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►For the second time in close to two months a train derailment occurred near Guernsey. With reports of 31 cars being derailed, the incident took place just east of the community around 6:15 a.m. Feb. 6. With flames leaping into the air, a portion of Hwy. 16 was closed and the community evacuated. Hauling crude oil, Canadian Pacific Rail indicated there were no injuries to its crew and no impact to waterways. In a similar instance, in December a total of 34 railcars went off the tracks about six kilometres west of Guernsey.

photos by Daniel Bushman

Train derailment

forces evacuation

■ Daniel Bushman

Nearly two months after 34 railcars went off the tracks about six kilometres west of Guernsey, a second train derailment took place, this time much closer to the community. At around 6:15 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 a number of railcars containing crude oil derailed just a short distance east of Guernsey prompting evacuations and the closure to a portion of Hwy. 16.

Like the Dec. 9 event, which also involved crude oil and Canadian Pacific Rail, several railcars were ignited, spilling into the

ditch and crumpling into a heap at a crossing. Speaking to members of the media Feb. 6, President of the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency Marlo Pritchard noted he had received reports the train was carrying approximately 104 cars when 31 derailed approximately 10 kms from the previous derailment in December. About a dozen cars remained on fire during the afternoon Feb. 6 and there were still cars burning Feb. 7.

Attending the first derailment, local emergency crews also responded to last week's scene as Guernsey

was placed under a mandatory evacuation due to air quality concerns. Along with local first responders, CP emergency response teams were on hand Thursday to contain the fire. CP issued a statement indicating there were no injuries to its crew and there was no impact to waterways. As was the case in December, the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) also deployed a team of investigators to the site of the derailment.

Planning to truck south to Moose Jaw, Jerome Fisher got up early last Thursday to feed his cows.



Living at the farm his wife Beth grew up at, Jerome got on his jacket, braved the elements, and ventured outdoors. With the couple's farm located less than one kilometre from where the derailment occurred, at 6:15 a.m. Fisher was busy tending to his cattle when

he heard the train hit the brakes. Since the farm house obstructed his view of the train from where he was standing in the corral, Jerome did not see the cars burst into flames but rather a glow.

Illuminating the area as large plumes of smoke

filled the sky, Paul Huls was also awake early in the morning and was driving along Hwy. 16 close to where the Fishers live. When Huls

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► The Decades (pictured above and left to right): Darren Robson, Jack Robson, Ed Pappenfoot, Mildred Strueby, original member Arnold Strueby, Margaret (Robson) Solvason, Forrest Pederson, Wendell Dreher, and Rod Koshinsky.

photos by Bryan Mierau



Celebrating The Decades

■ submitted by Jack Robson
The Decades

Dancing has been an integral part of civilization for centuries. It has been the venue for socializing, recreation, romance and entertainment. In Saskatchewan, dancing in school houses, dance halls and living rooms has been extremely popular since the settlement of the province. Every community boasted a local dance band to provide the music for countless socials, weddings, and other happy occasions.

The Decades Dance Band was organized in the spring of 1983, over 36 years ago. Original members were Arnold Strueby (guitar and vocals), Millie Strueby (keyboard), Gordon Bregg (saxophone), Terry Rugg (drummer),

Rick Reithmeier (bass) and Carla Rugg (vocalist) from the former Ted Klassen Band, and Harold Stree-ton (saxophone) from the former Colonsay Orchestra. The Decades name was chosen as the band members ages at the time touched six decades.

The band produced a beautiful smooth sound with a strong steady beat providing excellent dance music. The band became very popular playing and entertaining almost every weekend to large joyful dancing crowds mainly in the central part of the province for weddings, cabarets and other occasions. They became a favourite at Danceland located at Manitou Beach, Sask. The historic Danceland, with its horsehair cushioned dance floor complete with mellow relaxing atmosphere and fabulous acoustics, was the perfect venue for the musical stylings of The Decades, and this tradition continues to this day.

Arnie and Millie recall a warm summer evening in the early '90s, the dance floor crowded and filled with smiling faces, enjoy-

ing an evening of romance and entertainment, dancing in their favourite spot to their favourite band. There were over 500 in attendance with patrons also seated up in the balcony.

One of the strengths of the band was its ability to maintain the excellent quality of the sound while the faces in the band changed through the years. Jack Robson (guitar, accordion, vocal) joined the band in 1986, following the closing of the Roadrunners Band. In the years to follow, his brother Dale Robson (bass, vocals) entered the band, as did Forrest Pederson (trumpet, vocals) and Rod Koshinsky (drums) from the Roadrunners and Ed Pappenfoot (bass, vocals) from the Drifters. The changes were continual as Brent Scherger (drums), Gordon Mooney (bass) and Bud Guenther (saxophone, vocals) were welcomed and contributed to the band through the years as valuable members retired. The most recent musicians to add their talents to The Decades sound was Jack's son, Darren Robson (keyboard, vocals) and Wendell Dreher (saxophone).

Mention must be made of other musicians that have filled in with The Decades: Margaret (Robson) Solvason (bass), widow of Dale Robson, Tyler Lynch (drums), Rick Koshinsky (drums), Dennis Kendal (trumpet), Vince Yaskowich (drums) and Dean Frank (drums).

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THE DECADES)

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Contestant with Colonsay roots appears on Great Chocolate Showdown

■ Daniel Bushman

With a sweet opportunity to showcase her skills, a home baker with ties to Colonsay is one of 10 people being featured on a new decadent chocolate dessert competition series from Food Network Canada.

An oncology pharmacist in Saskatoon, Venessa Liang who is the daughter of Ben and MuLing Liang of Colonsay joined other bakers from across Canada and parts of the United States in a head-to-head show featuring a range of creative chocolate-based challenges.

Venessa who recently won in the best cupcake category at this year's Nutrien Winterfest's annual cupcake contest in Saskatoon continued her impressive work as her creation wowed the judges in the first episode of the Great Chocolate Showdown which aired Feb. 4. Because of that, Venessa was one of three who escaped the opening elimination round in week one of the Food Network Canada's show.

In order to survive the competition from week to week and avoid being eliminated, the dessert-makers have to

dazzle the food expert judges with their delicious, inventive creations. Only one competitor makes it all the way to the end and is crowned the ultimate Great Chocolate Showdown champion.

According to her bio on the Great Chocolate Showdown's site, Venessa is best known for her extravagant cake art. After growing up in her family's restaurant, when Venessa finally started baking on her own, she began experimenting with any recipe she could find. Baking is Venessa's creative outlet, her best therapist and what she's known for amongst her family and friends. Working as an oncology pharmacist, she bakes to alleviate the stress of her job and brings sweets to her co-workers on weeks that are extra difficult.

Her obsession with chocolate comes from her mother-in-law who is from Belgium. They often make chocolates together during the holiday season. Someday, when Venessa is retired, she plans to bake all day long for charity.

People can watch Venessa and the remaining home bakers on the Great Chocolate Showdown Tuesday evenings on the Food Network.



