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TSB continues investigation into Guernsey train derailments

■ Daniel Bushman

It has been over five months since a train carrying crude oil derailed west of Guernsey and more than three months after a second train derailed just east of the community Feb. 6. With 34 cars coming off the tracks Dec. 9 and 32 out of 104 from a Canadian Pacific freight hauling crude oil derailling in February, investigators from the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) were called in while cleanup commenced at both sites.

According to the TSB, preliminary examination indicated an estimated 1.5 million litres of product was released to either the ground or atmosphere during the first derailment and site examination suggests that 27 of the cars lost product and released an estimated 1.6 million litres to either the ground or atmosphere in the second derailment.

Noting that both investigations remain in the examination and analysis phase, TSB's Acting Director, Investigations, Rail/Pipeline Dan Holbrook sent a pair of safety advisory letters to the Director General of Rail Safety at Transport Canada relating to enhanced track standards for key routes and modifying key train speed based on various train risk profiles.

In Holbrook's safety advisory letter highlighting enhanced track standards for key routes it stated, during the second derailment on the north side of the train, impact marks were observed on the wheel treads of tank cars located in the 28th, 29th and 31st positions behind the head-end locomotive. The marks observed were consistent with impact that occurs when a wheel tread contacts a broken rail.

The letter reads in 2015 the TSB investigated two Canadian National Railway (CN) derailments on the CN Ruel Subdivision involving the release of large volumes of petroleum crude oil. In both cases, Holbrook said amongst other factors, the cause of the derailment was related to either broken joint bars or a broken rail.

Since Jan. 1, 2015, the TSB stated it has been to seven train derailments involving tank cars that were transporting petroleum crude oil. Of those, six resulted in a significant release of petroleum crude oil and a review of the accidents indicated each of the seven derailments occurred on a key route on which the track was maintained in accordance with the Track Safety Rules (TSR) Class 3 or 4 standard. In each case, Holbrook stated the derailments occurred as a result of a broken rail, broken joint bars or other track infrastructure conditions. Six of those seven derailments since Jan. 1, 2015 occurred during the winter months.

In the letter Holbrook stated, "Although CP maintained the Sutherland Subdivision to a Class 4 standard, in the two months between Dec. 9, 2019 and Feb. 6, 2020, there were two significant derailments near Guernsey, both of



► With 34 cars coming off the tracks Dec. 9 and 32 out of 104 cars from a Canadian Pacific freight hauling crude oil derailling in February, cleanup quickly commenced at both sites west and east of Guernsey. Taken in April, the image to the left is from the first derailment site west of the community while the one above was taken at the second site, just east of Guernsey. According to the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB), both investigations remain in the examination and analysis phase. As part of that phase and while both investigations are ongoing, in both cases the suspected cause of the derailments appears to be related to a broken rail.

photos by Daniel Bushman

which resulted in the release of substantial amounts of petroleum crude oil. While both investigations are ongoing, in both cases, the suspected cause appears to be related to a broken rail. Considering the 2015 CN derailments on the Ruel Subdivision and the recent CP experience on the Sutherland Subdivision, maintaining track to the TSR minimum standards on key routes may not be adequate to protect against derailments."

Holbrook continued by noting, "In order to reduce the frequency and mitigate the risks associated with accidents involving key trains on key routes, it is imperative that the track infrastructure is adequately maintained. Considering that the underlying causes of the seven accidents identified were all related to failures of track infrastructure, Transport Canada is advised that the current TSR do not address the increased risks associated with the operation of key trains. Therefore, Transport Canada should consider revising the Rules Respecting Track Safety to include enhanced track standards for key routes."

In the second safety advisory letter sent to the Director General of Rail Safety at Transport Canada which touched on modifying key train speed based on various train risk profiles, Holbrook stated train speed is one of the primary factors that contributes to the severity of a derailment. "However, other factors such as train length,

train weight, the position of the first car(s) derailed, the position of the cars in the train and tank car design also play a role. In order to reduce the frequency of these accidents and the commensurate risk to the public, property and the environment, Transport Canada should further review and modify key train speeds, as appropriate, based on various train risk profiles while also considering other factors that influence the severity of a derailment."

Right after the second derailment near Guernsey which forced the community to temporarily evacuate as a precaution, an order was given by the federal government restricting the speed of key trains. With the train travelling at 42 mph at the time of the second accident, TSB said the derailment happened at a speed that was permitted by the Rules Respecting Key Trains and Key Routes in force at the time. However, Holbrook said despite using the best tank cars available to transport petroleum crude oil, about 27 of the tank cars released an estimated 1.6 million litres of product. "This suggests that the recent tank car design improvements alone are insufficient to fully mitigate the risk of adverse consequences resulting from derailments involving DGs (dangerous goods), particularly at this speed."

