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The Big Float named finalist for prestigious award

■ Daniel Bushman

Manitou Beach has once again found itself in the provincial spotlight after a lot of hard work and dedication by a number of individuals. One of nearly 90 nominations in 13 award categories for this year's Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence, The Big Float at Manitou Beach was recognized as a finalist for the Community Event of the Year Award.

Community Development Officer Brendan Manz who was part of the organizing committee was thrilled to see The Big Float named as one of three finalists in its category. "We decided to focus on bringing in more events to go along with the annual Fun Run held in Watrous. From the Manitou Maple Madness Chainsaw Carving Competition to a whole host of centennial celebrations held at Manitou Beach last year, there was a lot of effort put in by organizers. The fact that we are able to be recognized for the work that we do around events which have become an important aspect of our tourism industry, it is great to be recognized for that."

After the idea flowed from wanting to plan something unique and new for the centennial celebrations at Manitou Beach, nearly 2,000 people registered for The Big Float held July 13, 2019. With people coming from all over Saskatchewan, other Canadian provinces and various parts around the globe, Manz said that July afternoon was pretty spectacular. "What a way to celebrate our lake and the unique features that we have with the water. The other thing it did was attract a different demographic to come float and be a part of the record. We had people attend from all over and they were able to see what it is like at Manitou Beach and what we have to offer. It was a chance to bring those people out who maybe normally would not have come out. Bringing upwards of 2,000 people into your community for a weekend is a pretty unique thing."

Spearheaded by Manitou Beach resident Sarah McKen, Manz said the group

would not have been able to pull everything off without all of the volunteers and committee members chipping in. "I commend them all for their willingness to help out and organize such a really unique event to our area and province."

Because of the tremendous success of The Big Float in 2019, Manz added they are planning to have another one, this time for July 11, 2020. "We are going to partner with the Boogaloo this year because having both events fall on the same weekend last year worked out really well. We plan to coordinate the events together for this year and promote it as a whole."

As for being named a finalist for the Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence, this is the fifth different category that either a local business, person or event has been a finalist in over recent years. "A lifetime achievement award was given to Arnold and Millie Strueby of Danceland and Manitou Springs Resort and Mineral Spa won Business of the Year and was a finalist for Service Excellence. Last year, the Fred Heal Tourism Ambassador Award was presented to the Watrous Manitou Marketing Group and now we are up for Community Event of the Year. It really shows we are not a one-trick pony. We have a lot of provincially recognized people, events and attractions here in our communities and that is saying a lot for us, especially when you consider we compete against others from larger centres."

Joining The Big Float as a finalist in this year's Community Event of the Year Award is Showdown in Cowtown from Maple Creek and The Boomtown Cup from Shaunavon.

The remaining finalists and categories include:

Business of the Year Award (over 20 Full-Time Employees) sponsored by the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce - Saskatchewan Science Centre, Regina; Skyxe Saskatoon Airport, Saskatoon; and Wanuskewin, Saskatoon.

Business of the Year Award (under 20 Full-Time Employees) sponsored by Sas-



►With upwards of 2,000 people visiting Manitou Beach for The Big Float in July 2019, the successful event not only garnered positive results but it was recently named a finalist for Saskatchewan Tourism's Community Event of the Year Award.
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katchewan Indian Gaming Authority - Grotto Gardens Country Market, Maple Creek; The Happy Nun Café, Forget; and Rebellion Brewing Company, Regina.

Fred Heal Tourism Ambassador Award Sponsored by Wanuskewin - Mane Productions, Saskatoon; Meewasin Valley Authority, Saskatoon; and Western Trophy Outfitters/Great Grey Outfitters, Candle Lake area.

Gil Carduner Marketing Award Sponsored by Phoenix Group - Canadian Western Agribition, Regina; SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, Saskatoon; and Wanuskewin, Saskatoon.

Indigenous Tourism Experience Award sponsored by Regina Exhibition Association Limited - Aski Holistic Adventures, Cumberland; House Living Sky Casino Powwow, Swift Current; and Wanuskewin, Saskatoon.

Marquee Event of the Year Award sponsored by PrintWest - Canadian Western Agribition, Regina; NHL Heritage Classic, Regina; and Western Canada Summer Games, Swift Current.

Rookie of the Year Award sponsored by the Saskatchewan Roughrider Football Club - Nutrien Wonderhub, Saskatoon; Odla Restaurant and Market, Saskatoon; and Regina Beach Aquatic Adventures, Regina Beach.

Service Excellence Award sponsored

by Delta Hotels by Marriott Regina - Farm One Forty, Vanscoy; Northern Lights Vintage Spa, Maple Creek; and Scott Lake Lodge, Scott Lake.

Tourism Employee of the Year Award sponsored by Harvard Broadcasting Regina - Arnold McKenzie, Legislative Assembly Service of Saskatchewan, Regina; Katie Willie, Wanuskewin, Saskatoon; and Robert Holden, Firesong, Fowler Lake.

Tourism Employer of the Year Award sponsored by the Regina Airport Authority - Atlas Hotel, Regina; CAA Saskatchewan; and Gold Eagle Lodge, North Battleford.

Travel Media Award - Kevin Dunn, Saskatoon; Karen Pinchin, Boston, MA; and Jenn Sharp, Saskatoon.

Tourism Builder Award sponsored by Tourism Saskatchewan - Brad Muir, Waskesiu Lake; Gordon Olson, Big River; and Dr. Ernie Walker, Saskatoon.

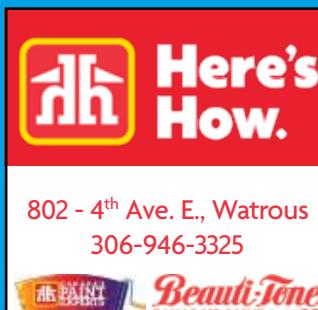
"Tourism Saskatchewan is exceedingly proud of the businesses, events, employees and leaders chosen for the gala spotlight," Tourism Saskatchewan CEO Mary Taylor-Ash said. "We look forward to honouring their vision, innovation, collaboration, pride of place and deep commitment to great service and experiences."

This year the finalists and award recipients will be honoured at the 31st annual Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence Gala April 2 in Regina.

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Band with local ties nominated for Juno award

■ Daniel Bushman

With music being an instrumental part of Dallas Bryson's life, when this year's nominees were announced for the 2020 Junos, Dallas was all smiles as he and his band Foxwarren found themselves making the final cut for Alternative Album of the Year.

"It's pretty neat," said the guitarist and vocalist on having the band's self-titled album nominated for a Juno. "I never really expected it."

Growing up on a farm near Young, the son of Cecil and Pat Bryson would often find himself playing an instrument any chance he could get. "It was pretty much the only thing I was interested in."

Whether it was learning to play the piano, strumming his guitar in church or being part of the school division's band, over the years Dallas continued to fine tune his craft. "I was fortunate enough to have really great mentors. I took piano lessons from Kathy Bergen for years. Playing the guitar at church was probably the very first band I was in and my school music teacher Dave McDade was great

too. He can play anything and everything. Being a part of the Sask. Central Band was great because it taught me to listen and work as a whole rather than be the guitar guy."

Making music a priority during his time in school, more than a decade ago, Dallas joined forces with a group of siblings and childhood friends. Growing up in small towns across the prairies, Bryson along with Andy Shauf, and brothers Darryl and Avery Kissick eventually found themselves under one roof in Regina. It was there that they formed the band Foxwarren and completed work on their self-titled album.

"We never really had a goal in mind when we started, we just loved playing music. It was easy at first because we all lived in Regina and would just walk down the street and meet up all the time. Now we're spread out across the country with jobs and families. We still write together, but now we just have to be more productive when we do."

