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Cleaning up

► With a pair of train derailments taking place east and west of Guernsey nearly two months from each other, work on cleaning up continues at both sites. After 34 rail cars came off the tracks west of the community Dec. 9, a total of 32 derailed just east of Guernsey Feb. 6. In both instances crude oil was being hauled

by Canadian Pacific when the cars derailed sparking massive blazes. When asked about the progress at each area, last week a spokesperson from CP said crews continue to work at the sites to ensure all equipment is removed and the area fully restored. CP is also working with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment on

an environmental remedial action plan while the incident remains under investigation. According to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, Canadian Pacific Railway is responsible for all costs associated with the derailment, including the emergency response, environmental assessment and all required remediation.

photos by Daniel Bushman

A look back and ahead at local communities

■ Daniel Bushman

With projects large and small taking place in communities within the area along with events, upgrades and maintenance, as each place maps out 2020 and reflects back on 2019, The Watrous Manitou attempted to reach out to the local area communities to see how 2019 went and what could be in store for 2020.

Here are the responses TWM received by press time:

Allan - Mayor Les Alm said there were a number of notable items from 2019. One of those was the continuation of work being done on the Allan and Community Emergency Response Centre. "On May 12, 2018 the official sod turning was held for the new Allan and Community Emergency Response Centre. Through generous donations and countless volunteer hours of hard work through 2018, 2019 and into 2020, the new centre is almost ready to move into. The new building will house the fire department, first responder group and be the emergency operations centre for the local Emergency Measure Organization. The grand opening is being planned for May during Emergency Preparedness Week."

Alm noted the Farming for Parks and Recreation com-

mittee was also busy as the group planned and executed its first crop planted with proceeds going to Parks and Recreation in the community. Unfortunately he said 2019 was not the best year for farming and the crop will not be harvested until the spring but Alm greatly appreciated the generous donation of seed, fertilizer, equipment and time from businesses and local farmers. "Our hope is that this can continue into the future to raise money for recreation in the community."

Patrons using the arena in Allan remembered Logan Schatz who tragically lost his life in a bus crash in 2018 and was the captain of the Humboldt Broncos. From the hard work of Kelly Schatz and friends, 'Schatz's Corner' was opened in the Allan and District Communiplex last winter. The area is for kids to shoot around in during their down time at tournaments in Allan and Alm said it has been very well used. "You really need to come and see it if you haven't already. In March 2019 a ceremony was held to unveil the new signs naming the skating rink in the Allan and District Communiplex the 'Logan Schatz Memorial Arena.'"

With volunteers stepping up throughout the community, Alm wanted to extend his appreciation to those on

local committees. "They have been very busy planning and hosting events in town. We have had an 'Old Fashion Christmas in the Park' to library activities, museum and cultural events and in June, Family Day in the Park will take place."

As 2020 has commenced, hockey and curling remained in full swing at the communiplex and in November Alm said municipal elections will be held. "Many of our current council members have decided not to put their names forward so hopefully there will be community interest in keeping Allan growing and vibrant."

Colonsay - a short drive from Allan, in Colonsay Mayor Jim Gray said 2019 included paving a new street. "That was our biggest thing and this coming year we are going to pave the part in front of the Co-op."

Also in 2019, Gray indicated they rented the former tire shop building to house fire trucks. "Otherwise it has been mostly everyday work."

However, the mayor did note the news of Mosaic's Colonsay potash mine idling indefinitely has been a big

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Exploring Saskatchewan through a lens leads Karpans to Watrous

■ Daniel Bushman

From the rolling hills of Cypress Hills and the majestic forests of northern Saskatchewan to Kruger National Park in South Africa and the Iguazu Falls bordering Argentina and Brazil, Robin and Arlene Karpan have captured it all through the lens of their cameras. But while the pair have journeyed across the globe taking thousands of photos, it is the beauty and uniqueness of their home province which has truly captured their hearts.

Authors of 13 books, multiple award winners and recipients of the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in recognition for their work, the Karpans were in Watrous Jan. 23 to share about their experiences. Hosted by the Focus Photography Group at the curling rink, the travel writers and photographers talked about some of their favourite places to visit in Saskatchewan while providing some insight into a few unique



► Authors of 13 books, multiple award winners and having a pair of their images on stamps, Robin and Arlene Karpan were recently in Watrous to share about their passion for photography and the uniqueness of Saskatchewan (pictured). The pair presented during an evening with guests and members of the local Focus Photography Group at the Watrous Curling Rink.

photos by Daniel Bushman/
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spots to check out.

"We were very excited to have Robin and Arlene Karpan join us Jan. 23 to present to our group," said a thrilled Bev Jay, who created the local photography club a few years ago.

Publishing a number of books including Saskatchewan's best scenic drives, a bucket list of places to visit in the prairie province and compiling a photographer's guide to Saskatchewan, Robin said it was great to visit Watrous. "It was especially fun to talk to other people who are interested in photography."

Occupying the upstairs of the curling rink, an interested group of photographers listened intently as both Robin and Arlene talked about their visits to southern Saskatchewan and Cypress Hills. They

shared photos of majestic wildflowers, backdrops for sunset and sunrise captures and other incredible images.

With some spots easily accessible within the Cypress Hills region and Grasslands National Park, the Karpans have been able to snap images of rolling hills near Val Marie, killdeer and dunes in the Badlands and buffalo, white-tailed deer, mule deer and antelope as well. While they noted it has taken a number of trips over the years to accumulate their awe-inspiring photo portfolio, it has been a journey worth taking.

"It is something you start off as an interest and it develops over the years. We have been doing this for many years and I think photography helps focus on

things. Ever since we have been doing photography we have noticed more things. For example with bird life, when you are sitting there for a long time trying to get the best shot, you learn more about their behaviour and subtleties about their behaviour."

But it is not just the southern piece of Saskatchewan that the Karpans have enjoyed exploring. Venturing north, the freelance travel writers and photographers shared a glimpse of what else the province has to offer. From Douglas Provincial Park and the Thickwood Hills over to flax and canola fields near Redberry Lake and up to the majestic Nistowiak Falls in northern Saskatchewan, it soon became evident as to why the Karpans love their home province.

"We are so lucky in Saskatchewan that we have so many different ecosystems and so many different types of habitat that supports different wildlife, flowers, plants and trees," said Arlene.

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blow to the community and its residents. “We have got a lot of people out of work and sounds as if it won’t be coming back.”

As far as what is to come for the community and projects in 2020, Gray said he will not know until the budget is approved.

Drake - Mayor Peter Nicholson said last year was really status quo in terms of projects although in late spring the lagoon expansion was finished. “That was a fairly big project and this year the community has secured another government grant for infrastructure improvements.”

With the latest grant, Nicholson said they are looking at doing some major water system repairs. “We are going to increase the holding capacity by 60,000 litres. There will be a new well dug, a refurbish of the existing well, upgrades to the existing facility, etc.”

In addition to the infrastructure projects, after it was announced that Conexus Credit Union would be closing its doors in Drake, the decision was made by council to purchase the building. “That is going to be renovated into a new town office, a new library facility, and a community meeting facility on the mezzanine level upstairs. We are hoping to have the renovations completed within the next six months.”

Guernsey - With Guernsey dissolving into the Rural Municipality of Osborne, aside from two major train derailments nearly two months apart, RM Administrator Anna Rintoul said 2019 was a relatively quiet year for Osborne/Guernsey. “There were no major capital projects or any real highlights. We applied again for the MREP grant to continue repairing/resurfacing PG 668, but were unsuccessful in obtaining funding. A few repairs were done on our own (shoulder work, etc.) but nothing as far as resurfacing goes. The plan is the same for 2020. We have an application in to complete another stretch of that road under the new SARM RIRG program, and we’re keeping our fingers crossed for that.”

Imperial - Last year was a busy one in Imperial as Town Administrator Joslin Freeman shared some of the highlights and work that was done. Some

of those items from 2019 included: street upgrades with sand sealing, sidewalk maintenance, roof replacements on the water treatment plant and sewer lift station, and the installation of a portable speed sign.

The Palliser Library Imperial Branch also had a makeover of sorts with new carpet and an administrative desk. “They also always have lots of fun programs happening for kids and adults.”

Another unique place Freeman shared about at Imperial is Jack’s Place. “It is going strong and for those not knowing what it is, it is a place to drop off and pick up stuff for free. There is everything from kitchen appliances to Christmas decorations and it is being operated by Shirley Flostrand. If you have a child going to university this is the place to come to get dishes, glasses and coffee mugs.”