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training updates. Pictured from the department (left to right) is Trevor Soderberg and Cameron Rowan.

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Commemorating VE-Day

► Friday, May 8, 2020 marked the 75th anniversary of VE-Day, a day which 75 years ago signalled the end of the Second World War. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill officially proclaimed 'Victory in Europe Day' at 3 p.m. May 8, 1945 and according to the National Post, Canadians had been fighting in Europe for six long years at that point. More than 1.1 million Canadian men and women had served in uniform while some 45,000 had been killed and another 55,000 wounded. One of those men who fought in WWII and survived is Art Ramshaw of Nokomis. To mark the 75th anniversary, on Saturday, May 9, 2020, Ramshaw who is now 102 years old was joined by Ron Ediger of Watrous who was born the same year the war ended. The pair hopped in Ron's restored WILLYS JEEP Army Truck and went for a drive, sharing stories and a few smiles along the way.

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While he suggested other factors, such as the integrity of the track structure can play a role in a derailment, Holbrook noted there is a distinct tie between train speed and adverse outcome when large quantities of dangerous goods are involved.

Since both investigations remain in the examination and analysis phase with a final report still to come, to provide an idea of the process the TSB takes as it reaches a conclusion, much of the investigation occurs after its team leaves the site.

During the examination and analysis phase, the TSB may: examine company, vehicle, government and other records; examine selected wreckage in the laboratory and test selected components and systems; read and analyze recorders and other data; create simulations and reconstruct events; review autopsy and toxicology reports; conduct further interviews; determine the sequence of events; identify safety deficiencies; and update the public on the investigation.

Like the safety advisory letters that were released, the TSB does not wait until its investigation is complete or the final report is published to make important safety information public. If, at any stage of the investigation, the TSB identifies safety deficiencies, it informs those who can address the problem right away.

After the examination and analysis phase, TSB stated an investigation report is then drafted. The Board reviews the draft report and it may approve it, ask for minor amendments, or return it for further work. Once the draft report is approved, it is sent to designated reviewers on a confidential basis for comment.

A designated reviewer may be any person—including a company, corporation, manufacturer or association—who, in the opinion of the Board, will contribute to the completeness and accuracy of the report.

The Board considers all the designated reviewers' comments and amends the report as required. Once the Board approves the final report, it is released to the public on the TSB website and through traditional and social media.

The TSB publishes its investigation reports as quickly

as possible, but it takes the time it needs to conduct a thorough investigation and produce a report that advances safety and meets the expectations of the Canadian public and the transportation industry.

While there is still time before a final report is approved and released as the investigation continues, at both derailment sites east and west of Guernsey, large equipment was brought in to remove the derailed cars and to clean the area.

The Watrous Manitou reached out to the Ministry of Environment for an update as to how the progress was going and the ministry indicated that since Canadian Pacific Railway is responsible for all costs associated with the derailment, including the emergency response, environmental assessment and all required remediation, that CP would be in a better position to provide an update.

While the sites certainly look much different than they did during the derailments in December and February, after reaching out to Canadian Pacific after TSB's update in April, the company indicated it did not have an update to provide at this time.

Province releases community allocations for MEEP 2020 Program

media release

Government Relations Minister Lori Carr announced specific funding allocations for all communities within the province under the new Municipal Economic Enhancement Program 2020 (MEEP).

"The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to continue to fulfil its commitment to the people of the province by ensuring important infrastructure dollars are available to our communities when they need it most," Carr said. "This \$150 million investment into Saskatchewan's municipalities can be used for shovel ready infrastructure projects and initiatives, and will help keep our municipalities strong

during the current pandemic."

MEEP 2020 will provide \$150 million, or approximately \$143 per capita, to local municipalities to support investments in infrastructure, to stimulate economic recovery and encourage local job creation.

Local allocations for MEEP 2020 include:

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Villages - Bradwell: \$23,859; Clavet: \$58,929; Drake: \$28,314; Holdfast: \$35,501; Jansen: \$13,798; Liberty: \$11,211; Meacham: \$14,229; Plunkett: \$8,624; Simpson: \$18,253; Viscount: \$33,345; Young: \$35,070; and Zelma: \$5,030.

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of LeRoy: \$72,152; RM of Lost River: \$34,782; RM of Morris: \$41,681; RM of Prairie Rose: \$31,620; RM of Sarnia: \$46,281; RM of Osborne: \$76,032; RM of Viscount: \$48,580; RM of Wolverine: \$68,990, RM of

Wood Creek: \$32,195; and RM of Wrexford: \$19,403.

The program is a key component of the Government of Saskatchewan's \$7.5 billion, two-year capital plan that was announced May 6

to stimulate Saskatchewan's economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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RCMP Report

RCMP officer injured north of Biggar

On May 14 at approximately 11:40 p.m., the Saskatchewan RCMP's Emergency Response Team (ERT) was preparing to execute a search warrant at a residence in a rural area, 27 km north of Biggar as part of an ongoing investigation into drug trafficking.

