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Local area steps up for Telemiracle 44

■ Daniel Bushman

As the streamers tumbled down from above and the curtain dropped, people in Saskatchewan once again had reason to celebrate as Telemiracle 44 raised just over \$5.5 million. The 20-hour telethon which began Mar. 7 and ran until Mar. 8 in Regina had people across the province and beyond ringing those phones.

As part of the over \$5.5 million raised, the community of Watrous and the surrounding area once again stepped up bringing in just over \$5,000 more than last year's local total. Watrous Kinette President Mel Rostie who was one of eight Kin members from Watrous attending this year's Telemiracle said every year the local area comes together in a huge way. Rostie shared a breakdown of this year's local donations:

- Pie Auction at Manitou Lodge: \$7,550;
 - Sweetheart Lunch: \$603.99;
 - Craft and Trade Show Lunch: \$749;
 - Toilets for Telemiracle: \$4,868.90;
 - Cassies Younique Party: \$252.35;
 - Winston High School Ham and Scalloped Potato Supper: \$1,400;
 - Watrous Kinsmen Donation: \$2,020;
 - Manitou Springs Hotel and Mineral Spa: \$1,000;
 - John's Plate: \$500;
 - Personal donations: \$709.55;
 - Helping Hands: \$463.25; and
 - Watrous Elementary School Bake Sale: \$1,153 (sent in by mail and not part of Sunday's presentation total).
- That made the final Watrous Telemiracle total \$21,270.04!

Rostie and seven local Kin members were all smiles as they presented this year's total on stage in Regina Sunday afternoon. "We are proud to represent our community and sincerely appreciate everyone's continued support. Those are your hard earned, generously given dollars."

The group also worked shifts one and three on the phones and treasury. "We were humbled from the very start as the opening of the show told a story of a family who received much needed support from Telemiracle. The talent was amazing and the kinship that takes place behind the scenes was like a big family reunion."

This year a pair of new Watrous Kin members took part in Telemiracle. Rostie said Alexina and Mikaela were able to experience what the 20-hour telethon was all about.

"Telemiracle further magnifies the passion our communities have for a better tomorrow," said Alexina. "It provides hope to those who need it most. I am so fortunate to be involved with this inspiring event."

Mikaela added, "Telemiracle is an inspirational community where we are able to give back and help others in need. I am proud to be a Watrous Kinette and happy I had the chance to attend."

One of the many highlights of this year's show were the 80 talented Saskatchewan performers who appeared throughout the telethon and during the Countdown to



► Once again the local area was tremendous when it came to supporting Telemiracle. Held in Regina this year, Watrous Kinettes presented a cheque on behalf of the area for over \$20,000. In addition, a few other local faces and performers were also part of this year's show.

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Telemiracle pre-show. As part of that, some local talent was centre stage including Nikeesha Goodsman of Viscount, Jenna Schmidt who was part of a dance group and Jarvis Mattson of Watrous.

Not only did the 80 performers showcase talents from every corner of the province, they also raised money for the telethon – which was once again matched by Nutrien, who presented a total donation of \$159,161 on stage just before the end of the broadcast.

"I am thrilled and humbled by the generosity of Saskatchewan people that supported Telemiracle this year," said Telemiracle 44 Chair Jesse Shkuratoff. "Once again, Telemiracle brought our province together and the impact of these donations will be felt across Saskatchewan."

As the final numbers on stage revealed a total of \$5,523,472, with this year's incredible generosity added, the total raised by Telemiracle since 1977 is now over \$140 million.

"We were brought to tears once again as that final total was revealed," said Rostie. "That just showed there are 5.5 million reasons to carry on with our fundraising efforts next year!"

All Telemiracle proceeds stay in Saskatchewan and are granted through the Kinsmen Foundation for specialized medical and mobility equipment, and assistance with medical travel. The Foundation receives over 1,000 applications for assistance from Saskatchewan residents each year.

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► With spring on its way, local area hockey teams have wrapped up their seasons including the Drake/Nokomis initiation team who hosted a game Mar. 7 against the Watrous Initiation Hawks team two (pictured).

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Emergency services resume

► After a temporary disruption to emergency services at Watrous District Health Complex during part of last week, services have returned to normal. The halt to emergency services in Watrous began at 2:30 p.m. Mar. 9 and were due to renovations required for housing a new chemistry analyzer. Doug Dahl with Saskatchewan Health Authority said renovations were completed ahead of time, and the serviced disruption ended earlier than expected. No other services were impacted during that time and people needing emergency services were encouraged to use the hospital in Lanigan.

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Prairie men open up about mental health in new book

■ Daniel Bushman

Hoping to help those suffering in silence whether it is within the agriculture sector, a rural setting or otherwise, motivational speaker and author Allan Kehler knows firsthand about the struggles people can face when it comes to mental health. Persevering through his own mental health experiences and hoping to convey the message of not being alone, Kehler has joined forces with a number of other men from Saskatchewan including a local area farmer.

With different backgrounds and experiences, in Kehler's new book, *MENTal Health: It's Time To Talk*, prairie men share their stories and how they've pulled through. Growing up in Drake and now calling Saskatoon home, Kehler was busy shovelling snow off his driveway one winter day when the idea for the book came to be. "It felt like something just smoked me on the head and I actually ran inside and typed the whole skeleton of the book."

That night as Kehler was sleeping, he realized the book would be bigger than he first thought. "I am not a vision kind of guy but I saw a long line of people and they were all men. They are all handing me a piece of paper which was their story. Then I realized wow, okay, this is supposed to be a book for men which was really interesting. I have always said that it is bigger than me."

From there the bestselling author put a call out to men from Saskatchewan and soon began compiling their stories. "For me there is absolutely nothing more sacred and powerful than someone's story. With that understanding came the challenge of sitting down and interviewing each man, and then writing it as though I was them. I found this process difficult because I had to relive a lot of my challenges. Every theme in this book, I have lived it all."

With raw honesty from those interviewed for the book and putting a voice to topics like masculinity, mental illness, addiction, sexual abuse, and suicide, Kehler felt the timing of the book was so important. "Following my presentations I am starting to see a shift where more men are allowing themselves to be vulnerable. When they allow themselves to be vulnerable it gives other people permission to do the same. More and more men are starting to approach me after presentations. It used to be the women and the men would be lurking in the background as though they wanted to talk but didn't know how to talk."

Kehler said being able to break down those barriers and talk, especially in the prairies, has been and con-

tinues to be a real struggle for many. "I interviewed a lot of different people and the fear was always the same. All the men believed that if they shared their struggles they would be met with judgement, they would be perceived as weak and it would ruin their reputations. However, this was not the case. What they thought was going to happen never did. Rather, they were met with compassion and support. That says something to me. Every single man said the biggest thing they had to do was just talk. Just talk. And it does not have to be with a psychologist or a psychiatrist it can be just with someone you feel comfortable with. Every single person said the moment they put a voice to their pain they felt freer. I am the exact same way from my lived experience. I think that we get into our head too much, I think that we over think things. It doesn't have to be so difficult. Just give yourself permission to put a voice to your pain."

Two of those voices who shared their stories in Allan's book are Matt and Lesley Kelly. Growing up in the Imperial area, Matt now farms with his wife Lesley and her family near Watrous. Over the last few years, Matt and Lesley have been tremendous advocates of being a positive voice when it comes to mental health and explained why they felt adding their stories to the book were integral. "It is very important to us that we help be a positive and real voice for mental health. Mental health is part of all of us and if it helps one person have the courage to ask for help, it is worth it."

While Matt shares about his story of normalizing mental health in agriculture as a farmer and seed grower, Lesley talks about supporting her husband through mental illness in a chapter of her own.

"Our hope and goal is that it gives others hope and encouragement that it does get better. Mental illness doesn't define you, it is the strength and courage that does. We want to help others feel that they are not alone and there are tools/resources to help you and your loved ones."


The Kellys said when it comes to farming it can be very hard and challenging for any producer. "You don't have to go through those challenges and suffer in silence alone. There is support, resources, tools and people to help get through the hard times. If you are going through a hard time or know someone who is, please talk, ask and listen to each other. These three things can make a huge, positive impact on someone."


"It is very important because as an industry, we've never been encouraged to talk about it. But by talking about it more, whether at the kitchen table, board table

or at industry events, this breaks the silence and helps get the support and give hope to those who need it and reduces the stigma. Having more awareness about mental health and illness is the first step we can do as an industry."

Growing up a short distance from each other as kids, while they did not know each other at the time, when Kehler heard about Matt and Lesley's stories, he was encouraged and thrilled to be able to include them in his book. "It was so cool because for me I feel as though all

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Desired Qualifications:

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- Proficiency with computers and computer applications is required, and specific experience with MuniSoft software would be a definite asset
- Experience as a CAO, or with the duties associated with this position
- Standard Urban C Certificate in Local Government Administration (or a willingness to obtain)

Wage:

- \$24.60 - \$38.05/hour (depending on qualifications and experience - in accordance with UMAAS salary guidelines). In addition, pension and full benefits are provided after 3 months.

Interested candidates are invited to email their resume and cover letter (Word format) to villageoffice@young.ca.

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RCMP Report

Theft east of Lanigan of pharmaceuticals for cattle

Sometime between 5 p.m. Mar. 6 and 7 a.m. Mar. 7, a business on Hwy. 761 east of Lanigan was broken into. The suspect(s) made off with over \$11,000 worth of pharmaceuticals for cattle. This product is unique and RCMP are asking the public to report if they have any information regarding this theft.