Eventually completing their album, Bryson said it was released Nov. 30, 2018 and since then has garnered positive reviews. "The song that

sticks out for most people is Everything Apart. I think because it's a bit faster paced. Sunset Canyon might be my favourite. Low key, easy listening."

As word spread about the album and its popularity rose, it meant Dallas would soon be travelling beyond North Dakota - the furthest destination he had visited to that point. Along with members of Foxwarren, this past summer Bryson toured parts of Canada, the United States, and Europe where the band played for their fans.

Now calling Manitoba home and with the album receiving national recognition as a Juno award nominee, that means Bryson will be hitting the road once again, this time returning to his Saskatchewan roots.

"It's nice the Junos are in Saskatoon this year because for one, I know my way around the city and two, I live in Manitoba and it's just a few hours to drive. Also there are some pretty good Mexican restaurants I haven't been to in a really long time."

This year's Juno Awards will take place at SaskTel Centre in Saskatoon on Sunday, Mar. 15. Joining Foxwarren in the



►Dallas Bryson who grew up on a farm near Young has been nominated for a Juno award along with his band Foxwarren in the Alternative Album of the Year category. Bryson (pictured above and second from left) and the band recently toured parts of Canada, the United States, and Europe. © photo used with permission

Best Alternative Album category is Destroyer by Black Mountain, Here Comes the Cowboy by Mac Demarco, and Pony by Orville Peck.

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Specifically, this includes:

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- Direction and oversight of the Village Foreman and contracted service providers
- Policy, bylaw, grant, and elections administration
- Preparing and organizing meetings for Village Council and Young Parks and Recreation Board

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

Applications will be accepted until March 22, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

The Village of Young thanks all applicants for their interest. Only those selected applicants will be contacted.



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“RCMP Report”

Five charged in relation to death of Humboldt man

On Feb. 29, the Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes Unit North arrested two individuals in relation to the disappearance of 20-year-old Allan Garrioch of Humboldt.

Twenty-one-year-old Tristan Morrison of Saskatoon has been charged with: First degree murder – S. 235 Criminal Code (CC); Indignity to a body - S. 182(b) CC; Kidnapping while using a firearm – S. 279(1.1(a.1) CC; Forcible confinement – S. 279(2) CC; Break and enter and commit – S. 348(1)(a) CC; Assault with a weapon – S. 267(a) CC; Two counts, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose – S. 88 CC; and Disguise with intent – S. 351(2) CC.

Twenty-three-year-old Joshua Canevaro of Saskatoon has been charged with: Kidnapping while using a firearm – S. 279(1.1(a.1), Criminal Code (CC); Forcible confinement – S. 279(2) CC; Break and enter and commit – S. 348(1)(a) CC; Assault with a weapon – S. 267(a) CC; and Two counts, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose – S. 88 CC.

Both appeared in Saskatoon Provincial Court Mar. 2. On Mar. 1 investigators conducted a number of ground searches in the Rural Municipality of Bayne and early Mar. 2 human remains were discovered in the area. A forensic autopsy was completed Mar. 4 confirming the identity of the remains discovered in the RM of Bayne as Allan Garrioch.

During the evening Mar. 3, a third individual was arrested in relation to the disappearance of Garrioch (who also used the surname Glasier).

Twenty-one-year-old Brettin Andrew Veilleux-Pelletier of Prince Albert was arrested in Prince Albert and is facing the following charges: First degree murder – S. 235(1) CC; Indignity to a body – S. 182(b) CC; Kidnapping while using a firearm – S. 279(1.1(a.1) CC; Forcible confinement – S. 279(2) CC; Break and enter and commit – S. 348(1)(a) CC; Assault with a weapon – S. 267(a) CC; Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose x 2 – S. 88 CC; and Disguise with intent – S. 351(2) CC. Veilleux-Pelletier made his first court appearance Mar. 5.

On Mar. 4, Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes North arrested two more individuals after a pursuit was initiated by the Saskatchewan RCMP Crime Reduction Team when a Jeep Cherokee failed to stop for police. The vehicle and its two occupants were confirmed to be directly involved in the kidnapping and homicide that occurred at Humboldt Feb. 25.

The pursuit began on a gravel road south of Davis and continued east on Hwy. 3. The pursuit ended in the town

of Weldon approximately 55 km away when the vehicle became stuck in a ditch. The male driver fled from the vehicle.

Units from surrounding detachments assisted with the pursuit keeping the vehicle scene secure. Saskatchewan RCMP Police Dog Services also attended the scene and located a 42-year-old male hiding in a bush. A 40-year-old woman was located in the vehicle.

Steven Veilleux of Prince Albert was arrested and is facing the following charges: First degree murder – S. 235(1) CC; Indignity to a body – S. 182(b) CC; Kidnapping while using a firearm – S. 279(1.1(a.1) CC; Forcible confinement – S. 279(2) CC; Break and enter and commit – S. 348(1)(a) CC; Assault with a weapon – S. 267(a) CC; Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose x 2 – S. 88 CC; Disguise with intent – S. 351(2) CC; Flight from police – S. 320.17 CC; and Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle – S. 320.13(1) CC.

Jodie Lynn Veilleux of Prince Albert has been charged with: Kidnapping while using a firearm – S. 279(1.1(a.1) CC; Forcible confinement – S. 279(2) CC; Break and enter and commit – S. 348(1)(a) CC; Assault with a weapon – S. 267(a) CC; Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose x 2 – S. 88 CC; Flight from police – S. 320.17 CC; and Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle – S. 320.13(1) CC.

Steven Veilleux is the father of Brettin Andrew Veilleux-Pelletier and Jodie Lynn Veilleux is his step-mother. Both were scheduled to make their first court appearance Mar. 6. The investigation is ongoing.

A new hall, new initiatives

submitted by
Rev. Marie-Louise Ternier

The news about the renovated Anglican hall in Watrous is making the rounds. Already a favourite venue because of its central location in town and its accessibility, the mid-size attractive space has become home to several exercise groups such as Zumba and Yoga, as well as support groups such as AA. Angela Silzer, Zumba instructor, commented, “The Anglican hall has been a great facility to hold my weekly Zumba classes in. I needed a hard

surface floor and with the new renovation, the hall is perfect for my needs. Everyone comments what a great space it is now and I’m so glad to have a facility that works for my classes. There aren’t a lot of spaces to rent in Watrous that are this size so I feel this hall really fills a gap in our community.”

The new kitchen, complete with new appliances, attracts families, organizations and businesses to host social functions and family celebrations: Christmas parties, baby and bridal showers as well as significant birthdays and anni-

versaries. Even a wedding reception was among the many events that have already taken place since its official re-opening in the summer of 2019.

All Saints’ parish can be rightfully proud of this accomplishment. On one of his visits to the parish last fall, Bishop Chris Harper affirmed the good work and diligent stewardship of parishioners, adding that the hall can now serve as an outreach ministry by the Anglican faith community.

On that note, one of the parish’s own initiatives has taken off swiftly, and that is a weekly drop-in social time for stay-at-home parents with little ones. There have been a number of donations of plenty of toys, a high chair, craft supplies and baby-friendly

dishes. Amy Krause from Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church, with whom All Saints’ enjoys a formal ministry partnership, has taken on coordinating the project while on maternity leave herself. “Being a first-time mom, I really appreciate connecting with other mothers and talk about our kids,” she said.