Freeman also mentioned recycling has started back up and people have been very receptive to utilizing it.

As for items in 2020, Freeman said nothing is official as the budget has not been finalized, however, more street upgrades with sand sealing and the possibility of repaving Main Street are all on the table for discussion.

“There will be continued sidewalk maintenance, another business on Main Street will see rubber stone installed in front. In 2019 a fire hydrant replacement program was put in place and that will continue. There may be a slight increase in property tax, but

currently nothing has been decided. The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members!”

Manitou Beach - Chief Administrative Officer Beverley Laird said there were a number of items taking place in 2019, a year in which the resort community marked a century of incorporation. Laird said a total of 43 properties changed hands from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2019 and of those changes, 24 were new people coming to the beach.

As part of 2019, the resort village hosted its third ever Manitou Maple Madness Chainsaw Carving Competition in August which saw a number of local people and visitors attend. Along with the chainsaw carving competition, the Centennial Committee, Recreation Board and many volunteers had events all year commemorating Manitou Beach’s 100 anniversary. “Winter Fest was held in February, Wisdom Weekend in May, Canada Day and The Big Float in July, and a Picnic Party and Water Ceremony in August. Also the Centennial Mural was installed on the north side of the Commu-

ity Hall.”

The Manitou Reflections sculpture was also created by local artists and Laird said they expect it to be installed in the spring. “This stainless steel sculptural wall will be the focal point in the newly created lakeshore park called Uhlmann Centennial Park.”

Along with centennial celebrations, 2019 also saw a bi-election and plans for a retirement living complex. A signage corridor was also planned and will be implemented. Laird noted the Jubilee Drive-In had great attendance and the flea market remains strong.

As 2019 came to a close and 2020 commenced, Laird said it was the first year in a long time that there were no major projects conducted. “There was no need to do any flood prevention projects as two lift stations had been upgraded in 2018. Water Security Agency was out this fall to assess how our berm was holding up and the results showed it is great. Water Security Agency gave us a gold star for our efforts.”

Meanwhile, as 2020 gets underway, along with elections taking place later this year Laird noted the subdivision separating the

west end of the drive-in property will be completed and the parcel will be offered for development. The resort community is also looking at upgrading the east sewage lift station in 2020, repairing the walls in the sewage lagoon and possibly installing a new bridge in Wellington Park.

Simpson - Mayor Jeremy Nimchuk said a lot of rink fundraising has taken place. A comedy night, hockey draft, ladies night and New Year’s parties were held to raise funds for the facility.

“We need to do something with the rink whether it is removing the roof or trying to replace it. Regardless, we still need to raise money to pay for the power and keep the heat on.”

Other items of note from 2019 included placing new Christmas lights on the power poles in town which were all donated and creating an ice rink on Main

Street across from the hotel. “This is the second time the rink has been made and it was all volunteers who did it.”


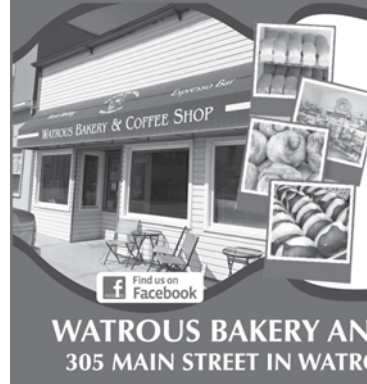
A twinkle tour was also held before Christmas which included a hot dog roast for the kids and ice skating.

In addition, Richardson Pioneer’s Simpson Ag Business Centre provided the Simpson Volunteer Fire Department with \$25,000 which went towards new equipment, suits and nozzles.

As for 2020, Nimchuk said the community will start to plan for Homecoming 2021.

Viscount - Mayor of Viscount Moe Kirzinger said the Village moved into the former bank building at the beginning of last year. With a \$56,000 accessibility grant

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Break, enter and thefts in Bruno area

On Saturday, Feb. 23, Humboldt RCMP were dispatched to two separate calls near Bruno.

In the overnight hours during Feb. 21 to 22, a 2006 Arctic Cat Crossfire 600 snowmobile was stolen from a residence in the 800 block of Railway Avenue in Bruno. The sled is described as black and green in colour. The value of this sled is around \$4,000.

Between Thursday, Feb. 20 and Saturday, Feb. 22 a Quonset off the 670 highway south of Bruno was broken into. Suspects forced entry through a door and gained access to the Quonset shop. It is believed a quad was used in the commission of this offence.

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.

Report of attempted child abduction at Craik

Craik RCMP are investigating a report of an attempted child abduction. A female youth reported that she was outside of the Craik School Feb. 25 at approximately 4 p.m. when an adult male in a white vehicle approached her and asked if she needed a ride. When she declined, the male insisted, but then left in the vehicle travelling southbound on the gravel road towards Hwy. 11. The youth immediately reported the incident to the school, who in turn called police.

Numerous officers immediately responded to the scene and conducted searches, but neither the suspect nor the suspect vehicle were located. The suspect description is as follows: believed to be wearing a dark shirt, not wearing a hat or glasses and did not have facial hair.

The vehicle was described as being a clean, white, newer model car, possibly with four doors. No licence plate information is available. Craik RCMP continue to investigate.

Police are asking anyone with information about this incident, particularly anyone who may have seen the vehicle matching the above description near the Craik School to report it immediately to the Craik Detachment at 306-734-5200. Information may also be submitted anonymously to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Charges laid to armed male east of Regina

On Thursday, Feb. 20 at approximately 6:20 a.m., White Butte RCMP received the report of an armed male in a vehicle approximately two miles east of Regina and north of Inland Drive.

When officers attended and made contact with the driver, they saw that he was in possession of a handgun. Officers immediately positioned themselves to safety and ordered the driver to drop the gun and exit the vehicle. The driver remained in the vehicle and attempted to drive away, but the vehicle was stuck.

Officers from White Butte, Moose Jaw, Lumsden, Combined Traffic Services Section, Southey and Regina Police Dog Services set up a containment perimeter until additional resources arrived on scene.

The Saskatchewan RCMP Emergency Response Team

attended the scene shortly after and was able to safely take the male into custody without injuries.

The male was found to be in possession of approximately 7 grams of what is believed to be methamphetamine and over \$600 in cash.

A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of a scale, a handgun and what is believed to be one gram of methamphetamine. After the vehicle was searched, it was determined the handgun did not have a magazine or ammunition. The vehicle and the licence plate were later determined to be stolen.

Cain Lindahl of Whitewood was arrested and charged with the following Criminal Code offences: Uttering threats; Possession of a restricted firearm; Careless use of a firearm; Possession of a restricted weapon while prohibited; Pointing a firearm; Possession of stolen property (four counts); Possession for the purpose of trafficking; and Impaired driving by drug.

Stolen vehicle initiative

On Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020 Cst. Arsenault of the Maidstone RCMP Detachment was on patrol in downtown Maidstone and located seven running vehicles that were unlocked and could have easily been stolen in seconds. Locating these seven vehicles took approximately 35 to 40 minutes. Cst. Arsenault secured these vehicles, located the drivers, and warned them how easily their vehicle could have been stolen and requested that they please turn off and lock their vehicles when they are not in them. On Feb. 10, 2020, an unlocked and running vehicle was stolen from a gas station in Maidstone. The attempted recovery of this vehicle involved members of the Maidstone, Cut Knife, and Battleford RCMP Detachments for an easily preventable crime.

Vehicle theft is a growing concern in the Maidstone Detachment area with these vehicles not being stolen for re-sale but for use in additional crimes. It is common for RCMP officers to locate a stolen vehicle abandoned after it has been used in several crimes to prevent identification of those involved. In 2019 the Maidstone Detachment received 66 stolen vehicle complaints and six have been reported between Jan. 1, to Feb. 6, 2020.

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Winterhawks finding stride in playoffs

■ Daniel Bushman

Having players return from injury and looking to defend its Long Lake Hockey League and provincial titles, the Watrous Winterhawks faced the Davidson Cyclones in round one of LLHL playoff action and Meadow Lake in provincial Senior A play.

Despite a fifth place finish in the LLHL regular season, Watrous went ahead 4-0 over Davidson after one period of play in game one before eventually defeating the Cyclones by a 7-4 score. With a 1-0 series lead and headed back home for game two Feb. 18, Watrous tallied on the power play in the first frame while allowing short-handed and power play goals to go down 2-1 after 20 minutes. With no scoring in the middle stanza, Watrous then tied the contest courtesy of a Patrick Ullyott marker before Craig McCallum scored the game winner in period three to send Watrous to round two against first place Foam Lake.