While the officers were preparing to execute the search warrant, shots were fired in their direction. One of the officers sustained a non-life threatening gunshot injury. The officer received initial medical treatment from RCMP officers with the Saskatchewan RCMP Emergency Medical Response Team (EMRT). EMRT officers are part of the ERT and are trained to assist with medical emergencies, such as gunshot wounds, to get injured police officers to the next step of medical care.

Officers continued with the execution of the search warrant and an adult male and an adult female were taken into custody without incident. The injured officer was further assessed by local EMS and no further treatment was required.

No RCMP officers discharged their weapons during this incident. The only individual injured was the RCMP officer.

Multiple charges laid after search warrant executed north of Biggar

On May 15 Saskatchewan RCMP officers conducted a search at a rural property, 27 km north of Biggar, in the RM of Glenside as part of an investigation into the trafficking of controlled substances.

Officers conducted a thorough search of a residence, two outbuildings and two vehicles located on the property. As a result of these searches, officers located and seized a significant quantity of extremely dangerous drugs including: 1,000 grams of methamphetamine; 444 grams of fentanyl, equating to 4,400 single doses; 3,035

mL of gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB); 500 alazopram (Xanax) pills; and 400 tabs of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD).

Other items relating to the trafficking of controlled substances were seized including: \$16,080 in Canadian currency; two money counters; scales, packaging for drugs; and eight cell phones and several computers and tablets.

Officers also recovered several weapons including a semi-automatic assault rifle, a shotgun, a sawed-off double barrel shot gun, a spent light anti-tank weapon, and a revolver. Body armour was also recovered.

As a result of this investigation two adult males are facing charges.

Thirty-nine-year-old Kurt Miller of Glenside was arrested by Regina Police Service after a traffic stop on May 14 in Regina. As a result of that stop he was charged with: CDSA S. 5(2) for trafficking cocaine; CDSA S. 5(2) for trafficking methamphetamine; Criminal Code S. 355(B) Possession of Proceeds of Crime under \$5,000; Criminal Code S. 88 Possession of a Weapon Dangerous to the Public; and Criminal Code S. 733.1(1) Breach of Probation.

As a result of the property search, Miller is charged with multiple drug related offences including: CDSA S. 5(2) Possession of fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, alazopram (Xanax), gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB), lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) for the purpose of trafficking; Criminal Code S.355 Possessing Proceeds of Crime over \$5,000; and 16 Criminal Code charges related to firearms.

Forty-nine-year-old Mitch Hutchinson of Glenside was arrested by the Saskatchewan RCMP during the execution of a search warrant at this property May 14. Hutchinson is charged with multiple drug related offences including: CDSA S. 5(2) - Possession of fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, alazopram (Xanax), gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB), lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) for the purpose of trafficking; CDSA S. 5(2) for trafficking marijuana; Criminal Code S.355 for Possession of Proceeds of Crime over \$5,000; and 18 Criminal Code charges related to firearms.

The female taken into custody during the execution of the search warrant at this property on May 14 has been released and is not facing any charges.

"This investigation has removed significant quanti-

ties of dangerous drugs from our communities," said Sgt. Jason Kerr, Saskatchewan RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime. "The Saskatchewan RCMP is committed to targeting and disrupting the sale of illicit drugs in our province. The types of drugs seized during this investigation have had dangerous, and at times, deadly impacts on the residents of Saskatchewan."

Overdose deaths continue to happen in Saskatchewan, most recently several people died in Regina. This tragic loss of life underscores the dangers of taking illicit substances. Methamphetamine and fentanyl are extremely dangerous – even a small quantity of fentanyl can be deadly.

The Saskatchewan RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime Unit, Saskatoon RCMP General Investigation Section (GIS) and the Saskatoon RCMP Forensic Identification Section (FIS) continue the investigation.

Humboldt RCMP respond to break and enters and vandalism to a vehicle

On Apr. 14 Humboldt RCMP were dispatched to a break in to a community hall in Lake Lenore. Sometime between Mar. 23 and Apr. 14 unknown suspect(s) forced entry into the hall, which is located in the 200 block of 2nd Ave. The building was vandalized for approximately \$1,400 in damages. RCMP continue to investigate this matter and are requesting the public's assistance with any information regarding this.

Sometime during the overnight hours of May 12 or early morning hours of May 13 multiple businesses were broken into on Railway Avenue in Muenster. The suspect(s) forced entry through the front doors of the businesses, where they stole a small amount of cash. RCMP believe all these break and enters are related and continue to investigate.

