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Manitou Matters

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May Days...

Victoria Day is celebrated on Monday, May 22nd this year, while **Mother's Day** is Sunday, May 14th.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK runs May 7th – May 13th. This year, all levels of government in conjunction with territorial emergency management agencies and Environment Canada have designed a new Canada wide emergency alert system called **Alert Ready**. This system - which is designed to deliver potentially life-saving alerts via radio and TV – will broadcast a wide variety of alerts that are considered a threat to life to be "broadcast immediately". For full details on this new system, please visit: <https://www.theweathernetwork.com/alert-ready>

Mental Health Week takes place May 1st – May 7th and encourages people from all walks of life to learn, talk, reflect and engage with others on all issues relating to mental health. For more information, or to get involved visit: <http://mentalhealthweek.ca/>

The May long weekend marks the **Official Opening** of our 2017 season and seasonal beach businesses. For a full listing of our local businesses, visit our website and click on the 'Community' tab.

Our **Office Hours** have been changed. Effective Monday, May 1st, the office will be open on Monday's. We will also be open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday and will remain closed on Wednesday's. We will not be open on Saturday's this summer.

Hoop Dancer Lawrence Roy Jr. and The Creland Dancers take the floor at Danceland on May 20th with 2 separate performances. See page 5 for full details.

Bingo continues every Thursday evening all summer long at our Community Hall. Thanks to the CiB and volunteers for hosting this popular event.

The Manitou Beach Recreation Board is now accepting **Donations** for this summer's Canada Day celebrations, see page 2 for details and sponsorship levels.

The Resort Village of Manitou Beach Mayor, Gerald Worobec. Deputy Mayor, Chris Moffatt. Councillors, Laurie Bzdel, Douglas Guenther, Larry Zemlak. Maintenance, Fraser Murray, Bryan Marciszyn, Fran Potts & welcome back Duane Stewart, Matt Somers and Omary Mandari. Office, Bev Laird, Lori Harper & Samantha Nagthall.

MANITOU PICS AND VIDEOS Just a reminder: if you have pictures or video that you'd like to submit for Village use, please send them to: manitoupicsandvideos@sasktel.net
* All submissions become the property of the Resort Village of Manitou Beach.



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Safety and the Temporary Worker

Temporary employment takes a wide variety of forms: term, contract, seasonal, casual, and placement through a staffing company. It is common in construction, resource industries such as fishing and agriculture, public administration, personal services and community services. Canadians of all ages - from teenagers to seniors - take temporary jobs, some by preference and others because they cannot find permanent positions. We hire summer students every year to assist with village maintenance.

Temps tend to suffer more injuries than permanent employees, and those injuries tend to be more serious. Both the employer and the employee need to be on their guard for safety in temporary work situations.

By law, Canadian employers must ensure their workplace is safe, train employees with respect to any potential hazards, supply the necessary personal protective equipment and make sure workers know how to use it. These responsibilities apply to all workers, whether permanent or temporary.

Regardless of a worker's qualifications, employers must never leave a new temp to work unsupervised before ensuring he or she can safely perform the required tasks. Job orientation and safety training are extremely important for temporary workers. Yet surveys conducted by Safe Workplace Associations in Ontario show that many new workers report that they did not receive any such training. In certain industries such as agriculture, logging and forestry, and construction, seasonal workers predominate. The rates of injury in those sectors are relatively high, due in large part to the nature of the work. With inexperienced seasonal workers, the risks increase. Again, both the employer and the worker must be aware of all hazards. Proper training, equipment and other safety measures are essential.

A message from the Canadian Safety Council

CANADA DAY 2017: HELP US CELEBRATE!

Our call for donations from local businesses like yours.



It is estimated that more than 2,000 visitors attend our Canada Day festivities and this year, with the *Watrous and Manitou Beach Canada 150 Homecoming*, we anticipate even more traffic to our area. **This increase in visitors means more exposure for your business!**

This year we celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary and our featured activities include a pancake breakfast, street vendors, food & drink, live entertainment and the always anticipated **fireworks display at dusk** to cap off the day's events. This is a call for sponsorship, and your contribution in making Canada's 150th birthday fireworks display even more spectacular and enjoyable than in the past. **You can donate at various levels:**

Bronze: \$25 - \$49 Silver: \$50 - \$99 Gold: \$100 - \$299 Platinum: \$300 - \$499 Titanium: \$500+

Donations will be recognized in *The Watrous Manitou* newspaper, on posters prominently located on the beach, around the event venues, throughout our village and Watrous during the Canada Day festivities, as well as verbal recognition on event day.