The two losses ended the LLHL season for Davidson while the Winterhawks take on the Flyers who received an opening round bye. Foam Lake was 15-2-1 during the

regular season while the Winterhawks were 9-9.

Game one of the league semifinal took place Feb. 28 in Foam Lake and after remaining scoreless through the opening period, the special teams from both clubs hit the scoreboard. After a power play tally by Foam Lake with 14:13 remaining in the second, Watrous scored short-handed less than two minutes later as McCallum tied things up at one. Then late in the period, the Flyers scored short-handed to take a 2-1 lead and headed into the final stanza.

In the third, Watrous evened things up with 15:43 to play thanks to Trent Campbell who made it 2-2 from Chad Murton and Cody Isherwood. As both clubs looked for the lead, it was not until 2:39 left when Michael Clarke scored from Ben Bitz and Patrick Ullyott to give the Winterhawks its first lead of the night.

Down by one, Foam Lake pulled goalie Daniel Wapple from the net but despite the extra attacker, it was Watrous who scored in the empty cage with 33 seconds remaining to take a 4-2 win and a 1-0 series lead. Game two went in Watrous Feb. 28 with game three scheduled for back in Foam Lake.

Meanwhile, in other LLHL action, second place Wynyard beat seventh place LeRoy while third place Drake defeated sixth place Lanigan. Game one of the Drake and Wynyard series went in Wynyard Feb. 24 and it was the Canucks who took a 7-0 victory. Netminder Calvin Bartel got the win in net for Drake while seven different goal scorers tallied for the Canucks. In game two, Drake went on to win 5-1 to build a 2-0 series advantage and look to close out the series in Wynyard.

The winner of the Foam Lake and Watrous series will take on the victor of the Wynyard and Drake series for the LLHL title.

In provincial action, after a close 6-5 overtime win in Meadow Lake, the Watrous Winterhawks took down the Broncos on home ice Feb. 23. In that second game, Watrous came out of the gates firing on all cylinders and skated away with a 6-1 win and the series. Watrous may find itself playing a familiar opponent as Drake had a 1-0 series lead over Warman heading into this past weekend. If the Canucks won at home, they would meet Watrous with the winner moving on to the Senior A provincial final.



Ready to rock

► Looking to qualify for provincials, five teams headed to Watrous to compete at this year's Senior Women's Q-Spiel #2 Feb. 7 to 9. After four games for each rink at the Watrous Q-Spiel #2, it was the Inglis crew who wrapped up play with a 4-0 record. Team Hodson was 3-1 while the Hopfner, Kopach and Swiderski rinks were 1-3. While the Kopach rink moved on to provincials, in a tiebreaker it was Hopfner winning the 1 p.m. draw against Swiderski by a 6-4 score. With Hopfner's victory, all the teams except for the Swiderski rink advanced to provincials which took place Feb. 26 to Mar. 1. Those moving on were joined by the Tracy Streifel, Lorraine Arguin, Sherry Anderson, and Delores Syrota rinks who all qualified in the first Q-Spiel.

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Town of Watrous

Opinion

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is December and west of Guernsey there is a train derailment. That train is an oil tanker transport train. Tank cars are damaged resulting in oil leakage and a resulting fire.

A day or two into that fire the wind direction changes and the atmosphere becomes higher in humidity. Because of that there is a cloud of smoke from that fire moving along the ground. Our farm is 30 to 40 miles away from that fire. For at least 12 hours our farm yard is enveloped in that smoke cloud. Human breathing is seriously affected. If that is happening to us what is that smoke-filled air doing to animals and poultry? That is one derailment.

Suddenly in February near Guernsey another oil tanker transport train suffers a second derailment. And another fire. Two derailments in three months! What are the chances of both being oil transporter trains and fires? Oil transported by pipeline would never have that occur.

All things have good and bad sides to them. I firmly believe that sending oil, gas etc. through lines will have far less negatives then on wheels or rail.

One further question arises and that is: why is oil transported from Alberta to Nebraska through Saskatchewan and more specifically here east of Saskatoon? Ship oil more direct, meaning southerly, not east and then south!

Thank you.

Delwyn Jansen



**Tips from
Reena Nerbas**

back to looking like new? Thanks, Lorraine

Dear Lorraine,

Into a bowl, mix together one tablespoon toothpaste, one teaspoon baking soda and one teaspoon vinegar. Dip a non-scratching abrasive cloth in the solution. Scrub the metal plate until the scorch marks disappear. Your iron will look brand new.

Dear Reena,

How do you get brown sugar to stay soft? Mine is hard as a rock. Thank you, Alice

Dear Alice,

Brown sugar hardens when moisture inside the container evaporates; all you need to do is replenish the moisture with one of these easy solutions! Place a cut up apple or slice of bread into an airtight container with the sugar; softening will take about a day or drape a damp towel over the unlidded bowl and leave overnight. You can also put the sugar into the microwave with a separate bowl of water. Turn the microwave on and check every 30 seconds to observe if the sugar is soft. A long-term fix is to purchase a piece of food safe clay; these are available at most grocery stores. Soak the clay in water for a few hours and then store it inside the brown sugar container to keep it moist.

Dear Reena,

I want to know if there is an easier way to maintain a 100-year-old wooden floor. It has been oiled yearly with linseed oil and mopped with Murphy's Oil Soap every couple of weeks and swept in between. The trouble is it is a large area (1,800 sq. ft.) and is in a rural General Store/Coffee Shop setting so it is constantly walked on with dirty and

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

I have been working on a small sewing project; little did I know that I have scorched the soleplate of my iron as I applied fused interfacing to the fabric I was working with. Can you tell me how I can remove these scorch marks to get my iron

muddy boots. Cleaning is a big job to try to keep it in good shape. Over the years the oil and dirt have accumulated around the edges. Basically, I am exhausted trying to keep it up. What, if anything, can make it easier to care for? Bradley

Dear Bradley,

Be cautious and use minimal water on the floor; the mop should be damp and not wet; 50/50 water and vinegar are also an option. Murphy's Oil tends to leave an oily residue and is therefore not always suitable for beautiful old wooden floors. Bona is a popular product sold in large home hardware stores. Bona leaves no residual oil on the floor; mist the floor and apply the product with a microfibre mop. If this is unsuccessful perhaps it is time for a coating of urethane.

Dear Reena,

Is there any way to prevent mites from invading my poinsettia so it will stay healthy longer? G.G.

Dear G.G.,

You can either purchase plant soap at your local garden store or you can make your own mite deterrent. Combine four tablespoons mild dish soap in one gallon of water. Pour into a spray bottle and spray the poinsettia.

Don't worry, be happy

- Next time you make fajitas add cooked pork, peppers, onions and seasoning to your baking pan. Next cook powdered onion soup and water on the stove. Thicken soup with cornstarch (the way that you would gravy). Add this to the fajita pan for great flavour and texture. Bake to heat.

- Wax paper taped inside slatted closet doors will help to keep out moths and dust.

- Save all the cookie crumbs in the bottom of cookie boxes. Use your food processor to grind them into fine crumbs. Perfect for all kinds of cake and cookie recipes.

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

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

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**Neighbourly advice
according to Ed**

A spiritual column

by contributor

Raymond Maher

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Being and staying healthy is on everyone's mind these days as the Coronavirus keeps spreading around the world. When I phoned Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan yesterday, Ruby answered the phone and said that Ed was a cranky bear suffering from a cold. When Ed came to the phone, I could hear his cold in his voice. He was not impressed when I said, "I have to get a face mask on before I can talk to you." His answer indicated that he was extremely

grumpy and very unsociable.

He said to me, "You better not tell anyone that you and the wife went to China, even if it was seven years ago. Maybe that Coronavirus was starting seven years ago. You could be a walking time bomb ready to explode into contagiousness."

"I think even if it happens, you will be safe in Melville, Sask. with me here in Chilliwack, B.C. I do hope they can contain and treat the Coronavirus successfully. People getting sick and dying from the virus reminds me that death, like sin, has an insatiable appetite," I told Ed.

"I haven't had much of an appetite since I got this cold. It's a sorry life when I cannot enjoy my food," Ed mentioned.

"I hope you didn't give your cold to Ruby?" I asked.

"Not yet," Ed answered. "So far, I am the only one sneezing, feverish, coughing, and having trouble breathing."

