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Imperial's Mackenzie Van Damme wins Saskatchewan Agriculture Scholarship

■ Daniel Bushman

Residing on a farm near Imperial, Mackenzie Van Damme not only has a passion for agriculture but in sharing her family's story and highlighting the importance of the sector in her home community, Mackenzie has been named as this year's grand prize Agriculture Student Scholarship winner.

After receiving submissions from around Saskatchewan, Agriculture Minister David Marit awarded four scholarships to students pursuing an agriculture-related education and Mackenzie's name was at the top of the list.

"Each year the submissions to the Agriculture Student Scholarship Program show how passionate the province's youth are about the agriculture industry," Marit said. "These young people show how bright the future is for agriculture in Saskatchewan."

As the 2020 grand prize winner, Mackenzie received \$4,000 which will go toward her agriculture-related post-secondary studies. Van Damme's submission highlighted the importance of agriculture in Imperial, the evolution of her family's farm and the unique opportunity producers have to connect with consumers.

"I appreciated the opportunity to share my food story and highlight the positive

impact agriculture has in our community," said Mackenzie. "It's important to help consumers better understand the work and passion that goes into producing food and I'm thankful I was able to do my part."

Raised on a farm just outside of Imperial, in her award-winning essay submission, Mackenzie shared about the use of genetically modified organisms, new technology within the agriculture sector and how innovation has modernized farms and increased sustainability across the industry.

The following is Mackenzie's essay submission which earned her the grand prize scholarship:

From Farm to Table: My Food Story

Our food has a story. This is a concept that not many people think about. They simply go to the grocery store, fill up their cart, swipe their card, and head home. I, however, have started to consider the backstory of my dinner plate. Did this durum come from our farm? What ranch raised this beef? What cow did I get this milk from? Here in Saskatchewan, the Agriculture industry accounts for more than 50,000 jobs. We are the world's largest exporter of lentils, peas, durum, and canola. I believe that it is our duty to understand and appreciate the true origin and story of our food.



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grand prize winner. Mackenzie received \$4,000 which will go toward her agriculture-related post-secondary studies.

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My food story begins with my community. Imperial, Saskatchewan, has a population of only around 350 people, and nearly everyone in the community is touched by the Agriculture industry in one way or another. There are grain farms that range

from 2,000 to over 20,000 acres in size. Herds of both purebred Herefords and commercial cattle surround our little town. There's even a turkey barn ten miles down the road.

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Hospital in Lanigan converted to ALC site; no conversion changes in Watrous yet

■ Daniel Bushman

Wanting to be prepared in case of a potential influx in COVID-19 cases, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) initiated its phased approach of converting hospitals as part of its COVID-19 surge plan. As part of that plan a number of hospitals including in Lanigan have temporarily been converted to Alternate Level of Care (ALC) sites leading to emergency services being disrupted. While not deemed an ALC site, Watrous has been identified as a COVID-ready hospital. So far the facility in Watrous has not been converted and emergency services resume.

SHA stated the reason for the ALC site conversion is to ensure capacity is available to address a potential surge in COVID-19 cases. "There are 12 community hospitals,

including the facility in Lanigan, that are identified for temporary conversion to ALC as part of this plan. ALC refers to a patient that could be cared for in an alternate setting, rather than an acute care setting. This would refer to palliative, convalescing, respite, rehab or long-term care patients."

In its rural update issued May 7, SHA stated while the efforts of residents in the province has resulted in some success to flatten the curve allowing Saskatchewan to reopen, planning is still being done for a potential surge in COVID-19 cases. "The reality is that our health care system cannot change quickly to a marked increase in demand, if that curve suddenly starts to rise."

Occurring in a phased approach over a four to six week period, SHA noted the first conversion phase involving

community hospitals in Lanigan, Kerrobert, Herbert, Preeceville, Broadview and Radville was scheduled to be completed. The remaining six temporary conversions to ALC sites in the province will follow in subsequent phases.

"The identified hospitals will be temporarily closed to acute care admissions and will only accept admissions to ALC. Emergency services in these locations will also be temporarily disrupted and will not be available at these facilities."

SHA stated the measure is necessary to help protect its most vulnerable populations. "It will reduce traffic within these community hospitals, and will support the cohorting of staff, which reduces the risk of exposure. This measure

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Watrous Recreation Report

■ submitted by Watrous
Director of Recreation
Stesha Beischer

With a lot of our community's recreational activities either cancelled or put on pause during the COVID-19 pandemic, the

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Give us a call for your next event.



Main St., Watrous
306-946-3344

Town of Watrous wanted to try and provide something fun for our kids and their families. In an effort to get active outdoors, the Town of Watrous is having a Sidewalk Chalk Challenge!

Starting last week and running until May 22, kids can get their creative juices flowing by drawing pictures, playing games and writing uplifting messages on our sidewalks in the community. That includes our Main Street too! We also had young artists spruce up our sidewalk in front of the town office last Tuesday. It looks great!

If you do not have chalk, please pop by the town office to pick up a package by knocking on



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the door. After the sidewalk challenge closes Friday, May 22, I will draw a couple of names for prizes!

Send in your pictures with your name and con-

tact info to my email: watrousrecreation@sasktel.net to get entered in to win! I will be posting them on our Facebook page over the next couple of weeks.



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Edwards named Most Promising Official for Zone 5

■ Daniel Bushman

With an opportunity to officiate minor hockey and a chance to grow and develop his skills as a referee, Owen Edwards was recently selected as a Most Promising Official by the Saskatchewan Hockey Association (SHA). As part of the SHA's Officials Development Program, Edwards was chosen for the award representing Zone 5 for the 2019-'20 season. He has also been nominated and considered for the Hockey Canada Award in the same category.

"Getting this award means a lot to me because refereeing is hard and it is nice

to know when others think you are doing a good job," said Owen. "I hope younger refs look up to me and ask me for advice."

SHA extended its congratulations to Owen and all of the officials identified in the SHA's Most Promising Officials category, which in the last 40 years has featured many high-level officials from Saskatchewan, including current NHL referee Graham Skilliter.