► Venessa Liang is competing in this year's Great Chocolate Showdown airing on Food Network Canada. TV screen grab image



►With a bridge needing to be replaced, work began Feb. 3 to swap the existing structure within the Rural Municipality of Usborne, just southeast of Guernsey and north of road #761. RM of Usborne Administrator Anna Rintoul said the bridge was deteriorating and because of that, it needed to be removed. Rintoul noted assessments were done on all bridges within the local RM and this one was in the worst condition. While there was no official total cost for the project as of yet, Rintoul said the RM is completing a large portion of the work in addition to a local contractor in an effort to save money. The bridge will be removed and replaced with culverts and should be completed within the next week or two depending on the weather and anything else that may come up. photos submitted



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(from page two: THE DECADES)

When Arnie and Millie purchased Danceland in 2001, The Decades soon became the house band, playing regularly in their favourite dance hall. The Decades played their last New Year's Eve Dance to welcome in the millennial in 1999-2000. The beautiful music has continued up to today, but sadly, the time has come for The Decades band to bid farewell to the dancers and Danceland, as Father Time has reminded the band members it is time for the last waltz.

Millie Strueby commented that The Decades band stylings personified the music and the sound that made Danceland famous as one of the premier dancing spots in all of Canada, and perhaps in North America.

The Decades are a very close-knit group, a family, respecting and enjoying each other's talents and camaraderie. On Feb. 15, The Decades will play at Danceland for the last time. They have recorded some of their music and this will be available on CD at that time. Please come to Danceland on the 15th, dance to the music of The Decades one last time, shake their hands and make their musical farewell a great happy occasion. It will be a time to treasure and remember for all in attendance.

Musicians in The Decades band are: Millie Strueby (keyboard), Wendell Dreher (saxophone), Forrest Pederson (trumpet, vocals), Rod Koshinsky (drums), Darren Robson (electric piano, vocals), Ed Pappenfoot (bass guitar, vocals), Jack Robson (guitar, accordion, vocals) and occasionally Margaret (Robson) Solvason (bass guitar).

From The Decades farewell song, "Don't look so sad, I know it's over, but life goes on and this old world, keeps on turning. Let's just be glad for the time we've spent together." And we will all remember, "For all the good times."

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RCMP Report

Thefts in RM of Bayne and in Lanigan

Humboldt/Lanigan RCMP are asking for the public's assistance for information regarding a few incidents of theft in the RM of Bayne and Town of Lanigan in January.

Sometime between Jan. 11 and 14 unknown persons entered a shop on a rural property in the RM of Bayne and stole various shop tools valued at \$3,000.

Sometime between Jan. 15 and the morning of Jan. 19 a Quonset on Hwy. 670 in Bruno was broken into. The suspects damaged the front door and stole fuel from the property.

In the early morning hours of Jan. 20 a theft occurred from a vehicle parked at a business on Hwy. 16 in Lanigan. The suspects stole over \$10,000 worth of bull riding gear. The suspects are believed to have been driving a newer Ford truck with a sunroof at the time of the theft.

These matters are still under investigation by the Humboldt and Lanigan RCMP detachments.

If you have information about this or any other crime, please contact Humboldt RCMP at 306-682-2535 or you

may contact Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Theft at Lanigan Esso Service - 1979

On Jan. 29 between 11 and 11:30 p.m. the pictured van below was at Lanigan Esso Service - 1979. The van looks to be a Montana or Chevy Venture with the side door a different colour than the rest of the vehicle. There were two males and they left heading west. Wanted in question of theft of five boxes of 12 x 1L of dexos 5w-30 and five



boxes of 12 x 1L of dexos OW-20. If you have seen this van or have any information, please call Lanigan Esso at 306-365-3166.

Man from Melfort faces charges

The RCMP Crime Reduction Team have charged a male from Melfort with drug/weapons offences following arrests near Wakaw Jan. 30.

As a result of an ongoing investigation, the Prince Albert Crime Reduction Team arrested two males and three females in a vehicle at the Shell Gas Station near Wakaw on Thursday, Jan. 30. And, with the assistance of the Melfort RCMP and Prince Albert Integrated Street Enforcement Team, also executed a search warrant at a home on Stovel Avenue in Melfort.

As a result of the arrests and subsequent search, 29 grams of suspected methamphetamine, other drug paraphernalia and a replica handgun were seized.

Barkley Swenson, a 45-year-old male from Melfort is charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking; Possession of a Weapon While Prohibited; and Failure to Comply with an Undertaking.

The investigation is ongoing and further charges may be forthcoming.

The Saskatchewan RCMP has two Crime Reduction Teams (CRTs) operating in the province. Their mandate is to overtly target known criminals, prolific offenders, and repeat offenders to reduce crime and make Saskatchewan safer. The two teams, based out of North Battleford and Prince Albert, are completely mobile and travel to areas that require assistance where community safety has been identified as a concern.

APAS carbon tax costing review shows loss to Sask. farmers

media release

The Agricultural Producers Association of

Saskatchewan (APAS) has released updated estimates on the financial impacts of the federal

carbon tax on Saskatchewan producers.

"Federal Minister of Agriculture Marie-Claude Bibeau has asked the agriculture industry for evidence of what the carbon tax is costing Canadian farmers," said APAS President Todd Lewis, who farms near Gray, Sask. "We've responded with estimates that are backed up by producer bills in 2019."

APAS's costing review takes into consideration

all major farm expenses not currently exempt from the carbon tax. These include grain drying, rail transportation, heating and electricity, and truck hauling of crops off the farm.

The evidence is stark: on average, Saskatchewan farmers can expect to lose eight percent of their total net income in 2020 to the carbon tax. For a household managing a 5,000-acre grain farm in Saskatchewan, this will

take the form of a \$8,000 to \$10,000 bill.

In less than two years, when the carbon tax increases to \$50/tonne in 2022, this bill will go up to \$13,000 to \$17,000 for the same household – the equivalent of a 12 percent decrease in net income.

"It's comparable to having 12 percent of your pay cheque disappear," said Lewis. "Farmers don't set our prices, so those increased costs are coming directly off our bottom line."

"APAS's numbers reflect my personal experience down to the penny," said APAS Vice-President Bill Prybylski, who farms with his son, brother, and nephews near Willowbrook, Sask. "This past year was unprecedented in terms of the role grain drying played for farmers in our province. Without using propane to dry our grain, the wet fall would

have meant losing a huge portion of our crop."

Rail transportation is another huge and unavoidable taxable expense incurred by farmers.

"Trucking my crop to the grain elevator, and then shipping it by rail to the coast is one of my biggest annual expenses," said APAS Vice-President Ian Boxall, who farms at his century farm near Tisdale, Sask. "Transporting crops is a necessary farm expense, but for some reason it's not exempt from the carbon tax."

APAS is advocating, on behalf of Saskatchewan farmers, for a carbon tax exemption on all farm expenses, including those from 2019. "Our hope is that this is the evidence the Minister is looking for," said Lewis, "and that the Federal Government will step in to help farmers."

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

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“Sports”

Junior curling pre-districts held in Watrous

■ Daniel Bushman

Curlers were ready to rock last week as local school teams were hoping to sweep through Horizon pre-district junior and senior curling action. Junior pre-districts were held Feb. 4 in Watrous, Wadena and Quill Lake while senior pre-districts took place Feb. 6 in Humboldt and Wadena.

In junior action in Watrous, according to Horizon’s website, Nokomis lost its opening draw against Muenster Two on the boys side while Imperial lost to Muenster One in its first draw. With both moving to the B-side, Imperial defeated Nokomis, advancing to face Muenster Two. In that game, Imperial slid past its opponent to move to the B-side final where they once again played Muenster One. While Bellevue took the A-side it was Muenster One beating Imperial for the B-side with both winners advancing to districts.