A new virus can be alarming

"Sounds like similar symptoms to the Coronavirus, I hope Ruby doesn't have to isolate you to the basement," I told Ed. I also pointed out there was a good chance that he would get over his cold and get back to normal health within a few days. My comments did not help Ed's grumpiness.

It is easy to have a negative attitude when we hear the Coronavirus keeps spreading around the world, infecting and killing people. Negative or fearful attitudes can infect us. In the face of news about the wide-spreading Coronavirus, we need a courageous approach. When we take a stand against fear, we stiffen our own spines and the spines of others. Our attitudes either affect others for good or infect them unfavourably.

Most of us would agree smiles, laughter, and enthusiasm are contagious. No less contagious are anger, hopelessness, fear and sin. Sickness was often feared

in the Bible. Some diseases like leprosy were contagious and those infected were isolated so they could not infect others. Jesus was sought out for healings because then, as now, those sick, lame, blind and deaf, need help. Pain, sickness, suffering and disability have always plagued humankind. Good health is seldom treasured until it is gone.

Jesus was more than a healer of suffering in our bodies. He came to heal our thinking, our attitudes, our understanding of spiritual health, but most of all, our relationship with God the Father. We take sickness, pain and suffering in our bodies seriously. Yet, we fail to believe we are sinners in need of God's forgiveness and healing for our souls. God presented Jesus his Son as a sacrifice of atonement for us. "Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:2)

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At the Watrous Centre

Crib winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Feb. 13 were: first - Faye Johnson, 943; second - Bob Smith, 938; third - Doug Gregory, 937; fourth - Ray Bruce, 931. Travelling - Earle Johnson and Doug Gregory. Homesteader was Doris Kreitzer, seven times at one table.

Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre Monday, Feb. 17 were: first - Sheila Johnson, 161; second - Sylvia Falkowsky, 158; third - Peter Sundquist, 153; fourth - Robert Weleski, 150.

Whist winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Feb. 20 were: first - Earle Amendt, 150; second - Roy Crawford,

145; third - Faye Johnson, 142; fourth - Kathleen Paul and Robert Weleski, 140 (tied). Travelling - Faye Johnson and Marilyn Crawford. Homesteader was Bob Wignes and Sharon Carlson, eight times at one table.

Kaiser winners at the Senior Centre Monday, Feb. 24 were: first - Lorelei Stewart, 196; second - Gena Amendt, 195; third - Ray Bruce, 182; fourth - Bob Wignes, 164.

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.

Imperial & District Service Club

■ submitted by Harold Anhorn

The last meeting in February 2020 for the Imperial & District Service Club was held at the Imperial Community Centre Monday, Feb. 24. Fifteen members and one guest were in attendance. We were pleased to welcome the guest of member Robin Vogt, Ranjit (Raj) Singh, owner of the Imperial Hotel. Ranjit has expressed an interest to join our service club and would be a welcome addition. Supper was cooked and supplied by group three with the support of Jonathon King from group one. To my knowledge, this was the first meeting that we have had turkey as our main course. The meals that are supplied at our meetings are always second to none.


The minutes of the last meeting Monday, Feb. 10 were read by Harold Anhorn as our secretary Keith Busche was still on holi-

days. The minutes were moved by Vernon Nolting, seconded by Roby Vogt and carried.

We acknowledged the birthday of our oldest member Marvin Gullacher, who turned 86 Feb. 25. It was noted that repairs are underway at the Imperial Community Skating Rink; however, the condenser which is the major problem will not be replaced until later on in the year. Member Eugene Lucas has been in contact with member Verne Wilcox who is having health issues and has advised us that Verne is feeling better. We wish Verne all the best and look forward to have him join our meetings again.

The financial report was given by Harold Anhorn as our treasurer Dave Kelly is on holidays. The report was moved by Marvin Gullacher, seconded by Brennan Hart and carried.

The tickets for The Sundrops concert Saturday, Apr. 18 are now being sold. Tick-



Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Easy Peasy Peach Cobbler

Ingredients:

- 2 cans sliced peaches, well drained
- 7 slices white bread, crusts removed
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 egg

Topping

- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon

Directions:

Place drained peaches in greased 9 x 11 inch baking pan. Cut each slice of bread into four strips, place these over the peaches. In a bowl, combine sugar, flour, butter and egg, mix well. Spread over bread and sprinkle with topping. Bake at 350°F for 40 to 45 minutes. Serve warm with cream or ice cream.

ets can be purchased from the Imperial town office, Keith Busche and various club members. A discussion was held to set up raffles for fundraising efforts during The Sundrops concert. The revenues generated from this concert will be donated to the Imperial & District Ambulance Service. A donation request was received from The Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility to purchase and install a resident ceiling lift in one of the facility rooms as well as in the

bathroom. This lift will provide safe transfers for the residents and the staff assisting them. It was moved by Eugene Lucas to donate \$2,000, seconded by Brennan Hart and carried.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, Mar. 9. Supper will be served at The Grain & Pulse Restaurant with the business part of the meeting moving to the Imperial Community Centre afterwards. Jonathon King adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Video Views

■ submitted by Earl Hayhurst/Video Stop

I watched 114 movies in 2019 and here are my 10 best:

Number one - The Nightingale. Written and directed by Jennifer Kent with Aisling Fanciosi, Sam Claflin, and Baykali Ganambarr. Second movie by Australian writer director Jennifer Kent. This is a marvellous look at revenge and violence set in 1825 Tasmania where a young Irish convict (Aisling Fanciosi) is humiliated, abused and must endure a scene of violence (I am still not over) from some British officers. Out for revenge she teams up with a fellow slave (Gambarr) and they set out on a harrowing journey of revenge and bloodshed to kill the officers led by usual nice guy actor Sam Claflin (Adrift, Me Before You, Mockingjay) definitely playing against type.

Number two - Once Upon A Time . . . In Hollywood. Written and directed by Quentin Tarantino with Brad Pitt, Leonardo DiCaprio and Margot Robbie. Tarantino's ninth movie is a love letter to the late 1960s Hollywood he grew up in. Of course it is a Tarantino movie so he has his own spin on the Manson era as seen through the eyes of a falling movie star (DiCaprio) his loyal stuntman buddy (Brad Pitt) and starlet Sharon Tate (Robbie). Great acting (young Julia Butters), great dialogue, and an amazing tense scene at the Manson camp. Brad Pitt won a well-deserved Best Supporting Actor Oscar and the movie also picked up the Production Design Oscar for its authentic '60s look and recreation of Hollywood from that era.

Number three - Dragged Across Concrete. Written and directed by S. Craig Zahler with Mel Gibson, Vince Vaughn, Tory Kittles, Laurie Holden, Jennifer Carpenter, and Don Johnson. Two not so good cops stumble across a robbery gone wrong and decide to rip off the thieves and it does not go well. Third film from one of the best up and coming directors S. Craig Zahler with this sprawling violent masterpiece. With this one Zahler cements himself as a talented filmmaker in the Tarantino vein.

Number four - Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice. Directed by Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman with Linda Ronstadt, Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne, Dolly Parton and Don Henley. A marvellous look at one of the great artists music ever gave us. From Ronstadt's early days to super stardom to her life today battling Parkinson's, a great artist and love letter to her for her fans.

Number five - Joker. Written and directed by Todd Phillips with Joaquin Phoenix, Robert DeNiro, Florence Conroy, and Zazie Beetz. Aside from Joaquin Phoenix's jaw-dropping performance (Oscar speech Sunday) the thing I cannot believe is that this is written and directed by the guy who did the Hangover movies and Road Trip! Think Taxi Driver with a clown as a man descends into madness . . . or does he . . . great movie, great performance but very disturbing. Joaquin Phoenix won Best Actor and the movie also picked up Original Score Award.

Number six - Midsommer. Written and directed by Ari Aster with Florence Pugh, Jack Reynor, and Will Poulter. On the strength of Ari Aster's debut masterpiece Hereditary I went to this one as soon as it opened in theatres and I left nearly three hours later a little dazed and not sure what I had experienced. Upon second viewing it came into light. And a third watch of the director's cut cemented it. This is one great piece of daring filmmaking. A group of US college students travel to Sweden for a summer festival and it goes let us just say very, very bad for them.