On May 14 Humboldt RCMP were called about damage to a vehicle parked on the 100 Block of 11th Street in Humboldt. Sometime during the overnight hours, suspect(s) used a pellet gun to shoot out windows of the vehicle. Estimated damage is approximately \$1,000. RCMP continue to investigate and is requesting the public's assistance in this matter.

If you have information about this or any other crime, please contact Humboldt RCMP at 306-682-2535 or you may contact Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Message from Premier Scott Moe

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Sports

Ingram receives awards for stellar play

■ Daniel Bushman

With his team ending up in first place during an abbreviated American Hockey League season and thanks to his tremendous play, Connor Ingram's third year in the AHL was one to remember. Going along with his CCM Top Goaltender award which he won at this year's AHL All-Star Skills Competition, Ingram was also a recipient of the Harry "Hap" Holmes Memorial Award and named a Second-Team AHL All-Star.

Collecting his 2020 AHL All-Star Skills Competition award in January, after the AHL season and playoffs were officially cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic a few months later, the league elected to announce its annual award winners. As part of the 2019-'20 recipients, Milwaukee Admirals goaltenders Connor Ingram and Troy Grosenick received the Harry "Hap" Holmes Memorial Award.

Presented to the goaltender(s) with at least 25 games played on the team allowing the fewest goals per game during the regular season, both Ingram and Grosenick helped Milwaukee finish with the fewest goals against in the AHL for the first time in the franchise's 19 seasons in the league. Overall the Admirals allowed an average of 2.24 goals per game in 2019-'20 while posting a league-best record of 41-14-5-3 (90 points, .714).

With Ingram and Grosenick splitting time in net for Milwaukee, Connor went 21-5-5 during the 2019-'20 season and ranked third in the AHL in both goals-against average (1.92) and save percentage (.933) while also posting two shut-

outs. A third-year pro from Imperial, Ingram was also honoured with his second consecutive selection to the AHL All-Star Classic which was held in California.

Grosenick, who won the Aldege "Baz" Bastien Memorial Award as the AHL's outstanding goaltender back in 2016-'17 went 20-9-3 with a 2.29 goals-against average, a .920 save percentage and two shutouts. Grosenick was also named the recipient of the AHL's Yanick Dupre Memorial Award for his outstanding community work in 2019-'20.

Taking top honours alongside his teammate, Ingram was back in the spotlight the following week as the AHL announced the 2019-'20 AHL First and Second All-Star Teams. Voted by AHL coaches, players and media in each of the league's 31 member cities, after the votes were tallied, Ingram was selected as the Second-Team goalie.

During the abbreviated season, Connor allowed two or fewer goals in 24 of his appearances, including in his final six games of the year when he surrendered just six goals. He also won five consecutive games on three different occasions, including a nine-game streak from Oct. 29 through Dec. 6, which the Admirals noted was one shy of a team-record.

With his Second-Team AHL All-Star nod, Ingram became the first Admiral to be named First- or Second-Team AHL All-Star since the 2008-'09 season when another netminder, Drew MacIntyre and defenceman Cody Franson were chosen.

Finding success is nothing new for the son of Brent and Joni as he has



been to a pair of AHL All-Star Classics during his time in the AHL including being named one of the top goalies at this year's event. He also represented Team Canada at the World Juniors where he earned a silver medal and was named the MVP of the WHL's Kamloops Blazers twice. Before competing in the WHL, Connor helped the Prince Albert Mintos win the 2014 Telus Cup making 60 saves in a triple overtime thriller to capture gold. For his effort at that tournament in 2014 he was named the event's Top Goaltender.

With the tremendous play by Ingram and the rest of the club, according

to the Admirals the team had been first in the league since their club record 13-game winning streak spanning from Nov. 2 through to Dec. 1. Milwaukee wrapped up its 50th season with the most wins, fewest regulation losses, highest points percentage, and was the only team with at least 90 points. Milwaukee also allowed the fewest goals in the league (141) and scored the second most (211) for a goal differential of +70. Because of that, when the season was officially cancelled, the Admirals earned regular season titles for the Central Division, Western Conference, and the entire AHL.

► Not only did he take home the CCM Top Goaltender award at this year's AHL All-Star Skills Competition (pictured) but Imperial's Connor Ingram was recently honoured for his play with a pair of other awards. With the American Hockey League season officially cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ingram along with teammate Troy Grosenick earned the Harry "Hap" Holmes Memorial Award for playing at least 25 games on the team allowing the fewest goals per game during the regular season. Ingram was also named an AHL Second-Team All-Star.

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Opinion



Returning to a more normal.

— an opinion column

by TWM's editor Daniel Bushman

While it has only been about two months or so it has felt like so much longer. The social distancing, self-quarantining, constant sanitizing, temporary business closures and the cancellation of numerous events have become a part of our everyday lives. The list of changes over that two month span is lengthy and while safety remains paramount, having relatively low numbers of COVID-19 cases in Saskatchewan has been encouraging. Because of that, it is nice to see the green light given to places to reopen for business in a safe way.