Every Wednesday morning young moms make their way to the hall by car or on foot with strollers. Some daycare moms pack up all the kids and trot over to the hall. Especially on sombre winter days, and when it is not too cold, it is good to get the kids out, says one daycare mom. The mothers enjoy casual conversations with each other over coffee and goodies (which they bring) while

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

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 Watrous,
Box 730, Watrous, SK, S0K 4T0
by the 13th day of April, 2020.**

Dated this 6th day of March, 2020.
Orrin Redden, Assessor

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL RM of Wreford No. 280

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the RM of Wreford No. 280 for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. on the following days: Wednesday to Friday, March 6 to April 10, 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 \$50 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful, with:

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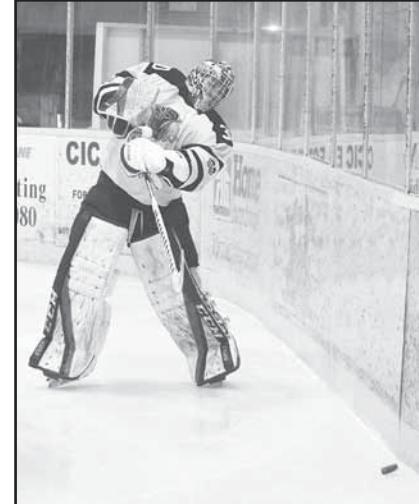
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“Sports”



Moving on

► Facing the top team in Long Lake Hockey League playoff action, the Watrous Winterhawks were hoping to keep the momentum rolling against Foam Lake after eliminating Davidson. Meeting the Flyers in round two, Watrous took game one on the road before returning home to host Foam Lake Feb. 28. In a physical battle that included a number of penalties and big hits, in game two the Winterhawks nabbed a 1-0 first period lead after a Michael Clarke marker. Before period two started, the Reg Preston Memorial Award was presented to the team's Most Valuable Player as forward Trent Campbell received the award (pictured above). This was the second time Campbell has been recognized with the award during his time

with Watrous. As the puck dropped to begin period two, Watrous continued to apply pressure and Craig McCallum, Trent Campbell, and Michael Clarke all tallied while Foam Lake countered with one of its own to make it 4-1 through 40 minutes. With more power plays handed out to begin the third period, Watrous scored less than one minute into the final stanza during a five on three advantage before tallying once more during a five on four opportunity to go up 6-1. Foam Lake responded with a goal coming off a rebound before Watrous scored once again and the Winterhawks went on to take a physical game two by a 7-2 score (pictured). In game three Mar. 3, Watrous completed the series sweep with a 5-2 victory in

Foam Lake. The victory meant Watrous faces Drake for the LLHL championship, a team they are already facing in provincial Senior A action (see the ad below for game dates). The winner of the provincial series between Watrous and Drake will meet either Southe or Lumsden in the provincial final.

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High school basketball and curling competition heats up

■ Daniel Bushman

Local high school basketball and curling teams have been competing hard this season and while regional play recently wrapped up and provincials took place at curling rinks in Saskatchewan over the weekend, Horizon district and conference games hit the hard court for a few basketball teams from the local area.

Basketball

West: girls curling in Spiritwood was held Feb. 28 to 29. Allan met St. Walburg in draw one but it was St. Walburg winning 7-5. Allan competed against Rosthern in the evening draw where Rosthern came away with the victory. Provincials were then held in Allan Mar. 6 to 7 with Allan scheduled to play Wadena, Assiniboia and Wawota in Pool A.

1A Boys Conference 2 in LeRoy: LeRoy was joined by Little Red River, Rose Valley, Charlebois (Cumberland House), Lake Lenore, Kawacatoose, and Watson.

2A Boys Conference 6 in Osler (Valley Christian Academy): Viscount was scheduled to compete against Rosthern Jr. College in an afternoon game Mar. 6. Hague, Middle Lake, Blaine Lake, Rosthern and Osler VCA also all played.

3A Boys Conference 6 in Watrous: Watrous was scheduled to play Saturday, Mar. 7 at 12:45 p.m. against Porcupine Plain with the winner meeting Canora or Norquay.

In Horizon School Division league basketball action, finals were held as league champions were crowned. According to Horizon's website, here are the local winners:

In the Senior Boys North League LeRoy beat Humboldt 84-67. In the Senior Boys South West

League Viscount defeated Watrous 56-55.

In the Senior Girls North League Lanigan beat Annaheim 46-29. In the Senior Girls South League Imperial was this year's winner.

In the Junior Boys South West League Winston High defeated Watrous Elemen-

tary 54-14.

In the Junior Girls South League, Winston High beat Lanigan Elementary 38-36.

In Junior Boys District competition Winston High School beat Annaheim 40-26 while Lanigan Elementary defeated Lake Lenore 59-35. Facing each other, Lanigan beat Watrous in a nail-biter by a 31-29 score. Lanigan then played Middle Lake in the final and took home silver.

In Junior Girls District competition Winston High School beat Annaheim 40-26 while Lanigan Elementary defeated Lake Lenore 59-35. Facing each other, Lanigan beat Watrous in a nail-biter by a 31-29 score. Lanigan then played Middle Lake in the final and took home silver.



►The Saskatchewan Fire Fighters Curling Association (SFFCA) provincials were held in Kronau, Sask. during the first weekend of February. A total of 10 teams were at this year's provincials with the Greg Tarasoff rink from Saskatoon winning its third straight title. The rink including Watrous resident Jamie Regier along with Brad Kosokowsky, Andrew Benko, and Toby Becker of Dundurn won the C event. Next year, the Watrous Curling Club will play host to the SFFCA provincial event, welcoming competitors from across Saskatchewan. © courtesy Jamie Regier

WATROUS WINTERHAWKS

LLHL FINAL VS DRAKE

Game 1 - Thursday, Mar. 12th in Drake @ 8 p.m.
Game 2 - Tuesday, Mar. 17th in Watrous @ 8 p.m.
Game 3 - Thursday, Mar. 19th in Drake @ 8 p.m.
Game 4 - Tuesday, Mar. 24th
in Watrous @ 8 p.m. (if necessary)
Game 5 - Thursday, Mar. 26th
in Drake @ 8 p.m. (if necessary)

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Game 1 - Saturday, Mar. 7th
in Drake @ 8 p.m.
Game 2 - Saturday, Mar. 14th
in Watrous @ 8 p.m.
Game 3 - Sunday, Mar. 15th
in Drake @ 3 p.m. (if necessary)



“Opinion”

Opinion Editorial: Via Rail's transcontinental train

In a recent National Post column, Chris Selley said he wants VIA Rail's transcontinental train, the Canadian, axed: <https://nationalpost.com/opinion/chris-selley-lets-kill-the-canadian-surely-the-first-worlds-most-dysfunctional-train>

While I share some of Selley's concerns, he misses key points vital to a debate about the train's future.

When it was launched in 1955, The Canadian was the pride and joy of privately-owned Canadian Pacific (CP) and its future president and chairman, "Buck" Crump. When I interviewed him during his retirement years, Crump criticized himself for investing \$40 million – the equivalent of nearly \$400 million today – to buy the train. But he always quickly added that "his" Canadian had been one of North America's finest and most popular long-haul trains ... and it was.

Inaugurated on the same day in 1955 as the less-dazzling Super Continental of competitor Canadian National (CN), the glittery, dome car-equipped Canadian grabbed headlines and showed a small profit in its first years. It drew on three markets: Tourists making long-distance trips, intercity travellers on shorter trips and residents of isolated communities who lacked other travel options.

However, Crump said it burned his caboose to see public money being stuffed into the Trans-Canada Highway immediately adjacent to the route of his privately-funded trains. Not far away were publicly-owned airports built to prop up Crown-owned Trans-Canada Airlines (now Air Canada), which was the expensive plaything of Liberal "Minister of Everything" C.D. Howe.

The slender profitability of the CP and CN passenger trains evaporated. Howe's shifting of the lucrative railway mail traffic to his airline was yet more enterprise denied at public cost.