Number seven - Parasite. Written and directed by Bong Joon Ho with Kang Ho Song, Sun Kyan Lee, Yeo Joung Jo and Woo Sil Choi. Korean sensation and Cannes film festival winner from amazing director Boon Joon Ho (Snowpiercer, The Host) tells the twisted story of a family who slowly ingratiate themselves into a rich family as loyal servants. It gets creepy, weird and violent. A masterpiece of manipulation. Oscar winner for Best Picture, Best International Film, Best Director and Best Screenplay for Boon Joon Ho.

Number eight - Booksmart. Directed by Olivia Wilde, written by Emily Helpen, Sarah Haskins, Susanna Fogel and Katie Silberman with Kaitlyn Dever, Beanie Feldstein, Billie Lourd, Skyler Gisondo and Jason Sudekis. The year's best comedy, a female rip of Superbad . . . ironically starring Jonah Hill's sister Beanie Feldstein along with the great Kaitlyn Dever as two overachievers who think they wasted their high school years by not partying or going out. They plan to make up for it in one crazy night.

Number nine - Knives Out. Written and directed by Rian Johnson with Daniel Craig, Jamie Lee Curtis, Chris Evans, Ana de Armas, Toni Collette, Don Johnson and Christopher Plummer. Twisty hilarious thriller about a rich family drawn together at the birthday of their matriarch (Plummer) who winds up dead the next day. Great time at the movies and has four of my favourite actors Curtis, Collette, Evans and Michael Shannon.

Number 10 - Crawl. Directed by Alexandre Aja, written by Shawn and Michael Rasmussen with Kaya Scodelario and

Barry Pepper. Horror master Alexandre Aja raises the bar with this surprisingly effective well-made thriller about a father and daughter trapped in a house by a swarm of hungry alligators during a category hurricane. Ninety minutes of tension and some of the best CG alligator effects ever seen. A great little gem.

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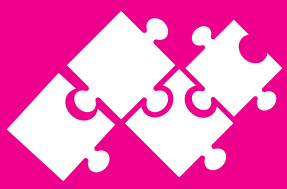


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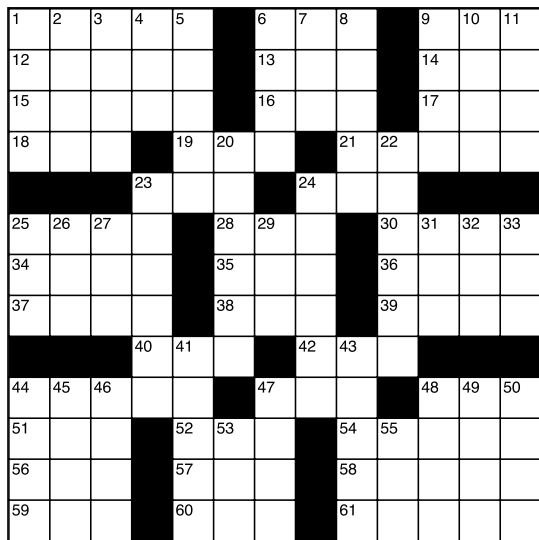


"I would say this appears to be a severe case of cabin fever and spring fever - most likely a combination of both ..."



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1. Lawful
6. Volcanic discharge
9. No ____, and, or buts
12. Cherish
13. Flowered necklace
14. Small spot
15. Carved pole
16. Type of dance
17. Flock mother
18. Subways' cousins
19. Con's opposite
21. Sunday song
23. Bambi's mother
24. Soak
25. Actor Donahue
28. Go down the slopes
30. Ripened
34. Expect
35. No-win contest
36. Barely cooked
37. Legendary creature
38. Printers' concerns
39. Piece of marble
40. Motion agreement
42. Palmer's peg
44. Straighten
47. Fellow
48. Lawyer's charge
51. Muscle twitch
52. Messy dwelling
54. Linger
56. Iron source
57. Vast timespan
58. Delete
59. Cushion
60. Boston ____ Party
61. Marry again

DOWN

1. Past curfew

2. Revered person
3. Portable beds
4. Outrage
5. Beat
6. Female singer
7. Baltic or Bering
8. African mammal
9. Concept
10. Chicken
11. Bloom support
20. Took a break
22. Thin
23. Coloring
24. Midday nap
25. Old pronoun
26. Fish eggs
27. Choose
29. Relations
31. "A ____ in Calico"
32. Time division
33. Society girl
41. Start
43. One who finishes
44. On the peak of
45. Italian money, once
46. Made cold
47. Talking bird
48. Imperfection
49. Additional
50. Stared at
53. Tip of Italy
55. Have being

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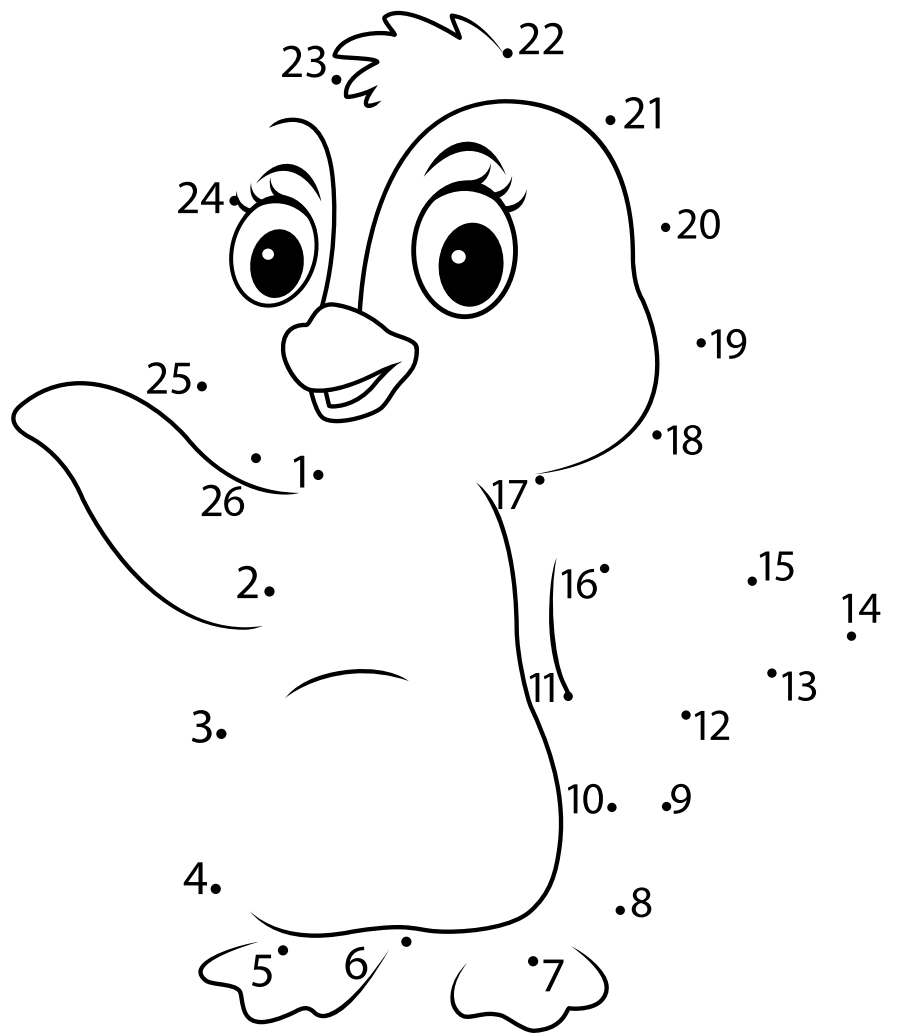
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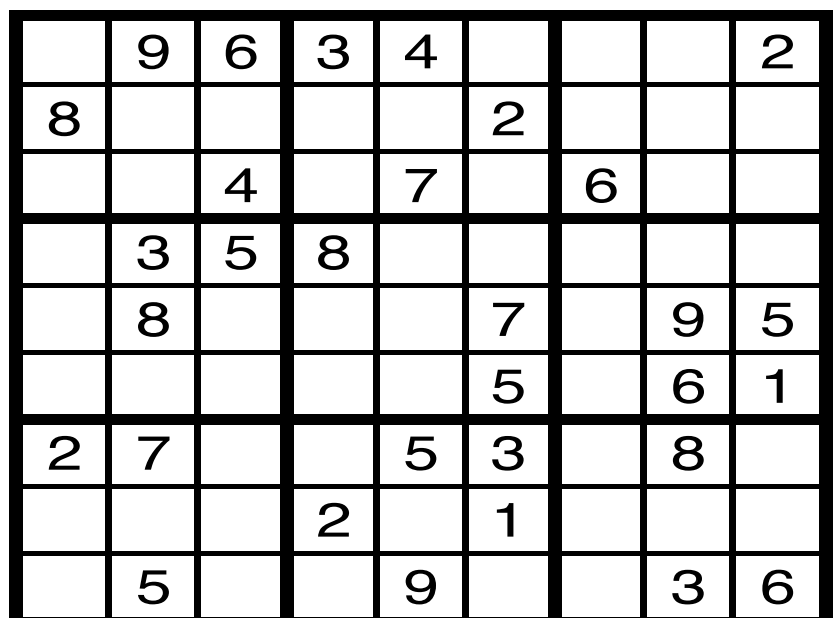


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Focus Photography Group of Watrous/Manitou Beach and area

Open to local area shutterbugs and those generally interested in photography, the Focus Photography Group of Watrous/Manitou Beach and area was first launched by Manitou Beach resident Bev Jay. Since its first meeting in January 2018, the local contingent has now grown to include about 40 people who follow the group's activities and information and about 20 active members.