Enjoying the game of hockey and wanting to follow in both of his brothers' footsteps, Owen has been an official for the past five years. Attending school in Watrous while growing up on a farm near Nokomis,

Owen felt compelled to step up with a shortage of officials in the Nokomis area. Becoming a go-to option to officiate minor hockey games in Nokomis, Edwards has started to move his way up to the U15 division.

Sharing about this past season, the son of Jeff and Tina Edwards said, "Some memories of refereeing I have are being able to referee a game with my brothers, Mason and Hudson. I also had to kick out some fans this year because they were interfering with my ability to do my job."

SHA said Owen logged a lot of miles this past year as he not only officiated in



►Like his brothers, Owen Edwards (above) has enjoyed being a referee and was recently named Most Promising Official for Zone 5 by the Saskatchewan Hockey Association.

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stated Edwards is a very Zone 5 Most Promising Official deserving recipient of the ficial.

(from front page: COVID-19)

will also help us to increase capacity in our other sites for the potential COVID-19 surge in cases. Keeping patients and staff safe and healthy continues to be our number one priority."

The conversion also allows for the movement of ALC patients from tertiary and regional hospitals to create space for a potential COVID-19 surge. It also separates COVID and non-COVID pre-acute or post-acute patients in the community in community hospitals to avoid transmission.

During a media conference May 13 and with new cases of COVID-19 low, SHA CEO Scott Livingstone was asked why the temporary conversions including in Lanigan went ahead.

Livingstone noted the decision to move forward with the planned ALC conversions in the 12 facilities in rural Saskatchewan was for a number of reasons. "One is to protect those folks in long-term care and to use the facilities capacity to provide care for alternative level of care positions in our larger facilities so that we can both build capacity to support the reopening of the health care system but also maintain capacity for a COVID surge and outbreaks as they arise throughout the pandemic."

With emergency services temporarily disrupted and not available in Lanigan, SHA said in case of an emergency, people who live in the community or immediate area are asked to call 911. "EMS will assess the patient,

initiate treatment and transport to the most appropriate facility to provide further care for the patient's illness/injury. Alternatively, the patient could go to their nearest available emergency department. For non-urgent health related questions, those can be directed to HealthLine 811. This is the same process that would be in place in the case of a regular emergency services disruption at a community hospital."

Despite those emergency services being temporarily disrupted and halted, Livingstone said SHA will continue to manage capacity and once the health care system is restarted then types of services may also change. That will also all depend on how things go with reduced restrictions and the reopening of other components of the economy over the coming weeks. Services offered to the community may also change depending on the types of COVID surges and how they are managed.

While the hospital in Lanigan is temporarily converted to an ALC site, in Watrous as part of SHA's COVID-19 surge plan, that facility has been deemed a COVID-ready hospital. Unlike the 12 hospitals being made into ALC sites, SHA said changes to hospitals named COVID-ready will only occur when triggers determined through modelling have been reached.

"COVID designations are currently not in place for any hospital. There will be a phased approach to conversion that will be determined by the incidence and prevalence of COVID-19 in a community and the surrounding geographic area. Our priority is to care for people as

close to home as possible."

SHA indicated as hospitalizations of COVID-19 patients increase, regular hospitalizations of non-COVID patients will continue as normal. "By separating COVID-ready and non-COVID facilities we will avoid cross-contamination, decrease the risk of transmission, contain the virus, and prevent patients admitted for non-COVID-19 issues from becoming infected. All emergency departments continue to remain open in hospitals designated COVID-ready and non-COVID."



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Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Town of Allan for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the Office of the Assessor from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, May 15 to July 14, 2020.

Please note: Due to COVID-19, review of the assessment roll must be by appointment, for further information contact the municipal office by phone or email.

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 with:

The Assessor, Town of Allan
Box 159, Allan, SK. S0K 0C0
by the 14th day of July, 2020

Dated this 15th day of May, 2020
Christine Dyck, Assessor

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Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the RM of Lost River for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the Office of the Assessor from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, May 15 to July 14, 2020.

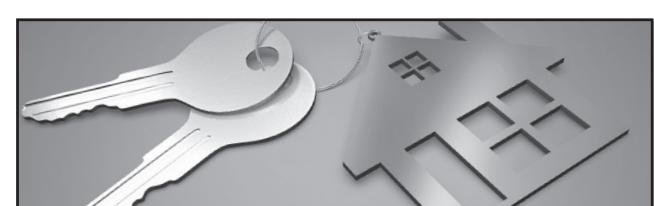
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The health and safety of our families, clients and the general public is our first priority. During the COVID-19 pandemic our team continues to work from home in our efforts to "flatten the curve". Please call us with any questions or concerns you have - we would love to hear from you.

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“RCMP Report”

Suspicious vehicle south of Simpson

At 5:42 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12 Watrous RCMP attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding on Hwy. 2 south of Simpson. The vehicle did not stop and was last seen turning west on Busse Road located north of Simpson and south of Watrous.

The vehicle is described as a green four door Toyota car with no plates. There were three occupants in the vehicle and it was determined the driver is male, the front passenger female and an unknown person in the

(from front page: WINNER)

However, it's not only farmers and ranchers that make this community's operations run. There's the truckers that haul endless amounts of grain to terminals and spend hours on the road. There's the workers that are employed by Rite Way that build implements that are shipped around the world. There's our local fuel truck drivers that bring much-needed diesel out so that our combines and tractors can work the fields. There's the miners that dig up the potash that fertilizes our crops. There's the roughnecks that spend weeks away from home to harvest the oil that fuels the

farms. In my class of ten kids, six of us have farms or have parents that are in Ag. This industry has benefited our community in innumerable ways, and without Agriculture, Imperial would be little more than a ghost town.

My food story is smaller than many people's. Van Damme Farms was established over a century ago, in 1908. The farm was a mixed beef and grain operation, but today is a grain-only farm. My dad took over from my grandfather a couple of months after I was born in 2002. Today, we farm just over 7,000 acres of land. Having a dad for a farmer is quite

backseat was between the ages of 16 and 25.