VIA was created in 1977 to relieve the two railways of the red ink being generated by the remaining passenger trains, which were being bludgeoned by heavy public spending on every transportation mode – except trains. Politically hog tied from the outset, VIA won back lost passengers, but at high cost due to its lack of modernization. The Trudeau government that created VIA then knocked off a fifth of its trains in 1981.

On the 1984 campaign trail, the Mulroney Conservatives said they'd put it all back, promising to "create a public excitement about going by train." But heavily influenced by vested interests, including bus line owner Paul Martin, they ignored their own Rail Passenger Action Force's warning: "We know of no other way to stop the drain of government funds to VIA than to modernize the corporation; in fact, the only alternative is to scrap it completely."

After reinstating several trains cut by the Liberals, the Tories rejected the recommendation that new, Canadian-built high-performance equipment be bought to drastically cut VIA's subsidy. Instead, half of the system was hacked away in 1990, including VIA's Canadian on the CP route. It was ham-handedly combined with the former CN Super Continental and reduced from daily to tri-weekly and then to bi-weekly service for all but a few summer months.

As well, the original CP stainless steel equipment was beautifully restored for luxury service with some lower-cost coaches thrown in for those unable to afford the upscale accommodations.

Today, VIA's Canadian really only serves a high-end market. It is bitterly resented by those who can't afford its high fares and can't make use of its erratic and

(continued on page 13: VIA RAIL)



Tips from
Reena Nerbas

family is on the way. The sink dilemma may involve the drain and vent. Begin by pouring vinegar into the drain hole; scrub with an old toothbrush. Also, the trap under the basin may not be holding enough water, thus allowing sewer fumes into the room. Make sure that the trap holds water; it could be that the overflow on the basin needs cleaning. If possible, remove the trap and clean it well with vinegar, water and dish soap.

Clean the drain: pour one cup vinegar into the drain, chase with one cup baking soda. Plug the drain and fill the sink with hot water. Leave overnight and in the morning let drain. It takes a couple of treatments to effectively remedy the odour. Do this once a month to keep the bathroom smelling fresh. If you are only noticing the smell during winter months, chances are that the stack on top of your house is frozen over. If this is the case, you may want to pour boiling water into the stack to get rid of ice blocks.

Most bathroom drain slowdowns and blockages start at the popup assembly, not at the trap or in the other drain lines. The culprits are the pivot rod and the stopper, which collect bits of hair and "stuff" over time. This mass grows large until it eventually slows down sink drainage or causes a full-blown blockage. Either remove the stopper or hire a professional to do the task. Clean out all the mess on the stoppers and the metal rod. While holding a sponge over the hole where the pivot rod was removed, flush the drain with hot water.



Neighbourly advice
according to Ed

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

Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, claims that he does not have even one sentimental bone in his body. He said this when he heard that we went to see the off-Broadway musical called *Forever Plaid*. This musical pays homage to the music of the 1950s and 1960s. Ed told me that he was just born in 1960, so the music of the 1950s was before his time. He doubted that he would recognize any songs from the '50s.

I said to Ed, "Have you

Solutions and Substitutions

Feedback from fine contributor

Re: Devilled eggs

Hi Reena,

To peel hard-boiled eggs more easily peel while still warm and under water. Crack the egg thoroughly and you will often find an air bubble, under the skin at the top; this is a good place to begin peeling. To have smooth yolks, always mash when warm. Start with a fork and end with the back of a soup spoon, gently crushing the yolk into the bottom of the bowl to rid the mixture of all lumps. I was considered the Deviled Egg Queen at work for almost 20 years, and they even had a contest when I retired to see who could replace me at lunches and special events.

P.S. I used your tip about raw walnuts on my beautiful (to me) mirror/coat hanger in my front entrance-way. Hubby had put some scratches on it with his keys. It worked fabulously. Thanks, Carol

Practical tips for pots and pans

- When buying a skillet, even if it has non-stick coating make sure it has a thick bottom. The thicker the bottom, the more control you will have over the pan. A thin pan cannot handle high heat and can get hot spots or warp, making it easier for food burn.
- Throw out non-stick pans or baking sheets if the coating begins to come off. Also, cooking with lemon-based foods in non-stick ware may reduce durability and the coating is more likely to peel.
- You do not need to buy "a set" of pots. Collect a two-quart saucepan, a four-quart saucepan, eight-quart stockpot and perhaps a non-stick fry pan (that way you can reduce fat quantity).

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

Happy personal associations with the past, or not

ever heard of such songs as Three Coins in a Fountain, 16 Tons or Love is a Many-Splendored Thing? Ed said that he had heard of these songs, but he liked much better songs such as, You Ain't Nothing But A Hound Dog. Every decade has its hits and misses with songs and performers. Ed is undoubtedly right that Elvis Presley was starting his ascent to becoming the King of Rock and Roll in the '50s and '60s.

Some of us old folks can look back to the '50s and '60s with sentimental feelings or feelings of relief that those years are long gone and good riddance. I remember being in college in the '60s, feeling like a great hayseed in the city. Doing chores at the barn, milking cows by hand and feeding pigs were not skills needed in the city or at college. Some look back and talk about the best years of their lives as being behind

them. I have always felt my best years are before me. Then again, I have been wrong once or twice in my life.

I wonder if sometimes our worst years are our best years. Happy associations with the past may not refresh or remind us of the whole picture of our yesterdays. When we are children, teens and young adults, we talk, think and act like a child, teen and young adult. Our good and bad experiences are part of becoming an adult. Do we tend to glorify the pleasant memoirs and forget that some adverse events of our past may have taught us more than we realize?

I have often put far too much emphasis on the present and past, missing the Christian perspective concerning my future as a believer in Jesus Christ. We have the written word of God about our future, which says, "No eye has

seen, nor ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." An old joke confirms the truth that we all want to get to heaven, but we do not want to die to get there.

Our present and future as Christians are positive and more than promising. God has given us redemption, the forgiveness of sins through Christ's shed blood, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. The Bible says, "God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's (mankind's) sins against them." (2 Cor. 5:19) It also says that God gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. Jesus is the only way, truth, and life leading to God the Father in heaven. I trust eternal life with God in heaven will be perfect without death, pain, or tears.

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At the Watrous Centre

Crib winners at the Senior Centre Thursday, Feb. 27 were: first - Robert Weleski, 874; second - Betty Carlson, 870; third - Bob Wignes and Olive Sundquist, 865 (tied). Travelling - Sharon Carlson and Olive Sundquist. Homesteader was Sylvia Falkowsky, six times at one table.

Kaiser winners at the Senior Cen-

tre Monday, Mar. 2 were: first - Earle Amendt, 241; second - Sylvia Falkowsky, 187; third - Lorne Bradbeer, 180; fourth - Peter Sundquist, 178.

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.

Well-known band ready to rock at Danceland

■ submitted release

We Go, Run Runaway, and Mother.

The band which has become a musical sensation continues to deliver impressive rock songs like their powerful Canadian Football League anthem Here We Go.

Arcana Kings, meaning secrets or mysteries, are made up of Johnny McCuaig on lead vocals, bagpipes and rhythm guitar, lead guitarist James Picton, rhythm guitarist and vocals Allan Morrison, on bass Kevin Kyle and drummer Graham Templeman.

Officially rebranding as 'Arcana Kings' from the Johnny McCuaig Band, the band was eager to release their debut album Lions As Ravens in 2019. With a sound that guarantees to make you move,

Arcana Kings are a fantastic blend of Rock, Pop and Punk.

The band may also sound familiar to fans of the Saskatchewan Roughriders as the team has used the band's single, Here We Go, (Lions As Ravens) as they take to the field at Mosaic Stadium.

The band was also featured at the opening and halftime during the CFL Western Division's semi-final.

As the Johnny McCuaig Band, the group have toured overseas in countries such as Japan, Sweden and Mexico, and have secured fans from across the Western United States through tours and annual performances on Fremont Street in Las Vegas.