On the girls side, Imperial One beat Nokomis while Watrous Elementary defeated Imperial Two in the opening draws. Imperial One met Watrous Elementary in the A-side final and it was Watrous who took the victory. On the B-side, Nokomis slid by Imperial Two and met Imperial One for the final. In that game it was Imperial One clinching the B-side victory. Both Watrous and Imperial One moved on to districts.

A pair of Watrous teams competed on the mixed side. Winston High School beat Strasbourg while Watrous Elementary won over Wakaw to set up an all Watrous final on the A-side. After the last rock was thrown, it was Winston High who took the A-side win. Watrous Elementary then played in the B-side final against Wakaw but this time were unable to get past Wakaw as both Winston High and Wakaw advance to districts.

The junior district championship was held Feb. 7 and 8 in Foam Lake. Senior pre-district results were unavailable by press time. The senior district championship takes place in Strasbourg Feb. 11 and 12.



► Horizon junior curling pre-districts were held at the Watrous Curling Rink Feb. 4 and included teams from Watrous, Imperial, Nokomis and others in attendance.
📷 photos by Daniel Bushman



Annual Blue’s Curling Bonspiel held in Imperial

■ submitted by
Harold Anhorn

It was a very busy weekend at the Imperial Community Rink Friday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 1. The annual Blue’s Curling Bonspiel was held with 12 teams taking part.

The first place winner in the “A” playoff was the Lamont foursome with Gord Lamont, Dave Kelly,

Karson Liu and Jim Rae. The first place winner in the “B” playoff was the Cyril Baade team and the first place winner in the “C” playoff was the McGill/Tannahill team.

A draw closest to the button was held in memory of Billy Busche with the winner being Dave Oakes placing his rock nine inches from the pin. Tyler Wilcox placed

second with a measurement of 9 1/2” from the pin. A total of \$500 was raised with the proceeds donated to the Imperial Community Rink.

Out of town rinks attending the bonspiel were the Dave Oakes rink, the Lionel Sproule rink, the Treena Lewis rink from Watrous, the Gary Vanthuyne rink from Simpson and the McGill/Tannahill

rink from Liberty.

A delicious meal was supplied and served by Susan and Simon Liu from the Imperial Family Restaurant, after which a number of prizes were handed out to each of the participating curling team members. The prizes were donated by many of the businesses from Imperial and surrounding districts. The winners of the three

Calcuttas were the Lionel Sproule team, the Loretta Lamont team and the Vanthuyne team.

We appreciate Keith Busche our curling rink attendant/curling coordinator for all his hard work and dedication to make this event a fun time, Gord Lamont performed the MC duties and kept the crowd laughing with his amazing dialogue and wit.


Others who assisted during the bonspiel were Gord Gustafson, Dave Kelly, Jim Rae, Karson Liu and others. Sharla Taylor and her kitchen staff served a large number of people who attended to watch the curling. It is imperative that we continue to hold events such as this in order to support the operation of our rink in the community of Imperial.



Winterhawks face Cyclones

► In a preview of one of the first round series in the Long Lake Hockey League playoffs, the Watrous Winterhawks faced the Davidson Cyclones in the league’s final regular season game. In that Feb. 6 contest, Watrous travelled to Davidson and had a 2-0 lead through 20 minutes. In the second, Davidson tied the game up at two before Watrous regained its two goal cushion to wrap up 40 minutes with a 4-2 advantage. In the third, the Winterhawks tallied three times to take a 7-2 victory, finishing fifth in league standings with a regular season record of 9-9. Davidson meanwhile wrapped up the year in fourth with a record of 10-7-0-1, three points ahead of Watrous.

📷 file photos by Daniel Bushman



WATROUS WINTERHAWKS

LLHL PLAYOFFS ROUND 1 VS DAVIDSON

Game 1 – Wednesday, Feb. 12th
in Davidson @ 8:00pm

Game 2 – Tuesday, Feb. 18th
in Watrous @ 8:00pm

Game 3 – Wednesday, Feb. 19th
in Davidson @ 8:00pm (if necessary)

SHA PROVINCIAL A NORTHERN SEMI-FINALS VS MEADOW LAKE

Game 1 – Sunday, Feb. 16th
in Meadow Lake @ 5:30pm

Game 2 – Sunday, Feb. 23rd
in Watrous @ 5:00pm

Game 3 – Sunday, Mar. 1st
in Meadow Lake @ 5:00pm (if necessary)



Opinion



Stormy Weather

■ submitted and written by Rev. Helen Herr

I did put my snow tires on this year. Even though I really haven't needed them yet. I don't like driving on icy roads or even walking on them. My storm is one of fear.

There are many different kinds of storms – cut-backs and fears of losing a job, strikes that never want to end, fires, floods, cancer. What about the Coronavirus virus that is sweeping the earth. Life is stormy and uncertain.

A fisherman's story comes to us from Matt. 14: 22-27. It was during the early morning hours and they were caught out at sea in gale-force winds. Would they survive the night? Panic had set in. Then Jesus came to them walking on the water. "It's a ghost, they said and cried out in fear". (Matt. 14:26) Jesus quickly spoke to them, "Have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."

How often we need reassurance that things will be better. A family member or friend to hold our hand when we are ill. A phone call when we are lonely. A professional person to do our income tax. But sometimes it seems there is no one around to come to our aid leaving us in the dark.

One of the biggest storms of life is a "storm of doubt". Moments when we have lost faith and fail to trust in a God that does provide. Remember this bible story.

Jesus did not come to the disciples in a way that they expected, walking on

rough water! But he was there, very close at hand, and he had words for them: "Do not be afraid."

He is still with us.



**Tips from
Reena Nerbas**

now have a blue ring at the water line and streaks where the water comes in from the water tank and I cannot get it out. Any suggestions? Really enjoy your columns and thanks for your help. Jennie

Dear Jennie,

Pour one cup of household ammonia into the toilet. Leave it for one hour; scrub with a green scrubby pad. Note: never mix ammonia with other products as this may create a dangerous combination.

Hi Reena,

I placed a cup of tea on my antique piano stool, so sad. There is a white mark on it. How can I remove the mark without refinishing the whole thing? Please help me. Thanks, Heather

Dear Heather,

Place a tea towel onto the area and press the mark with a warm iron. Observe whether the stain is gone. Next smear mayonnaise over the spot, leave for one hour and wipe. If the stain remains, sand and refinish the table. Unfortunately, if the water stripped the finish, the table will need refinishing.

Dear Reena,

My husband and I re-modelled our kitchen about three years ago and we love it. However, we do have one complaint, and that is that the outside of our cabinets always looks dirty. The kitchen cabinets are a dark espresso brown colour and the material they are made out of shows fingerprints, smudges, and any water that may have accidentally landed on them. Is there anything that we can use to help keep them looking clean or perhaps a special sealant that

Dear Reena,

We used Poo Be Gone and sprayed it into the toilet bowl. While I was scrubbing the toilet bowl, there was a gritty layer on it that I could not get out with my regular toilet bowl cleaner. I used an S.O.S pad to scrub it and got rid of the grittiness, but

we could use? Thank you, Kris

Dear Kris,

When you speak to most kitchen experts, they typically recommend that people should avoid using any product other than dish soap and water to regularly clean wooden cupboards. Another option is to visit your local Home Hardware stores where they carry thin plastic adhesive, which adheres to cupboards and is intended to reduce unsightly marks and fingerprints.