The *Manitou Beach Recreation Board* relies on the support of generous donations like yours to help ensure the success of this annual event. We thank you for your consideration, and look forward to hearing from you.

Donations can be mailed or dropped in the mailbox at the Village Office at 701 Lakeview Avenue, Manitou Beach SK SoK 4T1 or call the office 306.946.2831 to arrange a pickup.

History of Manitou: Part V

Part V – Churches and Ministries

“The rapid settlement of the prairies during the early 1900’s raised many social problems, and one of these was the lack of religious services and spiritual instruction, especially for the younger generation” wrote Eric Greaves in *Prairie Sky-Pilots* (an article featured in *Prairie Reflections*). The author would continue to recount a brief history of early religious services being held in local schools (in places like Amazon), as only one small church building existed in the Watrous area at the time.

The English Church and Rectory was built by volunteers of all faiths. The first recorded event held there was a burial service for a young boy who had died of pneumonia in 1907. There was a baptism that followed as well as a few marriages and a confirmation in 1909. This church later became the present day All Saints Anglican Church with its great stained glass windows which pre-date the church structure itself by more than 250 years. Incredible as it may seem, this historically significant piece of glass was sent from the Mother Church in Old England who had kept it in safekeeping during the war between King Charles 1st and Oliver Cromwell (1642-1646). The window was later utilized in the Church of St. John the Baptist before it was shipped from Wiltshire, England to Watrous, where the figures of St. Peter and St. Paul arrived in a mind-boggling two thousand pieces to be re-assembled.

Over the years other churches, auxiliaries and ministries were formed: the Anglican Church Women was formed pretty much right away (in 1909), while Lutheran services were held as early as 1904 (in a sod house on the homestead of a resident about 1.5 miles south of Watrous). In 1907-1908 these services were moved to Mandal (now Manitou Beach), and moved again to the Bjorndahl’s store in Watrous in the latter part of 1908. In 1916 St. Olaf’s Norwegian Lutheran Church was opened but after suffering financial hardship in the 1930’s the church decided to rent the space out to the Watrous School Board. In 1958 the church merged with Christ Lutheran German Church to form Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church, and in 1978 a new church building was constructed.

In 1908 the people of the Catholic faith held Sunday Mass at the Manitou School, unless it was too chilly or unavailable, in which case members of the congregation offered up their homes for services. Thereafter a church was built in Watrous which served parishioners until 1961. After that came St. Ann’s Catholic Church which still stands and serves our communities today.

The United and Methodist church services were held in homes of settlers and later, in the local schools. Most services were conducted by Student Ministers who travelled on foot or by horse and buggy. A United church was never built, however, The Methodist Church was built at the corner of Third Ave. E. and Second St. in 1909 and used until the formation of the Union Church in 1919. The Methodist and Presbyterian congregations came together in 1910, and by 1925 the United Church of Canada was formed with the Union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches of Canada. It was at this time that the Watrous United Church was constructed. Prior to this, Presbyterian services were held outdoors, in homesteads and at Whitter’s Hall.

Next month: Pentecostal, Jehovah Witness and Mennonite history.

Stained glass window at All Saints Anglican Church, Watrous, SK



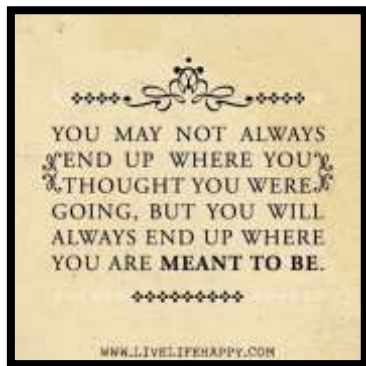
First Catholic church in Young, SK (1910)

Attention Students! Summer Job Opportunities...