Meeting twice per month, Bev said, "Our vision is to provide opportunity, through a local forum, for open sharing ideas, advice, support, learning, inspiration, and friendship and photos."

After starting out at the Watrous Library, when the library's hours changed, the group began gathering upstairs at the Watrous Curling Club and continues to do so. Sponsored in part by the Watrous Curling Club, meetings are held in the lounge area during the evenings each second and fourth Thursday of the month.

While Bev said there is a very reasonable annual membership fee, interested individuals can also attend any meeting or presentation for a minimal drop-in charge. "The meetings and activities involve presentations, tutorials, hands-on practice with your camera, photo displays, and photo field trips. It doesn't matter what type of camera you have. Anything that you use to take photos like a cell phone, compact camera, bridge camera or DSLR camera are all acceptable."

Bev said the idea to launch the local photography group came from her time involved with a group in Regina. "Since moving to Manitou Beach a few years ago, I wondered if there was interest in the area for a photo group/club as there seemed to be a lot of people who enjoy taking photos in our area. There are other similar sized communities around the province who have also started photo clubs that remain active and I thought why not do it here as well."

As the group has grown over the past two years, more presentations have also taken place. Recently in January the club hosted photographers and authors Robin and Arlene Karpan who have extensive knowledge about taking photos in Saskatchewan and around the world. In February, Jannik Plaetner shared about understanding composition and then Chris Attrell was in attendance Feb. 27 to share about AstroPhotography and other night events. Photographer and amateur astronomer Tim Yaworski is making his way to Watrous later in March to share his knowledge about Astro photography.

Fortunate to live in an area with a lot of unique images of scenery and wildlife, Bev said, "We welcome anyone who is interested in photography to come on by for presentations, meetings or field trips. We also have created a Facebook page and can be found by searching: Focus Photography Group."



“Photos of the Week”



Generous support

► The Manitou Lodge held its annual Telemiracle Pie Auction Feb. 25 and once again local residents showed their



support not only through donating pies but also purchasing them. This year the grand total raised from the auction, pie and coffee sale along with other donations and Telemiracle Helping Hands was \$7,550! Monique Sundquist with the Manitou Lodge Activity Department said, "The support from volunteers, residents, staff and community members we have here at Manitou Lodge is truly remarkable. We really appreciate everyone for their generosity and community spirit. We also appreciate Marilyn Stobbs (pie Vanna) and Roger Davidson (pie auctioneer) for helping us do this each year!"

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they were also able to make a parking lot at the rink. “We got half of it done with that grant and we want to do the other half. The rink has also been doing a trip of the month fundraiser for upgrades and that has been going good.”

Kirzinger noted the community has also annexed some land from the RM into the village boundaries as they were subdividing some industrial lots. “We had one person move in, a heavy equipment operator.”

The mayor also highlighted an increase in the school population and the village came in under budget.

“For our town we still have a full line of businesses which is good.”

For 2020, Kirzinger said some of the goals include paving and redoing infrastructure. The community’s annual street dance is planned for August and

has been a tremendous fundraiser over the years. Aside from that, Kirzinger said there are no real other big celebrations for 2020.

Watrous - Town Administrator Orrin Redden said a big emphasis in 2019 was placed on the east industrial area where Manitou Mainline Chrysler is located.

“We did get the paving done in 2019 and addressed most of the drainage issues out there,” said Redden who noted the work was a big amount of the Town’s capital works budget.

“We paved the road to Manitou Mainline Chrysler and then there is a road constructed looping straight east from Home Hardware and down to Chrysler. We hope to complete that this year and there is some cleanup left to do. It won’t be paved anytime soon but we hope to complete the drainage and rough road work to gravel. The lots next to Home Hardware are also

available for purchase and there is water, sewer, power, and gas hooked up.”

At the turn next to Watrous Concrete is where the former substation site is located. With that property now owned by the Town, Redden said they want to focus on tidying the area up before marketing that corner lot next to Hwy. 2.

With all of the significant road work being done in the east industrial area, Redden said there was not a lot of other street work completed in 2019. “We rebuilt a couple of blocks on 2nd Street West, just the excavation but not paving. Some of those sections were really frost boiled. We also did quite a bit of asphalt patching.”

In addition to that work, Main Street incurred a few unexpected water main breaks in 2019. An issue on the minds of council as 2020 moves along, Redden said, “The water main on Main Street is not holding up as well as others. Main Street is important but the trouble is if you begin to replace mains, you have to do it all at once. It needs

a new water main, then the water services to the buildings need to be replaced, new sidewalks installed, and then new asphalt. The estimate is around \$650,000 for one block.”

With a substantial amount of money needed to fix four blocks, Redden suggested there are other options, however, the main concern is the water main. “Something will have to be addressed to look at the breaks and a plan will have to be implemented. It is such an undertaking and there is no easy answer. Everyone recognizes the importance of the situation but it is a large undertaking. You would have to look at diverting traffic, possibly businesses having to help fund the project while trying to keep places easily accessible to their customers.”

Water/sewer work has become a large part of the community’s budget over recent memory as Redden figured in the past six to eight years, the Town of Watrous has undertaken \$10 million worth of water/sewer work. “There

is some debt that has to be paid back but replacing the water main on Main Street is definitely something that is receiving a lot of discussion.”

Sticking with the theme of water/sewer, new well number seven was created in 2018 and the plan for 2019 was to do a pipeline to tie it into the existing line. While the pipeline has yet to be tied into the existing line, Redden said the project was tendered in the fall and will now be a spring job. Building, mechanical and electrical still has to be completed and is something council will look at during budget deliberations for 2020.

“We have adequate water supply but if our main well went down for any length of time this well will be a reserve to ensure we can supply our reverse osmosis water treatment plant. We have three wells without this new one but the two older ones can’t meet the volume the plant requires to run. In addition we also decommissioned some of our old wells that we weren’t using last year as well.”

With the significant capital projects including the lagoon, water treatment plant and water/sewer in the east industrial area, Redden said there will not be a lot of additional projects planned for 2020.

One project that is on the horizon along with discussion of the water main on Main Street involves heavy rain events. “There can be issues with getting the sewer away when ground water gets in and bottlenecks things up. That is a big project with a few options to look at for how to get the water out of town quicker but that will be left up to council to sort out what to do moving forward.”

Aside from water/sewer projects and work being done in the east industrial area, Redden noted a few other things that took place in 2019 and what will continue in 2020:

- seeking more storage space, across the road from the east industrial area, the Town acquired the PFRA compound which

is next to the Town shop and near the Watrous Fire Hall. With that, the newly added mobility van has a spot to park, joining the larger mobility vehicle as part of the fleet. “Acquiring that warehouse compound was really fortunate for us with that added space. There is not a lot of outside space at the Town shop;”

- bylaw enforcement continues with last year being year two of the program in Watrous. “We are continuing similar to last year with very little bylaw enforcement done in the winter;”

- the Watrous Cemetery did not see any major capital projects but through public works there has been an increased emphasis in upkeep and maintenance;

- the sportsgrounds has a new concession facility constructed through a partnership with the Winston High School’s football team, Watrous Minor Ball and the Town of Watrous;

- the rest area shelter near the rail tracks at the end of Main Street has been essentially completed with assistance from Manitou Springs Mineral Spa. “People come in using the rail to visit the spa and Manitou Springs helped provide funding for it. People can get off the train and rest while they wait for a ride to the spa. It will also act as a resting place for other travellers during the summer as well;” and

- housing starts continue on the residential lot property across from the Watrous District Health Complex. Three homes have been constructed with two of those completed. The Town has since received deposits on five others.

