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A patient is transferred from ground ambulance to air ambulance at the Moosomin Airport

Moosomin Airport expansion making a difference Air Ambulance regularly serving the area since new 5,000 foot paved runway was added

BY ASHLEY BOCHKE

Jeff St Onge and Schalk van der Merwe worked together in accomplishing their collective dream of establishing a new, operational airport in the Moosomin area over the past few years.

The 5,000-foot runway just northeast of town was recently paved two summers ago and has been lifechanging for the area's health care system and has had an overall positive impact on the community and surrounding area.

"It was paved about two summers ago," St Onge explained. "So, it has been open for about a year and a half and it has been going wonderful. It is exceeding our expectations."

"At the moment we are working toward shifting the airport from constructing it to operating the airport. That is our biggest focus at the moment. We are looking at the infrastructure, fuel sales, and a possible terminal building. We are doing temporary things at the moment until we come up with a plan for future operations."

Van der Merwe explains the beginning ideas for the airport. "Jeff St. Onge and myself were the ones started the initial fundraising for the airport. We originally thought that we could maybe get some lights for the old airport on the runway then things escalated from there. We talked to some other people and the project just kept becoming bigger. So, then we thought, 'Why don't we pave the runway and paint some lines on?' So many people from all over came onboard and offered their support. Both provincial and local governments supported, and the private donations started coming in and it just continued to grow from there to the success story it is today."

There was a unique funding model for the \$10.6 million Moosomin airport expansion, with the provincial government covering a quarter of the cost, Nutrien Potash covering a quarter, local governments covering a quarter, and local businesses raising a quarter.

St Onge regularly visits the airport to clear the runway for incoming flights.

"I am retired and live three miles from the airport, so I go out regularly. Pilots often phone wanting a runway condition report. So I will go out, look at it, and let them know. In the mornings, we do some clean up and clearing of the snow. I make sure it is ready for them so there is not going to be a problem. I am out there almost daily to check the runway. If the weather is beautiful, I don't have to, but some nights I also go out and do a little bit of clean up if it is blowing."

Volunteers offering help

St Onge says he has been contacted by local community members offering their time to help service the airport.

"We had a situation where it was icy out and the person needing care, their only way out of the town was with Air Ambulance and it just makes you think 'Wow' it was worth everything we did. We have opened up the time as well the option to directly fly Moosomin to Edmonton for patient care, so I am just over the top and so excited with what we have available in Moosomin. It is amazing."

—Jeff St. Onge

"We are also starting to get more volunteers which is amazing. Randy Fyke had let us know that he would like to volunteer his time. He and I spent some time out there learning some equipment and what to look after. So, he will cover me when I am gone. Trent McMillan has also volunteered his time and has come out several times. That is another thing about the area here—neither of these guys fly. They are not pilots—they are community-minded people who just want to do their part."

Lifesaving flights

On an average of once a month, Saskatchewan Air Ambulance is landing at the Moosomin Airport for patient care in the area.

"Air Ambulance has been in 12 times at the Moosomin Airport," said Van der Merwe. "About once a month. Then, we've also had STARS in about 11 times. I think it is very important to emphasize the fact that the airport is obviously part of a tiered medical transport system because the system as a whole—Air Ambulance, STARS, road transportation—is bigger than the sum of its parts. If we didn't have road transport to get our patients to their destinations or even to get them to the aircraft or if we didn't have the option of Air Ambulance or STARS—at the end of the day people got to the care, they needed in the time it was needed. Two of our patients were flown directly to Edmonton which a year ago would have been a significant undertaking. It is really important. The airport was obviously a huge air asset, but our other assets are equally important."

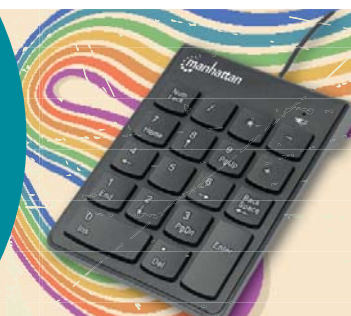
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The opening of the new 5,000 foot runway at Moosomin Airport

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Ice candles in the Elkhorn cemetery to remember passed loved ones during Christmas time.



