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Rainy June brought needed moisture as severe weather activity picks up

■ Daniel Bushman

Labelled as the wettest month of the year, June provided much needed moisture for crops and other vegetation needed to grow within the local region. It also provided thunderstorms, hail and as July arrived, it spawned a few tornadoes in southern Saskatchewan.

Environment and Climate Change Canada’s (ECCC) David Phillips said, “What we have certainly seen is some welcome rains that came to your area of the province in June and July. Things were looking pretty bleak up to that moment.”

After a dry April and May, June and July provided the injection of moisture needed for the area. As those precipitation amounts varied from Humboldt, Lanigan, Watrous and Last Mountain Lake, it appeared as though it was Humboldt receiving the brunt of activity. During a June 14 storm that rolled through the city there were reports of two and a half to up to four inches that fell including 25 mm (almost an inch) in a 10 minute span. That prompted Humboldt Mayor Rob Muench to issue a state of local emergency. The rain overwhelmed parts of the community and images on social media showed people swimming on some streets.

Areas around Humboldt also received a good dose of moisture as about 71 mm or close to three inches hit between June 8 and 15 (according to Saskatchewan Agriculture). Closer to Lanigan there were local reports of at least five inches falling in the area over a 10 day stretch in June.

For the Watrous area, according to ECCC data, by June 18 the area had received 67.2 mm of rain or just over two and a half inches. That total increased as the month ended and July began.

Overall, Phillips said Humboldt recorded at least 98 mm of rain during June and with amounts varying as you headed away from there, Watrous had accumulated about 75 mm. In July, as of the seventh, there was about eight mm of moisture for the month where normally it would have been about 10 or 11 mm by that time.

“For June and July (as of the seventh) you have had about 87 percent of your annual precipitation. June is the wettest month of the year and fortunately it was a lot wetter than in April and May.”

In April there was just 4.9 mm of rain that fell in Watrous. May was not much better with just 6.9 mm recorded as opposed to a normal of 52 mm. For the Long Lake area around Simpson and Imperial, according to ECCC data, April showed 3.3 mm of precipitation while May received approximately 13.7 mm. June was much higher than that as it hit at least 81 mm. Closer to Lanigan and Humboldt, it was a bit wetter for April with 9.3 mm of precipitation. May accumulated 22.4 mm of precipitation and June came in with nearly 100 mm.



►After a dry April and May, moisture arrived in June and July for the local area.While the rain was much needed, severe weather has also been reported in the province including a few tornadoes touching down in southern Saskatchewan.While there have fortunately not been any twisters in the Watrous area this summer, a few thunderstorms have rolled through (pictured).
 📷 photos by Daniel Bushman

While Saskatchewan had not been as wet and cool like Alberta’s capital city of Edmonton or as hot and humid as Manitoba, as July arrived so did the tornadoes.

During the afternoon and evening July 4 ECCC stated a cyclical tornadic supercell thunderstorm moved through southern Saskatchewan. “Environment and Climate Change Canada has received and verified reports of three separate tornadic events associated with this storm. In addition to the tornadoes, hail as large as softballs was also reported in the region.”

ECCC said the first event occurred near Glenbain, located southeast of Swift Current when around 4:30 p.m. a tornado touched down. No significant damage had been reported by July 5 but ECCC said during a second event

about 10 minutes later, damage was done to a home and farm property in the area of Kincaid and Woodrow (south-east of Glenbain).

The third event was a tornado touching down near Assiniboia. That took place at 6:23 p.m. and while no significant damage was reported to ECCC, there were images posted to social media of toonie-sized hail that caused damage within the community to homes, vehicles and gardens. On the Town of Assiniboia’s website it stated, “To assist with the clean up after this past weekend’s storm, the operation’s staff will pick up broken branches

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Local cartoonist and former publisher putting pencil down after lengthy career

■ Daniel Bushman

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over the past 35 years Frank Wilson's cartoons have given readers of The Watrous Manitou a reason to smile. There were weeks people pondered which local was being depicted and other times Wilson's animal characters were accompanied with a perfect punchline that left readers chuckling.

Now in 2020 and with some final inspiration and wit, the Watrous resident and former publisher of The Watrous Manitou has decided to conclude his lengthy career of drawing cartoons.

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With his first 'toon appearing in the weekly newspaper in September 1985, Wilson's passion for drawing began much earlier than that.

"I recall as far back as elementary school my enjoyment of doodling and drawing," said Wilson who added it was mostly done in class when he was supposed to be doing something else.

Refining his craft during his time in class, once out of high school in Vancouver, B.C. Frank decided to join the RCMP. He trained at Depot Division in Regina and would go on to have a 23 year career with the police including stops in Ituna, Kamsack, Wakaw, Stony Rapids, Yorkton and Watrous.

Drawing on his doodling skills from his earlier days, while with the RCMP Wilson took a composite facial drawing course. He later employed the use of an identi-kit as an aid to developing facial likenesses in criminal cases. "That was a strenuous process for the victim who was re-



►After taking over The Watrous Manitou in 1985, Frank Wilson has created a weekly cartoon for readers of the publication. While Wilson retired from the newspaper business years ago, his cartoons have appeared regularly in the weekly paper. From his first 'toon (below) to his final one which appears in this week's edition, Wilson has created around 1,700 throughout his career. While he decided to stop drawing his weekly cartoons, Frank remains active as a local artist within the area.