Contributor's share tips

- To store cheese for as long as you could possibly ever want, wrap it well in Glad Press 'n Seal. Dianne

- The easiest way to make your bathroom smell great is to add a few drops of your favourite essential oil onto the toilet paper roll. Wesley

- I never purchase toilet bowl cleaners, instead I apply toothpaste to a damp, abrasive sponge and scrub the inside of the toilet bowl. Wesley

- Never throw out a flat bottle of old pop. Instead, pour the remainder into the toilet and scrub with a non-scratching scrubby pad. You will not believe how well this cleans. Macey

- To freshen up my son's disgusting carpet, I sprinkle a teaspoon of cinnamon into the palm of my hand. Next I vacuum the cinnamon in my hand. When I turn on the vacuum, the entire room smells fresh. Alex

- To prevent my eyeglasses from sliding down my nose, I wrap the ends of both handles with rubber bands. The elastics prevent the glasses from moving when I am wearing them. DW

- Save dried up highlighters and bring them back to life. Remove the plug at the end of the highlighter. Add coloured water to the inside and recap. Alex

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

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**Neighbourly advice
according to Ed**

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

"Some days and weeks are better than others when you have arthritis," I told my old neighbour Ed, who lives in Saskatchewan. "Has it gone to your brain yet?" Ed asked me without any serious concern. He did not wait for an answer but continued his questioning, "You couldn't keep up with the rock to sweep it in your curling game, right? Did you drop another coffee cup on your kitchen counter?"

I said to Ed, "You

Stand still so I can hurt you to make you better

guessed right in that I sacrificed my left knee in several races to sweep in front of speeding curling rocks. Yes, I committed the first manslaughter of my coffee cups in 2020. I dropped my cup on the kitchen counter. It did not die in pieces without a tiny shard of glass embedding itself in my finger while I cleaned up its remains. I had to have Ruby pick the glass out of my finger with a needle."

"So, you are saying that your arthritis is making you slower and clumsier lately?" Ed asked.

"Yes," I answered, "And that I needed more mercy than, 'Stand still, so I can see to get it out!'"

"You didn't need mercy from Ruby. You needed her jabbing you with the needle to get the glass out. Being hurtful to you was better than not hurting you," Ed told me.

Yes, Ed was right; we

are blessed when we get what we need, not what we want. Most folks are ready to administer to us what they think we need. Most would say if a needle jabbed me, I deserved it because I am the one who got the shard of glass in my finger. Most folks feel justice is served if a person gets what they deserve. Sometimes when others are acting to help us, they will end up hurting us.

Helping others is about dealing with the truth. To get a shard of glass out of a finger, it will hurt either a little or a lot. Leaving a shard of glass embedded in a finger will cause an infection to grow until it is removed.

I did not deserve to have the shard of glass removed since I was the one who put it there. I am thankful my wife was willing to remove the shard. It was an act of kindness on her part. We may genuinely

need help or forgiveness, but that is not to say we deserve them. Receiving help and forgiveness from others is receiving the right treatment from those extending it to us. It is undeserved help and forgiveness.

The truth is that we cannot force someone to help us or to forgive us. Those who help and forgive us do so willingly. If we make a habit of helping and forgiving others, it does not mean others will reciprocate them to us. Thankfully, our God gave us love and forgiveness in Jesus, although we did not deserve them. Jesus returned good for evil on the cross. While we were yet in our sins, Jesus died for us. We help and forgive others not because they deserve them, but because God gives them to us who do not deserve them either. As God gives to us, we give to others.

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At the Watrous Centre

Crib winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Jan. 30 were: first - Sharon Carlson, 903; second - Robert Smith, 899; third - Earle Johnson, 890; fourth - Sylvia Falkowsky, 874. Travelling - Doreen Foster and Marilyn Crawford. Homesteader was Rodney Amendt, seven times at one table. Kaiser winners at the Senior Cen-

tre Monday, Feb. 3 were: first - Lorelei Stewart, 244; second - Lorne Bradbeer, 173; third - Sylvia Falkowsky and Peter Sundquist tied, 151. Anyone interested in submitting local Watrous news can do so by faxing 306-946-2026, emailing watrous.manitou@sasktel.net or stopping by the office.

Video Views

■ submitted by Earl Hayhurst/Video Stop

Another decade in movies has almost passed, here in my humble opinion are the 100 best films of the decade, presented here 10 at a time to build suspense. The list shows what I think are the most entertaining, original, daring and important movies that I saw in the last 10 years. Here are my top 10:

10 - Inception (2010) written and directed by Christopher Nolan with Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Tom Hardy, Ellen Page and Michael Caine.

9 - It Follows (2015) written and directed by David Robert Mitchell with Maika Monroe, Keir Gilchrist, Olivia Luccardi and Lili Sepe.

8 - Hereditary (2018) written and directed by Ari Aster with Toni Collette, Milly Shapiro, Gabriel Byrne, Alex Wolff and Ann Dowd.

7 - Green Room (2016) written and directed by Jeremy Saulnier with Anton Yelchin, Imogen Poots, Alia Shawkat, Pat-

rick Stewart and Joe Cole.

6 - Baby Driver (2017) written and directed by Edgar Wright with Ansel Elgort, Kevin Spacey, Jon Hamm, Jon Bernthal, Jamie Foxx and Lily James.

5 - Life Itself (2014) directed by Steve James with Roger Ebert, Chaz Ebert, Gene Siskel and Steve James.

4 - The Dark Knight Rises (2012) written and directed by Christopher Nolan with Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway, Tom Hardy, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Michael Caine.

3 - Zootopia (2016) written and directed by Byron Howard with Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman, Jenny Slate, Tommy Chong, Idris Elba and Bonnie Hunt.

2 - Short Term 12 (2013) written and directed by Destin Daniel Cretton with Brie Larson, John Gallagher Jr., Kaitlyn Dever and Rami Malek.

1 - Mad Max: Fury Road (2015) written and directed by George Miller with Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron, Nicholas Hoult, Zoe Kravitz and Hugh Keays-Byrne.

(from front page: TRAIN)

came upon the derailment, he said, “We saw a big fireball and then train cars burning.”

Jerome’s wife Beth was sleeping when she awoke to the ring of her phone. On the other end was her sister asking if she had heard about the derailment. With the wind blowing from the east, Fisher was fast asleep when the derailment took place. But after answering the call from her sister, when she looked out her window, Beth could see the fire and emergency vehicles just down the road.

“My first thought was, ‘not again,’” Fisher exclaimed as she watched the flames leap into the sky. Figuring the derailment must have involved oil as opposed to potash which is transported from the nearby mine, there was soon a knock at her door. A member from the Lanigan and District Fire Department stopped by around 7:30 a.m.

to make sure the Fishers were aware of what was going on. “Since the wind was not headed in our direction, we were not evacuated and allowed to stay home.”

Watching from her window, Beth was surprised at how a second derailment could have happened near Guernsey in such a short time span. “I’ve lived here my whole life and I have never seen a train derailment. It is very odd to see two in two months. They had been doing a lot of work on that rail line during the fall and after this latest derailment, I was just hoping no one was hurt. I asked the firefighter who came to our house right away if anyone was hurt and I was told everyone was okay.”

With Jerome headed for Moose Jaw as part of his trucking job and daylight breaking, Beth could not believe the amount of black smoke billowing into the sky. The plume covered

Guernsey as it pushed further east and not long after that, evacuations took place.

Since Guernsey has dissolved into the Rural Municipality of Usborne, Administrator Anna Rintoul said RCMP, fire personnel, CP, and Canadian Public Safety representatives worked closely with the RM as approximately 85 residents from Guernsey had to leave. The Lanigan and District Fire Department who responded to the scene requested the Town of Lanigan prepare for residents of Guernsey as they evacuated the community.