If anyone has information on this incident or the vehicle, people can call 310-RCMP or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

COVID-19-related Sask. calls for service

Below is a summary of COVID-19-related calls for service in Saskatchewan RCMP jurisdiction from May 1 to 7. There were 104 calls for service related to COVID-19:

- 33 complaints of social gatherings of over 10 people;
- 13 complaints of people failing to self-isolate when allegedly required to do so; and
- 58 other COVID-19 related complaints.

Additionally, one charge was laid, in the Northern district of the province. The Public Health Order is still in place and RCMP continue to work closely with Saskatchewan Health Authorities to investigate any potential violations of the Order.

Since Mar. 1 there have been 1,379 occurrences related to COVID-19 and four charges have been laid.

The information above tells just one part of the story of how the Saskatchewan RCMP is committed to keep

communities safe. Officers continue to respond to all calls for service and detachments are open with physical distancing restrictions in place.

RCMP know the weather will be improving across the province; however, we must all continue to do our part, from members of the public to police officers and beyond, to slow the spread of COVID-19. This includes continuing to stay home and refraining from gathering in groups over 10 and maintaining a distance of two metres or more.

Grass fires set at Sweetgrass First Nation

On May 7 at approximately 10 p.m. Battlefords RCMP were called to the Sweetgrass First Nation for multiple calls of grass fires being set in multiple locations. When RCMP arrived on scene, there were several large grass fires and a number of residences that had to be evacuated. Witnesses indicated that an ATV was observed in the area where the fires were set. No residences were lost; however, emergency services spent several hours ensuring the public were kept safe. Battlefords RCMP are requesting that anyone with information regarding these fires to please contact the detachment or Crime Stoppers.

different from having a dad that works 9 to 5. During harvest and seeding, I often don't see my dad for days at a time. He's up before dawn and home long after the sun sets. Sometimes he swathes straight through the night. However, the pros of having a farmer dad far outweigh the cons. Dad has taught me many things, like how to scoop grain out of a flat-bottom bin in 30° heat and how to patiently follow home a tractor that tops out at 20 km/h. The most important thing my father taught me was all about food. I spent hours in combines and semi trucks asking him about where our crops go and what foods they are turned into. He told me how durum is used to make pasta, and how canola turns from tiny black seeds into bright yellow oil. He told me how the seeds we take off the fields ship all across Canada, and that our lentils, peas, and wheat could be consumed anywhere from British Columbia to Nova Scotia. Our farm's food story continues to build and change every year, with evolving crops, ever-changing weather, and new technologies.

While said new technologies are necessary to feed our growing world, many people don't agree. One topic that is hotly debated is the use of genetically modified organisms, or GMO's. According to Encyclopedia Britannica, a GMO is any organism whose genomes have been altered at the molecular level. Researchers insert genes from other (often unrelated) species that have the code for specific traits. This ground-breaking work allows crops to be upgraded through a process that would normally take years to develop through selective breeding. The argument against GMOs is that there are extra toxins introduced and that they cause massive ecological damage. These statements lack concrete evidence and are untrue. GMOs are necessary to feed the world. We need crops with higher yield so that more food can be produced from the same amount of seed. This makes food more affordable and bountiful. GMOs reduce insecticide use, which saves farmers much needed money. Drought-resistant crops help to salvage summers with little-to-no rain. Added nutritional content helps our world remain healthy

and well-fed without requiring extra food and supplements. According to the UN, our world will be home to 9.7 billion people by 2050. These people need to be fed somehow, and GMO's are the way to do it.

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want to further my knowledge of my food story for the rest of my life. I'm planning to attend the University of Saskatchewan to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. I want to focus on Agronomy, and possibly pursue a minor in Animal Sciences. From there, I dream of working for a large company such as Pioneer or Bayer, either in sales or doing field work. I'd also love to have my own grain farm one day, perhaps with a small purebred beef herd.

Agriculture is often viewed in an unflattering light, with one viral malpractice video or an article denouncing GMOs turning the whole world against farmers. It is time that this changed. The true story of how the world gets its food deserves to be known. This begins with the small people. This could be the small town advocates sharing images and stories to social media. This could be programs like Agriculture in the Classroom that

teach young kids about farming. Most importantly, it is the farmers, large and small, that work day and night to bring the food to our tables. They deserve to have their story known. We are Saskatchewan. This is our food, and this is our story.

After receiving the

grand prize, Van Damme said, "I'm extremely grateful to the Ministry of Agriculture for selecting me for this scholarship. I feel honoured to have received the opportunity to share my passion for agriculture."

Also receiving a scholarship as part of this year's winners were Marci LeBlanc of Estevan, Isobel Kinash of Wishart and Makenzie Olson of Tisdale, who each receive \$2,000.

The Agriculture Student Scholarship Program identifies young people who are advocates for agriculture and leverages their passion and ability to tell the story of Saskatchewan agriculture. This scholarship is funded through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year \$388 million investment in strategic initiatives by the federal and provincial governments.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

SaskWater's District Operations will be treating the water in the Saskatoon Southeast Water Supply System (SSEWS) canal to control the growth of weeds and algae during the 2020 irrigation season.

Treatments will take place approximately every two weeks until September 19th, 2020.

The chemical used in these treatments is called Magnacide "H". It is a registered aquatic herbicide that has been approved by the Water Security Agency for use in the SSEWS canal system.

It will remain active in the water for approximately 24 hours after each treatment and will diminish to non-detectable levels prior to treated water entering the reservoirs. Treated water may also be harmful to the skin, causing irritation to exposed areas.

This water treatment helps to prevent irrigation intakes from clogging and ensures adequate flows are maintained in this multi-use system.

Dosages will be maintained at a level where the water can safely be used for irrigation with no damage to field crops.