A special cemetery Christmas tree to remember a lost child at Christmas time.

Over 200 ice candles placed at Elkhorn cemetery

BY ED JAMES

For the last few years, there has been a Christmas tradition at the Elkhorn Community Cemetery. The event is the placing of hand-made ice candles that glow in the dark night throughout the cemetery. They have been placed on various graves, memorials, along the pathways and at the cemetery gates.

The candles are placed there to remember loved ones

who have passed away but are not forgotten at Christmas time. At one location there is a fully decorated Christmas tree to remember a special son that passed away too young. There are a few other smaller similar trees in the cemetery shining bright in the night. If you choose to walk or drive along the paths, it's a place of peacefulness and calm on the dark evenings of the Christmas season to remember past loved ones, old friends and the joy, love

and laughter they brought into your life at one time.

This is the fifth year of the event with over 200 candles this year, and each year there seem to be more. During the few weeks they are in place, they are carefully checked each day to keep them burning each night. This yearly event is carried out by some community members wanting to remember loved ones during the Christmas season. May everyone have peace and joy in the new year!



A Christmas tree and ice candles light up the path to the cemetery.



Spread across the Elkhorn Community Cemetery on a cold dark night, the ice candles illuminate as we remember passed loved ones during Christmas time.



New Year's Eve at the Elkhorn Seniors Centre

BY ED JAMES

The gathering at the Elkhorn Leisure Center for its New Year's potluck buffet supper was a bit down in numbers this year, but the holiday spirits were high. If you do some math, those in attendance that evening are part of a generation that 50 or 60 years ago might have celebrated the New Year then with lots of drinking a late night fun, and perhaps driving home afterwards when they should not have!

That was then, but now things have changed for this group. I have seen in the last several years, perhaps due the wisdom of old age, the high cost of alcohol and the fear of losing one's license, that our New Year celebrations are more subdued and just as much fun.

Leisure Centre president Ed Clayton welcomed every-

one and asked one of the members to give grace. There was a large variety of main dishes for the meal, and enough for seconds if wanted. At another table there were a wide selection of seasonal desserts and a good measure of chocolate candies. To add to the mix, there was a good measure of conversation at all the tables about our lives, families and futures.

After the meal, many hands made light work of clearing up and washing the dishes, while another group set up the tables for card games. On the side board there were still lots of desserts left and pots of tea and coffee.

The Elkhorn Leisure Centre has been in operation since around 1975 and is a place where seniors and young at heart can stop in for a morning coffee, afternoon or evening cards and games and various events. However, its

also a place that offers seniors information of real life issues they are facing. Many of the presentations are arranged by the Senior Activities for Independent Living (SAIL).

Membership is \$20 a year, and for small groups the hall is available for renting as well. If you're an active senior in the Elkhorn area, perhaps this is a place for your talents, skills and interests!

By 10:30 pm, the hall was empty with most of the members home in their PJ's watching the rest of the world celebrating New Years from the comfort of their Lazy Boy chair. It was an evening well spent, the way I see it. From the members of The Elkhorn Leisure Centre, wishing everyone the best in the New Year, and please come and visit us sometime soon!



Left: The potluck buffet supper with lots of variety at the Elkhorn Seniors Centre New Year gathering.

Above left and right: Some of the seniors who attended the Elkhorn Leisure Centre New Year's potluck buffet supper enjoying a friendly card game after the meal.

OBITUARIES



LILLIAN KLINGER
MARCH 24, 1940 –
DECEMBER 27, 2025

Lillian Klinger passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 27, 2025 at the age of 85 at the South-east Integrated Care Centre, Moosomin, Sask.

Lillian was born on March 24, 1940 in Rocanville, Sask. to Morgan and Minnie Chase. She was the eldest of three children—Lillian, Joyce (Nixon) and George Chase.

Lillian married Albert Klinger on August 15, 1959 and lived in the Kendalton District until they retired to Moosomin in 2001.