Lanigan Town Administrator Jennifer Thompson said the Lanigan Town Hall was made available for residents of Guernsey and with the help of volunteers, the Town of Lanigan provided meals and refreshments to everyone at the hall.

(see back page: TRAIN)



► Smoke fills the air after a train derailment near Guernsey Feb. 6. photo by Daniel Bushman

Look What’s Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Apple Rhubarb Crumble

Ingredients:

- 3 cups chopped rhubarb - fresh or frozen
- 2 medium tart apples, peeled and chopped
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- pinch salt
- 1/2 cup cold butter

Directions:

Combine rhubarb (slightly thawed if frozen), apples, egg, sugar, syrup and spices. Pour into a greased two quart baking dish. Combine flour, brown sugar and salt, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over fruit mixture. Bake at 350°F for 50 to 55 minutes. If using frozen rhubarb and apples, you may need to increase baking time by 10 minutes. I usually thaw my frozen fruit until it is nearly completely thawed and drain off some of the liquid.

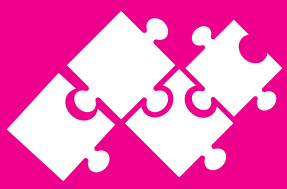
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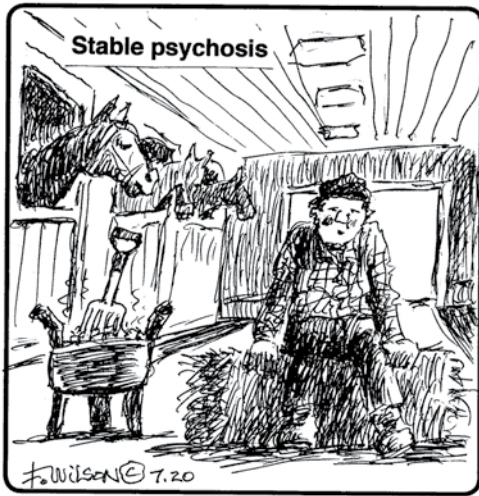
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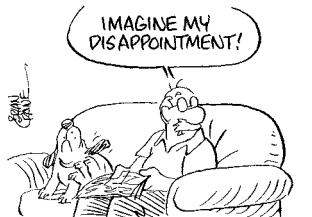
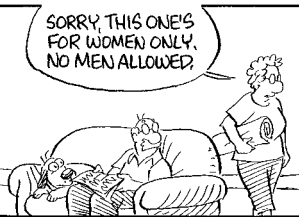


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Cartoon by Frank Wilson



"... small, round and brown, steaming hot ... hmmm, I don't know why I'm suddenly fixated on having meatballs for supper..."



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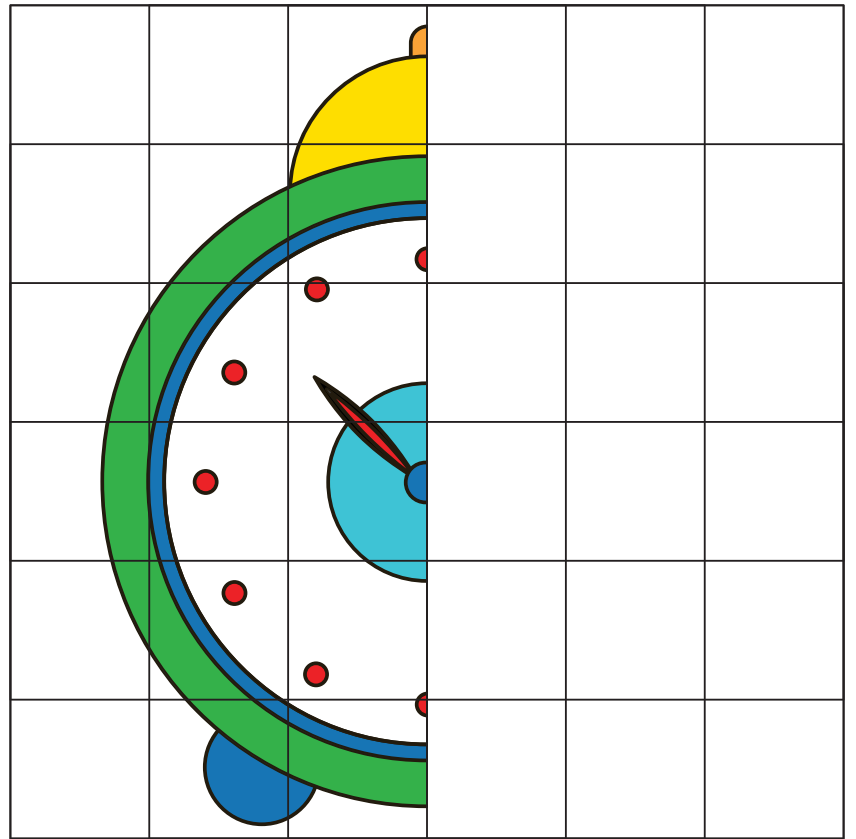
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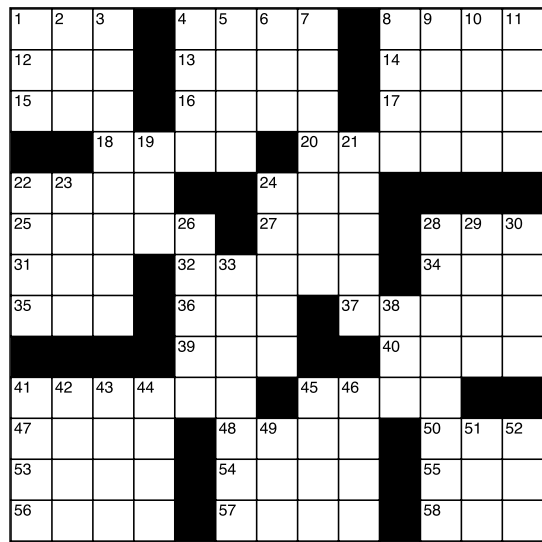
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CROSSWORD

PUZZLE NO. 15



7. Sound systems
8. Curious
9. Throw off
10. "Gone _____ the Wind"
11. Flower part
19. _____ lodge
21. Spells
22. Inventor Elias _____
23. Unfold
24. Held tightly
26. Shipment
28. Implements
29. Perceived
30. Gobbles
33. Postal carriers
38. Take the gold medal
41. Luxurious resorts
42. Holler
43. Southwestern land formation
44. Smudge
45. Yearning
46. Clarinet component
49. Lemony refresher
51. Casual shirt
52. Tend a baby

ACROSS

1. Kettle and Bell
4. Has
8. Latest word
12. Swiss mountain
13. Brawl
14. Forget
15. As _____ your request
16. Contribute a share
17. Building's location
18. Florida Key, e.g.
20. Musical beat
22. Goose's cry
24. So-so grade
25. Pertaining to the eye
27. Bagel topper
28. Function
31. Itty-bitty
32. Charm
34. English beverage
35. Cease
36. Bled, as a color
37. Pleasing
39. Band's booking
40. Rural hotels
41. Sign
45. Large vases
47. Skin of an orange
48. Ms. _____
50. "_____ a Living"

DOWN

53. Besides
54. Hem
55. Floral necklace
56. Narrow board
57. Poverty
58. Position
1. Plan out a route
2. Pub offering
3. Moved at full speed
4. Exam type
5. Chablis, e.g.
6. Santana's "She's _____ There"

FOR ANSWERS TO SUDOKU AND CROSSWORD, SEE PAGE 15

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS USE AMERICAN SPELLING

SUDOKU

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“Your Community”

The Watrous Elementary School, The Watrous Manitou and Watrous Pharmacy are recognizing students from the school each month who do the “little extras” in their classroom or around the school. Students recognized by a school staff member get their name in a draw for “Student of the Month” and are awarded with a \$20 gift certificate from the pharmacy and their picture in the newspaper. The Student of the Month for January was Kash Penrose, from Grade 5E, who shows a positive and friendly attitude at school on a daily basis, is welcoming to new students and is willing to help out wherever he can. Congratulations Kash!