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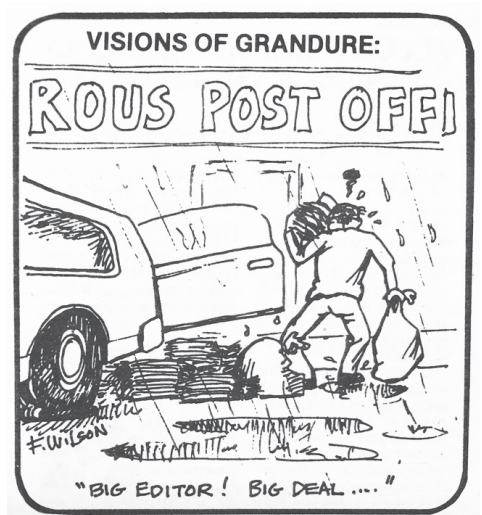
quired to relive the event they had already suffered through."

When not at work as a member of the RCMP Frank would keep his artistic skills sharp, painting and drawing as a hobby. "It was cheaper than sky diving," he smirked. "I still resort to my oil paints when the spirit moves me."

With a knack for scribbling and having a keen sense of humour, when Frank retired from the RCMP in Watrous on Aug. 5, 1985, he and his wife Florence took over The Watrous Manitou

the following month. With a newspaper as his canvas, his cartoons would become a staple within the weekly publication.

From his first cartoon featured in the couple's inaugural Sept. 5, 1985 edition to his final work printed in the July 13,



2020 edition, Wilson said, "I always enjoyed seeing things from the humorous side. The challenge then is to develop a punchline and then add the actual illustration to the idea. This exercise accounted for a lot of hours spent looking at the wall and awaiting inspiration."

Frank admitted that quite often coffee row provided some juicy ideas for his weekly cartoon but added he sought out a variety of sources for inspiration. "Other areas I looked upon was how animals of various varieties would react to a situation. One of my favourites was one of the first ones I did of a pig caught in a combine pickup. The farmer didn't know whether to call a mechanic or the vet. In any case, time was of the essence to get them done when you consider deadlines in the newspaper business."

While it all depended on a suitable idea or punchline each week, Wilson said once that reference point arrived, he began scribbling. From there his creation was put to paper and once the final marks were made, the characters drawn and a punchline completed, the cartoon was ready to be printed.

As Frank continued to create his cartoons, other weekly publications soon

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NOTICE OF STATEMENT OF DISSOLUTION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF Long Lake Breeder Co-operative Ltd.

Be advised that on March 17, 2020, the members of Long Lake Breeder Co-operative passed a special resolution authorizing the voluntary dissolution of the co-operative under the provisions of *The Co-operatives Act, 1996*. The resolution was approved by the Registrar of Co-operatives on July 2, 2020.

Be further advised that Jenny Glessman of 410 Dufort St., Box 29, Bruno, Sask, S0K 0S0 was appointed liquidator.

Be further advised that any person who is indebted to the co-operative is to render an account and pay to the liquidator any amount owing at 410 Dufort St., Bruno, SK on July 28 at 5:00 p.m. Any person who possesses property of the co-operative is to deliver it to the liquidator at 410 Dufort St., Bruno, SK on July 28 at 5:00 p.m.

Any person who has a claim against the co-operative, whether liquidated, unliquidated, future or contingent, is to present particulars on the claim in writing to the liquidator no later than two weeks after the first publication of the notice.

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Saskatchewan residents encouraged to remain vigilant during summer months

media release

As people take advantage of the warm weather to travel and extend their social circle, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is reminding Saskatchewan residents to not let their guard down when it comes to COVID-19. SHA said people should do so in a gradual and controlled way, keeping physical distancing and hand washing top of mind.

Residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and to continue implementing the proper COVID-19 protocols, including following physical distancing guidelines to maintain two metres of separation, implementing proper hygiene practices and complying with provincial health orders, including limiting the size of outdoor gatherings to 30.

"What happens tomorrow depends on what happens today," stated Dr. David Torr, Public Health Incident Command Centre Co-lead for the Saskatchewan Health Authority. "COVID spread depends on how much we let our guard down."

SHA said anyone with symptoms should protect themselves and others, especially the vulnerable, by staying home, self-isolating and getting tested for COVID-19. "It is important to remember that COVID-19 has no boundaries, it affects us all. As a province, we have a responsibility to support each other through these challenging times, to stay positive, and to continue working together in the spirit of kindness and generosity that defines our province."

On the same day that SHA released its reminder to residents to remain vigilant, Saskatchewan recorded its 15th death after a resident in the North tested positive for COVID-19 and was in their 20s.

In addition, there was one new case of COVID-19

to report on July 7, bringing the total to 806 cases in Saskatchewan. The new case was a Saskatoon region resident who was tested out of province. Of the 806 reported COVID-19 cases in Saskatchewan as of July 7, 54 were considered active. A total of 737 people had recovered. Four people were in hospital.

Four individuals were receiving inpatient care in the hospital; three in the North and one in Saskatoon. No one was in intensive care.

Of the 806 cases in the province: 168 cases are travellers; 482 are community contacts (including mass gatherings); 113 have no known exposures; and 43 are under investigation by local public health.