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 in RM of Usborne

Between Friday, Mar. 6 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, Mar. 7 at 12 p.m. a wind turbine, solar panels, electric fence, battery, and a regulator were stolen off a trailer that was parked in a field northwest of Lockwood in the RM of Usborne.

If you have information about these or any other crimes, please call the Watrous RCMP at 306-946-3316 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), through Sask-Tel Mobility at *8477, text TIP206 plus your message to CRIMES (274637) or submit a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com where you can also view information on other unsolved crimes. Crime Stoppers is anonymous

and does not subscribe to call display and calls are not traced or recorded. If your information leads to an arrest or charge you may be eligible for a cash award.

Theft at farmyard near Lockwood

On Mar. 7 suspect(s) broke into a garage at a farmyard southwest of Lockwood and stole a generator, toolbox and a chainsaw.

If you have information about these or any other crimes, please call the Watrous RCMP at 306-946-3316 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), through Sask-Tel Mobility at *8477, text TIP206 plus your message to CRIMES (274637) or submit a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com where you can also view information on other unsolved crimes. Crime Stoppers is anonymous and does not subscribe to call display and calls are not traced or recorded. If your information leads to an arrest or charge you may be eligible for a cash award.

Break, enter and theft from site on Hwy. 16

Between Mar. 7 and 8, there was a theft from a mobile office at a cleanup site a few kilometres west of Guernsey on Hwy. 16. Suspect(s) forced entry into a mobile office trailer on site and stole a laser level, gas air monitor and a laptop computer. In total over \$5,000 of equipment was stolen during this break, enter and theft.

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RCMP respond to separate snowmobile incidents

Saskatchewan RCMP responded to two serious snowmobile incidents.

On Mar. 6 at 9:24 p.m., Prince Albert RCMP received the report of a fatal snowmobile collision approximately

five km north of Emma Lake which claimed the life of a 48-year-old male. It was reported that the driver was snowmobiling with friends in the afternoon before becoming separated from the group. A group of friends began a search and located the driver who had passed away just off the trail hours later. EMS and Lakeland Fire Department attended the scene. An autopsy has been ordered and scheduled to take place in the coming days.

On Mar. 7 between the hours of 2 and 3 p.m., Wollaston Lake RCMP received the report of a single snowmobile collision in Wollaston Lake. A 20-year-old male, the lone driver of the snowmobile, was taken to hospital in Saskatoon by air ambulance with what were reported to be serious, life-threatening injuries.

The investigation is ongoing for both incidents. The names of both drivers will not be released by RCMP at this time.

Adult charged with second degree murder

On Mar. 8 police officers from the North Battleford RCMP received a request to check on the well-being of a 22-year-old female. Police attended a residence on the 1900 block of St. Laurent Drive in North Battleford and located the female who had passed away.

The RCMP Major Crimes Unit North, RCMP Forensic Identification Section, Saskatchewan Coroners Service and the RCMP National Forensic Identification Support Services from Edmonton are assisting with the investigation.

An autopsy was completed Mar. 9 in Saskatoon.

Keenan Mirasty of North Battleford has been charged with Second Degree Murder contrary to Sec. 235(1) of the Criminal Code in relation to the death of Sequin Mooswa. Mirasty made his first court appearance in Provincial Court in North Battleford Mar. 10.

Province confirms presumptive case of COVID-19 in Sask.

media release

Saskatchewan Ministry of Health's Provincial Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab has confirmed Saskatchewan's first presumptive case of COVID-19. The resident is in their

60s with recent travel to Egypt.

Experiencing symptoms, the individual was tested Mar. 9 in Saskatoon and has been well enough to self-isolate at home. Public health officials are in regular contact with this individual.

"The province's first case is linked to travel from a country where local transmission of COVID-19 has been reported," Dr. Shahab said. "This supports the expanded testing criteria of symptomatic travellers to better prepare Saskatchewan's response to the COVID-19 event. All travellers need to monitor their symptoms for two weeks upon return home."

Public health's contact investigation is underway and will connect with this individual's close contacts. If you do not receive a call from public health, you are not at risk of transmission of COVID-19 from this individual.

The Roy Romanow

Provincial Laboratory reported the positive lab sample Mar. 12, 2020, and has forwarded it to the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg for confirmation.

"While the risk of acquiring COVID-19 in Saskatchewan continues to be low, increased testing will assist us in detecting cases as early as possible and delaying the spread of the illness as long as possible," Shahab said. "But it is critical that residents take precautions to protect themselves against respiratory illness. Wash your hands frequently, practice good cough and sneeze hygiene and stay home if you are sick."

"The Ministry of Health and the Saskatch-

ewan Health Authority have dedicated planning teams in place," Saskatchewan Health Minister Jim Reiter said. "Our government is committed to providing the resources our public health system requires to mitigate and respond to COVID-19."

Protect yourself from respiratory illness:

- wash your hands frequently – for at least 20 seconds;
- do not touch surfaces and then your mouth, eyes or nose;
- use tissues when you cough or sneeze and dispose of them immediately, use your elbow if a tissue is not available;
- practice social distancing by not shaking hands, hugging, etc.; and
- stay home if you become ill and prevent the spread of the illness.

Travel guidance: all travellers should self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or difficulty breathing) for 14 days after returning to Canada and avoid places where you cannot easily separate yourself from others if you become ill. If you have even mild symptoms, stay home and call HealthLine 811 for advice.

Contact HealthLine 811 within 24 hours of arriving in Canada for direction.

As the province announced its first presumptive case of COVID-19, it was also announced the Juno Awards were cancelled in Saskatoon. Numerous professional sports leagues put their seasons on pause while other leagues and events have also since been postponed or cancelled.

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Sports



►After playing the first game of their Senior A provincial North Final in Drake Mar. 7, the Drake Canucks and the Watrous Winterhawks met once again, but this time for game one of the Long Lake Hockey League final. With Drake taking game one of the provincial series, scoring late in the third period to win 4-3, the Canucks hosted the Winterhawks Mar. 12 for game one of the league championship. In that one, Watrous got off to a 3-0 start before Drake cut the lead to 3-1. Then with the first period winding down, the Canucks made it 3-2. In the second, with 17:42 to go, Drake netted its third of the evening before Watrous pulled ahead a short time later. Down by one, the Canucks responded with 15:58 remaining in the middle stanza and tied the game back up. That is how it stood through 40 minutes as teams tried to get the go-ahead tally in period three. In the third, Watrous added one to its total while the Canucks netted a pair of markers to take the game 7-5.

Despite last Thursday's outcome, during that evening the Saskatchewan Hockey Association (SHA) released a statement relating to Hockey Canada cancelling all sanctioned activities in response to COVID-19. SHA General Manager Kelly McClintock stated, "The past few weeks have been difficult as we witness the world react and address the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We agree with Hockey Canada that the health and safety of everyone connected to all sports is what our focus needs to be at this time. Therefore, all sanctioned activities within the Saskatchewan Hockey Association must cease for the remainder of the season as of tomorrow, Friday, March 13, 2020... This is not a decision that was made lightly; however, the health and safety of everyone connected to our sport was paramount in the decision-making process."

photos courtesy Jamie Regier



►With teams from Watrous, Porcupine Plain, Canora and Norquay, the Winston High School gym was home to Conference boys basketball action Saturday, Mar. 7. With Norquay winning the first game of the day, Watrous faced Porcupine Plain in a thrilling back and forth contest. After three, Porcupine Plain led 54-47 but in quarter four the Wildcats clawed back. After Watrous pulled ahead, Porcupine Plain replied to retake its lead. Then with 26.4 seconds in the contest, Watrous went up 67-66 and would later win 68-66. The Wildcats then met Norquay in the final and once again a tight contest pushed both clubs to the limit. After quarter one it was Watrous ahead 28-21 before Norquay held a 43-42 advantage at the half. Through three quarters it was 66-64 Norquay and after four, Norquay won 95-71. Both teams advanced to Regionals; however, SHSAA would cancel the remainder of the season Mar. 11 due to ongoing negotiations and sanctions involving the Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation and the provincial government.

photos by Daniel Bushman



Local area athlete finalist for Male Athlete of the Year

media release

An all-star lineup of athletes, teams and coaches are among the finalists for the Athlete of the Year awards at the upcoming Saskatchewan Sport Awards. From that list is local area athlete Payne Wylie who was named a finalist for Male Athlete of the Year.

Wylie who is from Elstow and competes in athletics joined two other finalists in the Male Athlete of the Year category: Graeme Fish of Moose Jaw who competes in speed skating and Jarret Kenke of Saskatoon who competes in kayaking. Wylie was nominated by Saskatchewan Athletics and was fifth in 110 m hurdles at the Pan American U20 Championships; won gold in the U20 110 m hurdles at the Canadian Track and Field Championships; and received gold in the indoor 60 m hurdles at the Can-Am International.

"Saskatchewan is home to some incredibly talented and hardworking athletes, teams, coaches, officials and volunteers and we are excited to shine a spotlight on their accomplishments at the upcoming Saskatchewan Sport Awards," said Kenric Exner, Volunteer Board Chair for

Sask Sport, which serves as the provincial federation for amateur sport.

"All of these finalists and recipients are making meaningful contributions to sport. They are tremendous ambassadors for the province and serve as an inspiration for others to get active, participate in sport and pursue their dreams."