They raised five children: Karen (Les), Kris, Kara, Jonathon; Gloria (Doug),

Sarah, Megan; Donald (Margo), Brooke, Jenna; Kenneth (Leann); Kevin (Marcy), Morgan, Julia.

Lillian was predeceased by her husband Albert of 62 years on Feb. 12, 2022 and her son Kenneth on July 13, 2024.

Lillian loved her life on the farm, where she raised her five children with steady hands and a generous heart. The farm was more than home—it was where her family grew, lessons were learned, and countless memories were made.

Lillian enjoyed quilting, crocheting, gardening,

baking, volunteering, and missed the days of going dancing with Albert.

The family is deeply grateful to the staff at Cobblestone House for the compassionate care they provided to Lillian over the last two and a half years.

Lillian will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her family and all who knew her.

Donations in Lillian's memory may be made to Moosomin & District Healthcare Foundation for CT Scanner Fund.

Carscadden Funeral Chapel - Moosomin in care of arrangements.



MARIE "PAULETTE" LEWIS
JULY 21, 1946 -
OCTOBER 11, 2025

ise Bourlon and grew up as the cherished baby sister of a large and loving family.

In 1966, Paulette married the love of her life, Dennis, and together they built a full and hardworking life on the farm north of McAuley, raising their two children, Gary and Suzanne. Paulette embraced farm life with strength and humour, from harvest meals to cattle roundups, and later balanced those responsibilities with her work at the Moosomin hospital. There, she earned her Red Seal certification and became a respected cook known for her dedication, crisp white uniforms, and jovial camaraderie with coworkers.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Paulette at her home in Moosomin, Saskatchewan on October 11, 2025, beloved mother of Suzanne (Shawn) Chapman and loving grandmother to Spencer.

Paulette was born July 21, 1946, in Ponteix, Saskatchewan. She was the youngest of 12 children born to Marceau and Lou-

ise Bourlon and grew up as the cherished baby sister of a large and loving family. In 1966, Paulette married the love of her life, Dennis, and together they built a full and hardworking life on the farm north of McAuley, raising their two children, Gary and Suzanne. Paulette embraced farm life with strength and humour, from harvest meals to cattle roundups, and later balanced those responsibilities with her work at the Moosomin hospital. There, she earned her Red Seal certification and became a respected cook known for her dedication, crisp white uniforms, and jovial camaraderie with coworkers.

teering, at the nursing home with many visits to patients in the hospital, helping with Kin Place events, and tending to the gardens and flowers with the same pride she poured into their home and farm in McAuley. Her care, commitment, and sense of community remained constant throughout her life, always cherishing time spent with family and friends.

She was a proud sister, aunt, mother, and grandmother. The arrival of Spencer, her grandson, brought immense joy, and she embraced her role as "Grandma" with pride and love. She was endlessly curious and supportive of everything he did.

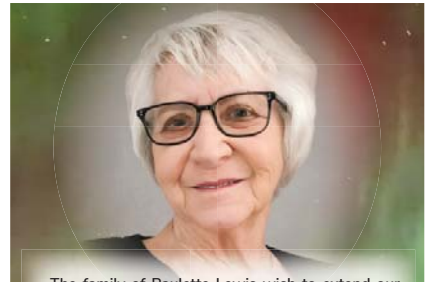
Paulette will be remembered for her unwavering devotion to family, her resilience, her steady and reassuring presence. As a gifted cook and meticulous homemaker, she leaves behind a legacy of love that will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

Paulette was predeceased by her husband,

Dennis Lewis, son Gary Lewis, her parents, Marceau and Louise Bourlon, sisters Marie-Paule Bourlon, Henriette (Amedee) Monette, Fernande (Armand) Carignan, Madeleine (Leo) Prive, and Lorraine Bourlon, brothers Roger Bourlon, Richard Bourlon, Marcel 1 Bourlon, Noel Bourlon, Marcel Bourlon, and Denis (Vera) Bourlon, in-laws George and Bertha Lewis, sister-in-law Gladys (Garth) Gerand, and brother-in-law Huntley Lewis.