Overall in Saskatchewan:

- 55 cases are health care workers; however, the source of the infections may not be related to health care in all instances.

- 338 of the cases are from the Far North, 190 are from the Saskatoon area, 119 from the North, 80 from the Regina area, 66 from the South and 13 from the Central region.

- 116 cases involve people 19 years of age and under, while the remainder are adults.

- 283 cases are in the 20-39 age range; 253 are in the 40-59 age range; 133 are in the 60-79 age range; and 21 are in the 80 plus range.

- 51 percent of the cases are females and 49 percent are males.

As of July 7 a total of 70,294 COVID-19 tests had been performed in Saskatchewan. As of July 5, 2020, when other provincial and national numbers were available from the Public Health Agency of Canada, Saskatchewan's per capita rate was 52,252 people tested per million population. The national rate was 79,164 people tested per million population.

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Opinion



VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Well, another school year is over. Hopefully we will have a better one next year. Summer seems to be here with a lot of scary storms for some areas of the province. It seems like watching the skies might be a thing to do this year.

We travelled down to the south end of the province and camped at Willow Bunch campground. We had a very nice site that was well treed. It is a very unique campground. There were lots of hills and a beautiful golf course that we never got out on. We have plans to return and try it out. We did; however, golf in Coronach and enjoyed their beautiful course.

It is nice to have things

beginning to open up. If we are all careful maybe it will stay that way.

I saw that Meacham is having ice cream nights every Wednesday put on by the Meacham Rec Board. Sounds like a nice summer treat.

The Viscount Vikings Football 2020 registration form is out. It sounds like they are hoping for a possible startup date of Aug. 24.

Congrats to all the Kindergarten and high school grads for the 2019-20 year. Best wishes to all.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week. Enjoy the summer and stay safe.

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Tips from
Reena Nerbas

When this happened to me (she often says); I finally figured out that the eggs were not room temperature. That is the most important step when whipping egg whites. The other secret is to add one-quarter teaspoon cream of tartar (for two eggs) before whipping; this step will help stabilize the eggs. Lastly, you will increase your chances of success if you make meringue on a dry, sunny day because humidity can also affect the result.

Dear Reena,

I am so tired of the new grocery store rules. I am excited to go back to walk in any direction I please instead of walking around the entire aisle just because I forgot something. I never know how to greet people or if I should say hello to acquaintances. Grocery stores do not want me to bring my own bags from home, but I refuse to use plastic bags. Any advice? Jennifer

Dear Jennifer,

While it is a big change; it is reassuring to know that we are all in this together. Practising safe distancing and taking extra precautions is new to all of us. I understand your frustration and that you would like to opt to care for the planet; however, it is important to consider the safety of yourself as well as the store employees and other consumers. I am grateful that stores are open and I encourage absolutely every person to take a moment to thank the people who serve us.

Dear Reena,

I often hear people talk about straining food using a cheesecloth. What is a cheesecloth used for? Drew

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Drew,

People who make their own cheese use cheesecloths to remove whey from cheese curds. Before using a new cheesecloth, rinse it to remove dust and debris. A cheesecloth is also handy for clarifying stocks, making yogurt, bundling herbs for dropping into soup stock and for making tofu.

Hi Reena,

Now that it is summer, I am looking for the best way to prevent ants from getting in the house. Thanks! Betty

Dear Betty,

Begin by finding out where the ants are getting in. Do you need to seal doors or windows? Are there cracks in the foundation that need repair? Ants are attracted to food and so if you own pets and pet food sits out all day or their food is stored in open containers, chances are that you will have ants.

One very simple trick for homeowners without pets is to make a solution of 'Ant Away'. Combine one cup Borax and two tablespoons icing sugar into a bowl or shaker. Place the container in areas away from pets, kids and hungry neighbours because Borax is toxic if ingested. You can sprinkle over concrete cracks outside of doorways. I did this and have not seen an ant since. If your ant problem continues, spray ant killer with a two residual or call exterminators before the problem gets out of hand.

Fabulous tip of the week

• Add honey to whipped cream in place of sugar. One teaspoon of honey adds a sweet delicious flavour and the whipped cream stays firm longer.

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



Neighbourly advice
according to Ed

A spiritual column

by contributor

Raymond Maher

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Yesterday, I told Ed I was thinking of Aesop's Fables for children. These stories by Aesop, a Greek slave of around 620 BC, convey messages hidden in the story. After each fable, Aesop would reveal a meaning that the story taught by its events. Aesop's Fables are called timeless stories with a moral.

Ed and I were talking about books and stories that we hope our grandchildren will still read today and enjoy as we did when we were kids. Ed made sure to give the book

Some stories help us see hidden meanings

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer to his grandchildren in the hopes they would read it. It seems hard for books to compete with movies, video games, computers, tablets, and cell phones, but we believe good books can still thrill our grandchildren today.

In the Bible, Jesus taught by parables. His parables were simple, timeless stories of human characters in various life situations. Simply put, Jesus used earthly stories about people to teach heavenly truths. Everyone might not understand the spiritual truth that Jesus wanted his listeners to grasp. Some listening to Jesus were skeptical or unbelieving and they would miss the deeper meaning of Jesus' parable. Jesus said that some though seeing do not see and though they hear they do not understand. Jesus referred to the words of Isaiah, which speak of peoples' hearts becoming calloused, which results in them hardly hearing and

their eyes are closed.