From WES

Greetings from Mr. Borsa,

I hope everybody had a nice holiday break, enjoyed January and is refreshed and ready to make 2020 a fantastic year and the new decade an amazing one! It is hard to believe this particular school year is half over! I look forward to the many events and success stories that are sure to come about!

Our Gr. 6 and 7 students report cards came out on the seventh of February. If you would like to talk to any teachers about your child’s progress, please do not hesitate to call the school or set up an appointment to meet. Communication and a team effort is the best way to ensure future success for our students.

WES Happenings

Kindergarten Registration

Every year we survey the community to determine the number of students we will have enrolled in our school for the upcoming year. We are now accepting early Kindergarten registrations for the 2020-‘21 school year. If you would like to register your child early, please stop by the main office at the school for a registration package.

You can also assist us by phoning the school at 306-946-3366 to let us know if you will have any incoming students for the years beyond 2020-‘21.

WES Sports

Basketball practices and games are coming to a close for our WES teams. Our boys and girls teams have enjoyed playing games against other schools during the season.

The Gr. 6/7 PE classes will participate in a school curling bonspiel which occurs Feb. 12. Students will be divided into different teams to play some fun games at the curling rink for the day. The games begin shortly after 9 a.m. and the canteen is open for snacks and lunch. Parents are welcome to come and watch at any time during the day.

Library News

Jan. 27 was Family Literacy Day. I hope that you

were able to take part in some activities as a family. Everyday can be family literacy day!

Family literacy refers to the many ways families develop and use literacy skills, from enjoying a story-book together, to playing word games, singing, writing to a relative or friend, sharing day-to-day tasks such as making a shopping list or using a recipe, and surfing the Internet.

If you would like more ideas on what you can do with your children to support their learning, you can find a lot of activities and helpful tips at www.familyliteracyday.ca

SRC

In the month of January the SRC planned a couple of spirit days. Jan. 15 was superhero day and Jan. 21 was crazy hair day.

Our spirit week was Feb. 3 to 7. We had plans for a travel week! Monday - Travel to Antarctica, Tuesday - Tourist Day, Wednesday - Staycation (comfy clothes for staying at home), Thursday - Dream Vacation (dress up for a vacation of your dreams) and Friday - Tropical Day/Dance at Danceland.

During this week we were also in the gym every lunch hour for a beach volleyball tournament.

For February events, they include: Feb. 7 – Dance at Danceland, Feb. 11 – Telemiracle Bake Sale, Feb. 13 – 100th Day and Feb. 26 – Pink Shirt Day!

Community Connections

Message from your SCC

Our SCC appreciated everyone who contributed items to our Christmas baskets in December and for the community members for purchasing tickets for this fundraiser. Our Christmas Basket Raffle brought in \$3,683! This will help with the SCC contributing to school field trips and will also add to the total we are raising for the new playground.

Our second annual SCC Family Bingo night was held Jan. 30 and was a great success. We raised \$4,132! All proceeds from the bingo will go directly to help fund the new playground. We appreciated the Town of Watrous for allowing us to use the civic centre as well as the many community members supporting our night. We had great prizes given to us for each game and a prize raffle table.



“A Moment in Time”

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Storm Damage, June 4



Pictures on pages throughout this paper are grim reminders of damage done in the wind storm which struck Watrous and area early June 4th. The pictures intended for publication June 10th arrived back in our office Thursday, June 24, following a “rush” job of processing.

On page 1, the Sask. Pool elevator annex lost a 30 ft. section, scattering lumber over a wide area; a new home under construction on 2nd Ave. E. was moved a foot off its foundation; the 465 ft. transmitter tower at CBK crashed to the ground and put the station off the air for about four days while a new tower was being erected; the RCMP residence lost a portion of its roof, and a large radio tower. Rains which followed the wind storm, ruined the inner walls and ceilings and the structure is being completely renovated.



Getting together at the Watrous Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre

■ Daniel Bushman

With a place to gather, have fun and create a sense of community, the Watrous Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre has been a hub of activity for decades. First formed Dec. 2, 1974, seniors from Watrous have been getting together during the week to take part in a number of activities.

While some of the programs and initiatives have changed over the years, as the group marked 45 years in December 2019, a lot of what was first done has remained the same.

According to the local history book, *Prairie Reflections*, the building that houses the Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre was built around 1912 by Sinclair and Murray Elliott. Aside from practicing law, the Elliotts were also race horse fans and raced on a Watrous track north of town. The pair moved into the building from a small office and Dr. Homer Agar had his office upstairs. Sinclair Elliott would later move to Victoria and other businesses moving in over the years included butcher shops, a law office, and later a bakery.

Then in the 1970s a group which included Albert Dahl, Wilf McGrath, Ernie Miller, Harold Burbridge, Roy Gorham, and Frank Lewis was formed and they joined many others who assisted with volunteer labour, financial contributions and moral support. Through those efforts, the Watrous Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre was formed. Inside the building included a kitchen, furnished lounge for those who entered the main doors, washrooms, and a recreation room complete with games tables. Through grants and financiers and with the approval from the Town of Watrous council, the building was completely paid for.

A decade later in 1983, the centre had become like a beehive of sociability and delightful activity according to a report in the local history book by Helen Smith-Gorham. At that time, the executive included Albert Dahl, Roy Gorham, Wilf McGrath and Helen Smith-Gorham. Six other members were directors and active programs, lunch and building committees were also a big part of the centre. In 1983 there were 182 paid up members with an average daily attendance at the centre being 30. In Helen's report it stated, "Everyday of the week, except Sunday, the walls reverberate with laughter, conversation and good fellowship."

Extra activities like whist, bingo and shuffle

board tournaments were also held and a new 16 mm movie machine was purchased so pictures could be shown as entertainment.

Financed through government grants, donations, revenue from a few money making events and renting the upstairs apartment, rental money was used to subsidize a taxi service in town.

Now in 2020, Watrous Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre President Earle Amendt Sr. said there are currently 53 paid memberships with meetings held monthly and an annual meeting taking place each April. Along with an executive which includes vice-president Rudy Gross, secretary Betty Carlson, treasurer Faye Johnson, past-president Peter Sundquist and eight directors, Amendt Sr. said the facility continues to play host to a number of activities.

In-Motion exercises are held Wednesdays and Fridays during the early part of the afternoon while kaiser is played Monday evenings and whist and cribbage Thursday afternoons. Pool and snooker is also offered, occurring Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

"It is a pay as you use system. Usually we charge \$2 per activity and you do not have to be a member to attend the activities," said Amendt Sr. who has resided in Watrous for a number of years. "Our goal is to get people coming out to socialize and have fun. I walked in here two years ago and it has been quite a fun experience."