The Darkened Sky stops in Watrous

■ submitted release

A compilation by 15 artists, The Darkened Sky is on display during most of the month of March at the Gallery on 3rd - Watrous Arts and Cultural Centre. Curated by Sarah Timewell from the Permanent Collection of the Saskatchewan Arts Board, The Darkened Sky is toured through OSAC's Arts on the Move program.

When you think of darkness, whether it is psychological or an absence of light, you probably associate it with the colour black. The Darkened Sky aims to show the beauty and diversity in darkness through works from the Saskatchewan Arts Board's Permanent Collection. With vibrant reds, rich blues, and muted greens, the exhibition is rejuvenating and inspiring through its unusual theme.

Consisting of 15 artists, The Darkened Sky highlights the beauty of darkness

through a spectrum of artistic mediums. Works range from craft to fine art, and there is a wide variety of styles from representational to abstract to folk art. Over half of the artists are First Nations or Métis, weaving together unique cultural perspectives and familiar methods of art-making.

The seemingly unrelated works are woven together through twilight and shadows. Some works are straightforward and easy to understand, while others are heavy with symbolism or personal references. Some works directly reference the night sky, and others hint at a darkness within the artist that comes across through a combination of subject and title only. Collaboratively, all works in The Darkened Sky give you an undeniable sense of connection to the process of making, to the land under our feet, and to culture, through the lens of a dark night on the prairie.

The Watrous Manitou



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Monday to Thursday: 8:30^{am} - 5:00^{pm}
Friday: 8:30^{am} - 1:00^{pm}

“Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky”

Tuna Cheese Noodles

Ingredients:

2 1/2 cups uncooked wide egg noodles
1 medium onion, finely chopped
2 tbsp. butter
1 can of cream of celery soup, undiluted
1/3 cup milk
1 can tuna, drained and flaked
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

Directions:

Cook noodles according to package directions. Meanwhile place onion in greased microwave 11 x 7 dish, dot with butter. Microwave, uncovered on high for one minute, stir and microwave one to two minutes longer stirring every 30 seconds. In a bowl, combine soup and milk, stir in tuna and cheeses. Pour over onion. Drain noodles, add to tuna mixture and mix well. Cover and microwave on high for four to five minutes or until heated through and the cheese is melted. Serves four. Quick and easy. Add a salad for a complete quick and easy meal.

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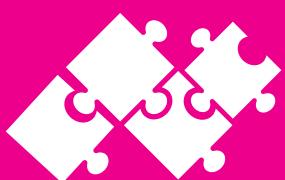
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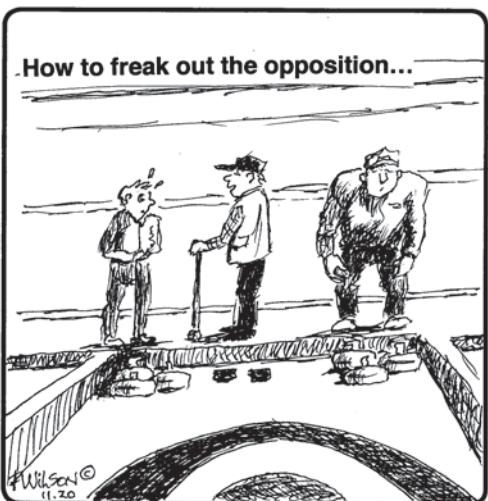
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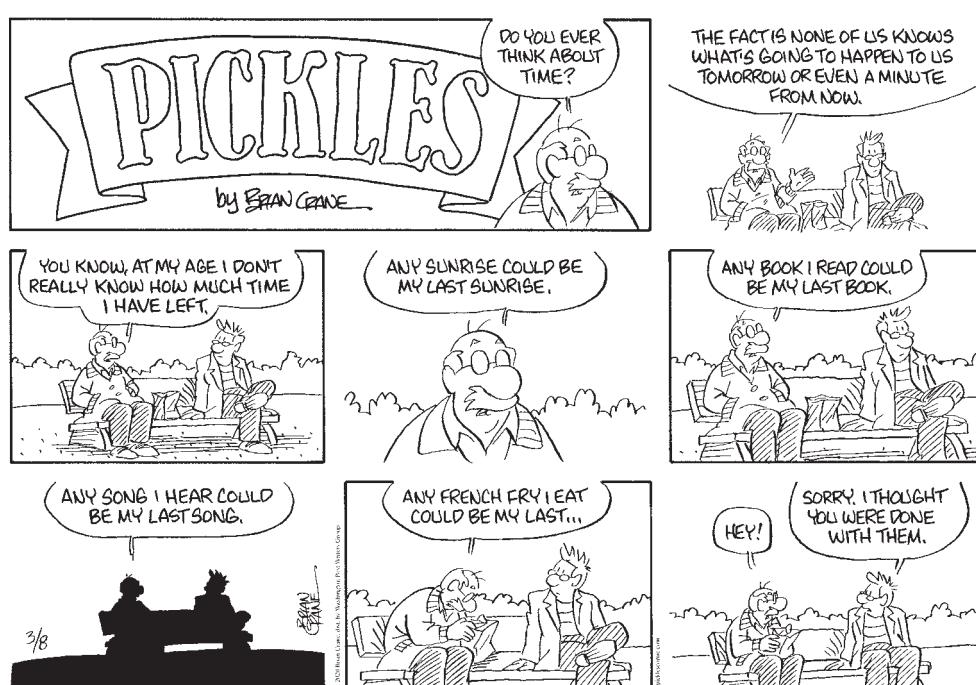


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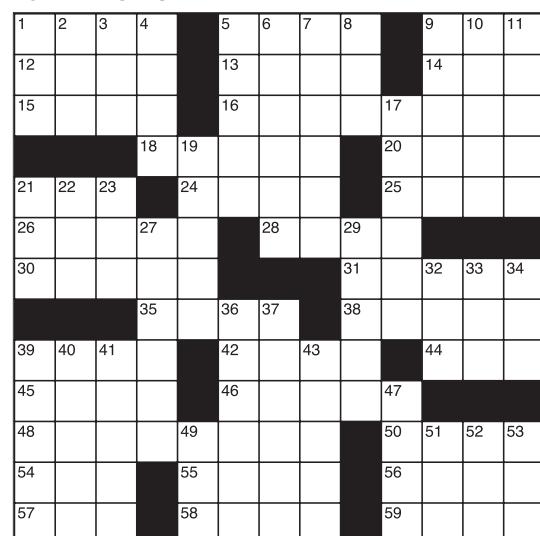


"Yeah we just signed him up to do the takeout shots ..."



CROSSWORD

PUZZLE NO. 19



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ACROSS

- Curds' partner
- Guess
- Pass with flying colors
- Take to the trail
- Deal (with)
- Chap
- Bird of ill
- Leaving out
- Fry in oil
- Woodwind instrument
- Speck of residue
- Gator's kin
- Layer
- Snapshot

DOWN

- Menu item
- Male singer
- Gall
- December forecast
- Broccoli's color
- Rumple
- Peeve
- Nourished
- "____ in a Lifetime"
- Type of clock
- Pupils
- On a boat
- Bro or sis
- Gets older
- Coal products
- Not nay
- Advice from a decorator
- Needles' holes
- Gall
- Like some tree trunks
- Let loose
- ____ diver
- Lariat
- Comrade
- Set on one's
- Remark
- Earlier than, in poems
- Pumpkin color
- Drooped
- Like some tree trunks
- Let loose
- ____ diver
- Lariat
- Comrade
- Set on one's
- Remark
- Earlier than, in poems
- Pack animal

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TO SUDOKU AND
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JUST kidding

Q: What's green and can fly?

A: Super Pickle!