One of the most famous of the parables of Jesus is often called the Parable of the Sower, which is found in Matthew Chapter 13. Jesus tells this parable:

"A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose, they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

The best explanation of this parable is by Jesus himself found in the same chapter Matthew 13:18-23. Among the countless explanations of the

parable that are not by Jesus, I offer this one.

God is the sower and the seed is His word cast on the soil in the hearts of people.

Some folks have hard hearts. Birds quickly eat seeds on a hard path. God's word is quickly snatched away by the devil when it lands on hard hearts.

Some folks have rocky hearts meaning little depth of soil. God's word sprouts in shallow hearts but cannot develop good deep roots and quickly dies when under extreme heat or stress.

Some folks have divided hearts with both the right plants and thorns growing there. At any time, the thorns may choke out the right plants. God's word cannot endure in a divided heart.

Some folks are whole-hearted in good soil. They hear the word of God and understand it. God's word grows in them, producing excellent yields of faith in their lives.

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Craik RCMP seize approximately 50 kg of cocaine

On July 3 at approximately 1:30 p.m. an officer from the Craik RCMP Detachment stopped a vehicle for speeding northbound on Hwy. 11 near Davidson. Officers located and seized approximately 50 - one kg bricks of suspected cocaine packaged for distribution, burner phones and approximately \$3,600. Officers from the Federal Serious and Organized Crime Team South assisted Craik RCMP with the investigation. Twenty-four-year-old Jitpartap Singh Bhatti of Brampton, Ont. was arrested and has been charged with trafficking cocaine. Thirty-year-old Harmdeep Sandhu of Brampton, Ont. was arrested and has been charged with trafficking cocaine

and possession of proceeds of crime. Sandhu and Bhatti appeared in Provincial Court in Moose Jaw July 7 and were released on strict conditions. Both are scheduled to return to court July 27 in Moose Jaw. The investigation is ongoing. **Charges laid by Wakaw RCMP** On July 4 at approximately 10:50 p.m., officers from the Wakaw RCMP Detachment were called to a rollover of a side-by-side all-terrain vehicle on a rural property. Three occupants were riding in the vehicle when the driver lost control and rolled the vehicle. None of the occupants were wearing a helmet. A 51-year-old male passenger passed away while a 57-year-old female passenger did not sustain any injury. The driver, a 48-year-old male, also did not sustain any injury. Wakaw RCMP received assistance in the investigation from the Prince Albert RCMP Detachment, Prince Albert Traffic Services, Wakaw EMS, Wakaw/Hoodoo Fire and Rescue, an RCMP Reconstructionist and Gateway Regional Victim Services. Patrick Strong of Saskatoon was arrested on scene and has been charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle causing death and for refusing to provide a breath sample. Strong is scheduled to make his first court appearance on Aug. 11.

Three lives saved by Saskatoon Police following overdoses Members of the Saskatoon Police Service are credited with saving three lives following calls regarding unresponsive people. The first incident occurred at approximately 10:30 p.m., July 6 behind a convenience store in the 400 block of 3rd Avenue North. An officer arrived on scene and found a 43-year-old man lying in an alley. He was not breathing and had no pulse. The officer was able to administer Narcan and conduct CPR until he could be transported to hospital. At approximately 12:30 a.m., a call came from the 100 block of Avenue R South that a woman had overdosed. The responding officer located an unresponsive 29-year-old woman inside a residence. He administered Narcan and conducted CPR until she could be transported to hospital. Then, at approximately 2 a.m. a man was reported to be lying on a sidewalk in the 800 block of Idylwyld Drive North. The responding officer administered Narcan and the 50-year-old male was revived and transported to hospital by Medavie Health Services. SPS wishes to remind the public about the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act which provides some legal protection for individuals who experience or witness an overdose and call police.

Additional MEEP projects confirmed for local municipalities

Daniel Bushman

After communities and rural municipalities in Saskatchewan received funding for 55 projects as part of the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP), more have been approved to move ahead. Announced by the Government of Saskatchewan to help stimulate the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic, a handful of local municipalities will be using the funds for a number of improvements.

During the first round of project approvals, Watrous received over \$270,000 with the majority of those funds being spent on water replacements on Main Street. With three blocks being worked on as part of that project beginning this month, other places have also been given the green light for their projects. In addition to Watrous, the RM of Arm River No. 252 received \$35,932 for disaster mitigation for a culvert project on Township Road 260 and Lanigan was

approved for almost \$200,000 for a sewer line asset management plan engineering/feasibility study and playground rejuvenation. While Watrous, the RM of Arm River No. 252 and Lanigan were named as part of the first 55 project approvals, Government Relations Minister Lori Carr announced July 8 the approval of an additional 139 projects totalling just under \$14 million under the MEEP. As part of those 139 projects, receiving just over

\$76,000, the RM of Usborne No. 310 will be using its funds for a bridge replacement project in Division 4 (\$21,032) and a valve replacement for the Guernsey lagoon (\$55,000). The RM of Big Arm No. 251 will be purchasing a mower as part of its municipal equipment (\$27,452). The Village of Meacham was approved for \$14,229 which will be put towards a lift station valve and pipe replacement. The other local community receiving funding in the second round of project approvals was Simpson. The village will put its money (\$18,253) into water treatment for drinking water. “So far in June and July, a total of 194 municipal projects and initiatives have been approved for 109 communities,” Carr said. “The total investment so far of \$21.37 million under the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program 2020 strengthens communities in two ways: municipalities improve their local infrastructure and capital assets needed to provide services