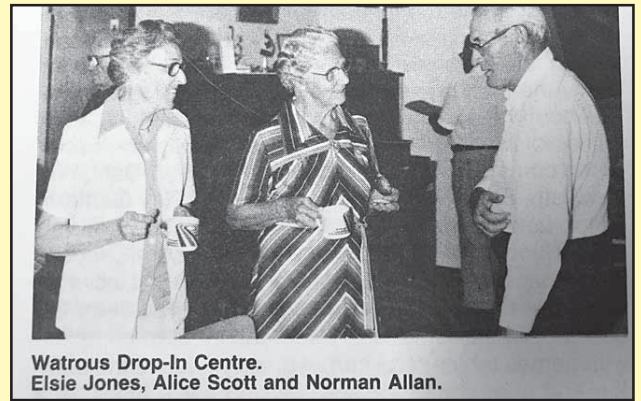
Welcoming anyone who would like to attend, members range from as young as 40 years old to several who are in their 90s. "We love to see new members and the more numbers we have the more we can utilize our facility. It is really something to watch everyone interact and play cards together. It is great to get to know people within the community and those who attend will find there is lots to do. We are also always looking for new ideas and different ways of doing things."

Citing In-Motion exercises as an integral part to the centre, Amendt Sr. said they have certified individuals within the membership who do a fantastic job of leading everyone through each session. But it is not just the exercises that are a big part of the centre. This past year the local seniors took part in a number of activities including:

- hosting Winter Games (cards) in March, welcoming surrounding communities such as Young, Allan, Kenaston, Nokomis, Davidson, Colonsay, and Hanley;
- taking part in Winter



Albert Dahl, Bert Snell and Wilf McGrath.



Watrous Drop-In Centre.
Elsie Jones, Alice Scott and Norman Allan.



► Created as a place to meet and have fun, seniors from Watrous and the area have been enjoying the opportunity to get together over the years to take part in a variety of activities and events at the Watrous Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre on Main Street.

☞ above images from *Prairie Reflections*/remaining photos by Daniel Bushman



Games held in Kenaston, Nokomis, Young, and Allan;

- attending a play at the Red Barn near Martensville;
- hosting a 'Cream Can' supper for members and guests;
- hosting ukulele singers as a fundraiser;
- hosting a senior regional meeting in October to plan joint activities for fall/winter 2019-'20;
- hosting an annual Cookie Walk fundraiser where members donate cookies for sale by the pound. Over \$800 was raised; and
- this year the seniors will be hosting the Watrous Senior Games Mar. 26, 2020 with card games including whist and cribbage.

"In addition to the events we took part in and hosted, we like to do new activities as well. It is all about creating a sense of community, getting out of the house and having fun."

But it is not just all fun and games as the seniors have also spent a considerable amount of time and money towards the building itself. "In 2019 we received a New Horizons grant from the federal government which we used to purchase a new furnace and new chairs. The kitchen and bathrooms have also been upgraded and we received a grant from Affinity Credit Union for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Sask. Lotteries has provided us with grant funding as well through the Town of Watrous to promote activities for seniors. Those activities include attending plays and Winter Games."

Being able to complete the renovations and upgrades, Amendt Sr. said the local centre is also available for people to rent. "The rental fee is fairly minimal and can be booked for days that do not conflict with

scheduled activities. For those who want to become members for a nominal fee or who have questions

about rentals and what we do, they can contact myself or any member from the executive."

COLONSAY

Florence Halvorson • 306-255-2358

Cribbage was played at the seniors centre Jan. 29. First was Patsy Grey and second was Roy Grey. Goodies and coffee followed. We are now playing cards Wednesday afternoon.

Deepest sympathy to Tony and Darlene Walliser and family of Colonsay and Shawn Henry and family of Wainwright, Alta. on the passing of a daughter, wife and mother Jamie Henry Jan. 28.

Visitors with Florence Halvorson were Ross and Jeanne Leffler, Dave and Evelyn Walker of Drumheller, Alta. and Marj Wells of Stettler, Alta. We attended our uncle Vivian Rutherford's funeral in Tisdale Friday, Jan. 31.

Sympathy from the community to Tony and Darlene Walliser on the passing of her sister-in-law Janice Sopatyk of Meacham Feb. 1.

The RM of Colonsay No. 342 participated in the Division 5 RMAA curling hosted by the RM of Rosedale. Representing Colonsay were reeve Gerald Yausie, councillor Marvin Lang and administrator Randy Wood. With the help of the Blucher administrator, the RM placed sixth.

VISCOUNT
Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Saturday, Feb. 1, there were 12 people who came out to the Viscount seniors fundraising breakfast. Workers were Chris Rault and Monica Palfy. The lucky loonie pot winner was John Dale.

Monday, Feb. 3 was the beginning of the second semester at Viscount Central School.

Monday, Feb. 3, there were four ladies who met at the Viscount Wheatland Li-

brary for Blankets for Canada to sew squares together. Even though we were very few, we were not discouraged! We worked steadily on a beautiful blanket all the while chatting and catching up on our week. Feel free to call Evelina at 306-944-4820 for more information.

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

MANITOU BEACH
Sue Alcock

So we enjoyed the mild spell over the first week-end of February. It was a fun Saturday afternoon at the skating pond which was the site of a tourism promo photo shoot event. A very gleeful tobogganer also enjoyed the day too. I understand the hot chocolate was enjoyed immensely.

These tobogganing and skating occasions took me back to my early days here (late 1990s) when Cross Country Corner owned by Jim Alcock and Murray Gordon rented out cross-country skis and somehow a group of folks raised money for a snowmobile to groom the trails. The trails ran through Camp Easter Seal and for miles out west. We had a huge amount of fun back then and I am proud to say

that I became quite proficient at getting up from the snow because I fell down so often. Sadly, the Camp Easter Seal trails are no more. If you have walked through in recent years you will have come across fallen trees and long grass in the old trails. Prairie Reflections (page 256) and the Celebrate Cooking for 100 Years 1905-2005 Cook Book (page 151) both have write-ups about the tobogganing of decades ago and they are worthy of a read. In my early time Shawon-dasse Drive, a.k.a. the motorcycle hill, was in use for winter fun and even earlier I believe there was a ski run there too. The costs of insurance and liability issues have stopped play.

The skate pond and crokicurl are great starts to have our community

become more of a year-round holiday resort. Some folks did enjoy cross-country skiing times around the golf course.

Knit Your Bit caught my attention recently as I was perusing a website for the WWII Museum in New Orleans. The program is a weekly gathering of volunteer knitters and crocheters who make and then donate scarves to veterans. People in a number of other states are also making the scarves and that got me thinking about knitting/crocheting bees to make scarves, maybe mitts too, for local school kids and seniors. I have no idea how yarn is obtained, by donation or purchased by the scarf maker. There are several patterns on the website.

ALLAN
Sarah Ross • sarah_lou@yahoo.com

The Allan library and museum have been working together on a few events now. With the one scheduled for Monday night being about the school and the library doing their own book tasting night it is quite a hopping place! I sure hope you have been able to make it out to one of the events that are planned for the library.

The women's bonspiel held Feb. 1 was quite the event. I heard they had lots of fun and a great meal was provided for the attendees. They even were able to get involved in the Chase the Ace that was held at the communiplex between the Allan Elks and the Allan School Travel Group. One of the lucky ladies was the winner of the draw! She did not get the ace, but did pocket some extra cash.

Curling is still ongoing with league play Tuesday and Wednesday nights. I hope you were able to be included in this and get to throw some rocks!

