



# Heritage Happenings

Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre

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## December 2022

This newsletter will be periodic in nature, designed to keep all of the members apprised of happenings at the WMBHC.



## *Message From The Chair*

Welcome to those who are new members of the Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre. 2022 proved to be a great year.

Open hours were continued Friday and Saturday through the winter and spring. In lieu of a summer student (challenges finding one) two faithful volunteers stepped up and opened the Centre from Wednesday to Saturday throughout the summer. A huge thank you to Janice Siegfried and Lilliann Milligan.

The Centre hired a part-time administrator, Paula Letkeman, from Manitou Beach. She has the offices organized and keeps everyone on their toes! Any questions or inquiries - Paula is there for you.

As you will see below, there were (and are) some interesting exhibits, and events, which were well attended. Collection of archives is still ongoing and training in progress for cataloguing. The Heritage Centre continues to focus on families, businesses, events and stories of Watrous, Manitou Beach and surrounding area.

If you are not a member of Old Watrous-Manitou Beach and Area group on Facebook, check it out. There is a lot of interesting reading and photos, and you can add your own.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Kathy Bergen*

Chair, Board of Director

# Exhibits



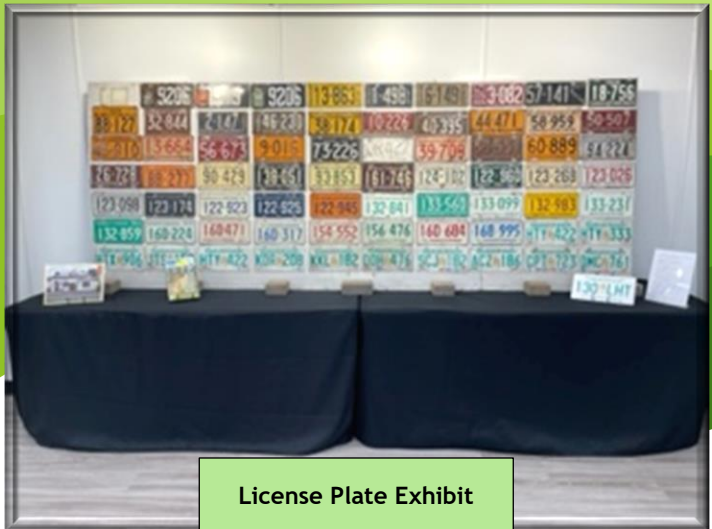
## 2022 Exhibits

### Barn Photographic Exhibit License Plates of Saskatchewan SaskTel Telephones and Cell Phones From The Past

The most popular exhibit with the children was the SaskTel exhibit. They were intrigued with the older telephones and figuring out how the rotary dial all works! Check out the pictures in the **Education Week** section.



Barn Photograph Exhibit



License Plate Exhibit

### BARN EXHIBIT

The travelling barn exhibit showed interest to many who came through the Centre in June and July. The photographs were a collection of Mardelle and Jack Robson with barns dating from 1896 to the present. In the past, barns were a necessity and were constructed following the completion of the family home. Not only did they house horses and cows, they often were the venue for Saturday barn dances. They are valuable elements of our heritage.

### LICENSE PLATE EXHIBIT – BA SERVICE STATION / REED MOTORS / WATROUS ACME SERVICE LTD.

Many remembered how the design of the license plates transitioned through the years.

The BA service stations was built in the late 1920's by the British American Oil Co.. Geroge Agar was the first manager until 1931. The next operators were Bob Swift and his son, Arthur, followed by Ralph Reed. In 1941 Ralph became distributor for BA products in the Watrous area. When Ralph joined the service, Joe Jewell, who had been working there, formed a partnership with Ab MacLachlan. After Ab's death, Jake Kornelsen became a partner in 1950. In the 1960's BA became Gulf Oil Products. In 1966 Joe and Jake obtained the Chrysler dealership. In 1977 Herb Kornelsen, Jake's son, purchased Joe's shares and operated the business with his Dad until 1990 when Herb's wife, Ruth, purchased Jake's shares. The Chrysler dealership was dropped in 1991, and the gas pumps removed in 2021. It continues to operate as an automotive repair shop and towing business.