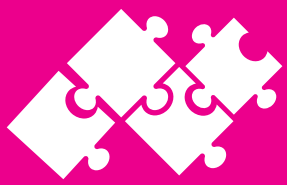
to residents as well as provide projects that can help get residents back to work.” The \$150 million MEEP 2020 is a key component of the Government of Saskatchewan’s \$7.5 billion, two-year capital plan to try and build a strong province and stimulate its economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Each project and its schedule is managed by the municipality receiving funding. All MEEP 2020 funding must be used by Mar. 31, 2022.

Government of Saskatchewan Request for Proposals

Sale of Land and Buildings
Watrous, Saskatchewan

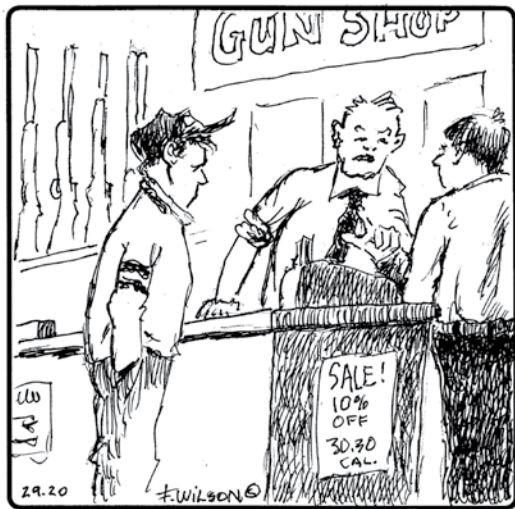
Secure electronic proposals for the sale of land and buildings located at 102 - 13th Avenue in Watrous, Saskatchewan, will be received by the Ministry of Central Services, Property Management Division, until **2 p.m. Saskatchewan time on July 16, 2020** and will be opened thereafter. Proposals must be submitted in PDF format via email, following the Instructions to Proponents included in the proposal documents.

Interested proponents may obtain proposal documents from sasktenders.ca. The Ministry of Central Services reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received.

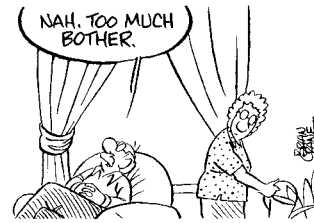
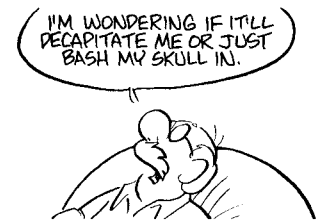
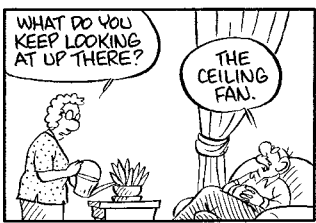


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Cartoon by Frank Wilson

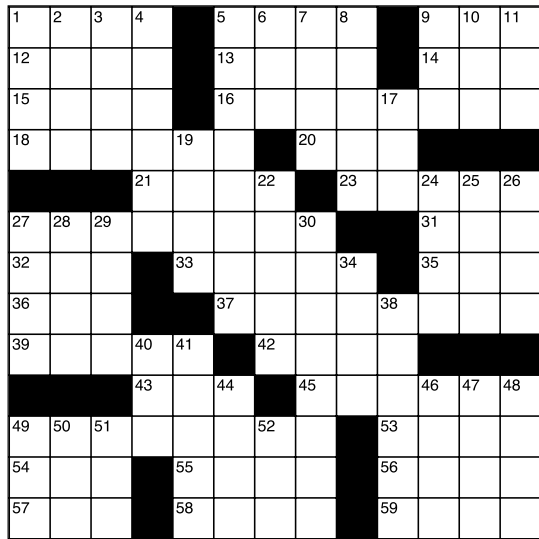


"Um ... he wants to know if we carry any ammo for horseflies ..."



CROSSWORD

PUZZLE NO. 38



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ACROSS

1. Trousers parts
5. Drink heartily
9. Young child
12. Kind of history
13. Word before box or shed
14. "___ Miss Brooks"
15. Party cheese
16. Whole
18. Manor and its grounds
20. Whichever
21. Darts
23. Evaluates
27. Two-wheelers
31. Jump up and down
32. Period of time
33. Hangs on to
35. "Where the Boys ___"
36. Uppermost surface
37. Spent lavishly
39. Scornful look
42. Garage event
43. Goal
45. Slid smoothly
49. Dentist's concern
53. Economize
54. Beseech
55. Birch or beech, e.g.
56. Sign of the future
57. Carrier for groceries

DOWN

1. Earring's site
2. Makes a boo-boo
3. Pace
4. Trashy
5. Church towers
6. ___ ton soup
7. Tad
8. Shine
9. Stocking end
10. Umpire's cry
11. Attempt
17. Bread variety
19. Clock sound
22. Leaks slowly
24. Kind of rug
25. Pulled apart
26. Rushed
27. Risks money
28. Press clothes
29. Sleeveless garment
30. Spatters
34. Pout
38. Excuse
40. Feast
41. Mob scenes
44. Greater
46. Tone down
47. Dusks
48. Auto mishap mark
49. Subside
50. Positive response
51. Omelet need
52. Suit to a ___

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TO SUDOKU AND
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Q: What do you get when you cross a pastry and a snake?