In addition to her immediate family, Paulette is lovingly remembered by sisters-in-law Paulette Bourlon, Liliane Bourlon, Yolande Bourlon, Henriette Bourlon, Joan Lewis, and Phyllis (Orville) Harper, as well as numerous nephews, nieces, extended family members and a circle of friends and communities.

A Celebration of Life was held at McAuley Rink on Monday, October 27th, 2025, with interment at the McAuley Cemetery.



The family of Paulette Lewis wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the kindness, support and compassion shown to us during this challenging time.

We are deeply grateful to the McAuley Community for organizing the lunch following her Celebration of Life. The care you put into everything, along with simply being there, created such a warm and welcoming atmosphere in the little town that will forever be home to me.

Linda Clark, your thoughtful and heartfelt words honored Mom's life in such a meaningful way, we thank you.

Our sincere appreciation to Elisha at Carscadden's for your professional care and guidance.

We are deeply thankful to Hutch's Ambulance and the Moosomin RCMP for your care and support. Your professionalism and kindness during a difficult moment will not be forgotten.

Thank you to family, friends, colleagues, and community members who honored Mom's memory with cards, visits, food, tributes, flowers, and donations. Your generosity has been a source of strength and comfort, we are profoundly grateful.

—Suzanne, Shawn, and Spencer

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Westman RCMP Report

BY SOHIT MAINI, CONSTABLE

47 calls for service

From December 28, 2025 to January 3, 2026, Westman RCMP received a total of 47 calls for service. Some of these calls for service include 18 traffic offences, one wellbeing check, two mental health related calls, two false alarms, three 911 Acts, four Assistance to Canadian Agencies/General Public, five assaults, one second degree murder, one utter threats, one possession of an unauthorized weapon, one failure to comply with order and two mischief files.

Domestic assault in Sioux Valley

On December 2 RCMP responded to a report of a domestic assault in the settlement of Sioux Valley. Members attended and spoke with the complainant who was the victim who said her ex-partner had assaulted her during an altercation and took off from the scene prior to police arrival. Members obtained a statement from the victim. Members made patrols and conducted neighborhood inquiries but were unable to locate the accused. Members applied for a warrant for the accused who is currently at large for one count of assault. Members continue to investigate.

Second degree murder after two stabbed in Sioux Valley

On December 30, 2025, RCMP responded to a report of a double stabbing in the settlement of Sioux Valley. Members received the report of two males who were stabbed in the neck and the stomach by a 16-year-old male subject. Members attended the residence with EMS and provided medical aid to the victims. Members learned that the male subject had fled from the scene prior to police arrival. EMS provided medical aid to one victim at the scene, and

the second victim was transported to the hospital with serious bleeding. The second victim succumbed to his injuries. Members obtained a statement from the witnesses. Members along with West District CREST, Brandon RCMP and K9 attended a residence where the male subject was located and arrested. The male was charged with utter threats, assault with a weapon and second degree murder and was remanded into custody. Major Crime continues to investigate.

Speeding in the town of Virden

On December 30 during routine traffic patrols within the Town of Virden, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 133km/hr in a 110 km/hr zone. RCMP initiated a traffic stop, and the driver was issued a traffic offence notice for speeding, which carries a fine of \$351. RCMP also observed a second vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 136km/hr in a 110 km/hr zone. RCMP initiated a traffic stop, and the driver was issued a traffic offence notice for speeding, which carries a fine of \$391.

Intoxicated male in possession of weapons

On December 31, RCMP received a report from Safety Officers in the Settlement of Sioux Valley for an unwanted male who was intoxicated and trying to fight with the occupants. Safety Officers attended the residence and located the accused male who was placed under arrest. During the search incidental to arrest, the accused was found to be in possession of a spike tomahawk and a knife. The male was transported to Virden RCMP detachment where he was lodged. The male was released with an undertaking condition and is scheduled to appear in court in March.

Speeding in the RM of Wallace-Woodworth

On January 1 during routine traffic patrols within the RM of Wallace-Woodworth, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 130km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone. RCMP initiated a traffic stop, and the driver was issued a Traffic Offence Notice for Speeding, which carries a fine of \$442.