Please ensure that people are reminded that swimming, canoeing and fishing in the canal at any time is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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MANITOU BEACH

Sue Alcock

Friday, May 8, the conversation kind of went like this in Green Acres Greenhouse. A table laden with fresh herbs was socially separating us: "Such a lovely morning, how are you? We are all good thank you, harvest is going well but the snow and rain are due later today. Seeding is underway and what else is weird with this viral world? Oh yes, the killer hornets are coming." We wished each other all the best and departed to our homes at either end of the beach. The herbs, especially the basil are growing well.

Hanging over the deck railing one afternoon I saw a pair of grey squirrels happily and contentedly munching seeds that were living in the downspout. They could not have been fox squirrel as they are so skittish; these two greys sat and ate, not budging. The tails were definitely squirrel-like, body gopher-like. Ground squirrels maybe? The orange fox squirrel arrived with his tail thrashing frantically at the sight of two of the interlopers, then a magpie flew in to chase the fox squirrel and a local cat arrived to stalk the same squirrel as the greys munched quietly. Fox squirrel flew through the trees and left the hunters behind. Just another day at the local zoo.

Oh so slowly the southern part of the province is opening back up again. Monday, I went to the dentist to have a broken tooth repaired; it was really not a smart idea to crunch into a frozen chocolate chip cookie straight out of the freezer during

the COVID-19 isolation era. Tooth enamel is much harder than frozen chocolate to chew on and much more expensive too! It is so great not to have a hole in my tooth! I am thankful that we were all protected during the procedure – this is really all about trust and responsibility. I am very appreciative of those health care workers and hope they stay well.

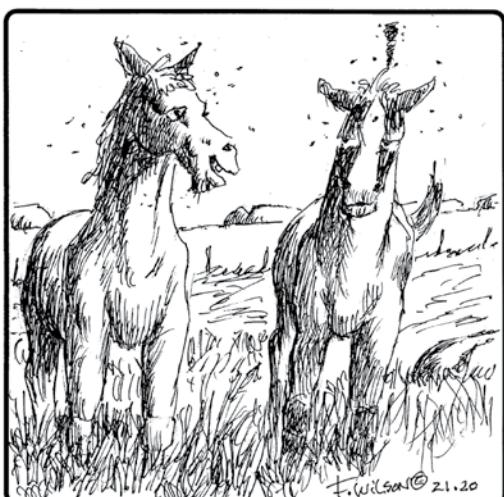
So here we are, mid-May and shivering, covering plants and wishing for some heat. I saw a message about a meeting to develop the marina. There was comment about social distancing and probably size of the group will be restricted. The grapevine probably works well via phone and not physical contact. By the way, the Nu Inn is surrounded by water on three sides and the fourth west side is somewhat mucky with mud.

There are a few brave cottagers who have come back to their cottages for the summer, the Alberta licence plates give them away! Good news is that a number of local businesses at Manitou Beach are reopening so we can enjoy the many things they have to offer including ice cream. The golf course is open and according to an article that included our mayor, the Jubilee Drive-In is due to open in June. The campground may rent sites to Saskatchewan residents only and at 50 percent occupancy to allow for the appropriate social distancing. We still have to keep six feet apart and 10 people to a social gathering. I am writing this just in case you forgot!

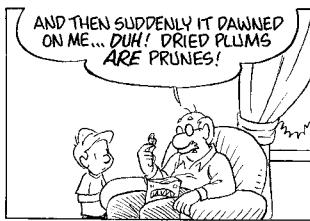


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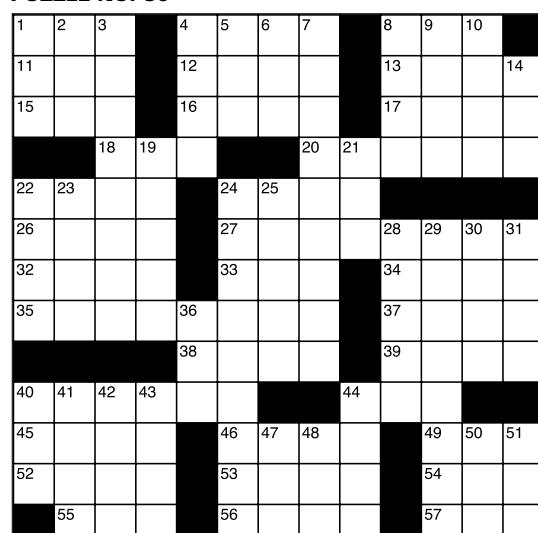


"How nice it is to experience the wonderful arrival of spring and the musical buzzing of the flies ..."