The annual program celebrates the success and dedication of those in the province's amateur sport community. Nominees for the Athlete of the Year awards were submitted by Provincial Sport Organizations based on the accomplishments of athletes, teams and coaches in 2019. Recipients will be selected by a Sask Sport awards

committee and will be announced at a gala event in Saskatoon Mar. 26. During the gala, six longtime coaches, officials and volunteers will also be honoured with dedication awards.

For a complete list of finalists for Female Athlete of the Year, Male Athlete of the Year, Team of the Year, Coach of the Year, Youth Female Athlete of the Year, Youth Male Athlete of the Year, and Master Athlete of the Year along with the Coach Dedication Award, Official Award and Volunteer Recognition Award, people can visit www.sask-sport.ca.

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Opinion

Editorial

As the publisher of two weekly newspapers in Saskatchewan and having the opportunity to get to know other publishers within the province, I have been able to do a paper exchange with a handful of them. Recently I came across an editorial from our friends at the Wadena News which I thought was worthy of including in our publication. Alison hit the nail on the head when it comes to the importance and value of local print and also how far it can reach.

The following was written by publisher Alison Squires of the Wadena News and appeared in her paper Mar. 9, 2020:

The News recently attended an annual general meeting of a local organization. During the meeting was the presentation of the various reports on the state of the organization over the past year.

After most of the reports had been presented, discussion ensued over the ongoing issues of raising awareness the service is available as well as ongoing fundraising efforts, which we'd hazard a guess are perhaps the two biggest issues of most non-profit organizations.

At the end of the meeting, our reporter asked, "Why are you not using the Wadena News?"

Too often in a what some may believe we live in a wholly digital world only, the Wadena News is still read and relied on to provide local news, as it has for the past 112 years. It travels from Simcoe, Ontario, to Nanoo Bay, British Columbia, and Kansas, and in the winter months that also includes Arizona and California. It is read by at least 3500 people, as we know subscribers like to share.

There is really only one or two degrees of separation between us and the next person on the other side of the world. Or in other words, it's a small world.

Case in point, the News has a subscriber in B.C., who found out her paper arrives always a little later than it's supposed to, but only because her postal carrier finally fessed up that he reads it first, as he knows people in the Rose Valley area.

When the former NET was in operation, the CEO of Quaker Oats subscribed to the Wadena News and read it on the subway while on his way to work, then shared it with his fellow subway riders – apparently they loved it.

Always being one who is up for adventure, a trip to Flin Flon one long weekend to accompany a friend to a reunion included a social visit to a cabin at Baker's Narrows. The cabin was owned by a family of whom my friend had known throughout high school. Guess what was sitting on the coffee table when we walked into the cabin? Yep, a recent copy of the Wadena News.

With the onset of the internet and social media, it seems people are actually more disconnected than ever with their local communities, because there is no common thread. Events happen yet many say they "did not know about it." Organizers complain because "no one showed up." Or what can we do to "get the word out."

Creating a sellout, over-the-top successful event, product or service starts with marketing. Successful marketing is all about frequency. Frequency, nowadays, has to be a multifaceted approach that includes both paid and non-paid shameless promotion through a variety of communication tools, which includes the use of websites, social media, flyers, radio, posters, promotional items, and just plain old-fashioned grassroots printed advertising.

Using all the tools can only enhance the message every time it is heard, seen or read. Yes, advertising costs. So do all those promotional items, t-shirts, flyers to be mailed, rental of the hall, the caterer and the entertainment, all of which should be built into the event's promotional budget.

The one thing organizations are missing by promoting only through social media or internet/digital, is



**Tips from
Reena Nerbas**

Changing water sources can make a difference on the outcome of the visor. While there are several commercial products on the market designed to clean visors, you can also use Dawn dish soap, water and a very soft microfibre cloth. Rinse well and dry with a soft eyeglass or good quality microfibre cloth.

Dear Reena,

I have attempted to remove a wedding photo from a picture frame; however, the bottom portion of the photo is stuck to the glass. Is there any way to remove the photo without damaging it? Thank you,

Dear Reena,

Looking for suggestions on a solution to clean the visor of a hockey mask. I have used baby shampoo in the past, for some reason this is not working as well. Thank you, David

Dear David,

Violet

Dear Violet,

Unfortunately, the success rate of removing a photo stuck to glass is not great. Some people have shared that heating the photo with a hair dryer is pretty effective at loosening the glue. Others had success submersing the image in water to release the glue; but the paper quality is compromised. Dental floss is another option used by professional photo restorers to gently lift the photo off of the glass. You would be wise to use your phone, camera or scanner to take a new copy of the photo stuck on the frame. That way if the photo tears, you will still have the image in your possession.

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

Lent is a unique time for private soul searching



**Neighbourly advice
according to Ed**

A spiritual column

by contributor

Raymond Maher

www.accordingtoed.com

"What is wrong with me?" is a question I hesitate to ask others to answer. Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, is quick to offer his opinion on what is wrong with me. He says that my family cannot be objective about me. They will either say that everything is wrong with me or nothing. Families tend to answer the one extreme or the other. My old neighbour believes members in families will have an axe to grind about each other 80

percent of the time.

What is wrong with me is a question I need to answer about myself in this Lenten season. The Christian season of Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It focuses on 40 days for soul searching with increased prayer, fasting, reading God's word, in renewed humility and repentance. Soul searching goes beyond the truth that we all sin to the awareness of how we personally sin in thought, word and deed. It also emphasizes a desire to grow in faith and life in response to Christ's suffering and death for us.

Lent invites us to take more time to go to God's Word with prayer and consider ourselves before His word. We can always find someone we see as acting more faithfully to God's word than ourselves. We can also become relieved that some appear to be

more faithless to God than ourselves. How difficult it is to look at our own attitudes, actions and relationship with God with humility and repentance. How hard for us to mirror the willing self-sacrifice of Christ for the good of all others.

In Lent, God shouts to us through Christ's suffering of lashes, His assault with slaps and spit as an abused prisoner, His crown of thorns and the nails pounded through His wrists and feet. The cross of Calvary echoes through time as the place of suffering and pain by the Son of God to bring us peace by enduring punishment in his body for our salvation. The blood of Jesus, God's Son, purifies from all sin. Will we listen for God to speak to our conscience in the days of Lent? Will we have earphones on listening to what gives us pleasure instead? Will we

talk about our pains but ignore the pain suffered by Christ?

1 John offers the spirit of Lent: "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar, and His word has no place in our lives." Also, in Chapter 2 of 1 John, it encourages us with: "If anyone does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." In Lent, we admit that we, like sheep have gone astray. Each of us turns to our own way, but the Lord laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53)

the value of print. Not to mention their message is getting missed by – at the very minimum – 50% of the population, particularly in rural areas.

A follow-up photo printed in the local newspaper regarding a past event does not cost. It only reminds people of what they missed, and who may make a mental note to attend the next event. An article about the challenges an organization is facing does not cost, it can bring awareness to an issue that other members of the community, or surrounding communities, may be willing to do something to help.

In a recent conversation with a fellow publisher, he pointed out if print has no value, then why do the large retailers still rely on printed flyers?

Because print is the common thread.

It can be picked up and read by anyone, any time, any where. There is no need for special equipment, batteries, extra data charges, nor a requirement to "join a group" just to see what's there. It can be referred to again and again, folded up and saved for later use. It can be easily shared. The bonus is something printed can even settle arguments – because once printed, it cannot be changed.

Generally, the strength of support organizations receive within a community is evident by how well it builds a foundation based on common ground with its supporters – and also potential supporters – in order to further the organization.

A big part of that common ground, or thread, in any community has always been the community newspaper.

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At the Watrous Centre

Whist winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Mar. 5 were: first - Doris Kreitzer, 124; second - Roger Langston, 120; third - Daryl Nedjelski, 119; fourth - Lois Cady, 116. Travelling - Roger Langston and Faye Johnson. Homesteader was Earle Amendt, eight times at one table. Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre Monday, Mar. 9 were: first - Robert Weleski, 192; second - Bob Wignes, 179; third - Sheila Johnson, 148; fourth - Gena Amendt, 142.

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.

A fun-filled February

■ submitted by
Bethany Pratchler
WHS School Reporter

The month of February was a month filled with fun activities at Winston High School in Watrous. The month started with the annual Telemiracle supper Feb. 6, continued with Wildcat Pride on the 12th and concluded with an SRC planned activity on Valentine's Day.

Every year Winston High School hosts a supper that is open to the community to help fundraise money for Telemiracle. The SRC asks each family to donate an assigned item. This donation could be anything from a pan of scalloped potatoes, to cans of corn, to paper plates and plas-


tic forks. This year the fundraiser supper was held Feb. 6 and raised approximately \$1,400.

The second activity in February was Wildcat Pride. This month was Green Pride's turn to plan an activity. They decided to plan two different guessing games. The first game was a food naming game. The object of the game was for someone to taste and describe a food sample to another person. The second person then had to guess what the food was based upon the tasters descriptions. The second game involved shaping an object out of Play-Doh and everyone else had to guess what the creation was. Members from each pride randomly pick a piece of paper, with the

name of an item on it, from a basket and then create that item. There were five rounds for each pride, each round had a different object and different people participate.