A: A pie-thon.

JUST kidding

Q: What do you call a fish without an eye?

A: A fish.


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► Following guidelines set out by the provincial government under the Re-open Saskatchewan plan, the Watrous Wheatland Regional Library is preparing and awaiting supplies before it can re-open to the public. Community Librarian Candace Whitfield said, “We are unsure of an official date yet as we wait to hear from Central - Wheatland in accordance with their specific reopening plan.” While the library is not open to the public as of yet, they do have reduced hours for online holds pickup and the book return is open for returns as well. “Hopefully we will have an official announcement soon from Central regarding a date when we can reopen the library in a safe and cautious manner to keep our staff and our patrons safe.” Whitfield noted right now patrons can request materials online from the library’s specific collection (WATROUS LIBRARY) and can receive materials from the local library by arranging curb-

side pickup. Currently the library in Watrous is not receiving weekly bin delivery but Whitfield is hopeful that will start up again soon. In the meantime, Whitfield said the library is still supporting the TD Summer Reading Program 2020. While strictly an online format this year due to COVID-19, people are encouraged to sign up and track their reading and they can also complete colouring pages and online activities. “The program (TDSummerReadingclub.ca) also has ways to keep busy and keep reading for both kids and adults!” People can also watch for updates in The Watrous Manitou, view the library’s social media pages on Facebook and Instagram, or head to www.wheatland.sk.ca for updates and changes. “If there are any questions please give us a call. We would be happy to help. We are looking forward to seeing our patrons in the library again even though it will be different. It will be great to see you!”  photo by Daniel Bushman



► Following the guidelines as part of the provincial government’s Re-open Saskatchewan plan, the Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre reopened to the public as July arrived. Open Friday and Saturday afternoons in July and August, there was also a new exhibit as part of the relaunch of the centre. Patrons stopping by the centre along Main Street in Watrous will be able to check out the area’s hockey history. With jerseys, articles, photos and historical memorabilia displayed, a number of familiar faces to Watrous and the area are featured. In addition, part of TSN’s visit to

Watrous is also being shown on the screen at the Heritage Centre. During that visit in 2009, Jocelyn Kratchmer, Sam Klassen and Stanley Cup winner Paul Meger were interviewed and featured during TSN’s live broadcast. Along with the hockey exhibit, other familiar exhibits are also part of the centre. Kathy Bergen with the centre said hand sanitizer has been brought in for patrons to use and one washroom has also been designated for visitors. People who attend the Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre are encouraged to practice social distancing while enjoying the area’s history.  photos by Daniel Bushman



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Obituary

PROKE, Timothy Harold 1960 - 2020



Timothy Harold Proke, born July 26th, 1960, in Kamloops, B.C., beloved son of Sylvia Proke (nee Burbridge) and Larry Proke, passed away unexpectedly on May 29, 2020, in Richmond, B.C.

Just before turning one, the family moved to Penticton, B.C., which would forever remain his favourite

place to visit throughout his life. He started playing “Peach Buds” hockey at age three, attended kindergarten and started Grade 1 there. At age six, the family moved to Surrey, where he attended Hjorth Road Elementary, Old Yale Elementary and West Whalley Junior High. During this time, he continued playing hockey and was one of the players to complete the Canadian Figure Skating Associations CanSkate program, all in his hockey skates, which helped him become a proficient skater. He also developed into an excellent baseball player, in which he participated through Jr. High. As a young boy, summers were spent in Watrous and Manitou Beach, Sask. with his Nana and Popa and his great-grandmother, MacNana (Isabel McIntosh). A highlight was always hanging out at the Massey Ferguson shop and riding on a combine with Popa in the July 1st parade. Then onto Sifton, Man. to visit his Baba and Dido; spending time at the lake; delivering mail with his Uncle Andy and Aunt Olga; hanging out with cousins and, of course, eating Baba’s perogies! After moving to Langley, B.C. he attended H.D. Stafford to complete Jr. High, then Langley S.S. for part of his Sr. High, graduating grade 12 from McRoberts Secondary in Richmond. During his teens he took up tennis, downhill skiing and discovered golf. He started his hospitality career at the Keg in the Country, Langley, as a dishwasher/busboy at age 16. He moved through the roles to become a bartender. Simultaneously, he took flying lessons and earned his pilot’s licence. From there he spent many years at the Richmond Golf & Country Club, bartending and assisting with food services. In 1993, sponsored by his Mom, he took a course on “The Pursuit of Excellence” which gave him the confidence to make a career change and to follow his passion, the love of golf. Many customers will remember Tim from his years at Riverside Golf. He won a “Taylor Made” sponsored trip to the Toronto area to golf with Canadian golf pro, Mike Weir. He later transitioned to the golf department at Sport Chek and was at the Tsawwassen Mills store at the time of his passing.