As of last Thursday, there was one active COVID-19 case in the Central region while the total active cases reported in Saskatchewan as of May 21 was 106. Overall, Saskatchewan has had 622 cases, less than neighbouring Alberta who had 6,768 as of May 21 but more than Manitoba who had 290. Canada had a total of 81,765 cases with Quebec having the most at 45,495. While cases will continue over the coming months, I feel that Saskatchewan has done a good job of trying to keep that curve flattened.

As residents of the province we still need to remain vigilant and do our part to stay safe and as more and more businesses reopen, it is important to keep doing that. It is also important to remember that not every one of those places will reopen when they are "allowed" to do so as part of Re-open Saskatchewan. There could be a number of reasons for that like being immunocompromised, not having enough staff able to return to work, being a caregiver to a family member who is immunocompromised, having anxiety or stress about reopening or a number of other things. While you may have been waiting for that hair cut for two months or to go eat at a restaurant, for those who decide it is in their best interest to remain closed, it is important to respect that decision.

At The Watrous Manitou, we have been deemed an essential service and for a few of those reasons above we decided to close our doors to the public. We wanted to keep our customers safe and our staff safe during this pandemic and felt it was the best decision for everyone. While we are aiming to reopen to the public in the coming weeks with reduced hours, we have also sincerely appreciated the understanding of our readers and advertisers during this time. It has not been easy for local business owners trying to navigate through this time but we do appreciate the patience you have provided us with at the newspaper.

With the uncertainty of COVID-19, there is a lot of unknowns that can come with it and having to close for a period of time adds to that uncertainty. So for those businesses who have remained open or who are reopening, if you have the means and are able to, support them by shopping local. Support those local businesses who have given back to their communities over the years instead of going online to do all of your shopping. Support those local businesses that have been there for local events, fundraisers and projects instead of giving those dollars to a site like Amazon. It is during times like these where coming together as a community is so important.

This is all new for everyone but we are all in this together. Be patient and understanding with local businesses and services who are reopening for the first time. They want to serve you but it can take time to navigate through this new normal and by being patient and understanding can help to reduce a lot of stress and anxiety for everyone. By coming together to support one another we will continue to move forward and get through this.



Tips from Reena Nerbas

Dear Reena,
I have always cleaned my dryer screen after each load in order to promote efficiency of the drying process, long-life of the heating element and safety. But I find that there is some embedded lint that does not seem to budge, even after I have vacuumed the screen and then used a toothbrush (dry and then wet) to try and remove it. I have even tried using a toothpick, and although this method seemed to be more successful, it was far too time-consuming. Is there another more effective and easier method I can use to remove the embedded lint? I would be grateful for any helpful advice. Thanks, Mac

Dear Mac,

Fabric softeners and other laundry products do leave a thin layer of film on dryer sheets. Soak the lint dryer screen in a bath of warm, soapy water for about 15 minutes; then use a stiff scrub brush/nail brush to remove the lint. Rinse all the soap from the screen in 50/50 vinegar and water and air dry overnight prior to use.

Dear Reena,

I am trying to make gifts for my friends during this very difficult time. Can you please provide me with a recipe for 'Chocolate Chip Cookies' in a jar? Belinda

Dear Belinda,

You will need a large one quart jar. Combine two cups flour, one teaspoon baking soda, one-half teaspoon salt. Into the jar layer half a cup brown sugar, followed by half a cup white sugar and then another half a cup brown sugar and then add one cup chocolate chips. The last layer is the flour mixture. Close the jar and attach a note with the instructions. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Empty cookie mix into a large mixing bowl. Add two eggs, one teaspoon vanilla and one cup margarine or butter; stir to combine. Drop spoonfuls onto a baking sheet covered with parchment paper. Bake 11 to 13 minutes. Cool and enjoy!

Contributors share

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

I found that using nail polish remover is an easy way to get rid of sticky tape residue stuck on household items. Cliff

Dear Reena,

I have had a front load washer for approximately 10 years and never had a problem with odours. I use only powdered Tide detergent for washing and white vinegar in the fabric softener cup. I do not have to "clean" my machine because of residue buildup from the liquid soaps and softeners. I do not use dryer sheets in my dryer and do not have any coating on the drum from the sheets. There is no odour from the vinegar, just a nice fresh scent. I have recommended this to quite a few people and they have all said this works and the odour is gone immediately. Anonymous

Timely tips of the week

- If stuffed animals are non-washable, sprinkle some cornmeal or cornstarch on them to clean them. Let them set, then brush the cornmeal or cornstarch out. The dirt will drop off with ease. Marc

- Before you put up a new plastic shower liner, soak it in a tub of warm water mixed with a cup of salt for a half hour; do not rinse before hanging. The salt acts as a drying agent preventing the humid conditions that breed mold and mildew.