The last activity for the month of February was the SRC's annual "Steal a Heart" game on Valentine's Day. Every year on Valentine's Day the SRC plans a mini game where the female students are given a heart and the male students have to try to steal the hearts. The hearts are stolen when a girl talks to a guy. The only rule is that talking during class does not count.

Overall the month of February boasted three amazing activities that left the students and staff entertained. We acknow-



Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

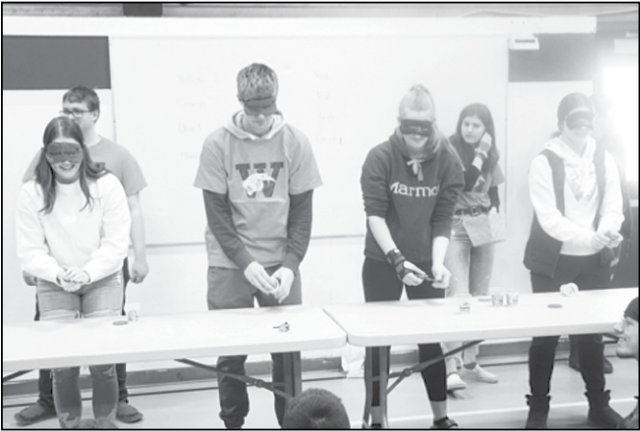
Key Lime Pie

Ingredients:

- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 6 tbsp. key lime juice
- 2 cups whipping cream, whipped (divided)
- 1 graham wafer crust

Directions:

In a large bowl combine milk and lime juice. Whip two cups of whipping cream until stiff peaks form. Refrigerate 1/4 cup of this for garnish. Fold 1/4 of the whipped cream into the lime mixture. Fold in the remaining whipped cream next. Spoon into the crust. Cover and freeze overnight. Remove pie from freezer about 15 minutes before serving. Top with garnish of reserved whipped cream.




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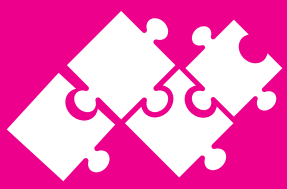
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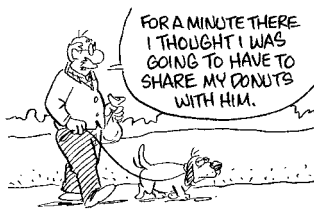
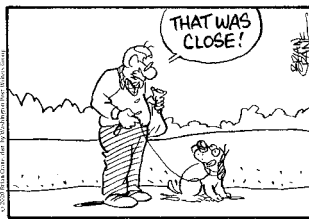
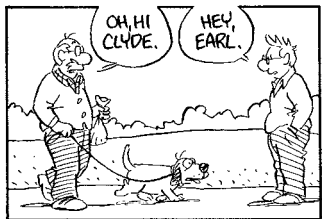


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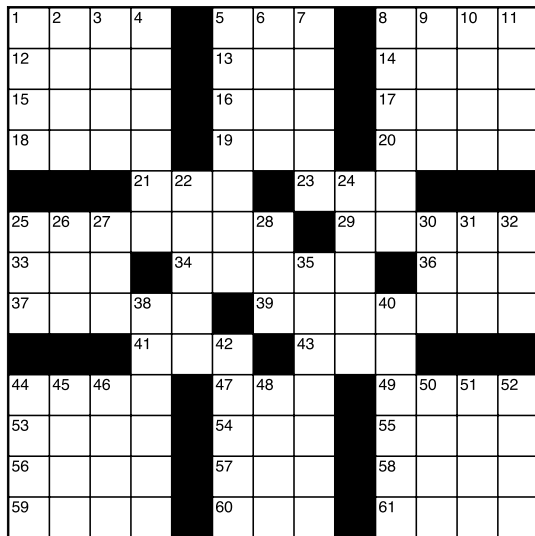


"Yep, looks like the kids are getting ready for their spring concert. The band director gets a mite picky around this time of year ..."



CROSSWORD

PUZZLE NO. 20



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25. Heidi's mountain
26. Average grade
27. Peak
28. Dine in the evening
30. Have
31. _____ on your life!
32. Correct!
35. Some prehistoric people
38. Big snake
40. Engraver
42. Tomorrow's eve
44. Try to obtain
45. Ornamental fabric
46. Dull pain
48. Rub
50. Exec's car
51. Saharan
52. Moistens

ACROSS

1. Lingers
5. Snaky curve
8. Uncomplicated
12. Healing plant
13. Presently
14. Particular place
15. Young adult
16. Librarian's date
17. Black bird
18. Cattle group
19. Valuable rock
20. Deadly serpents
21. Be mistaken
23. Father
25. Leading lady
29. Showy flower
33. Luau necklace

34. Playing card
36. Deep sadness
37. Lively
39. PTA members
41. Besides
43. Large tub
44. Narrow piece of wood
47. Have bills
49. Hammer part
53. Every
54. Poorly lit
55. Add to the work force
56. Repeated sound
57. Jungle animal
58. Spew out
59. Zealous
60. Desire

DOWN

1. Thin strip
2. Out of the wind
3. Attendee
4. Return to
5. Sign, as a check
6. Rotten
7. Clean with a broom
8. Run away
9. Broadcasts
10. Halt!
11. Certain evergreens
22. Tint again
24. "Aida," e.g.
61. Curtain holders

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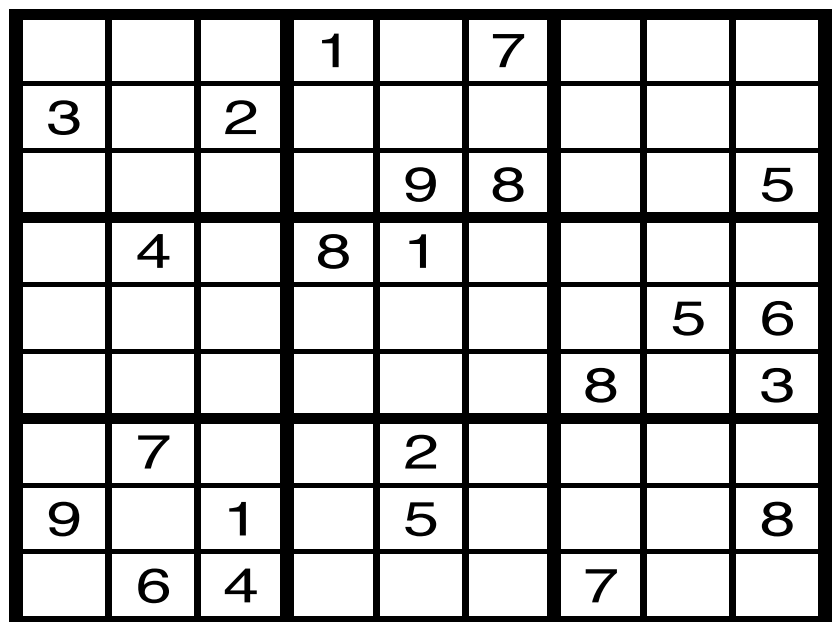


A weekly hangout for the young and young at heart



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Community Connection

ALLAN

Sarah Ross • sarah_lou@yahoo.com

The provincial high school girls curling bonspiel was held Mar. 6 and 7 at the Allan Curling Rink in the Allan Communiplex. There were eight teams in total that were included in the action. The weekend started off with a banquet Thursday night for the curlers at Allan school which was catered by Toni Peters. This was a great way to start the weekend and I heard that the food was excellent.

Early Friday morning the Knights of Columbus put on a pancake breakfast for the curlers and our community. There was a lot of food and it was enjoyed by all who attended. It is nice to have a hot breakfast to start your day. The opening ceremonies were held Friday to which there were a few speeches made and the teams were brought out by a bagpiper! What a neat event to witness.

Our Allan team lost out in the tie-breakers Saturday morning. Wadena received gold, Yorkton Regional took home silver and Wawota won bronze. This was a great weekend with a lot of fast-paced

curling. I have heard amazing things about the teams and the teams enjoyed our facilities along with the ice. We are so grateful for all of the volunteers who helped make this event run as smooth as it did.

Since league curling has come to a conclusion, the last event held at the curling rink was the mine's bonspiel which was held this past weekend. There was quite a group out to have some fun throwing rocks. I hope you were able to come down and cheer on a team!

Winter Fest is fast approaching and will be the last event held at the Logan Schatz skating arena. This means you will have no more chances to get a hamburger so make your way down and grab one before they are gone!

World Day of Prayer was held Wednesday, Mar. 11 at the Allan Baptist Church. This is a great event as it brings both of our large church communities together under one roof and for one service. What a wonderful way of showing caring and sharing.

VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Friday, Mar. 6, the Viscount Central School Elementary students held a winter carnival of activities outside. The weather was so perfect. They enjoyed the sunshine and snow. They played Fox and Goose, raced in a variety of relays, tested their accuracy with snowball target throwing and created snow sculptures.

Saturday, Mar. 7, there were 16 people who attended the Viscount Seniors Fundraising Breakfast. Workers were Chris Rault and Karen Dale. The lucky

loonie winner was Barry Smith.

Monday, Mar. 9 was a Non-instructional Day at VCS, which meant that the teachers had to go to school but the students had the day off.

There was no Blankets for Canada Monday, Mar. 9 but resumed Monday, Mar. 16.

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

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

COLONSAY

Florence Halvorson • 306-255-2358

Twelve seniors attended the potluck birthday supper Mar. 4. Happy birthday was sung to Emma Yausie and Evelyn. Meeting followed. Lunch was planned for the Winter Games Mar. 14. Norwegian whist followed. Ladies first was Emma Yausie and men's first was Jim Richards. Hostess was Evelyn Selby.