Tim was predeceased by Nana and Popa – Jean and Harold Burbridge; Baba and Dido – Jessie and Nick Proke; stepmother – Terry Proke and other aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is survived by his Mom, Sylvia (Don Vinblad); Dad, Larry (Louise); sister, Shauna (Dan Jamison); niece and nephew, Sara and Benjamin Vos; as well as aunts, uncles and cousins.

A private family gathering and interment will take place at a later date in Penticton, B.C.

Tim suffered from the effects of Crohn’s Disease for the majority of his life. His love of pets was evident from childhood. Therefore, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Crohn’s and Colitis Canada or BC SPCA - Donor Relations Team.

Arrangements entrusted to Delta Funeral Home.

Online condolences and messages to the family can be left at www.deltafuneral.ca

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Country dealing with large deficit after fiscal and economic snapshot released

■ Daniel Bushman

Providing what the federal government has labelled as a fiscal and economic snapshot of the country’s finances during the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be a significant impact on the federal deficit. With severe deterioration in the economic outlook, the results outlined by Federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau indicate a projected deficit of \$343.2 billion in 2020-‘21.

Trying to navigate through the COVID-19 crisis, the Government of Canada stated it responded with rapid and broad-based emergency support measures to protect the health and economic well-being of Canadians.

Morneau presented the economic and fiscal snapshot July 8 and while the toll of COVID-19 on the broader economy in 2020 is expected to be the largest and most sudden economic contraction since the Great Depression, the government indicated measures to flatten the pandemic curve in Canada are “paying off,” and efforts are underway across the country to safely and gradually reopen the Canadian economy.

As part of that, representing nearly 14 percent of Canada’s gross domestic product (GDP), according to the federal government, Canada’s COVID-19 Economic Response Plan includes more than \$230 billion in measures to protect the health and safety of Canadians and provide direct support to Canadians, businesses and other employers, and up to \$85 billion in tax and customs duty payment deferrals to meet liquidity needs of businesses and Canadian families.

Morneau said, “The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on the social and economic well-being of Canadians in every part of the country. For many it has meant lost jobs, lost hours and lost wages. Our government has understood, from the moment this pandemic began, that it was our role to step in to support Canadians and stabilize the economy. Our investments have meant that Canadians and Canadian businesses, instead of drowning in debt and closing up shop, will be better positioned to get back at it. As economies gradually and safely reopen, we will continue to ensure that Canadians have access to the support they need.”

As part of that snapshot the federal government noted that:

- As businesses and many sectors of the economy closed or curtailed their activities as a result of the pandemic, the Canadian and global economies took a severe hit. In Canada, 5.5 million Canadians – 30 percent of the workforce – either lost their jobs or saw their hours significantly scaled back over March and April;

- Private sector economists expect an annualized decline of over 40 percent in Canada’s real GDP in the second quarter of this year. They expect the economy to contract by 6.8 percent in 2020 as a whole, its sharpest drop since the Great Depression, before rebounding by 5.5 percent in 2021;

- There are now growing signs that the worst of the economic shock is behind the Canadian economy, as the gradual and safe reopening of the economy continues. The shape of Canada’s economic recovery is uncertain and highly dependent on public health;

- The decisive and substantial support provided through the government’s economic response plan helped prevent further costly damage to the Canadian economy by replacing the more than \$40 billion lost in labour income, preventing the contraction in real GDP to reach over 10 percent in 2020 and the unemployment rate to rise by a further two percentage points; and

- The temporary measures implemented through the government’s economic response plan will have a significant impact on the federal deficit. Coupled with the severe deterioration in the economic outlook, these result in a projected deficit of \$343.2 billion in 2020-‘21.

While this year’s deficit estimate is elevated, the government said its response is in line with the fiscal response deployed by other comparator countries. “Coming out of the crisis, Canada is expected to maintain its low debt advantage among G7 countries. The government’s commitment to maintaining this advantage will help ensure that future generations are not burdened with COVID-19 related debt.”

(continued on page 11 : DEFICIT)

(from page two: TOON)

began including them. Taking pride in seeing his work in other newspapers, at one point eight publications contained a Frank Wilson 'toon.

Drawing in the area of 1,700 cartoons over three decades - all of which currently reside in Frank's dark desk drawer at his Watrous home - Wilson began to

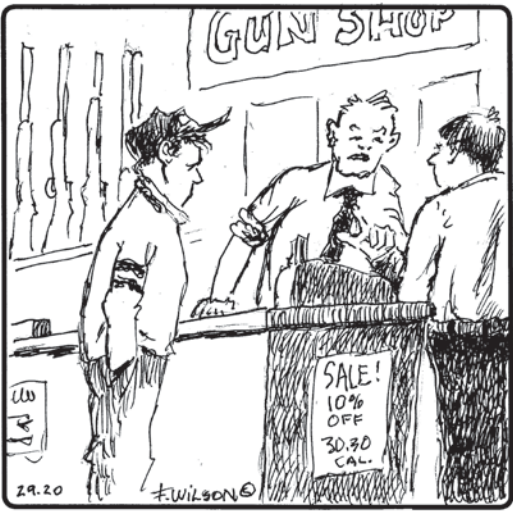
feel it was time to put his pencil down. Emailing the weekly publications who currently include his work, the artist said, "This cartoon will mark the last of my cartooning career. I have been doing them almost weekly ever since 1985 and I feel I am running out of gas."