- Want a clean and clear bathroom mirror after showering? Squirt a small dab of shaving cream onto a paper towel; rub it over the glass then wipe with a dry cloth. The cream leaves an invisible film making it difficult for water beads to stick and giving you a fog-free mirror for weeks.

- So that cheese does not stick to foil when making lasagna, cover the dish with parchment paper first, followed by a layer of aluminum foil. This also prevents cheese from sticking while in transport i.e. potluck dinner.

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

I told Ed that it was to be the great taste of our first strawberry rhubarb pie of the season. Instead, it was the taste of an experiment gone wrong. My new crumble pie topping was a complete failure. I cut the head off my pie and served pieces of it covered in whipped topping. It was a poor reflection of the wonderful world of pies.

My old neighbour encouraged me not to give up on baking pies because it would be a sad world with-

out pies. Ed believes that the only pie not worth eating is a mud pie. According to Ed, I have the secret of good pies because I do not scrimp on sugar and that even lemon meringue pie and key lime pie still need to be sweet as well as tangy.

Ed sees himself as an expert on the taste of every kind of pie from strawberry rhubarb, blueberry, Saskatoon berry, apple, cherry, peach, raisin, pecan, coconut cream, banana cream, chocolate cream to pumpkin for starters. If Ed had a restaurant, he would have a pie buffet with a dozen different pies from which people could choose. "Who couldn't make a meal out of a variety of pies to eat?" Ed asked me.

David Mamet has said that stress cannot exist in the presence of pie. Jane Austin said that good apple pies are a considerable part

of our domestic happiness. Stephen King has said that a slice of pie (apple?) without cheese is like a kiss without a squeeze. I do not know who said that eating humble pie never tastes good, but humble pie is good for one's spiritual health.

I could not find a reference for pie in the Bible, but Psalm 118:103 says of God's words, "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth." God's words for us are sweet like pie but not without sour or tangy flavours to awaken our faith's taste buds for the richness and depth of God's word. When God called Ezekiel to be His prophet to the Israelites, God gave a scroll of His words that Ezekiel was to eat. Then he could say them to the Israelites as God directed him. Ezekiel ate the scroll and said that it tasted as sweet as honey in his mouth.

Usually, it is not hard to get people to eat pie, but some will still say 'no thank you' to pie. God is good, and His word is good, but God warned Ezekiel that many would not listen to God's word when Ezekiel spoke God's word to them. Psalm 34:8 invites, "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man who takes refuge in him." The best pie in the world means nothing if no one wants to taste it and see how delicious it tastes. Perhaps the pandemic gives us extra time to taste God's word and see how God is love.

Reading God's word is tasting it. Tasting God's words show that God is good, and His love endures forever. "God's words are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." (John 20:31)

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“Your Community”



TWM's Faces in the Community

Cody Hartley

Cody Hartley grew up in Watson and later moved to the family farm just south of Saskatoon where he attended Gr. 7 to 12 at Clavet Composite School. After high school Cody started in the electrical trade and wasting no time, he graduated on a Friday and started as an electrical apprentice the following Monday.

"The reason I was able to start into the electrical trade so soon, without much application was due to the SYA program," said Cody. "This is a great program that I would recommend to all high school students interested in a trade."

Cody's extended family resides in the local region while he and his wife Meagan (nee Schatz) call Allan home. Cody's grandparents, Doug and Anne Hartley raised his mother Kim, her brother and sister in Quill Lake. "Grandma worked at the Credit Union while Grandpa worked at the local elevator for many years. I grew up with three brothers and one sister and my mother and stepfather have been working around the Watson community for many years and currently live there. On my father's side, my grandparents Len and Olive Warren raised my father Russ, his identical twin brother and their three sisters. My father and stepmother continue to operate the family turkey farm south of Saskatoon."

As for Cody and Meagan, the pair were married in September 2018 and are expecting their newest addition to the family in July 2020. Meagan was born and raised in Allan and her family has a long history of farming in the area. Hoping to also put down roots in the Allan area, Cody who has been a journeyman electrician for 10 years started Hartley Electric Ltd. An electrical contractor, he said, "We specialize in backup generators, solar panel systems and farm electrical. We also do commercial, residential and industrial electrical servicing and installations. We started in 2018 and have continued to expand since, proudly serving the rural communities of Saskatchewan."

When not at work, Cody is an avid power sports enthusiast. "I enjoy annual trips to B.C. where we spend time snowmobiling. I also enjoy hunting, fishing, golfing, rec hockey, and spending time with friends and family."