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- Renoir's output
- Female sheep
- "____ We Go Again"
- Cut of meat
- Got hitched
- Province
- By oneself
- In-____ (relative)
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- Relay ____
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- Flowed out
- Bit of gossip, e.g.
- Plant fluid
- "Saturday Night ____"
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- Certain poems
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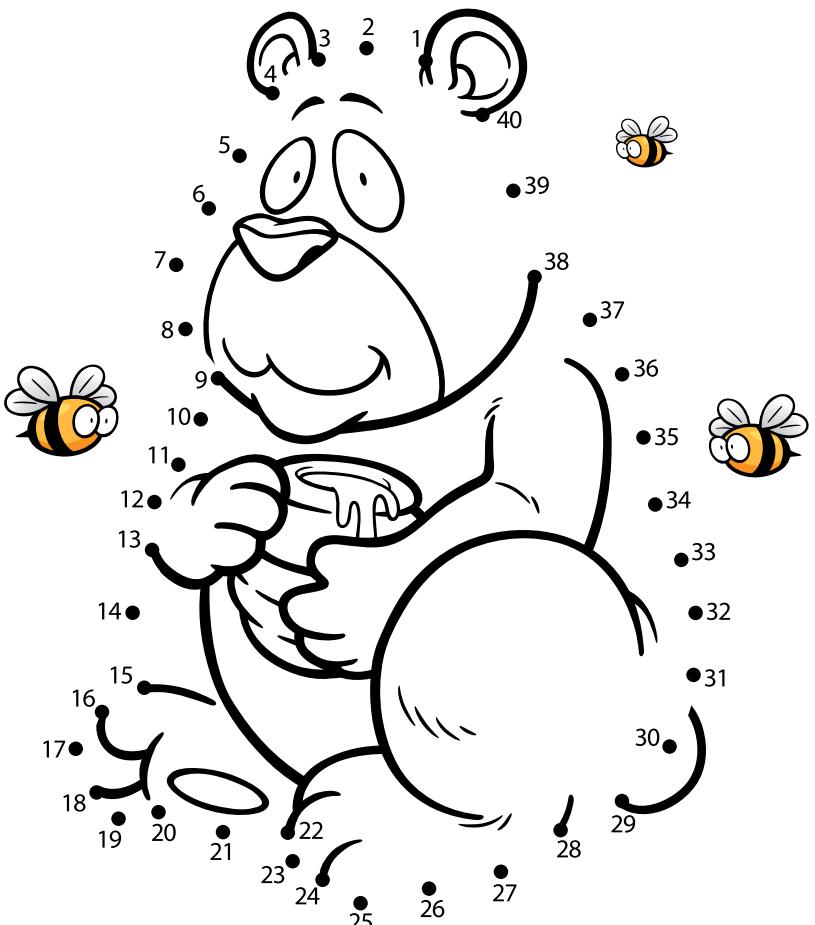
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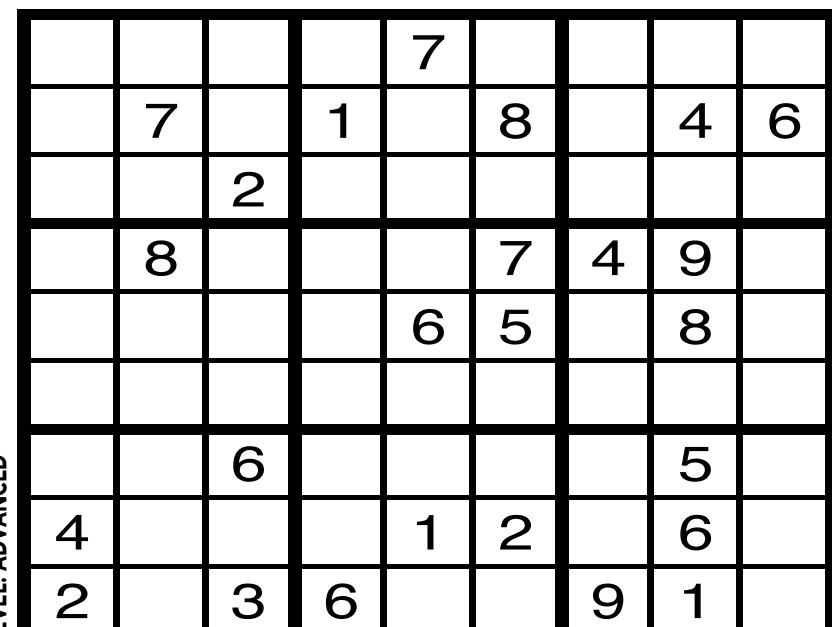
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“Opinion”

BHP donates over \$100,000 to Saskatchewan Food Banks

■ media release

BHP has made a donation of \$102,050 to various food banks throughout the Province of Saskatchewan in support of COVID-19 relief efforts. The breakdown of the donation is as follows:

- \$50,000 to food banks of Saskatchewan, who represents all 32 food banks across the province;
- \$32,050 to the Saskatoon Food Bank;
- \$10,000 to the Humboldt Food Bank;
- \$5,000 to the Wynyard Food Bank; and
- \$5,000 to the Lanigan Food Bank

“Food banks across Saskatchewan are called upon to play a vital role in the health and well-being of the communities we serve,” said Laurie O’Connor, Executive Director of the Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre. “These funds will allow Saskatchewan food banks to meet the challenges of hunger and food insecurity during these uncertain times. This support makes a huge world of difference to Saskatchewan’s food banks and the communities we serve.”

Giles Hellyer, President Potash for BHP said, “BHP is committed to helping local communities where our people live and work supporting our Jansen Project. I know there are many families who have been impacted by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and we are determined to lend a helping hand to these families and residents of Saskatchewan during this time.”

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Tips from
Reena Nerbas

spoon dish soap and one-quarter cup three percent hydrogen peroxide. Spray stain liberally and cover the area with plastic wrap. Place heavy books on top of the plastic for six hours. Blot with warm water. Leave to air dry.

Dear Reena,

Now that I have more time at home than I know what to do with, I am trying to remove stains from clothes. Since I do not know what caused the stains, what is the best way to remove them? Sasandra

Dear Sasandra,

Avoid using hot water on unknown stains. Hot water sets protein stains such as milk, egg and blood. Also, do not iron stained fabrics, this will also set the stains. Often spot remover tips call for an enzyme presoak. An enzyme presoak is a pretreatment product used to break down proteins like grass, blood and baby formula (most detergents contain enzymes). Product labels will advise consumers if a solution is specifically an enzyme presoak. The first product that I use when trying to remove an unknown stain is dish soap and warm water. Scrub to remove the mark. The textile and fabric colour will decide subsequent applications.

Helpful feedback from contributor

Re: homemade perogies

Just a tip about the frozen perogies sticking together. Placing them on a cookie sheet and freezing them is ideal but requires freezer space not everyone has. When I boil my freshly made perogies I toss them in a

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large bowl with a mixture of oil and butter to prevent them from sticking together when placed in individual plastic bags to freeze. Donna

Timely tips of the week

• For years we had a pile of discarded seed and husks under our bird feeder in the lawn. The birds would do a fair job of cleaning it up, but it was usually a mess. I cut a five foot by five foot piece of fibreglass window screen (sold by the metre at outdoor stores and hardware stores) and put it on the ground underneath the feeder. The grass can breathe and the birds can clean up much better, the husks that they leave are minimal and can be easily lifted to be put into the compost. Julie