JUST kidding

Q: What did the banana say to the dog?

A: Nothing. Bananas can't talk.



JUST kidding

Q: What do you call a boomerang that doesn't return?

A: A stick.



LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

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“YourCommunity”



TWM's Faces in the Community



Winston's HOPE Group

Launched by three students at Winston High School in Watrous before expanding to six student members, Winston's HOPE Group began in October 2019. Since that time the group has been an advocate of mental health issues and helping to end the stigma surrounding them.

Hoping to spread awareness within the school, the group have partnered with jack.org, Canada's only charity for training and empowering young leaders to revolutionize mental health. Creating their own Chapter through jack.org, Winston's HOPE Group has been meeting on Thursdays in addition to spreading the message through a variety of initiatives. From decorating a bulletin board in the hall of WHS, handing out pencils for finals week with encouraging messages attached to them to giving away merchandise, the group aims to make a positive difference within the school.

Winston's HOPE Group is open to any Winston High School student to join and in addition to meeting and training to become mental health advocates through jack.org they are also planning to bring in speakers and spread awareness at school. Already in the works is a movie to show other students regarding mental health and local speaker and WHS graduate Lesley Kelly along with her husband Matt will also be speaking at the school later this month.

The six students who make up Winston's HOPE Group include Kira Freeman, Chantel Hilts, Tristan Shaw, Sydney Hallborg, Karlee Bedard, and Nova Cyrenne. They are joined by teacher advisors Lori Bartko, Denise Lucas and Brody Jobb.



“Photos of the Week”



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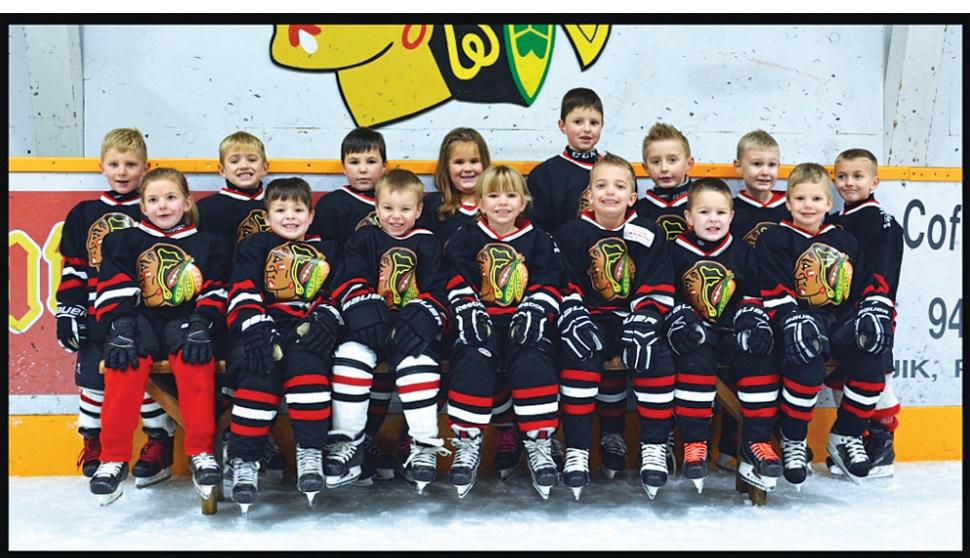
Have a picture you would like to share? Email it to dan.twm@sasktel.net and it could appear in a future edition of TWM

Watrous Minor Hockey 2019-'20



WATROUS INITIATION HAWKS 2019-2020

Back: Chris Solar (Asst Coach), Daniel Bushman (Coach), Jory Vanthuine (Asst Coach)
Middle: Lucas Bergen, Marlee Solar, Rylen Vanthuine, Riley Klassen, Tristan Willms, Boston Collins
Front: William Richardson, Carter Bushman, Kylie McLaren, Collyns Anderson, Alexander McLean, Adam Jansen, Brooks Bushman



WATROUS INITIATION HAWKS 2019-2020

Back: Axel McArthur, Wyatt Janzen, Jayce Mackay, Abigail Haines, Thomas Thoner, Emmett Bierkreutz, Cohen Reifferscheid, Beau Savage
Front: Emilia Janzen, Reid Crittenden, Copeland Kelly, Toni Miettinen, Grayson Couture, Henry Thoner, Jace Carlson
Missing: Dwane Savage (Coach), Brennan McArthur (Asst Coach), Matt Kelly (Asst Coach)



WATROUS NOVICE HAWKS 2019-2020

Back: Grant Crittenden (Asst Coach), Chase Vanthuynne, Colton Oakes, Luke Mensch, Brodie Klassen, Marcus Chester, Jude Bartko, Darren Johnston, Drayson MacLellan, Robert Oakes (Coach)
 Front: Conner Jansen, Hunter McKay, Brantley Savage, Rylan Crittenden, Nate Langlois, Sawyer Wolff



WATROUS NOVICE HAWKS 2019 - 2020

Back: Chris McLaren (Asst Coach), Darren Carlson (Asst Coach), David Lockie (Coach)
 Middle: Oliver Haines, Harper Anderson, Cody Stephens, Tucker Allin, Jayce Lockie, Tyson McLaren
 Front: Bentley Roney, William Stratton, Tanner Carlson, Jennings Kelly, Raya Lockie, Caleb MacNeil
 Missing: Kingston Trevorthen, Matt Kelly (Asst Coach)



WATROUS MINOR HOCKEY 2019-2020

Back: Laura Heise (Asst Coach), Callie Thoner, Ava Morelli, Danica Chester, Amy Campbell, Jill Tarasoff (Coach)
 Middle: Nita Chester (Coach), Harper Anderson, Kellie Campbell, Kaylin Bartel, Isabella Abrey, Ashlynn Coward, Abbie Schindel, Hayley Johnston, Renee Campbell (Asst Coach)
 Front: Lexi Morelli, Marlee Solar, Mia Campbell, Miley Bushman, Kylee Freeman, Collyns Anderson



WATROUS ATOM HAWKS 2019-2020

Back: Chris Solar (Asst Coach), Scott Collins (Coach), Jeff Klassen (Asst Coach)
 Middle: Xander Froess-Southern, Choc Gullacher, Justice Holland, Kaylin Bartel, Ashlynn Morningstar, Nolan Klassen, Abbie Schindel, Danica Chester, Everitt Solar
 Front: Harlen Froess-Southern, Tyson Collins, Wade Martin, O'Neill Collins, Logan Jansen, Hailey Johnston, Owen Potter



WATROUS PEEWEE HAWKS 2019-2020

Back: Dion Tarasoff (Asst Coach), Cade Bartel, Chase Rheaume, Trey Kelly, Addison Klassen, Matthew Johnston, Patrick Bartko (Coach)
 3rd Row: Derek Morelli (Asst Coach), Hailee Beckie, Gavin Abrahamson, Carter Fendelet, Burke Bartko, Andon Coward, Jonathan Keffer, Ryan Rheaume (Asst Coach)
 2nd Row: Sawyer Allin, Nate Tarasoff, Brady Solar, Pryor Dyck, Gabriel Vielhauer, Blake Morelli
 Front: Kash Penrose, Cade Armstrong



WATROUS BANTAM HAWKS 2019-2020

Back: Greg Stokke (Asst Coach), Rylan Freeman, Denny Freeman (Asst Coach), Preston Stokke, Hayden Jennett, Chris McLaren, Gabe Dyck, Hudson Edwards, Preston VanDamme, Craig Anderson (Coach)
 Front: Lief Abrahamson, Carson Anderson, Tai Beischer, Matthias Fornwald, Charlie Pilling
 Missing: Jayden McDade