The Resort Village of Manitou Beach is hiring **Municipal Operations Assistants**. The successful candidates will assist with maintaining our streets and beaches, litter and weed control, lift station and water treatment plant operations, cleaning public washrooms and other duties as required. **Applicants must be students returning to full-time studies in the fall**, able to work 40 hours per week (which includes some weekends), and have reliable transportation. For more information or to apply for this opportunity, please email your resume to: manbe@sasktel.net and note 'Canada Summer Jobs' in the subject line of your email. You may also drop off your resume in person to: 701 Lakeview Avenue, Manitou Beach or fax: (306) 946-2017.

Aboriginal and visible minority students are encouraged to apply.

We welcome all applications however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



The Battle at Vimy Ridge

The message of Vimy Ridge is one of bravery and sacrifice. The battle, which took place on April 9, 1917, is commonly highlighted as a turning point in Canadian history, where the four Canadian divisions fought together as a unified fighting force for the first time. While 3,598 Canadian soldiers were killed during the battle, the impressive victory over German forces is often cited as the beginning of Canada's evolution from dominion to independent nation. The Vimy Foundation is working to spread the word to Canada's youth — through initiatives like the Vimy Prize and the Vimy Pin — so that all Canadians understand the importance of Vimy to the nation's identity.

To underscore the sacrifices made by Canada, which suffered 60,000 fatalities during the First World War, France granted Canada 107 hectares of land at Vimy to build and maintain a memorial. That iconic site is today considered one of the most stirring of all First World War monuments, and certainly Canada's most important war memorial. **VICTORY:** The Canadian Corps attacked Vimy Ridge 98 years ago. The German position had successfully resisted earlier Allied attacks, and it was heavily defended. But the Canadians took the ridge and in the process made the Corps' great reputation.

By 1917, Canadians had been fighting for two years. The raw levies that held the Germans off at Ypres in April 1915 now were experienced soldiers. But the key to the success at Vimy came when Byng sent General Arthur Currie of the First Canadian Division to study the methods of the French. Currie learned they emphasized reconnaissance and used air photos extensively, distributing them widely. When they attacked, their objectives were geographical features, and the French rehearsed their tactics. Currie recommended the Canadians, like the French, follow suit. In the battle for Vimy Ridge, Currie's ideas played the decisive role.

Stunned by the Canadians' success, the Germans retreated. The Corps, having sustained 10,602 casualties, dug in after a gain of 4,500 yards. Byng received a promotion to command Britain's Third Army. Replacing him was the 41-year-old Currie, the first Canadian to command Canada's army in the field.

by J.L. Granatstein OC, FRSC

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<http://www.vimyfoundation.ca/learn/vimy-ridge/>



Lawrence Roy Jr. is a Hoop Dancer from Saskatoon who started dancing at the age of 12. Each of the 30 hoops he twirls has its own story born of Aboriginal culture.

Each shape created in the hoop dance represents a plant, animal or symbol like a flower, butterfly or Mother Earth.

"First Nations culture is the circle", he said in an interview with *The Star Phoenix* in August of 2016. The traditional aspect of the dance, keeps "the circle" strong, he continues.

"I would like everybody to be treated as equals. Everybody has a heartbeat, like mother earth has a heartbeat," he said.

Lawrence teaches and performs all over Canada. He has been featured in the *Ottawa Citizen*, *Vancouver Sun* and on *The Amazing Race Canada*, to name just a few.

Lawrence will be teaching a hoop dance workshop following his performance. [For more information on either of these events, please contact Laurie Bzdel at: 306-290-6990.](#)

Hoop Dancer Lawrence Roy Jr. - Showtime: 2:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH at DANCELAND

The Creeland Dancers - Showtime: 1:30 p.m.

The *Creeland Dancers* are a Square Dance group that originated from the Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation. They are known throughout North America for their entertaining Metis style of dance, their professionalism and competitive spirit. Founded nearly 40 years ago by Ken and Therese Seesequasis as a youth organization with a mission to promote creativity and cultural awareness, they also promote healthy lifestyle choices through the performing arts (dance).

The group currently consists of 12 dancers of Aboriginal descent from various First Nations & Metis communities across Saskatchewan. The group has traveled and performed extensively from Canada's east to west coasts. They have also danced competitively in numerous Square Dance Competitions, taking top honours at The Prince Albert Metis Fall Festival in 2010.