• When I was newly married and preparing to decorate cakes, I often whipped whip cream too long and noticed that after a while it turned into a lumpy mess. Not knowing that I had made butter I threw out the mess and started again. After a few years I learned that over whipping, whip cream transforms itself into a delicious bowl of homemade butter. Now when I have guests over, I love to serve homemade butter. For anyone with the same desire to make butter from scratch. This is how. Purchase whip cream and add a pinch of salt so that it tastes less bland. Pour the cream into your food processor and let it run for a while until it thickens. It will then break into liquid buttermilk and butter. From here, you can separate the butter from the milk and use the fresh butter. Reena

• I had a pot of badly burnt dried apples. I put a good handful of baking soda on the bottom and covered it with vinegar. Left it overnight, it came off easily without elbow grease! Always enjoy your handy tips. Mavis

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

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



Neighbourly advice according to Ed

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

Ed, my old neighbour in Saskatchewan, is annoyed with people who feel they know-it-all. He says, “In this pandemic that confronts us, we have more than our share of authority figures telling us what is indispensable for us to do.” My old neighbour complained of having bad dreams about being back in school again where he was expected to do what he was told. He does not want to experience the heavy hand of authority during

The cemetery confirms that I'm not indispensable or infallible!

this pandemic as he did as a kid at school. At school, Ed felt some rules were to be treated as suggestions that need not be followed if no teacher was near.

Rules and signs like ‘Handicap Parking’ are ignored by many folks. It is challenging to keep all laws, even those meant for our good and the wellbeing of others. Rules are inflexible; they do not bend or stretch. Going over the speed limit is breaking the law, not bending or stretching it to suit our speed preference. One of the hard things about school is the fact that there are other children in our class and the other children force us to share and care about them as well as ourselves.

It is hard to learn at any age that life is not just about me. Retirement teaches us that we are not indispensable as our work or profession goes on without us. Only

God is indispensable and infallible. The COVID-19 pandemic reminds us that when it comes to us, there is no such thing as knowing-it-all or doing-it-all or having-it-all. Sometimes God calls the whole world to open their minds to Him and close their mouths as those who need to be informed by him. Is this our time to discover we do not know nearly as much as we need to learn? Until this pandemic overtook us, many thought they could know and answer everything by using Google.

We live in a world filled with endless opinions and confusion. For Christians, the Psalms ask if it is our time to turn to God and to be still before Him? As the deer pants for streams of water, do our souls’ thirst for the living waters of God in His mysterious word and person? Is our hope in God as our Saviour and Lord? Is He our refuge and

strength, an ever-present help in trouble? As our regular lives disappear, in the power of the COVID-19 pandemic, will we remain without fear? Have we become proud and haughty before God as if we need not confess our sins before Him? Only God can blot out our iniquity and create in us a pure heart and a steadfast spirit within us. Does God not delight in our sacrifice to him of a broken and contrite heart?

The prophet Isaiah reminds us that our relationship with God is indispensable and that we must seek God today while he may be found. Let God’s word show us our wicked ways and our evil thoughts. It is our time to turn to the Lord in repentance for our ways and thoughts are not His. In His mercy, He will freely pardon us in our faith in His Son Jesus’ life, death and resurrection for us.