WATROUS MIDGET HAWKS 2019-2020

Back: Evan Borsa, Sage Mierau, Isaac Jensen, Tanner Sperling, Cole Maine, Travis McGrath, Daniel Martin, Liam Jennett
 3rd Row: Jody Lewis (Coach), Pat Borsa (Asst Coach), Zac Freeman, Carter Pidhorodetsky, Cooper Isherwood, Aiden Barnes, Andrew Lewis, Pearce Bartko, Brandon Sundquist (Asst Coach)
 2nd Row: Kayden Freeman, Caiden Hendry, Naomi Schmidt, Blake Martin, Camden McNichol
 Front: Cohen Sundquist, Matthew Sundquist



►The Watrous Midget Hawks took on the Raymore/Strasbourg Rocket-Maroons at home Feb. 26 in playoff action. Before the game, Watrous Minor Hockey along with the Watrous Midget Hawks recognized the graduating players of the 2019-'20 season. This year Cole Maine, Tanner Sperling, Zak Freeman and Matthew Sundquist were recognized as graduating players from the Watrous Midget Hawks. Maine began playing in 2008 and is this year's team captain with five assists. Sperling began his hockey in Colonys before moving to Watrous

and playing forward. This year he had five goals and three assists. Freeman started his minor hockey in 2007 and has five goals and five assists on the year. Playing in 2008, Sundquist is the team's goalie and had a 6-1-1 record. Presenting each player with a commemorative plaque was Jean Mulhall on behalf of Watrous Minor Hockey. Congratulations! As for the game itself, the Hawks won 5-4 in overtime advancing to play Wynyard in the next round of playoffs.

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Community Connection

ALLAN

Sarah Ross • sarah_lou@yahoo.com

Sadly, with the loss that the Allan Flames suffered against Craik last Tuesday we are now finished for the season. We were really plagued with injuries this last bit and that contributed to our downfall. The team appreciates all of the support and I hope you were able to make it out to see the action.

With the senior hockey

team finished, the Logan Schatz Arena is quickly wrapping up its season. There is still some time to get down for a hamburger and do not forget about Winterfest! This event is coming up in March and we are all looking forward to it. I hope you make it down to take in all of the festivities.

The Allan library and

the Allan museum have one more event planned and it is happening this week! We have Linda Asztalos coming into the branch to help teach you how to trace your genealogy. What a great idea especially with Wheatland offering free ancestry in branches. It is a great tool and they go hand and hand!

COLONSAY

Florence Halvorson • 306-255-2358

Crib was played at the seniors centre Feb. 26. High score was Patsy Grey and second was Agnes Shick of Allan. Loaves, cheese and coffee followed.

One hundred and thirty people attended a steak supper in the community hall Saturday, Feb. 29 put on by the swimming pool committee. A 50/50 cash draw

was made and the winner received \$280.

A speedy recovery to Tony Walliser who is a hospital patient.

There has been great curling on TV again. It sure is nice to watch.

Get well to all who are not feeling great.

It was a wild night Saturday, Feb. 29 with that terrible wind and then snow.

VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Viscount Central

School is keeping busy: Pink Shirt Day was Wednesday, Feb. 26, it was an awesome day; Terry Fox Run was a great success; drama practices have started; junior basketball has ended and the senior boys basketball team finished the regular season of their league undefeated. Next sport is badminton. Everyone who joined art club is having a great time. The SCC had its annual meeting and welcomed two new people to

their team.

Saturday, Feb. 29, there were 17 people who came out to the Viscount seniors fundraising breakfast. Workers were Chris Rault and Mary Joan Young. Chris Rault was the lucky loonie winner.

Welcome to March. It came in as a lion. Hopefully the saying stays true, will it go out like a lamb? That would be nice. We were in the city the early hours of Mar. 1 and it was not nice travelling weather.

There were seven of us

at the Viscount library Monday, Mar. 2 for the Blankets for Canada and we kept busy. We so enjoy each other's company and each week is a pleasure for us to meet. Please come out to see what we do or phone Evelina at 306-944-4820 for information.

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.

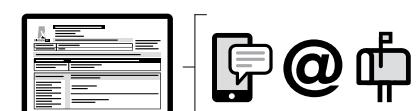
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- Inspire others
- Are between the ages of 8 to 18



This year four deserving youth will receive \$3000 bursaries to use towards their post-secondary education.

Visit www.swna.com for further information and nomination forms

Nominations close March 31, 2020



“Notices AND Classifieds”

Obituary



ORSEN, Agnes

June 18, 1941 -

Feb. 24, 2020

Mrs. Agnes Orsen, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully at St. Paul's Hospital on February 24, 2020.

Agnes was born on the farm in the Allan Hills to Olga and Louis Dengler. In 1964 she married Lester Orsen and they resided on the farm in the Hanley area. Agnes loved all family activities. Her passion for life allowed her to enjoy numerous activities such as: dancing, gardening, bingo, curling, visiting ca-

sinos, card games, baking and any other community events.

Agnes is survived by her loving husband Lester; sons Kelvin (Cathy) and Gary; grandchildren Brittany, Matthew, Tawny (Matt), Courtney and Ryan; great-grandchildren Kilian and Freyja; sister Marlene (Jim) and numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, five brothers, one sister and many other special people in her life.

A Celebration of Agnes' Life Tea was held at the Hanley Sporting Grounds (northeast of Hanley) on Saturday, February 29, from 1 to 4 p.m.

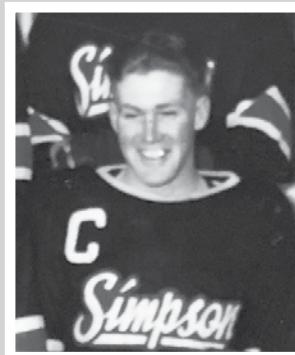
Private family interment to be held at a later date.

For those so wishing, donations may be made in lieu of flowers to the Cancer Centre in Saskatoon or the Palliative Care Unit at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon.

Cremation arrangements in care of Mourning Glory Funeral Services.

Olga and Louis Dengler. In 1964 she married Lester Orsen and they resided on the farm in the Hanley area. Agnes loved all family activities. Her passion for life allowed her to enjoy numerous activities such as: dancing, gardening, bingo, curling, visiting ca-

In memory



ELDER - Ken W., Dec. 4, 1930 - Mar. 10, 2010:

Ten years have gone by and you are never far from our thoughts.

We miss you and love you!
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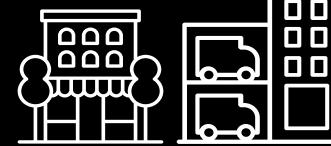
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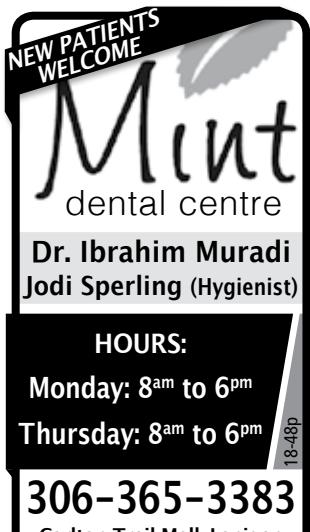
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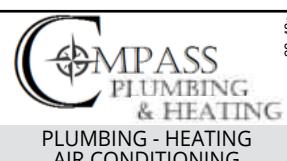
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MARCH