Recently joining the Allan Volunteer Fire Department, Cody said after living in Saskatoon for six years it gave him a new appreciation for the rural community. "I realized that the hustle and bustle of the city wasn't the place we wanted to start a family in. After Meagan and I got married in 2018, we decided we would move to Allan. Being a smaller community and off the beaten path makes it a great place to start a family. Allan has a wide range of amenities, such as a bowling alley, hockey rink, curling rink, swimming pool, golf course, a selection of restaurants and a well-maintained school. They also have a continually active Rec Board that puts on events throughout the year. With all these things in mind and being closer to family it was a no-brainer for us!"

Since moving to Allan, Cody has enjoyed the friendly atmosphere, the people and community surrounding it which has made his experience of small town living even better. "After I joined the local volunteer fire department in Allan I gained a new appreciation for the work that the volunteers and emergency response personnel do in our communities. These volunteer groups extend deep within their communities and help make many things possible around our towns and communities. I sincerely appreciate all the volunteers and emergency response personnel who make our communities tick."



ALLAN

Sarah Ross • sarah_lou@yahoo.com

The Allan Farming Group seeded their field this past week. I know it took a little longer than previous years due to the weather at the time, but it is also promising as rain helps everything grow! It is greatly appreciated that everyone gets together to donate their time and equip-

ment and seed!

It is really greening up out there and I am happy that with all of this time on our hands many people have created amazing things in their yards. It is great to see as I walk around the town to see all the colours of flowers and yard decorations.



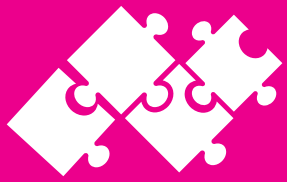
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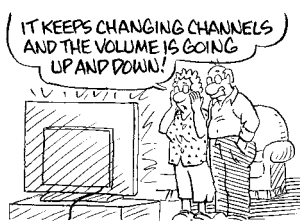
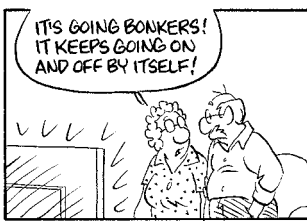
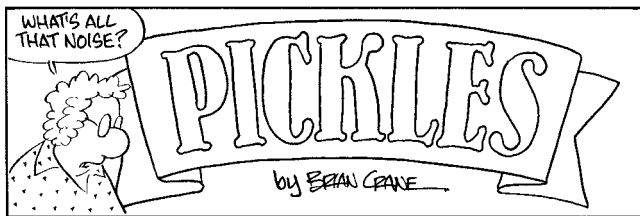


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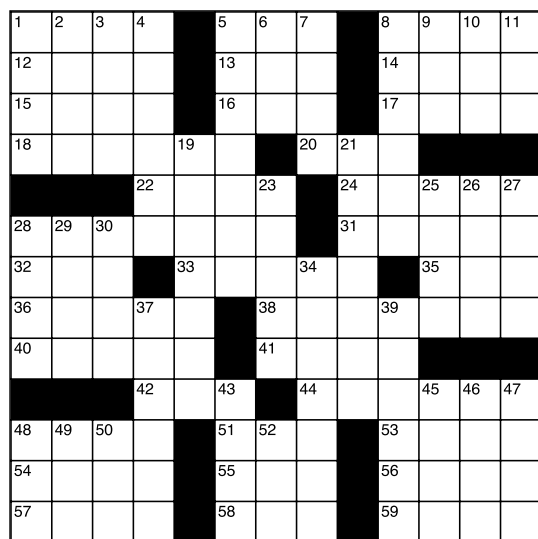


"O.K. here's th' deal Suzie - if I win I can go fishing up north and you and mom can do the seeding ..."



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23. Not moving
25. "____ the Woods"
26. Blood vessel
27. Wool producers
28. Shoots the breeze
29. Depart
30. Split
34. Top of a room
37. Cared for
39. Ice-cream creation
43. Bungle
45. Actor Busey
46. Shoe or clothes
47. Hat's place
48. North Pole helper
49. Struggle (for)
50. ____ out a living
52. Prior to, in poetry

ACROSS

1. Type of bean
5. Avian Aussie
8. Not this
12. Mama's spouse
13. Beach hue
14. Enrage
15. Small bills
16. Halt
17. Capri, e.g.
18. Fish sauce
20. ____ and running
22. Has
24. Cook's oil
28. Withdraw
31. Modernize
32. Woodchopper's tool
33. Bread serving
35. Secure
36. Spinnet or grand
38. Instructions
40. Play, as a guitar
41. Stead
42. Ump's cousin
44. Duration
48. Nights preceding
51. Maui gift
53. Be bold
54. Regard with favor
55. Container
56. Expanse
57. Provide food for
58. Beseech