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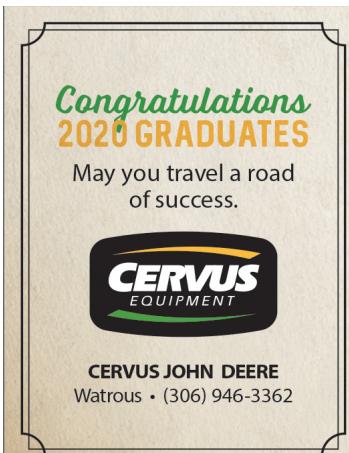
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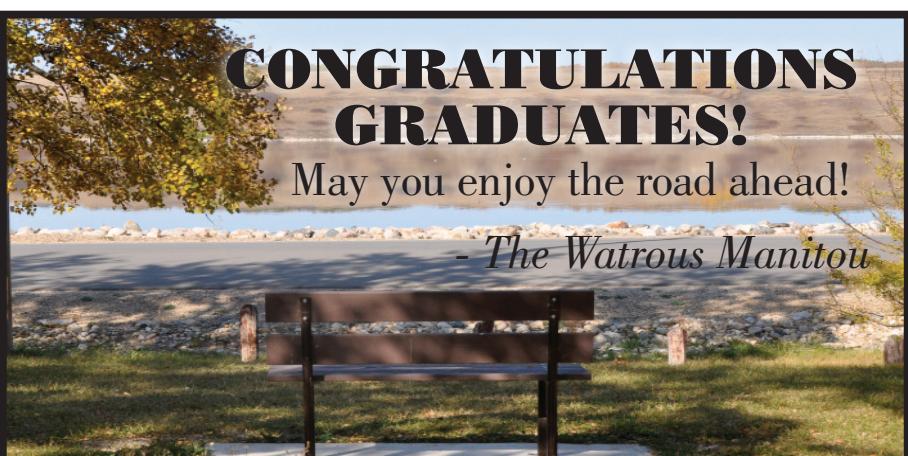
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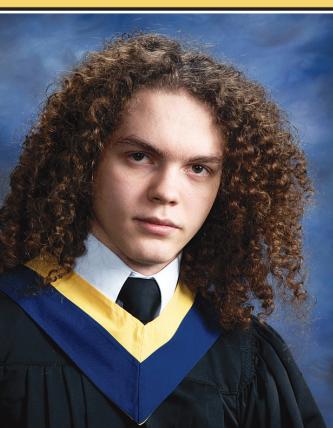
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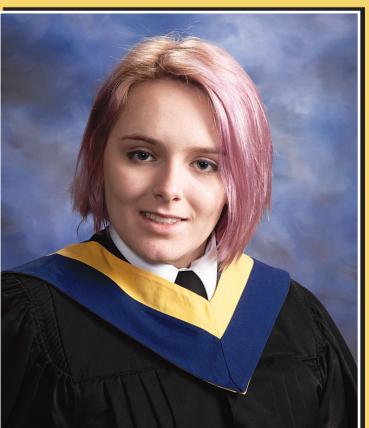
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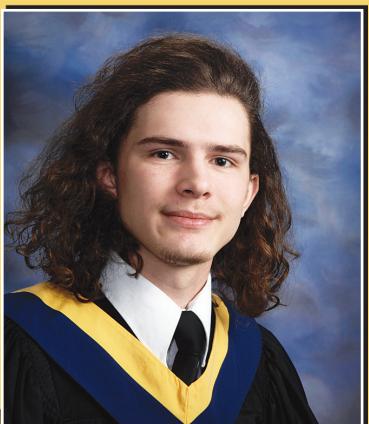
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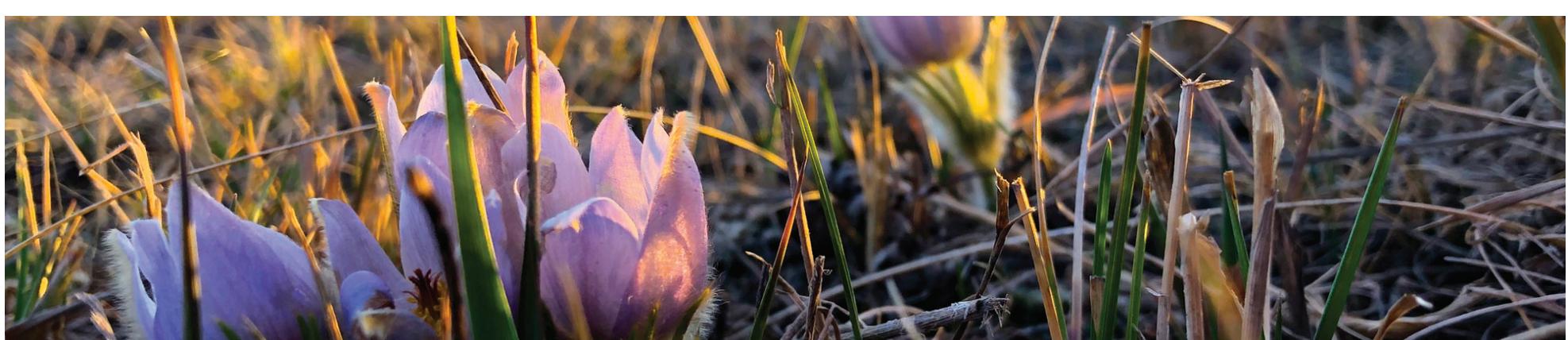
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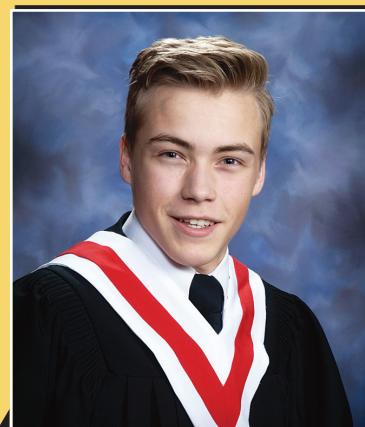
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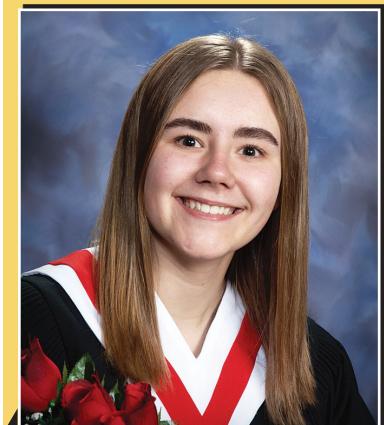
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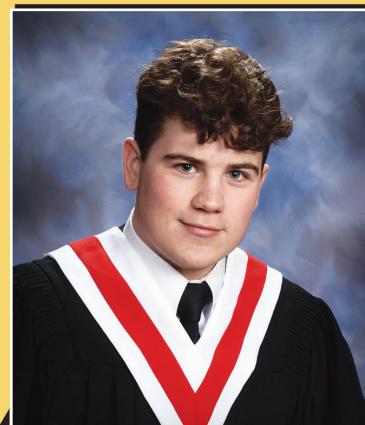
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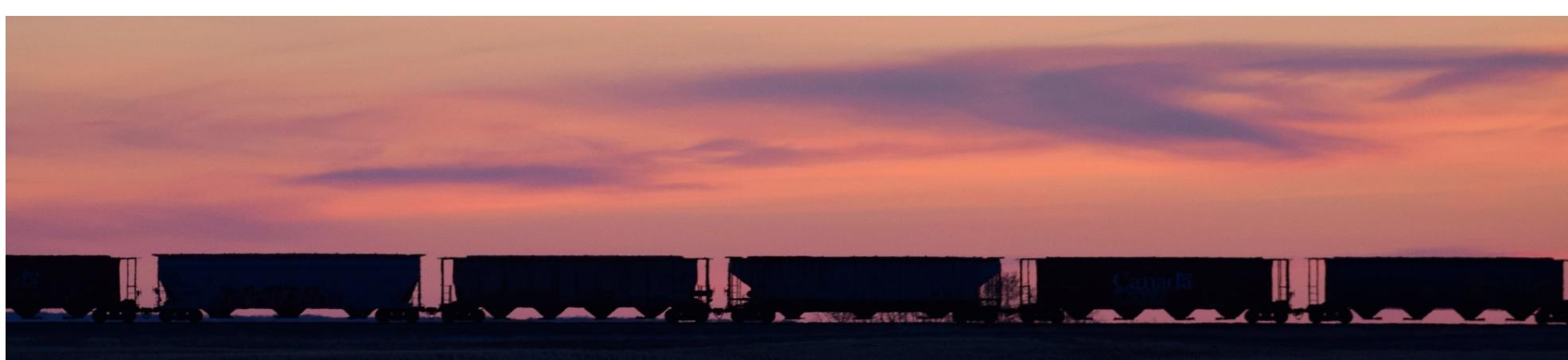