The WinterFest plans have been released now. Looks like it will be quite the great event held in March at the communiplex.

The Allan Flames are in the playoffs with games happening at the Logan Schatz Memorial Arena. Make sure you come out and support our team and grab a burger!

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- WATROUS SENIOR CURLING Bonspiel, Fri., Feb. 14 and Sat., Feb. 15. Four 6-end games. Entry fee \$120. Contact Darrell Eaket 306-380-2017. Noon luncheon for curlers Sat., Feb. 15. Lunch counter open to public./8-1p

- FAMILY VALENTINE'S Dance, Fri., Feb. 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Watrous Elementary School gym. \$25 per family./8-1p

- ON SATURDAY, FEB. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. the Gallery on 3rd is hosting a reception in honour of local photographer Bryan Mierau. Everyone will enjoy his exhibit "Perspective", an interesting and unique look at our world. Come visit and snack!./8-1c

- DANCELAND, MANITOU Beach offers entertainment for: Feb. 15 - Valentine Dance with The Decades. Buffet 6 to 7:30 p.m. Dance 8 to midnight; Feb. 29 - Manitou Beach Winter Fest. Phone 306-946-2743 or 1-800-267-5037 for reservations. www.danceland.ca /7-2c

- SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE Supper, All Saints' Anglican Church, Feb. 25, 5 to 7 p.m. \$9. Everyone welcome./8-2c

- SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE Supper, Feb. 25, 5:30 p.m. \$10. Young Senior Centre./8-2c

- WINTER FEST AT MANITOU Beach Feb. 29 at Danceland. For entries contact the following: craft tables - Bev Jay 306-591-2775, cribbage - Chris Moffatt 306-917-7866, entertainment - Vince Armstrong 306-419-9455. Also happening that day will be a pancake breakfast 9 to 11 a.m., food fair, disk golf demo, skating pond will be available with hot chocolate available, croki-curl at the skating pond and 50/50. Mark this date on your calendar. Sponsored by the Manitou Beach Recreation Board./5-4c

MARCH

- HALIBURTON COMMUNITY Club Poker Derby, Sun., Mar. 8, Haliburton Hall (12 miles south of Jansen or 10 miles east of Lockwood). Registration 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. No starts after 1 p.m. All riders must be in by 4 p.m. Hands: 1/\$5; 3/\$10; 7/\$20. 50 percent payout. 4 prizes plus Mystery Hand. Door prizes and raffles. Lunch and refreshments available. For more information contact Dustin Lynch 306-365-7351, Jack Robson 306-365-2004 or Darin Pedersen 306-528-7997./7-4c

TWM will be on holidays Monday, Feb. 17 to Friday, Feb. 21. There will be a paper Feb. 17. NO paper Feb. 24.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- AL-ANON MEETING THURSDAYS 8 p.m., Wat. Elem. School, staff room (east door). Ph. 306-946-2466, 306-946-7802./22-48p

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►With a train derailment involving numerous burning railcars creating a large plume overhead, the community of Guernsey located just west of the incident was evacuated during the morning Feb. 6.

photo by Daniel Bushman

(from page seven: TRAIN)

With people from Guernsey being told to leave, Beth’s home also became a haven for her son Logan’s family and nearby neighbours. “Logan just came off of working nights at Pound-Maker and had gone to bed but he was woken up and his family got evacuated around 8:30 a.m. They came to our place and two more neighbours and their little girl joined us as well. We have the space and were happy to welcome people over. I told my husband, “Guernsey is being evacuated.” He said, “Well how many people can our house hold?” There are lots of people in Guernsey who have connections that live close by so there were places for people to go.”

As her family and their neighbours came over, reflecting on the situation, Beth said she was just really grateful everyone was okay and not hurt. “I am so thankful for the time of year as well that there is not any dry grass around. I feel for the railroad crews and emergency people who have to deal with this. Kudos to them.”

A few kilometres southwest of the Fisher farm and a short drive from Guernsey is where Nutrien’s Lanigan potash mine is situated. With the thick smoke coming from the derailment and mine staff working above and below ground, Nutrien spokesperson Will Tigley said, “Right now our operations and teams at Lanigan are not impacted by this train derailment. We continue to monitor the situation and are taking the necessary precautions to keep our people safe.”

As word spread about the derailment, the news reached Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Faced with a second major event near Guernsey in less than two months, Federal Minister of Transport Marc Garneau issued the following through a number of tweets on his Twitter account: “I am seized with this morning’s rail incident in Guernsey, Sask. We are gathering the facts

and I am following this very closely. Rail safety remains my top priority. The derailments of railway cars containing dangerous goods over the past year are concerning. I’m issuing an immediate order to slow trains carrying large quantities of dangerous goods on federally regulated railway tracks across Canada. Effective at midnight on Feb. 7, this Ministerial Order will require the slowdown of trains with 20 or more cars carrying dangerous goods. In cities, trains will be limited to 20 m.p.h. Outside of these areas, trains will be limited to 25 m.p.h. This will be in place for 30 days. This is a precautionary measure being taken today, as we are seeing similarities between today’s accident and other recent rail accidents. I’ve asked my officials to examine all issues related to these accidents to determine if additional safety measures will be required. I cannot compromise on safety and will not hesitate to take further swift action as is necessary.”

After Garneau’s announcement Feb. 6, Canadian Pacific Railway Limited also responded to the crude oil derailment near Guernsey.

“Immediately after the derailment, CP implemented a slow order on its crude trains as a precautionary measure as it gathers facts related to this incident. Since then, Transport Canada has issued a Ministerial Order, effective for 30 days at midnight on Friday, Feb. 7. The order requires a slowdown of “key trains (which contain 20 or more cars carrying dangerous goods). In metropolitan areas, these trains will be limited to 20 m.p.h. Outside these areas, trains will be limited to 25 m.p.h.”

“CP fully supports this action and it has been implemented effective immediately,” said Keith Creel, CP President and CEO. “Until we better understand the facts relating to today’s incident, it is prudent to operate with an abundance of caution. We equally share Minister Garneau’s concerns, and remain committed to safe operations, as we always have been.”

CP added it is working collaboratively with local officials in responding to the derailment and is deploying claims officers to assist community members displaced by the incident and evacuation. “CP is in close contact with regulators and local officials and will keep them informed as the situation progresses. An investigation into the incident is ongoing.”

The company also stated crews will be working diligently and will ensure the area is cleaned up and restored after CP safely recovers from this incident.

As Thursday night arrived residents from Guernsey remained evacuated and the Saskatoon Fire Department received a mutual aid request to help with the fire near the community, sending one water tanker to support operations. Crews continued to keep the blaze at bay and as the sun began coming up Friday morning, they were still hard at work at the derailment site.

Residents from Guernsey who had been evacuated Thursday spent the night with family, friends or in hotels and as of Friday morning, were still evacuated. Breakfast and lunch were served at the Lanigan Town Hall Friday for those displaced from their homes as they awaited more information on the situation from CP. With questions for CP surrounding the derailment and when residents of Guernsey could return home, Rintoul said the RM was grateful to the local volunteers in Lanigan for helping out and opening the hall.

For motorists using Hwy. 16 near Guernsey, according to the Highway Hotline, a portion of the highway remained closed as of press time. A detour was in place for motorists to head north on Hwy. 20 to Grid 340 then south on Grid Range Rd. 2233.

As information continues to be provided, The Watrous Manitou will have more on the derailment in next week’s edition.



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