Congratulations to team Gushue who won gold in the men's curling on the weekend and to team Sask. Matt Dunstone who won bronze. There was some great curling to watch.

Kinsmen Telemiracle was a great success again this year. Over five million was raised.

Happy birthday to Emma Yausie who celebrated her 90th birthday Saturday, Mar. 7 in the hall with a come and go tea and family supper.

The World Day of Prayer 2020 was held at the Colonsay United Church Mar. 6. Leaders for the afternoon were Gail McVicar, Irene Gray and Marilyn Kirk. The service was well attended with members of the United Church, Catholic Church and members from Viscount as well. The service was written by the women of the World Day of Prayer Zimbabwe committee. The altar was decorated with a mat, bible opened to John 5:2-9a, red, white and yellow candles representing love, peace and reconciliation as well as

the national flower of Zimbabwe, the Flame Lily (full of glory). Donna Moen played the organ. Others that participated with readings were Patsy Grey, Beryle Wieler, Shannon Reinbold, Margaret Breckner, Shirley Fitzsimmons

and Merna Gordon. A social time followed the service event as it brings both of our large church communities together under one roof and for one service. What a wonderful way of showing caring and sharing.



► Emma Yausie celebrated her 90th birthday Saturday, Mar. 7 at the Colonsay Community Hall. Her family, Cam and Rose, Gerald and Ruth, Sandra and Jim and Scott and Gail were all there to help her celebrate. It was a wonderful afternoon where family and friends came out for coffee and birthday cake. Her son Gerald gave a nice insight into Mom's life on behalf of the family. Her granddaughter, Lynn gave a very moving tribute on behalf of all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her three sisters, Millie, Elaine and Laura and their families came out from Saskatoon for the special occasion. Grandchildren and their families came from Saskatoon, Outlook Waseca and Calgary. We would like to thank the family and the community for coming out to help make her day so special./12-1c

submitted by Sandra Yausie

Generous support

► In the fall of 2019 the Young Drama Club approached the Young Hall Board regarding a fundraising opportunity for upgrading the washrooms at the community hall. As part of the fundraiser, the Young Drama Club presented a play and Young Parks and Rec prepared and served the food for the three day event. They also ran the cash bar and it was a very successful weekend with an almost sold out crowd. From that event, Young Drama Club representative Carrie Schaan recently presented Fred Schaan, Young Hall Board representative with a cheque in the amount of \$12,000. This donation along with a grant from RBC Royal Bank of \$1,000 given specifically for the event in addition to the bar revenue will help tremendously with the upgrades. The Young Hall Board greatly appreciates all those who made this event the success that it was.

photo and information submitted by Cheryl Schaan



MANITOU BEACH

Sue Alcock

Were you disappointed with the lack of snow and snow shovelling last weekend? So much snow due and so little arrived! I was looking forward to indulging in a day at home followed by a good dose of exercise with the shovel, so I baked cookies instead.

Meanwhile the squirrels have been entertaining me with their antics as they forage for sunflower seeds and scurry along the power lines then leap from limb to limb. And the geese are coming back plus there has been at least one sighting of a sandhill crane flying over the lake.

I had a lovely chat Sunday afternoon with two Gr. 6 girls who wanted to know more about Manitou Beach so I give them kudos for pursuing their quest for information and hopefully I told them what they wanted to know. I understand

they talked to other locals too.

I hear that there are plans afoot to investigate the possibility of creating a centre to repurpose and recycle items that are no longer needed but good to go to the dump. So fingers crossed we will hear more about that in the upcoming months. A composting system for people to dispose of kitchen vegetation, garden plants, leaves and grass clippings would also be a good idea many locals think.

Recently Global Saskatoon had a story on the popularity of disc golf in the province and featured our local course owned and operated by Murray Gordon who has lived in the area all of his life.

Chase the Ace is back again to raise funds for our local heritage centre. I frequently hear how much people have enjoyed their visit.

For Imperial & District Service Club news see page 19.

Local area farmer with desire to help others headed to Hall



► On a number of boards within the agriculture sector and highly active within his community over the years, Jack Hay who resides on a farm in the Bradwell area will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame. Hay has also been recognized in a number of other ways as well. Jack and his wife Marilyn received the Rural Municipality of Blucher's Community Service Award and Jack was also honoured with the 125th Anniversary Confederation of Canada Medal in 1992, the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal in 2000, the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in 2005, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

photo submitted

■ Daniel Bushman

In addition to becoming a driving force within the Saskatchewan agriculture sector over the years, Jack Hay not only operated a mixed farm near Bradwell during that time but was instrumental in volunteering within his community as well. Because of those efforts, Hay has been recognized as one of this year's Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame's (SAHF) inductees.

Highly active in both his community and the agriculture field, Hay grew to become a strong, passionate and innovative leader. Within the agriculture sector, he was very involved in a number of roles including: being a board member of Prairieland Park where he was instrumental in developing the Seager Wheeler Pedigreed Seed Show which started in 1994; serving on the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame board for 22 years, 15 as president; a member of the Sas-

katchewan Maine Anjou Association for 25 years, including five as chair; serving as chairman of the Agricore United Producer Advisory Group; serving with the Western Development Museum and the Saskatchewan Livestock Association; and serving on the board with the Canadian Western Agribition for 11 years.

Taught the values of hard work and helping others, the lengthy list of accolades Hay has been bestowed with over the years comes as no surprise to those who know the father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

With his father James coming to Canada from Scotland in 1929 at the age of 18 and his mother Hazel born on a farm near Hanley, when Jack was younger he would help his dad at the blacksmith shop and his mom at home.

"I was maybe 15 years old and my father had a business in Bradwell. We were selling Massey Ferguson machinery plus he

was a guy that knew how to fix horses up and fix wheels on wagons. When someone would call him with a problem he would send me out to fix it or look at it. Dad said, 'When you get out there, you don't tell them you have to get paid for this, you are just volunteering to do it.' So that is kind of when it all started. When I was helping somebody I didn't ask for any financial return. I was just volunteering and that was all I expected."

When not at his dad's blacksmith shop or heading out to inspect machinery, Jack would help his mom around the house. Then on Sundays Jack along with his mom, dad and sister would sing in church. "Dad was a bass, my sister was soprano, my mother could change her tone going up and down and I was trying to be a soprano. We would all sing and we were members of the church. Eventually I was a leader for the junior choir in Bradwell. There were 12 kids and when I first started I wanted to teach them how

to sing and also a new song each week. I was also in the adult choir as well."

Jack soon married Marilyn and the pair took on a mixed farming operation near Bradwell, seeding and harvesting grain while raising cattle. "When we first got married we had a boy Keith (who married Shauna) and a girl Noreen (who married Kevin Blair). When they were old enough to help out at the farm, I had the notion of going to help somebody else out who might be having trouble with machinery, animals or with their farm returns on grain. I knew how to fix things or at least look at them and decide if I could fix them or get somebody else to fix it. That was my type of lifestyle and still is."

So when Jack would get asked about trying to make a difference or to do something for somebody else, he was quick to jump on board. "I've helped different organizations starting out with a nine year run with the Exhibition in Saskatoon. I don't live too far away from the city and I was given the task of looking after the agricultural part of the Exhibition and I did."

It was during that time when Jack spearheaded the Seager Wheeler Pedigreed Seed Show. "I asked the board at a meeting why they didn't have a wheat challenge because there was no feed available for anyone to look at."

After that, Hay's idea was born and the Seager Wheeler Pedigreed Seed Show was implemented. On the board at Prairieland Park for those nine years Jack also attended Canadian Western Agribition in Regina because he was showing cattle. "I went to a yearly meeting and someone suggested I need to be put on the board. They said, 'We know how you work and what you do and you can make it work here for us.' So I did that for 11 years."

The Saskatchewan Livestock Association also wanted Jack to head up their crew so he signed up for six years before ending back in Saskatoon with the SAHF. With a vacancy on the SAHF board, Hay said two members from the Saskatchewan Livestock Association board suggested he go to Saskatoon to lend his expertise. "I was there for 22 years and 15 of those years as the president."

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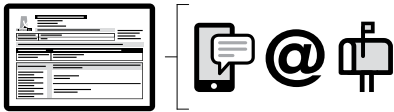
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But it was not just operating a mixed farm and lending a hand on a number of boards and agriculture organizations that made Jack stand out. Hay's contributions to his community are also numerous and include being a founding member of the Clavet Boy Scouts, serving on many of the Rural Municipality of Blucher's committees and being the congregation leader of the Bradwell United Church.

"I did help the church keep going and every November during Remembrance

Day we would have a ceremony where they would recognize those who fought for our freedom. I had a trumpet and played the music for that."

Along with his generosity through volunteering and being appointed on a number of boards, Hay was also recognized in a number of other ways as well. Jack and his wife Marilyn received the Rural Municipality of Blucher's Community Service Award and Jack was also honoured with the 125th Anniversary Confederation of Canada Medal in 1992, the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal in 2000, the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in 2005,

the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 and now this April will be inducted into the SAHF.

Joining Hay in the Hall in 2020 for their contributions to Saskatchewan agriculture are Adele Buettner, John Feige (posthumously), Eileen and William Lamont (posthumously), the Honorable Gerry Ritz and Ted Serhienko.