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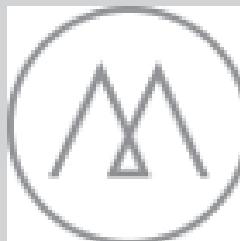
was a strong, tough, caring, feisty and witty woman of conviction. Known for speaking her mind, Alice cared deeply about human and civil rights, the environment, and her children. Born on a farm just outside of Watrous, Sask., Alice's mother tragically died during her birth. She grew up with her aunt and uncle (Frank and Florence Wilkinson) in Saskatoon and her four cousins/brothers. She also spent much of her time on the farm with her father (William McNeish) and two beloved older sisters, now deceased. Alice (aka Allie) spoke frequently of her very happy childhood and her love for her two families. In 1944, Alice moved to Toronto to study art. There, she met her "first" (as she loved to say) husband, Tom Spaulding, as well as many lifelong friends. Alice worked as an animator for the National Film Board, an entomological and botanical artist for Ottawa's experimental farm, and continued to paint,

draw and sometimes teach art until several years before her death. After moving to Winnipeg in 1981 to be with her "second" husband and high school sweetheart, Bob Berry, Alice became a member of the Manitoba Society of Artists and the Winnipeg Sketch Club. In 1994, right after moving to Victoria, Alice lost her beloved Bob. She remained in Victoria and became active in her new community. She adored tennis, was involved with her neighbourhood block watch, the Gordon Head Gardening Club, various art groups, a hiking group, and eventually Goward House and the Monterey Centre. Alice loved music, theatre, art, travelling and visits with her children and grandchildren.

Alice will be deeply missed by her children: Betsy (Kathi), William (Lesley), Rebecca (Chad), Neil; her grandchildren: Hannah (Tim), Skye (Wes), Griffin; her brother Bob Wilkinson; and her many friends.

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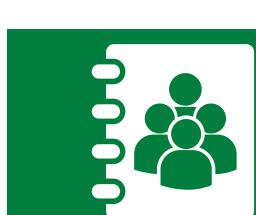
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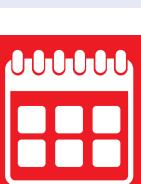
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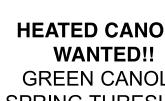
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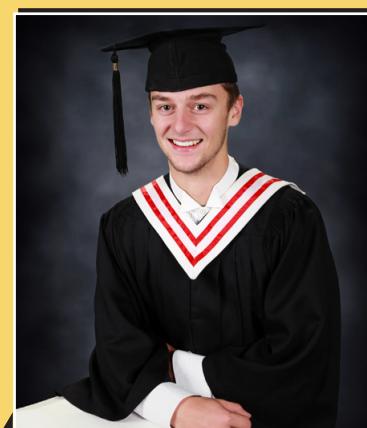
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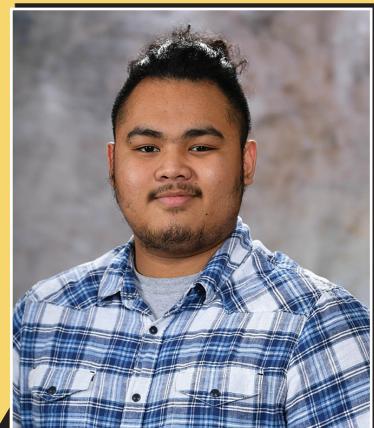
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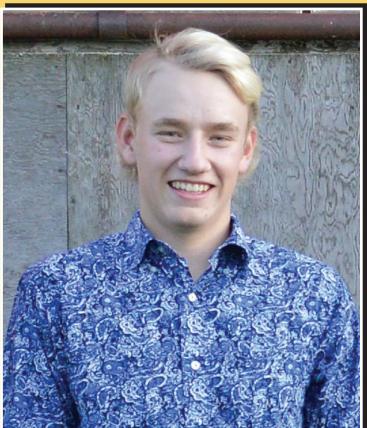
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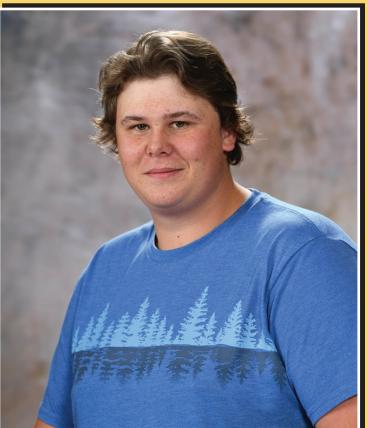
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The Farming Group (committee) has managed to take off the Town's field. It was quite an eventful day too! We had six combines out in the field May 1 and they made short work of it. It was really neat to watch them all going in one field. They had the whole field finished in less than two hours. The group then sat, with respecting the two metres guidelines apart, and ate sandwiches that were provided for them along with soup and even had a coffee. It was really nice to see the community coming together in the ways that we are still able to. There were quite a few

trucks out there, so family groupings sat together. There were a few families who helped get this field cleaned up. The Sommerfeld family, the Scharback family, the Koshinsky family, the Holtorf family and crew, and the Usselman family manned the field work. Then there was the wonderful food provided by the volunteers with members from the Hagel family, the Carrobourg family, the Fusick/Emery family, the Balion family, the Swenson family, and the Nordmarken family. I quite enjoyed watching this event as it was very exciting!



photos courtesy Sarah Ross



Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan

The province is continuing to gradually re-open businesses and services.

To support our ability to progress through the plan's 5 phases, we need to keep the curve flat. It's important that Saskatchewan residents continue practicing the following:



Physical distancing of 2 metres.



10 or fewer people in a gathering.



Frequent handwashing and cleaning of surfaces.



Stay home if you're sick and call 811 if you have COVID-19 symptoms.



Keep household contacts to a small, consistent group of family or friends.

May 15, 2020

- Fishing – Central zone
- Golf courses
- Drive-in theatres

May 19, 2020

- Retail services
- Shopping malls
- Select personal services
- Public markets/farmers' markets

June 1, 2020

- Parks and campgrounds

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