59. Black-____ pea

DOWN

1. Blemish
2. Grandmother
3. Rich Little, e.g.
4. Preacher
5. Everlasting
6. "Ol' ____ River"
7. Free
8. Unimportant thing
9. Belonging to him
10. Fully
11. Golf peg
19. Inspiring wonder
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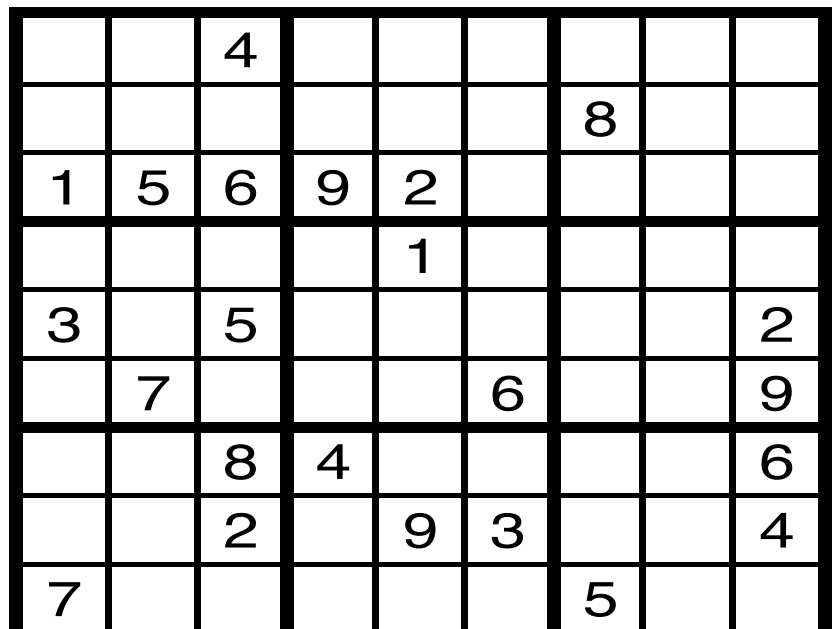
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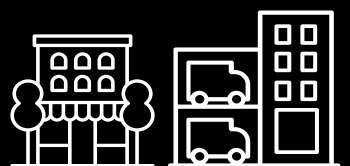
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Parade held for residents at Nokomis Health Centre

■ Daniel Bushman

Wanting to lift the spirits of the community and residents at Nokomis Health Centre, people came together on Mother’s Day to show their support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recreation Coordinator at the Nokomis Health Centre and former Watrous resident Paula (nee Gronsdahl) Halstead felt she wanted to do something special. “I saw different car parades on social media for birthdays and other celebrations so I thought it would be nice to do something in Nokomis for our residents. With Mother’s Day taking place May 10, I felt it would be perfect to hold the parade during the afternoon and uplift the spirits of our residents.”

Despite a cool wind on Sunday, May 10, over 20 cars lined up as staff members from the facility brought out residents to see all the vehicles pass by. “This pandemic has been hard on everyone and it

was tough to explain to our residents they were not able to have family visit them. Having this parade was just an uplifting experience for everyone. We ended up having 22 cars, one golf cart and one tractor in the parade. It was so unique and special and people were waving, smiling and sending Mother’s Day greetings to the residents as they passed by. It was incredible to see such a large turnout and it brought us all so much joy, staff included!”

Halstead said the event which was planned fairly last minute also included a visit from Simpson area resident Christine Gingrich who has been dressing up in costumes over the past couple of months to help bring smiles to each resident. “Christine has been great. She stops by the window every week to say hi to her mom and the other residents and it just really brightens everyone’s day. Other family and visitors have also stopped by for window visits and have shared their love and



kindness to our residents and staff and it has been heartwarming.”

With such an outpouring of support during the

Mother’s Day parade, Halstead said they are planning to do another one in Nokomis, this time for Father’s Day.



► Over 20 vehicles drove by the Nokomis Health Centre May 10 to the delight of many residents. photos courtesy Wayne Busch



Phase 3 of Re-Open Saskatchewan announced

■ media release

Work is underway on the next phase of the plan to reopen the provincial economy. The target date to begin Phase 3 of Re-Open Saskatchewan is June 8, 2020.

In Phase 3, restaurants and licensed establishments will be able to open at 50 per cent capacity. Gyms and fitness facilities will also be able to open for business as will childcare facilities and places of worship – subject to guidelines that are being developed. Personal service businesses that did not open in Phase 2 are also allowed to begin providing services.

This includes: estheticians; tattoo artists; make-up applicators; electrologists; manicurists; pedicurists; sun tanning parlours; facilities in which body piercing, bone grafting or scarification services are provided; and other personal service facilities.

As part of some recent changes to the

Phase 3 plan, they include information on restaurants and licensed establishments, gyms and fitness facilities and places of worship. The size of indoor public and private gatherings will increase to 15 people in Phase 3, while the size of outdoor gatherings will increase to 30.

Guidelines are currently being developed and will be available at www.saskatchewan.ca/re-open.

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