- 1912 License plates first issued with number, SASK and year.
- 1919 Provincial shield was placed on the plate.
- 1920-22 The 1919 plate was revalidated with yellow, red and green tabs respectively.
- 1926-27 A diagonal SASK printed on plate.
- 1928 First use of the provinces full name.
- 1937 CORONATION YEAR printed on the plate to commemorate the coronation of King George VI.
- 1944 No personal plates printed. Vehicle registrations were revalidated with windshield stickers, due to metal conservation for World War II.
- 1951-54, 56-59 WHEAT PROVINCE printed on the plate.
- 1955 GOLDEN JUBILEE printed on the plate to commemorate Saskatchewan's 50 years.
- 1965 DIAMOND JUBILEE printed on the plate to commemorate Saskatchewan's 60 years.
- 1967 CANADA CENTENNIAL printed on the plate to commemorate Canada's 100 years.
- 1973 HOME OF THE RCMP printed on the plate.
- 1977 Numerical license plate number was changed to alpha-numerical and a wheat graphic added.
- 1988 LAND OF THE LIVING SKIES added to plate.

# Education Week

For more than 30 years, Saskatchewan has recognized one full week to celebrate education. Education Week, October 16 to 22, celebrated student success and the hard work and dedication of education professionals across the province.

Our volunteers took the time during this special week to recognize the importance education has on our students and communities. The students participated in scavenger hunts and our special guest speaker, Ivan Allin, spoke to several grades on the history of the aboriginals in the Watrous-Manitou Beach area and on his farmland.

This year's theme was **Reaching for Tomorrow, Celebrating Today.**



Board member Karen Schroeder-Mark presents Rylan Crittenden with the door prize of a hoodie.

Ivan Allin speaks to students on the tipi rings that were discovered on his farmland.



Volunteer, Lillian Milligan, had some fun on the phones!

# Quill Plains Museum Network



From Left to Right: Paula Letkeman, Marilyn Cannon, Janice Siegfried, Lillian Milligan, Sue Alcock

Saskatchewan museums are regionally divided into 11 separate networks that meet each Spring and Fall to share information and ideas, discuss issues and concerns, and work together on joint projects. Each network appoints a volunteer representative to coordinate its activities and act as a liaison with the Museums Association of Saskatchewan (MAS) staff and board. Museum networks are a valuable member group within MAS and play an important role in facilitating communication between members and staff. The Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre belongs to the Quill Plains Museum Network (QPMN).

The 2022 Fall meeting was hosted by the Nokomis museum volunteers. After the meeting we all enjoyed a tour of their museum.

## Quill Plains Network Members

Allan Community Heritage Society and Museum  
Lanigan and District Heritage Centre  
LeRoy History Museum  
Nokomis & District Museum  
Prud'homme: Life As It Was  
Rose Valley & District Heritage Museum  
Reynold Rapp Museum - Spalding, SK  
St. Brieux Museum  
Wadena Museum and Nature Centre  
Wakaw Heritage Museum  
Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre  
Watson & District Heritage Museum  
Wynyard & District Museum  
Humboldt & District Museum & Gallery  
Cudworth Heritage Museum  
Foam Lake Museum  
Naicam Museum



# Chase The Ace

## The winners are...



The Ace of Spades was picked by Sherwin Petersen.



Jadah Mensch was the winner of the progressive jackpot of \$25,730. She also won the weekly prize of \$1,541.

The Chase the Ace committee consisted of five people. Glenda McArthur, Susan Jabs, Avery Andreas, Kathy Bergen (Heritage Board), and Ron Frey. They first met on April 8, 2021 and obtained a license from SLGA on June 11, 2021. The raffle ran from July 23, 2021 to July 1, 2022. During this period the first game ran for 28 weeks, while the second game ran for 21 weeks.

We realized gross sales of \$119,790.00 with a profit of \$38,455.31. As a result, we also received a further 25% grant of \$9,430.80 from SLGA. Thus, providing the Heritage Centre with \$47,866.11 to be used as per our license agreement.

Here are some numbers that you may find interesting. During our license:

- 824 single \$10 tickets
- 2,596 packages of 20/\$25 and 933 packages of 100/\$50
- \$77,785.00 sold on-line with no hands-on person hours
- \$42,005.00 cash sales of which required 364 hands on person hours, breaking down to \$115.39 sales per person hour.
- Draw nights required approximately 200 person hours for the actual draw.

THE 52 WEEKLY WINNERS ARE LISTED ON OUR [WEBSITE](http://www.watrousheritage.ca/chase-the-ace-winners/) .  
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# Thank You!

A BIG thank you to the Saskatoon Co-op and to all those who fuelled up on September 20<sup>th</sup>!



## Building Repairs



In September, a side window and the concrete steps at the Venture Rehabilitation entrance were replaced. This improved the appearance and safety of the entrance.

## Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year from the WMBHC Board of Directors!

### HERITAGE CENTRE BOARD MEMBERS:

Kathy Bergen (Chair), Lionel Sproule (Vice-Chair), Sue Alcock, Janice Siegfried, Karen Schroeder-Mark, Chris Moffatt, Dan McIntosh, Daryl Nedjelski, Joanne Kowalski, Taylor Engele, Karen Siegfried