- CHASE THE ACE TICKETS available starting Feb. 29 at Watrous Pharmacy, Watrous Town Office, TB's Bar & Grill, Affinity Credit Union - Watrous, Watrous Mainline Motor Products, Centennial Ford Sales, Manitou Mainline Chrysler and Watrous Manitou Beach Heritage Centre. Ticket cost: 1/\$10 or 3/\$20. Cash payment only. Tickets may be purchased or sold only within Saskatchewan. Total tickets for sale: 47,500. Buyers must be 18 years or older. Winner drawn 8 p.m. every Friday at TB's Bar & Grill, 102 Main Street, Watrous from Mar. 6 to Dec. 4, 2020. Don't have to be present to win. Maximum prize value: \$162,500. Owner of ticket drawn wins 20% of the week's gross ticket sales revenue plus one opportunity to cut the deck of cards seeking the Ace of Spades - if the Ace of Spades is selected the winner receives 30% of the current game's accumulated gross ticket sales revenue. For the first game only, the minimum Ace Jackpot will be \$1,000. Licence LR19-0096. For information text 306-917-8080./9-4c

- SIMPSON HOMEMAKERS annual appreciation free pie and coffee afternoon Wed., Mar. 11 at 2 p.m. Simpson Community Centre. Bake sale table as well. All welcome. /10-2p

- SOUP AND PIE/DESSERT Supper, Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Mar. 11, 5 to 7 p.m. \$10; family \$25. Assisted lift available./10-2c

- WINSTON HIGH SCHOOL is proud to present the 2020 Drama Production Hit and Misdemeanor! Mar. 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Admission at the door: \$7 adults, \$5 students, preschool and under free. We can't wait to see you there!/10-3c

- WATROUS ELEMENTARY School will be hosting its Spring Scholastic Book Fair Mar. 16 to 19. Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone welcome!/11-1c

MARCH

- AT THE JOHNNY McCUAIG Band concert Fri., Mar. 13, a buffet will be offered at 6 to 6:30 p.m. at Danceland. Cost: \$18, 12 and under half price and 5 and under free. Phone 306-946-2743 to reserve for the buffet./11-1c



- FREE TALK ON HEALING chronic ailments with buteyko breathing Mar. 16 at 7 p.m., Manitou Waters, 205 John Street, Manitou Beach. Sussanna Czeranko, ND 306-946-4266. Everyone welcome!/11-2c

- TO CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL of spring, you are invited to a turkey supper with all the trimmings Sun., Mar. 22 at the Watrous Civic Centre. There will also be live entertainment, a silent auction with some very unique offerings and a cash bar. Adults - \$15, children 6 to 10 - \$10, 5 and under by donation. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., served until 7 p.m. There will be delivery of meals available for senior citizens. Contact 306-946-7711. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Parishes of Imperial, Young and Watrous./10-3c

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meetings: Watrous, Thurs., 8 p.m. Anglican Church Hall on Main Street in Watrous. (306-946-2466)./7tfc

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- WATROUS ROTARY CLUB meets alternating Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Watrous United Church. 306-946-2572./7tfc

PLUNKETT

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Spring is coming. It seemed like a long winter.

Plunkett folks send their deepest sympathy to the family of Ed Guskoski from the Plunkett Hotel on his recent passing. He will be sadly missed. He held fish suppers and regular suppers there and was a really great cook.

Curling fans enjoyed watching the Tim Hortons Brier on TV that was held in Kingston, Ont.

Get well wishes to anyone ill and in the hospital. I know that Heather Kennedy of Saskatoon recently had hip surgery.

Several folks are away cruising.

It was nice hearing trains are moving again.

I hope the COVID-19 virus stays away. It sounds scary.

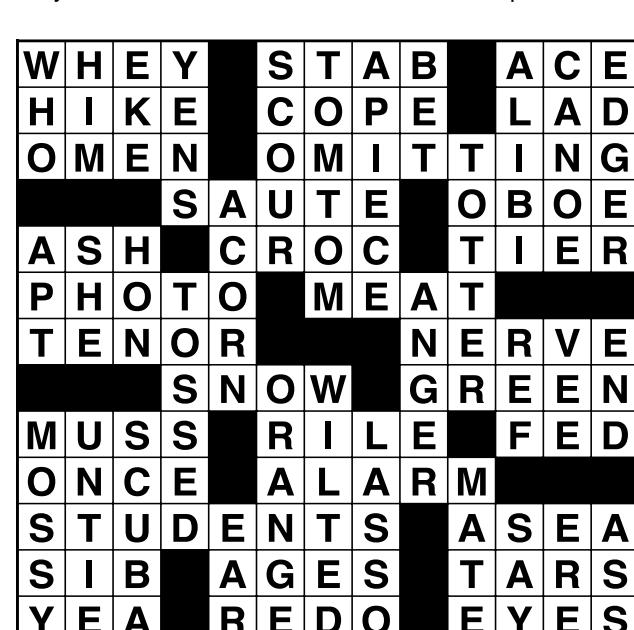
Anyone having any news, please phone me at 306-944-4852. Thank you kindly.

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WES Student of the Month

Marissa Miettinen

The Watrous Elementary School, The Watrous Manitou and Watrous Pharmacy are recognizing students from the school each month who do the "little extras" in their classroom or around the school. Students recognized by a school staff member get their name in a draw for "Student of the Month" and are awarded with a \$20 gift certificate from the pharmacy and their picture in the newspaper. The Student of the Month for February was Marissa Miettinen from Gr. 7J, who demonstrates a positive attitude, is friendly and is always willing to help with different events happening in the school. Congratulations Marissa!



Greetings from Mr. Borsa,

I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the winter break and were able to spend some good quality time with family or friends. I always enjoy the February break as it is a chance to slow down and recharge. This year in particular was great for me as I was able to get away from the cold to enjoy a hot Mexican vacation with my family! If you were lucky enough to get away to a warm climate, I hope you had a great vacation! Whatever you may have done over the break, I hope it was an enjoyable week!

WES Happenings

Parent teacher interviews

WES teachers would like to invite you to bring your child to our next parent teacher interviews. The interviews will be a three-way conference including you, your child and your teacher. Your child will have the opportunity to share work samples they have identified in their portfolio and discuss how they feel about their learning in different subject areas. Opportunities for parent and teacher comments are encouraged as well. The students should leave the conference feeling their learning and social/emotional development is supported by "our team" and that they have a role in it too. This is an initiative that all of our K to 7 teachers and students will be involved in! If you have any special requests for a time or have further questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Early Kindergarten registration

We are now accepting early Kindergarten registrations for the 2020-'21 school year. If you would like to register your child early, please stop by the main office at the school for a registration package.

Telemiracle fundraising update

Our school fundraiser for Telemiracle was once again outstanding. Our bake sale brought in \$1,153!

WES sports

Basketball season wrapped up in February with both teams enjoying games and tournaments. Coaches and organizers were Mr. Tan and Mr. Engele!

Badminton season is starting with practices occurring after school with Mr. Jackson.

Library news



Watrous Elementary School's Spring Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! High school students are welcome to come over any noon hour in addition to Wednesday after school and into the evening.

SRC

SRC students planned a spirit week in February where theme days included Antarctica Day, Tourist Day, Staycation Day, Dream Vacation Day and Tropical Day. We also had two colour days which included a Pink, Red and White Day on Valentine's Day and also a Day of Pink to acknowledge anti-bullying on Feb. 26. There are also some spirit days to look forward to in March.

The second Pink Shirt Day (International Day of Pink) falls on Wednesday, Apr. 8. We are excited to announce that a few Saskatchewan Rush players will be coming to do an anti-bullying presentation that afternoon.

Community connections

The Watrous Kismen donated \$15,000 to our playground (pictured above) and Nutrien donated \$2,000! What an unbelievable contribution to our community and school grounds! We would also like to acknowledge the following people for their recent cash donations: Joan Vanthuyne, Doug Jackson, Simpson Homemakers, Fotheringham-McDougall, and Trudy Riach.

Two events that the SCC will help support in March are the Gr. 6 ski trip to Table Mountain and the Gr. 7 Ski/Escape Room trip to Saskatoon.

The SCC contributes \$300 to each grade for their trips to help bring down the costs of this worthwhile experience for our students.

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