"Saskatchewan agriculture, and by extension the province as a whole, has benefitted from the contributions of these leaders," SAHF board chairman Reed Andrew said. "We are stronger as an industry due to the dedication and

hard work of the 2020 inductees and it is my honour to announce their upcoming inclusion in the Hall of Fame."

The inductees' portraits will formally be added to the Hall at a ceremony in Saskatoon on Apr. 18, 2020.

Now 82 years old, Jack said he is very proud to have served his community and the agriculture industry and is very honoured and humbled to be inducted into the SAHF.

"Helping people out is just something I have done throughout my lifetime and I have made some pretty good friends while doing it."



► This year's Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame inductees (above) including Jack Hay (centre). Representing John Feige were his son and daughter Twila Fisher and Kelly Feige and representing the Lamonts is Eileen's sister Christine Pike.

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Spring runoff potential moves to below average

■ media release

The Water Security Agency (WSA) released its March spring runoff outlook and in it most of the province is facing a below normal spring runoff for 2020 as low winter snowfall levels are impacting conditions across Saskatchewan.

A band in southwestern Saskatchewan stretching from Moose Jaw through to Lucky Lake and Leader is facing the driest conditions with a well below normal runoff projected. Some agricultural water supply issues could develop within drier areas during 2020 if lack of moisture persists

through spring.

March and April can be the some of the wettest months, so the outlook may improve. Only the far northwest and extreme southeast and southwest corners of the province are projected to have near or above normal runoffs, with small portions of the province expected to have a higher than normal runoff.

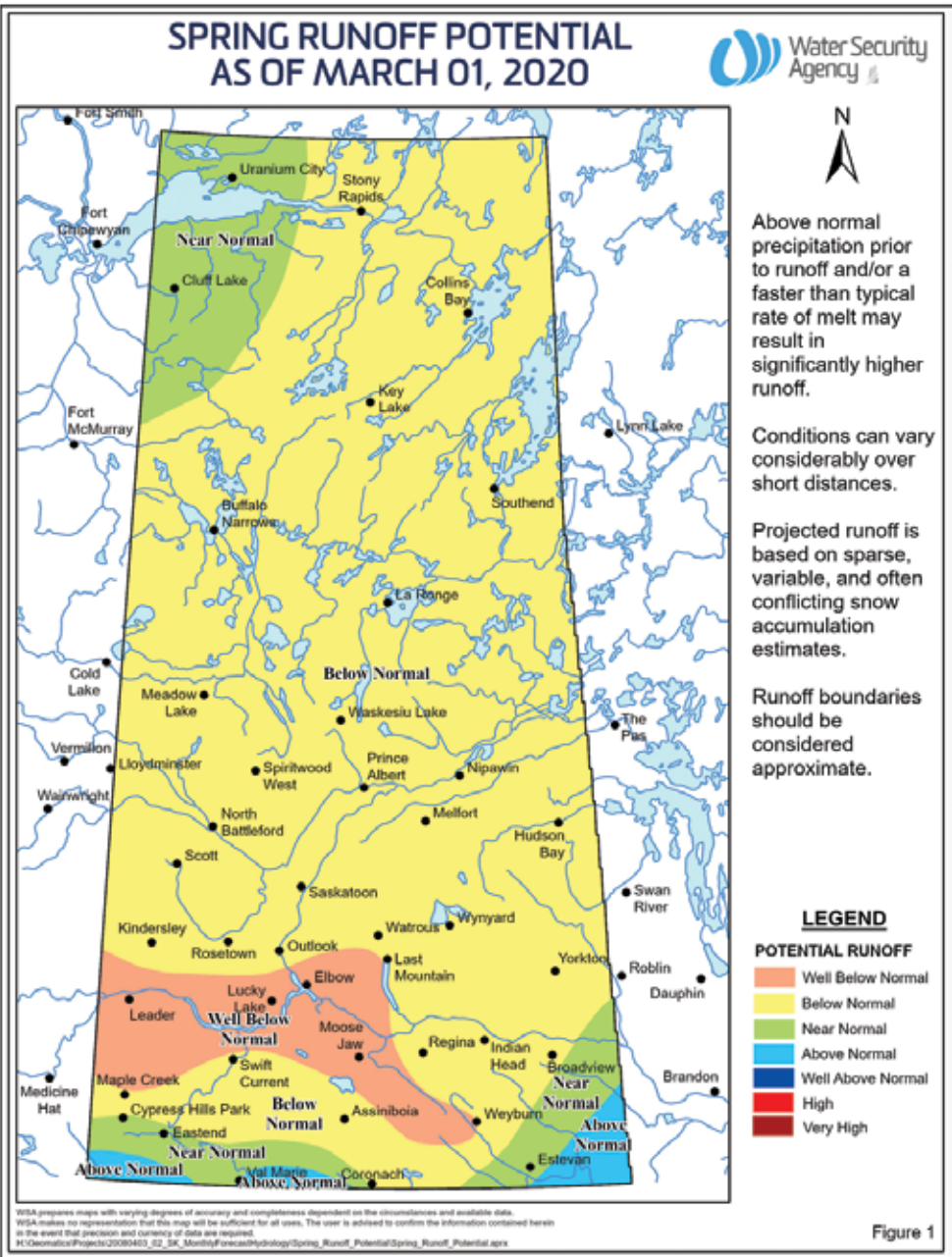
However, in these areas where above normal runoff is expected, flood flows are unlikely based on current conditions and normal conditions going forward.

Snowmelt runoff is influenced by fall soil moisture, storage conditions, winter

precipitation accumulations and weather during the spring melt. While much of the southern half of the province entered the winter with good to excess moisture conditions, below average snowfall has decreased the runoff potential.

Water supplies from the province's major reservoirs are expected to be adequate in 2020. Desirable summer operating levels are also expected at most recreational lakes within the province in 2020.

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of us who come from small town Saskatchewan are kind of connected. We get the mentality and we get some of the challenges. There are wonderful things that come with tight-knit communities as well but there are also challenges because it can be met with some rigidity and opposition. When I got to sit down with Matt and Lesley it was pretty neat. We already spoke the same language and for Matt having some similar struggles with mental illness there was already relatability. It is pretty cool to just sit across from someone and hear my story through theirs. That is actually what a lot of people said throughout the book, they are just hearing their own story

and it makes them feel like they are not alone. I just have so much respect for the work both Matt and Lesley have done around mental health and it is the perfect fit.”
For Matt and Lesley, they added, “We’re very fortunate to be able to share our mental health stories to those within agriculture as well as outside because mental health is something that connects all of us. Sharing our stories and talking about mental health breaks the silence and stigma that so many are living with. Mental illness doesn’t have a look or type and feels and looks different for every one. We’re all human and we’re all allowed to struggle.”
Since his book has come out, about a week and a half after it was released,

Kehler said the emails and feedback of what the book has been able to do surpassed his expectations. “I think the one thing I was hoping for it to do and what it has done is it has generated a conversation. Interestingly enough what people have said is just because this book has been out there and they have handed it to someone without that man even reading it they have started to talk about some of their pain and that is phenomenal. What I am learning and believe is that nobody wants to lead a life of isolation, shame and pain. It is not what any of us want. As soon as we have an opportunity or we feel somewhat safe to have those conversations then we do. That is pretty cool.”
For Kehler who like the Kellys values

the importance of the agriculture industry, when asked if he felt the industry has become more and more stressful, he said, “I don’t know if there is more people struggling but what there is more of is people talking. I think the challenges have always been there and there is additional challenges in rural settings and even more when you have a bit of an isolation on a farm for an ag producer or at harvest. That kind of trumps everything. So to make a drive maybe to see a professional or to take time for self care is difficult when you have all these external pressures never mind all the factors that are out of your control such as weather.”

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With agriculture and living in a rural setting just a couple of aspects within his book, Kehler said there is a lot more addressed throughout the pages, something he firmly believes had to be written.

“As men we don’t want to feel sad. We don’t want to feel shame but anger . . . if we can find other tools such as writing or talking then not only is it beneficial to us but we are showing the next generation there are some tools and it is okay to have these conversations. That is probably the single most thing that has motivated me because the next generation is always preparing. If we can’t have these conversations why would they?”

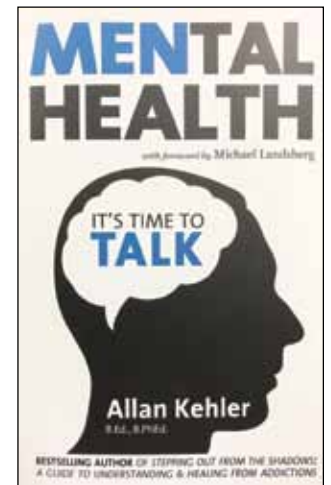
Hoping to one day have the book in every school, Kehler said he was also able to film some of the men sharing their stories from the book. “Those videos on YouTube are powerful because they all show men talking openly. I want the message to get out there. Michael Landsberg wrote the foreward and he always says, “There is nothing contagious about mental illness but there is something contagious about when we share.” That is what I have seen, men need to see other men vulnerable and they need the reassurance that their reputation is not going to be shot. It is redefining what strength is . . . they thought being strong meant handling it on their own and they realized that real strength is being vulnerable, taking a risk and talking about their pain.”