Young - CAO of Young, Lyle Hannan said there were a few items of note from 2019. “We had the office move to the old bank building at the end of 2019 and we replaced a truck and purchased an old fire pumper, but nothing major.”

Hannan said there is nothing major planned for 2020 although a general election will be held later in the year.

FARMLAND FOR SALE

RM of Wood Creek No. 281

LAND	ASSESSED VALUE
NW 27-30-27 W2	\$133,800
SW 27-30-27 W2	\$137,200

Tenders must be received by **6:00 p.m. March 20, 2020.**
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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

VILLAGE OF LIBERTY

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Village of Liberty for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** on the following days: **Monday to Friday, February 28th to April 1st, 2020.**

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$25 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful with:

Secretary of the Board of Revision, Nicole McDade
Box 120, Imperial, SK, S0G 2J0
by the **1st day of April, 2020.**

Dated this 28th day of February, 2020.
Yvonne (Bonny) Goodsman, Assessor

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NW 09-31-28 W2 120 seeded acres	NE 17-31-28 W2 130 seeded acres
NE 10-31-28 W2 135 seeded acres	SE 20-31-28 W2 135 seeded acres
NW 10-31-28 W2 135 seeded acres	SW 21-31-28 W2 115 seeded acres

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TWM's annual Ag Edition will be out Mar. 16.

To place an agriculture related ad, the deadline for that edition is Mar. 10.

PLUNKETT

Deloris Wilson (Sutherland) • 306-944-4852

A very huge crowd attended the first annual Plunkett Vintage Ice Oval Races sanctioned by SVORA (Saskatchewan Vintage Oval Racers Alliance). The races were held on Dave Pearce’s land north and west of Plunkett. Thirty-eight racers from across Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba competed in various classes on the evening of Sat., Feb. 1 “Under the Lights” and Sunday afternoon, Feb. 2. Sunday evening, the Plunkett ladies served supper to over 100 people at the Plunkett Community Centre followed by the awards presentation. The awards and raffle prizes were generously donated by numerous sponsors from Bellevue, Humboldt, Saskatoon, Regina and the surrounding local communities. Volunteers from the SVORA Committee and the local community worked countless hours preparing for the weekend’s events. All proceeds will be donated to the Plunkett Volunteer Fire Department.

The Plunkett ladies are busy working on Blankets for Canada.

Folks are away on holidays.

Curling fans enjoyed the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Folks are walking at the Plunkett Community Centre three mornings a week.

Visiting Evelyn Shoe-maker were her daughter Carolyn and son-in-law Carl Carduner of Saskatoon.

Wedding congratulations to Dale Jones and his wife Jen who were recently married. They live in the Louie Bentley home in town.

Several folks enjoyed the Valentine’s Day supper at the Plunkett Hotel.

Ed and Elaine Drachenberg of Humboldt recently picked up Ed’s son Darcy of Korea from the airport.

Lorie Giddings of Saskatoon returned home from being away on holidays.

Get well wishes to anyone ill and in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Anyone having any news, please phone me at 306-944-4852. Thank you.

VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

There was no breakfast at the Viscount Seniors Saturday, Feb. 15 due to the long weekend. Saturday, Feb. 22, there were 17 people who came out to the Viscount seniors fundraising breakfast. Workers were Chris Rault and Karen Dale. The lucky loonie pot winner was Albert Guriko.

Sunday, Feb. 16, there was a 3D fun shoot held at the Viscount Archery Range.

Feb. 17, Family Day did not discourage the Blankets for Canada ladies. In fact, eight ladies were keen enough to show up to spend the afternoon sewing. There were nine ladies at the Viscount library for Blankets for Canada Monday, Feb. 24. These ladies are so dedicated! There are several shelters that receive our blankets. We are able to keep supplying blankets to these shelters because of many generous donations of yarn and 8” x 8” crocheted and knitted squares. Your kind support is greatly appreciated. For more details please call Evelina at 306-944-4820.

The first couple days of the February break from school were a little chilly. The great-grandmas from the Viscount Central School Reading Program are enjoying receiving their letters from their pen pals. Soon, and very soon, it will be over for another year. Time sure is going fast. March is already here and there will be another break in April for Easter.

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

Big two was played at the seniors centre Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 12. Winners were Iris Frederickson, Shirley Fitzsimmons, Nola McLaren, Emma Yausie and Roy Grey. Coffee and dainties followed.

The Lions Club held a fish derby at the Zelma Reservoir. They had a good turnout. Sorry I do not have winners.

The rink is now closed for the winter so no more hockey games.

Congratulations to Venessa Liang who made it through another week in the Great Chocolate Showdown on Food Network Canada.

Kaiser was played at the seniors centre Feb. 19. High score was Florence Halvorson and second was Shirley Fitzsimmons. Coffee and loaves were served for lunch.

Joan Campbell and Evelyn Selby attended the funeral of the late Dan Medernach of South Allan Saturday, Feb. 22.

There was great curling on TV again with the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. I love watching it. Congratulations to the Kerri Einarsen team of Manitoba who won in Moose Jaw Sunday, Feb. 23 by defeating the Homan rink of Ontario.

Jim and Irene Gray attended the engagement party at the Vista Restaurant in Saskatoon Feb. 22. It was for Tyler Hinz and Venessa Liang who will be married May 30 in Saskatoon. They all enjoyed a visit with Ben and Muling Liang who also attended the party.

Get well wishes to anyone who is not feeling great. I hope you are better soon.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL TOWN OF IMPERIAL

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Town of Imperial for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from **8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 4:00 p.m.** on the following days: **Monday to Friday, February 20th to April 3rd, 2020.**

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied with the applicable appeal fee, with:

**The Assessor, Town of Imperial,
Box 90, Imperial, SK, S0G 2J0
by the 3rd day of April, 2020.**

Dated this 20th day of February, 2020.
Joslin Freeman, Assessor

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll Resort Village of Etters Beach

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the **Resort Village of Etters Beach** for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, February 28th to April 1st, 2020.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$25.00 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful, with:

**Secretary of the Board of Revision,
Gord Krismer & Associates Ltd.
2405 Gordon Road, Regina, SK S4S 4M4
by the 1st day of April, 2020**

Dated this 28th day of February, 2020.
Yvonne (Bonny) Goodsman, Assessor

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST VILLAGE OF LIBERTY PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under the *Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before **May 4, 2020**, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

Lot	Block	Plan	Title No.	Arrears	Ad Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
1	10	CX219	133246852	1,099.66	19.76	1,119.42
3	10	CX219	133246874	173.26	19.76	193.02

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2020
Yvonne Goodsman, Treasurer

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST Village of Young Province of Saskatchewan

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before **April 30, 2020**, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

Assessment Number	Description of Property	Title Number	Total Arrears	Ad Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
505006650	LOT 8 BLK 08 PLAN AB887	116393070	1,636.50	3.75	1640.25
	LOT 9 BLK 08 PLAN AB887	116393081	1,636.50	3.75	1640.25
505006900	LOT 13 BLK 08 PLAN AB887	138053831	517.99	3.75	521.74
	LOT 14 BLK 08 PLAN AB887	138053853	517.99	3.75	521.74
	LOT 15 BLK 08 PLAN AB887	138053886	517.99	3.75	521.74
	LOT 16 BLK 08 PLAN AB887	138053909	517.99	3.75	521.74
505010450	PT LOT 19 BLK 11 PLAN G154	132350734	707.92	3.75	711.67
	PT LOT 20 BLK 11 PLAN G154	132350756	707.92	3.75	711.67
	PT LOT 21 BLK 11 PLAN G154	132350767	707.92	3.75	711.67
505011050	LOT 8 BLK 12 PLAN G427	128937460	2,348.64	3.75	2,352.39
505011150	LOT 10 BLK 12 PLAN G427	151274549	1,992.64	3.75	1,996.39
505012550	LOT 3 BLK 15 PLAN G427	145832418	943.19	3.75	946.94
	LOT 4 BLK 15 PLAN G427	24832429	943.20	3.75	946.95
505013250	LOT 16 BLK 15 PLAN G427	116391269	1,783.78	3.75	1,787.53
505013750	LOT 24 BLK 15 PLAN G427	152065537	323.33	3.75	327.08
	LOT 25 BLK 15 PLAN G427	152065559	323.33	3.75	327.08
	LOT 26 BLK 15 PLAN G427	152065571	323.33	3.75	327.08
505013800	LOT 27 BLK 15 PLAN G427	126798081	1,759.13	3.75	1,762.88
505015650	PT LOT 1 BLK 19 PLAN G841	147727198	1,937.47	3.75	1,941.22
505016050	LOT 10 BLK 19 PLAN 76540273	137764244	2,195.97	3.75	2,199.72
505016600	PLAN G841	116391742	993.27	3.75	997.02
505025200	LOT 14 BLK 20 PLAN 86S27575	142444953	3,292.96	3.75	3,296.71
515010050	LOT 2 BLK 01 PLAN 79S18407	145705473	3,351.08	3.75	3,354.83