While Frank's 'toons will be forever etched

within the pages of The Watrous Manitou and other weekly publications across Saskatchewan, Wilson's love for art continues. A member of the local Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail, Frank has enjoyed dabbling in oil painting. The artist's incredible prairie scenes and images from northern Saskatchewan

have reflected his talent and Wilson has been recognized for several awards over the years. Those who have participated in the Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail have also been able to view his award winning pieces at his home, something he hopes to continue to create for years to come.

Frank's final cartoon



"Um ... he wants to know if we carry any ammo for horseflies ..."

(from front page: WEATHER)

and bags of leaves and garden waste today. Please put them out by the curb."

With the three confirmed tornadoes already in early July, Phillips said they are more common in Saskatchewan than in any other place in Canada with an average of about 15 per year. "They tend to be a little on the weak side with F0, F1 and maybe F2 but not much more than that. They do create some damage but it is really just the province where you do see a lot of hail storms, thunderstorms and from that tornadoes can spawn. I think there would have been more, stronger and intense ones (on July 4) if there would have been a little more heat and humidity."

Another severe weather event occurred July 7 when ECCC noted intense thunderstorms moved through southwestern Saskatchewan and persisted into the night. This line brought severe wind gusts, large hail, and heavy rain. A report of nickel-sized hail occurred

in Golden Prairie and reports of trees being snapped took place near Hazenmore.

Some of the maximum wind gusts in kilometres per hour recorded by ECCC stations included: Mankota at 141, Coronach at 139, Val Marie at 117, Rockglen at 98, Assiniboia at 91, Kindersley at 89, Estevan at 87, and North Battleford at 83. Along with the high winds, there was a large amount of precipitation for those areas. The 24-hour accumulated precipitation in millimetres from ECCC stations (as of 11 a.m. July 8) included: North Battleford with 133.8, Edgerton with 73.1, Hussar with 64.2, Gilt Edge North with 54.5, Spiritwood with 51.8, and Ribstone south with 50. There were also reports of Assiniboia receiving around 61 mm of precipitation.

For the local area, while there has not been any confirmed tornadoes as of yet or a substantial amount of moisture in July like southern portions of the province have experienced, Phillips said, "In some parts of the

prairies it has been too wet and not warm enough but I think your area is about as close to normal as it can be. Temperatures could be a little warmer but that is coming and precipitation has been pretty adequate. It hasn't made up for the very dry April and May but it is better that you did get some rain when the crops are growing instead of the reverse."

As for the temperature over the past few months, Phillips said it has been slightly on the cool side with May coming out to be about a half of a degree cooler than normal. June was about a degree cooler than normal but July so far has been close to normal. The trend moving forward shows normal to warmer than normal for the next month, something that Phillips said is perfect for the province. "The good kind of vacation and farm weather is ahead of you. It doesn't look like it is going to be so warm but my sense is it will be pretty good."

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OSAC cancels 2020-'21 performing arts season

media release

The Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils (OSAC), along with its member arts councils announced the decision has been made to postpone all tour dates in the 2020/'21 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. OSAC is working with its artist and agent partners to reschedule the dates whenever presenting is again feasible for its mostly volunteer presenters. OSAC will continue to monitor new information and guidelines from SHA and the Government of Saskatchewan to see if there is the ability for OSAC members to book and present performances during the 2020/'21 time frame. Treena Redman – OSAC Board Chair said, "The OSAC staff did not take lightly the decision to cancel the 2020/'21 Performing Arts Season, and it is a decision made with the full support of the OSAC Board of Directors. The health and safety concerns of each member Arts Council's volunteers and employees, as well as their patrons and performers, must be made a priority. This decision also considered the provincial government's current restrictions on large gatherings, which does not have a set end-date at this time. The OSAC staff has done an excellent job of navigating their way through these unprece-

ented times, and will continue to have the full support of the OSAC Board as they move forward through this global pandemic." Kevin Korchinski – Executive Director said, "As we all face this pandemic together the OSAC Board and staff felt that the responsible action at this time was to postpone the 2020/'21 season to ensure the safety off all who are involved at presenting a performance in nearly 40 communities as well as audience members. In over 50 years of touring Performing Arts in Saskatchewan, OSAC has never been forced to cancel an entire season, but these are truly extraordinary times. We hope to be able to continue "Bringing The Arts To You" in the Fall of 2021." Skip Taylor - Performing Arts Coordinator said, "It is disappointing to have to cancel a season that had a record 179 performances booked throughout the province, but at the same time, it is the safe and reasonable thing to do. In many cases the performances our presenters' book are the only performing arts presentations that occur in their communities. It is sad to think those communities will miss out on that cultural and artistic impact. We are very hopeful we can get back to supporting our members and seeing these inspiring performances return to Saskatchewan communities in 2021."


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After the snapshot was released by the federal government, Official Opposition Leader, the Conservative Party's Andrew Scheer was disappointed stating there appears to be no plan to help Canadians get back to work or to restart the economy. "Over the past five years, the Trudeau Liberals have completely abandoned their fiscal anchors. The debt-to-GDP ratio is rising, the deficit has exploded to \$343.2 billion, and they have completely lost control over the federal debt which for the first time will reach over \$1 trillion this year. "In order to be competitive, we need to unleash the power of the private sector. Help Canadians get back to work. Support small businesses. Lower taxes, cut red tape and make Canada an attractive place to do business once again."


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