friends for a meal or an overnight stay. She always enjoyed family reunions with the Johnston and the Norum families. The extended family of nieces and nephews was a very important part of Muriel's life. She had no greater joy than holding the newborn family members. After retirement Muriel and Dave moved to Colonsay and spent time renovating another house and working on the yard. Muriel was a member of the Colonsay United Church, the Royal Canadian Legion, the Rebekahs, and the Red Hat Society. She spent many hours sewing and creating beautiful quilts that she gave to her family. One highlight for Muriel was a six week trip to England where they attended a reunion at Methwold Airbase, where Dave was stationed during the war, followed by visits with English relatives, and touring England and Scotland. Following Dave's death in 2000 Muriel stayed in Colonsay for eight years then moved into Saskatoon and enjoyed condo life at Chalet Gardens for nine years. She married her second husband Richard Turner of Moose Jaw on April 26, 2013 and they spent their summers together at his farm near Tuxford, Sask. and their winters at the condo in Saskatoon. Their time together gave everyone a chance to know and love Richard's family and welcome them into the Johnston family. Never to be forgotten is the celebration of the extended families at the Turner farm with the heavy rain and stuck vehicles.

Muriel was predeceased by her husband Dave Johnston, brother Gerald Norum and his wife Jeannette, brother Raymond Norum, sister Lorraine Fish, son Duane Johnston, son-in-law Bob Gregoire, and second husband Richard Turner.

Muriel is survived by her children Linda Care, Donald (Bonnie) Johnston, Debby (Karl) Prosper, Gayle Gregoire, Cathy (Steve) Weir, Lorraine (Frank) Johnston-MacKay, 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Muriel is also survived by her brother Cliff (Sue) Norum, sisters Arlene Hanson, Carolyn (Joe) MacNeill, Shirley Norum (Jack Barabash), brother-in-law Frank Fish, sister-in-law Bernie Norum and stepson Dave (Bonny) Turner, stepdaughter Gloria (Bill) Stevenson, and their families.

The family would like to thank the staff at Luther-care Intermediate Care Home in Saskatoon for making Muriel's final two and a half years of life so very special. We deeply appreciate the care and love they provided.

A private family graveside service will be held. In lieu of flowers the family requests that you make a donation in memory of Muriel to the charity of your choice.

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Coming Events

DECEMBER

- WATROUS UNITED CHURCH invites you to celebrate the Christmas season at our Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24. To accommodate social distancing there will be two services: 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Because seating is limited, please let us know which service you will be attending by calling the church at 306-946-3592 or send an email to wyyc@sasktel.net. Leave your name and the number of people attending./48-3c

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- WATROUS ROTARY CLUB meets alternating Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at various locations. Call 306-946-2689 for more information./43tfc

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staff. There are some limited exceptions where services will be temporarily paused. These are highly localized programs like dental programs, therapeutic and rehabilitation programs and active living programs. Notifications for local staff and key local stakeholders for these service pauses will occur in the coming days and will be communicated publicly once those have occurred."

By implementing the service changes, SHA can then redeploy up to 600 FTE staff to strengthen testing, contact tracing and to identify the health care workers necessary to expand hospital and ICU capacity to help keep COVID and non-COVID patients alive and ensure the SHA can provide the care they need.

"While we acknowledge that service slow downs will temporarily reduce access for Saskatchewan residents to some of their everyday health services, the alternative is for our health system to be overwhelmed and to risk our ability to provide critical lifesaving services to both COVID and non-COVID patients."

On Nov. 26, SHA released a Health Sys-

tem Readiness update and in it, stated the number of cases in the province had risen 363 percent in the last 30 days and continued to grow. The number of those hospitalized was also up, a total of 383 percent in the last 30 days and growing. The percentage of ICU capacity being used for COVID patients was 27 percent and growing, up from five percent one month prior.

With 76 COVID-19 cases in long-term care and 27 outbreaks in facilities serving seniors or vulnerable clients as of Nov. 25, SHA noted protecting the most vulnerable is a priority.

As of Dec. 3 there were 259 new cases of COVID-19 in Saskatchewan bringing the provincial total to date to 9,244 cases. The seven-day average of daily new cases was 269 (22.2 new cases per 100,000 population).

Of the 9,244 reported cases, 4,017 were considered active. A total of 5,173 people have recovered and 54 people have died.

One-hundred and twenty-eight people are in hospital with 104 receiving in-patient care and 24 in intensive care.

The Watrous Manitou's Christmas issue will be Dec. 21. To place a holiday greeting for your business or organization, contact The Watrous Manitou at 306-946-3343 or email twmadvisorsales@gmail.com
Deadline for Christmas greetings is Wednesday, Dec. 9.

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The eligibility period for this phase of the SSBEF will be from Dec. 1 to 31, 2020, and is estimated to cost \$8 million. Applications for the SSBEF will open on Dec. 7, 2020 and the application deadline for this eligibility period is Jan. 31, 2021.

Eligible applicants will receive a payment of 15 percent of their monthly sales revenue, to a maximum of \$5,000, based on the greater of November 2019, December 2019, or February 2020 sales revenue. For seasonal businesses, the funding support will be 15 percent of the average monthly sales revenue for full months that the business operated in 2019.

Eligible applicants must attest that they: are a small or medium business (0-499 employees); maintain a permanent establishment in Saskatchewan and allocate a portion of their income to Saskatchewan; were operating Oct. 31, 2020, or eligible to operate, in the case of seasonal business; are subject to a public health order that requires them to temporarily suspend or substantially curtail their operations during the eligibility period Dec. 1 to 31, 2020; have experienced a loss of sales revenue; and plan to reopen when the public health restrictions are lifted.

Further details and applications will be available at noon Dec. 7.

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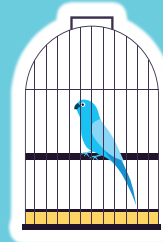
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