Dated this 18th day of February, 2020
Lyle Hannan, Treasurer

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST Resort Village of Manitou Beach Province of Saskatchewan

Notice is hereby given under the *Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before **May 22, 2020** an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

Roll #	Lot	Block	Description of Property Plan	Title Number	Total Arrears and Costs
1158	8 PT 9	25	G19 Ext 7	129668103	6,623.82
1516	14	9	G37	151405185	916.95
743	7	5	G10	152306568	890.34
727	13	4	G10	138245766	2,306.61
806	1,2,3,4	8	G10	151094864 151094875 151094886 151094897	3,282.85
1001	PT 12	4	G19 Ext 7	134451479	1,268.34
1495	13	8	G37	137412626	3,766.01
1000	PT 12	4	G19 Ext 11	152438867	2,185.91
832	PT 6 & 7	9	G10 Ext 24	145195870	776.70
1164	13	25	G19	150243791	917.98
1446	4	6	G37	146437207	602.00
1008	19	4	G19	137855920	952.89
1008-1	18	4	G19	137855874	674.89
1232	8	32	G19	150724357	723.86
719	5	4	G10	146851476	2,648.33
1362	2	1	G37	128287255	2,211.49
745	9	5	G10	152291842	882.30
600	2	5	62S19578	116501644	674.89
601	3	5	62S19578	116501666	674.89
602	4	5	62S19578	116501688	674.89
780	22	6	G10	113127151	764.42
787	7	7	G10	116499303	886.17
802	22	7	G10	116499459	764.42
938	4	19	G10	113127083	686.15
939	5	19	G10	113127094	754.27
1730	3	19	G10	113127072	686.15
1026	17	5	G19	127861982	4,124.04
1729	23 & 24	3	101485313	142603141 142603152	1,535.01
908	11	14	101486291 Ext 7	138014939	556.64
909	10	14	101486280 Ext 6	127576132	659.41
1551	9	11	G37	146197930	568.85
1552	10	11	G37	146197941	3,130.01
1237	13	32	G19	147272878	1,250.47

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2020
Beverly Laird, Treasurer



“Notices Classifieds”

In memory

FLETCHER - In loving memory of Roy, Oct. 5, 1913 - Mar. 5, 2018:

Two years have passed since that sad day.
When the one we loved was called away.
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Within our hearts he liveth still.

- Dorothy and family.

VANTHUYNE - Robbie, Mar. 5, 2016:

No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
Silent thoughts of times together,
And special memories that will last forever.
Each of us, in our own special way
Remember you with love today.

- Love you and miss you, your family.

Thank you

Thanks to family, friends and neighbours for the food, support and well wishes during my radiation treatments. Just 12 cycles of chemo to get through and hope all goes well.
- Thanks, Jackie Hanson and family

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WANTED

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FARMLAND WANTED

WANTED TO RENT 2-4 QUARTERS FARMLAND OR PASTURE east McCraney or west Wood Creek. Ph. 306-567-7002./10-3p

FARMLAND FOR SALE, RENT OR TENDER

LAND FOR SALE IN RM OF SARNIA #221. N 1/2 35-24-25 W2 270 acres cultivated 20 acres seeded to alfalfa. Highest or any offers not necessarily accepted. All bids are confidential. Bids must be submitted no later than Mar. 25, 2020 to bhdetwiller@sasktel.net or Bill Detwiller, Box 59, Imperial, Sask. S0G 2J0./10-4c

FARMLAND FOR RENT - RM OF MORRIS #312. Three and a half quarters in total. SW 18-31-25 W2 approx. 144 acres cultivated, NW 18-31-25 W2 approx. 150 acres cultivated, SW 19-31-25 W2 approx. 150 acres cultivated, Part of SE 01-31-26 W2 approx. 80 acres cultivated. All bids are confidential. Highest or any other bid not necessarily accepted. Bids must be submitted no later than Mar. 6, 2020. Submit bid to T. Martin, Box 1095, Watrous, Sask. S0K 4T0./9-2c

FARMLAND FOR RENT - RM OF WOOD CREEK #281. SE 35-30-26 W2 approx. 155 acres cultivated, NW 26-30-26 W2 approx. 125 acres cultivated, NE 26-30-26 W2 approx. 145 acres cultivated. All bids are confidential. Highest or any other bid not necessarily accepted. Bids must be submitted no later than Mar. 6, 2020. Submit bid to T. Martin, Box 1095, Watrous, Sask. S0K 4T0./9-2c

FARMLAND FOR SALE BY TENDER - RM OF WOOD CREEK #281. NW 12-30-26 W2 Assessed \$166,800 159.56 acres. All bids are confidential. The following conditions apply to the sale: 1) Highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted, 2) Bidders must rely on their own research of the property, 3) Successful bidder will be expected to conclude transaction as soon as possible, 4) Purchaser will be responsible for taxes from Jan. 1, 2020 forward, 5) Any applicable federal or provincial taxes will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Absolutely no realtors or agents. Bids must be submitted no later than Mar. 19, 2020. Submit bid to T. Martin, Box 1095, Watrous, Sask. S0K 4T0./9-4c

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"The tremendous variety here, it astounds us and never fails to keep us interested."

That also includes the local area as Robin and Arlene have spent a bit of time around Last Mountain Lake and Manitou Beach.

"We find Last Mountain Lake especially to be a highlight because of the bird life and the wildlife. You can go at different times of the year and see all sorts of different things plus the landscapes are really pretty around there. At Manitou Beach, there is the lake and the surrounding terrain is lovely."

Residing in Saskatoon the nature photographers also shared during the presentation about their favourite loca-

tion in Saskatchewan, the Athabasca Sand Dunes Provincial Park. Stretching approximately 100 kilometres along the south shore of Lake Athabasca, the Athabasca Sand Dunes is the largest active sand surface in Canada.

"It is a very special place because it is a fragile area," explained Arlene. "The dunes are there and are incredible to explore. There are so many things that are neat like the boreal forests, the shoreline which is constantly changing and the dunes which are constantly changing. It is just a magical landscape and we are so fortunate to have that in Saskatchewan."

Robin agreed and noted the area is unlike any other sand dunes in the world. "Most sand dunes are found in the deserts in dry areas but here it is up in the boreal forest surrounded by lakes and rivers so it makes it completely unique."

The area which is rarely visited by people was recently chosen as one of the locations for a Canada Post stamp series. After the Karpan's image of the Big Muddy Badlands was selected to go on a stamp last year the pair were notified another picture would be selected for this year's From Far and Wide series.

Sending in a few samples of different areas in the province for the series, the couple were recently informed by Canada Post their photo from their favourite location had been accepted. "It is quite an honour."

Not something they had ever thought about, the Karpan's smiled when asked about having an image they captured on a stamp. The pair also described their journey to the massive sand dunes and their decision to take the photo. Beginning on Lake Athabasca the pair paddled using a canoe up the William River. Once into the dunes and with the wind down, they hiked a couple of hours to get to the first big dune. With 40 giant dunes in that area, Robin wanted to time the shot to be at sunset (around 10:45 p.m. in the summer), capturing a golden hue on one side of the dune and a silhouette on the other. As Arlene stood on the dune and the sun began going down, Robin set up for the shot and took the photo.

The image from the Athabasca Sand Dunes joined eight other must-see places from across Canada spanning the Rocky Mountains in B.C. to the rugged coast of Nova Scotia as the third installment of the From Far and Wide series.

"We've been there many times and every time we go back there is just something that captures your heart," said Arlene fondly. "This was one photo we thought would go over well."

As that same image featured on the stamp flashed across the screen during the Karpan's presentation in Watrous, it was evident by the reaction in the room that the photo was the perfect choice.

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►With local shutterbugs in attendance during a presentation by Robin and Arlene Karpan at the Watrous Curling Rink earlier this year, the group was able to learn about some unique places to take photos in Saskatchewan.

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