To purchase a copy of MENTal Health: It’s Time To Talk, Kehler said it can be found at all book stores in Saskatoon, Amazon, Indigo, through his website www.outfromtheshadows.ca and from The Watrous Manitou and Lanigan Advisor office at 309 Main Street in Watrous. For more information about mental health and support in agriculture, people can visit domore.ag.



► Filled with stories of prairie men who have persevered through various mental health challenges the book MENTal Health: It’s Time to Talk provides a timely and powerful account of each. Bestselling author Allan Kehler (left) who has local roots met with men from the prairies including Watrous area farmer Matt Kelly (pictured below) to share their stories through the pages of the book with the hope that others who may be struggling with various mental health challenges will be able to break the silence and begin a conversation.

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Q and A with local producers involved with Sask Wheat

■ Daniel Bushman

Looking to increase the profitability of producing wheat in Saskatchewan by making strategic investments in research while advocating for new market opportunities and listening to producers are a few key themes for the Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission (Sask Wheat). Hoping to help push those initiatives along are a pair of local area faces who are part of Sask Wheat.

Serving on the Board of Directors is Lesley Kelly who farms near Watrous. In December Kelly received the most votes as part of the Sask Wheat director elections and began her term in January. Also in January, the Board of Directors elected Nokomis farmer Brett Halstead as the Board Chair of Sask Wheat. Operating a mixed farm near Nokomis, Halstead was first elected as a Sask Wheat Director in November 2017 and has served on a number of boards over the years.

With both residing in the local region, Halstead and Kelly graciously agreed to share a bit about their experiences and roles with Sask Wheat. The following is a question and answer with the pair:

Brett Halstead:

How have things been going since you were elected as the Board Chair for the Sask Wheat Development Commission?

It has only been a couple of months but it has been a busy two months. We are working on core wheat breeding agreements as an organization, the seed variety use discussions as well as keeping a pulse on the rail blockades and delays in grain shipments that have been caused by them. Our organization keeps an eye on issues with trade in foreign markets through our membership in national organizations like Cereals Canada and the Canadian International Grains Institute (CIGI).

With prior experience as a Sask Wheat Director, what are some challenges and opportunities you will be undertaking as Board Chair?

Trying to find solutions that work for our farmer membership to current challenges. Research, trade, market development and government regulations/legislation.

What does being a Sask Wheat Board Chair all entail? Are you traveling quite a bit with that new role?

There is definitely some travel but mostly more phone calls and emails.

You have also served on numerous other boards, do you feel that experience will help as you take on Board Chair duties with Sask Wheat?

It really has taught me the value of working with others who might have different ideas to try and find what's best for all.

For those who may not know you, tell me a bit about yourself.

I grew up on our family farm northwest of Nokomis. I was always the farm kid playing in the dirt and eager to learn to operate farm equipment. My wife and I now farm with our son and his wife. We have two other adult aged kids who work in Regina but love to help at harvest. In the end I always wanted to farm and also wanted to be my own boss.

What are some of the main challenges producers have faced recently both locally and provincially?

Obviously the difficult harvest last fall and dealing with tough grain. For many, crops remain still unharvested. The biggest issues right now are the grain backlogs and the SVUA discussions on seed royalties.

Entering 2020, what types of issues need to be addressed on a provin-

cial and federal level to help producers and are you hopeful things can start turning around?

Consistent grain transportation, the carbon tax (farmers can't pass on additional cost, many of which are hidden), seed royalty discussions, and Canada grain act changes which all tie into our farms ability to be profitable.

What is Sask Wheat's objectives for producers as you move forward into 2020?


We are going to have a planning session and work out objectives for the next few years. Much of what I mentioned earlier will be topics for that session.

Is it pretty neat to have two people from the local area serving with Sask Wheat?

It is an honour to represent your peers and try to make agriculture better. We need more interest from producers in what commissions and farm groups do. We need feedback and need new people to step up and show an interest. I'm very

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►After receiving the most votes during the Sask Wheat director elections, Lesley Kelly who farms near Watrous (above) is not the only local face involved with Sask Wheat. Joining her is Nokomis area farmer Brett Halstead (below) who was elected by the Board of Directors as Board Chair.  photos used with permission





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happy to have the chance to work with Lesley and other producers from around Saskatchewan.

Lesley Kelly:

What does it mean to you to be a director for Sask Wheat?

I am very appreciative to be newly elected as a director for Sask Wheat. I feel my marketing, communication, and business skills and experience will be an asset to the association, team and industry and I'm really excited to learn more and help bring those involved in the wheat industry together with the network I've established over the past few years.

You received the most votes from the 2019 director elections with 1,546. Was that nice to have that confidence from producers?

It really was. Putting my name forward was a first for me and quite outside my comfort zone. I thought if I didn't get elected, it was still an opportunity for me to get my name out and share that I am interested in being more involved in the industry and want to help be a voice for farmers. To be elected was quite humbling and am appreciative of having the confidence from Saskatchewan wheat farmers.

Of the directors on Sask Wheat, two are women. How important is it to have almost a 50/50 split of men and women directors?

I think diversity, whether it is gender, race, age, etc. is very important as part of good business practices because it creates dialogue from different backgrounds, experiences, and opinions, leading to more innovative

ideas, and fostering a more productive and collaborative environment and culture.

Being a farmer from the local area and having Brett Halstead, who is also from the area as Board Chair, is that pretty unique and also important for local producers to have two representatives working for them?

Being part of a board with Brett is such a great experience for me and having two reps can help be a stronger voice as well for our farmers. Brett brings a valuable wealth of knowledge and experience to the board table and is such a positive voice for agriculture. I'm looking forward to learning from him these next few years.

How have things gone so far and are you looking forward to tackling the challenges ahead and helping producers?

We've had two board meetings so far so things are still pretty new to me. I've been asking lots of questions to get caught up and also asking lots of farmers about their opinions and ideas on how Sask Wheat can play an important role in growing the wheat industry and capturing return and benefits back to Saskatchewan farmers. There are many important priorities happening in the industry right now: rail blockades, trade barriers, seed value creation (1) and the Canadian Grain Commission reform (2).

1 - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) are currently conducting engagement sessions around "Value Creation" to discuss changes to the way new varieties of wheat, barley and other Canadian crops are developed in Canada, in particular how developers are compensated for their investment in research. The goal of potential regulatory changes is to ensure adequate funding of research and variety development in cereal crops

2 - The 2019 Federal Budget promised a comprehensive review of the Canada Grain Act "including redundant inspections and issues with the current grain classification process that unnecessarily restrict Canadian grain exports." This past March Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada announced (to the Grains Roundtable) that it was leading a review of the Canada Grain Act and Canadian Grain Commission (CGC).

Helping Sask. producers cope with stress

■ media release

Innovation Saskatchewan, in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, is asking technology entrepreneurs to develop a way for farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers to monitor their mental health. This latest Innovation Challenge aims to address a growing concern within Saskatchewan where calls to the farm stress line in 2018-'19 doubled from the previous year.

"Mental health is a concern within every industry but particularly acute in agriculture," Minister responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. "Our government believes technology can provide help to farm families dealing with this complex and demanding issue."

The Innovation Challenge launched Mar. 5 asks for expressions of interest from Saskatchewan-based companies and entrepreneurs to answer the following: What technological solutions can assist Saskatchewan farmers in actively monitoring their mental health? A survey of Canadian farmers released in 2016 found over half the respondents met the classifications for anxiety and one third met the classifications for depression, which is significantly higher than most Canadians.

"There's a lot you can't control on a farming operation and you're usually working in an isolated environment—both can take a toll on the mental health of farmers and ranchers," Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "This year's Innovation Challenge is another way the Government of Saskatchewan can support its producers and agribusinesses. Mental health in the agriculture industry is incredibly important, and I'm looking forward to seeing the innovative ideas that come from this process."

Solutions could take many forms including, but not limited to, a mobile phone app, website program, artificial intelligence interface or offline sensor linking to the Internet. Selected submissions will be shortlisted, and a pitch competition will determine a winner. Winners will receive \$10,000 in funding and a 16-week collaboration with government to develop their concept. The deadline for submissions is Apr. 30.

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Carbon costing review confirms huge loss to farm income

■ contributed by the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan

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,” says 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 con-

sideration 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 operates a grain, oilseed, pulse and cattle farm 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.”

Grain and oilseed industry to brace for labour shortfall

■ media release

Over the next decade, Canada’s grain and oilseed industry is expected to see one in four jobs go unfilled due to a lack of available workers. The resulting economic impact could be devastating to the industry’s growth.

These findings are from the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC), which has updated its labour market forecast research with the recent release of *How Labour Challenges Will Shape the Future of the Grain and Oilseed Industry: Agriculture Forecast to 2029*. The report reveals that in 2018 alone, the grain and oilseed sector lost a staggering \$594 million in sales due to labour shortages.

“At a time when the global demand for food is rising and Canada has the ability and resources to produce it, it is critical to address the shortages identified within the research,” explains Portia MacDonald, Executive Director of CAHRC. “By working together, government and industry can create a Canadian agriculture sector that employs, feeds, and thrives.”

The grain and oilseed industry primarily produces canola, wheat, soybeans and corn. Pulses (such as lentils and dried peas), barley, oats and fodder crops are also produced. Over 80 percent of the industry is located in the Prairies, with the remaining producers mostly in Quebec and Ontario.

With a shift away from animal production over the past decade, the grain and oilseed commodities have enjoyed strong growth and are considered to be Canada’s largest agricultural industry. The industry also has one of the strongest growth outlooks in all of agriculture. However, labour challenges are threatening its stability and growth.

In 2017, the grain and oilseeds industry employed 38,750 workers, but was unable to fill 2,000 positions. By 2029, it will need 42,500 workers and the labour gap is predicted to reach 10,600, which means that one in four jobs will remain vacant. This situation is largely the result of two factors: the loss of 39 percent of the current workforce to retirement and the shrinking of the domestic workforce by 6,900 workers over the forecast period.

With no access to the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP) or the Agricultural Stream of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP), the grain and oilseed industry is

challenged to supplement its workforce with foreign workers when domestic workers are unavailable to fill positions.

The labour shortage is taking its toll on producers. In a survey, 87 percent reported that labour shortages cause excessive stress for owners and other staff. Additionally, 65 percent blamed production delays on labour shortages and 48 percent said they caused lost production. As the labour gap widens, these financial impacts could cost the industry significantly more in terms of lost sales as well as inhibiting its ability to grow to its full potential.

Some of the barriers to

recruiting and retaining workers include the seasonality of the work, long hours, rural or isolated locations, a lack of workers with adequate experience, and limited opportunities for advancement.

To address these and other labour issues, CAHRC has developed agriculture-specific human resource (HR) tools designed to sup-

port modern farm operators in managing their workforce. CAHRC also offers AgriSkills, an online and in-person training programs, and the AgriHR Toolkit, an online resource guide with templates to address the HR needs of any agricultural business. For more information visit www.cahrc-cerha.ca.

The CAHRC labour

market forecast research reassessed the labour market supply and demand for agricultural workers, from 2018 until 2029, through surveys of 1,316 employers, 278 workers, and 110 industry stakeholders.

The labour market forecast research was funded in part by the Government of Canada’s Sectoral Initiatives Program.

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Unifying the national voice of cereals

■ written by Cam Dahl, President of Cereals Canada and Dean Dias, CEO of Cigi

The Canadian International Grains Institute (Cigi) and Cereals Canada are moving forward towards an amalgamated organization. This is a positive development. If one were to start with a blank page in designing how the cereal grains sector were to be represented, we would not have started with two separate organizations. But that is not how the sector has developed. Moving operations into a single organization under the direction of a single Board of Directors is part of the ongoing evolution of the industry.

For the last 40 plus years, Cigi has built a reputation internationally for technical and functional quality analysis and support. Cigi has effectively helped to develop markets for Canadian wheat through training and information sessions with customers, held both in Canada and in-market. In addition to these roles, the international brand and relationships that Cigi has established will all continue under the amalgam-

ated organization.

Cereals Canada grew out of the change in marketing for Canadian wheat and barley. The organization is designed to be the national umbrella for the cereal grain value chain, addressing policy issues both in Canada and internationally, tackling an increasing number of market access issues and providing a bridge between customers of Canadian cereal grains and Canadian farmers, exporters and research community. These functions are complementary to the work that Cigi has been carrying out.

Collaboration between Cereals Canada and Cigi started long before discussions began on unifying the two organizations. The cohesive Canadian voice provided through the annual New Crop Missions is one example of the benefits of collaboration. Working together has also benefited the industry as a whole, which is one of the key advantages of amalgamation. The coordinated approach to outreach from Canada that has resulted from our informal collaboration will be cemented in place under a single roof.

Throughout the discussions on amalgamation, which have taken place over the past three years, the directors of the two organizations have been guided by a key question “what is in the best interest of the Canadian industry going forward?” This has not been about protecting the turf of either of the two organ-

izations but looking for a renewed governance model that will more efficiently and effectively deliver the services the industry needs around market development, policy, market access, research and communication. A coordinated value chain approach is becoming more and more important as the world enters into a new age of protectionism and trade barriers. Canadian farmers, exporters and processors also face growing competition from emerging exporters, like the rising competition from Black Sea countries.

While finances have not been the primary driver of change, the amalgamation also will see cost savings. For example, all of the members of Cigi are also members of Cereals Canada and moving to a single Board of Directors will reduce travel and meeting costs. Having leadership, administration and overhead under one organization will also result in cost savings.

Early on in the process, the membership of Cigi and Cereals Canada agreed to a set of principles that would guide the development of the new governance model. These are: the amalgamated organization will be national in scope; the full value chain will be represented within the organization; representation at the board table will have a linkage to financial contribution to the organization; all members, regardless of representation on the Board of Directors, will have the opportunity to participate in the work of the organization through standing committees and ad hoc working groups; and the organization will strive for consensus decision making at both the board and member level.

This past June the boards of both Cigi and Cereals Canada signed a formal letter of intent that charged us with the task of developing an amalgamation agreement, including bylaws, based on these key principles. This goal has been accomplished. Under the direction of both boards a governance model and bylaws have been developed and are being taken to members for review. Members are scheduled to vote on this package this spring with June as our target for integration.

This is an exciting time for Canadian agriculture. We are seeing new challenges, like the rapid growth of competitors around the Black Sea and the increase of non-tariff trade barriers. We are seeing new opportunities with millers in markets like Nigeria and Bangladesh adding Canadian wheat to their blends to create cost effective products. New plant breeding technologies will allow us to respond more rapidly to the changing needs of our customers both in Canada and offshore. We are seeing more demands for demonstration of the sustainability of our production practices; a task at which Canadian farmers can excel. World markets are changing and the value chain organizations designed to represent the industry must continually evolve to adapt to these changes. We are excited by the opportunity that this evolution presents and know that a new and more effective organization is emerging, one that is built on the foundation of success established by both Cigi and Cereals Canada.



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Imperial & District Service Club

■ submitted by Harold Anhorn

Monday, Mar. 9, 21 members of The Imperial & District Service Club were treated to a special supper at The Grain & Pulse Café and Bakery in Imperial. We acknowledge the wonderful meal and service we received from Tracy Kelly-Wilcox and Danielle Chalfoux. After supper, we moved to the multi-purpose room at the community centre for the business part of our meeting.

We welcomed secretary Keith Busche back from his holiday in Spain. Keith read the minutes of the last meeting dated Feb. 24. The minutes were moved by Bill Rosten, seconded by Ernest VanDamme and carried. We acknowledged the birthday of member Ted Abrey on Mar. 4. Our financial report was given by our treas-

urer Dave Kelly who also had returned from holidays in Arizona. He noted that all membership fees had been paid and up-to-date. The report was moved by Les Sainsbury, seconded by Ted Abrey and carried.

The members were encouraged to continue to promote The Sundrops concert which is scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 18. This group of young adults have a wealth of talent in the music industry with strong vocals and they play many instruments. A list of duties in preparation for The Sundrops concert was discussed with the members. This will be finalized over the next few meetings.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Mar. 23 with Group One cooking and serving the supper meal. The meeting was adjourned by Randy Shaw at 8:10 p.m.

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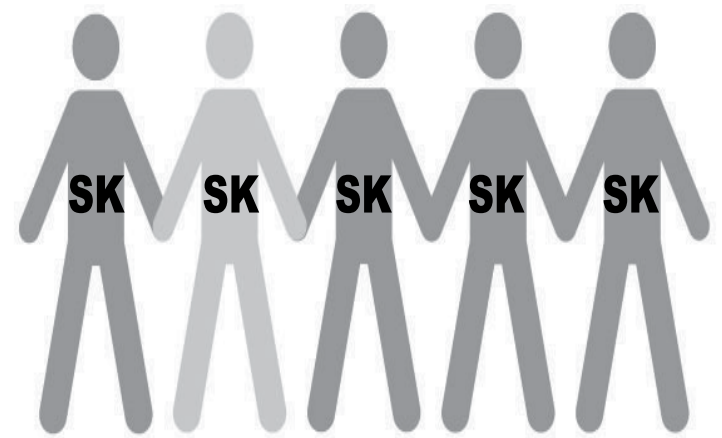
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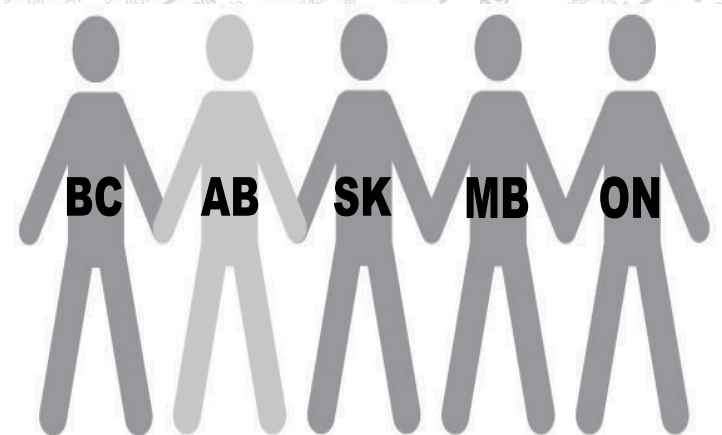
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► In this week's TWM Around the World, it is off to a warmer climate. Recently, Brad and Janine Mason ventured to Costa Rica. While there they spent some time visiting Brad's brother Cameron and Lucie. During their travels, Brad and Janine also brought along an edition of The Watrous Manitou to show their family. On one particular evening the group enjoyed waiting for the sunset and Brad and Cameron had the chance to explore the rugged Pacific coastline (pictured). Thanks for thinking of TWM during your travels!

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