Assault by choking at Sioux Valley

On January 2, 2026, RCMP responded to a report of a domestic assault in the Settlement of Sioux Valley. Members attended and spoke with the complainant who was the victim and reported her partner had assaulted her during an altercation and choked her and had fled from the scene prior to police arrival. Members obtained statements and made extensive patrols, and conducted neighborhood inquiries but were unable to locate the accused. Members applied for a warrant for the accused who is currently at large for assault by choking. Members continue to investigate.

Numbers to call

To report a complaint or non-emergent incident to RCMP please call 204-748-2135. For general inquiries or administrative requests including criminal record checks please call the administration line at 204-748-2046 Ext. 3. If you are reporting an emergency, please call 911.

Crime Stoppers is anonymous

If you witness a crime and wish to remain anonymous, please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Crime stoppers is entirely confidential and completely anonymous. The tip line is not traceable and they do not subscribe to caller ID or call display.

Welwyn News

Phyllis Harper
306-733-2155

A large crowd attended the Christmas Eve service in the United Church with Rev Barb Wilkins presiding. Sunday school children lit the Christ candle and Will Cuthill, Cal and Clark Cuthill led the praying during the service. Katie Cuthill sang a beautiful solo "O Holy Night."

The choir sang an anthem "Christmas Blessing" accompanied by Marilyn Hickie. Rev. Barb's story "Sparkle Box" kept the children's attention and everyone else! Collection was taken by Karen

Cuthill, Chett and Gage Grose. Lights were turned out and candles lit during the singing of "Silent Night" bringing a thought-filled service to a close.

Visitors with the Harper family Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were Jason and Colleen, Ryan Lewis and friend from Virden, Shawn, Suzanne and Spencer Chapman of Elkhorn, Carol Blair, Trent and Tara Harper of Moosomin, Toryn Harper and Hugh Nestor of Regina, Troy and Burke Lewis, Joan Lewis, Donald

Lewis of Moosomin, Nancy and Olivia Lewis of Kelowna, B.C., Wayne of Alameda, Sask, Justin and Terri Logan, Kyle Logan and Tylor Clark of Rocanville, and Sierra Logan of Davenport, Iowa. Everyone enjoyed lots of eating, chatting and games.

Christmas visitors with Darren and Cassandra Cuthill, Will and Karen were Cassandra's mom Luchana and Oran, Kael and Tatum of Lumsden.

Christmas visitors with Allan and Judi

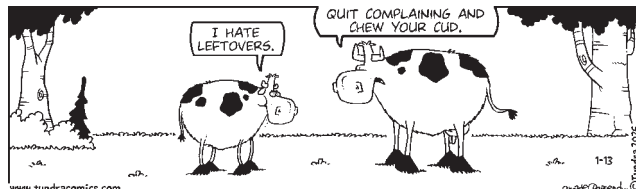
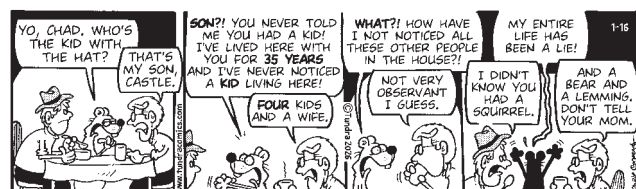
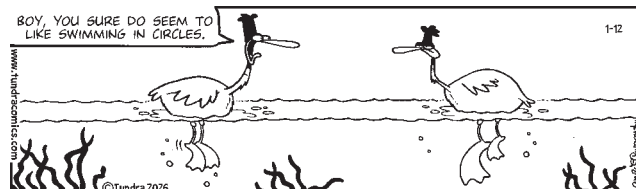
Johnston were Candice, Cherry and Katarina Johnston from Calgary.

Murray and Elaine Crump spent Christmas Eve with Bryn, Gemma and family in McAuley then all went to Yorkton to spend Christmas with Greg, Jen and family.

Zen Taylor-Bell of Saskatoon spent Christmas holidays with mom and dad, Charlotte and Martin, and visited with grandparents Ken and Donald Taylor and Grant and Julie.

Tundra

Chad Carpenter



Spy Hill News

Cameron Duncan

306-745-7428

The Spy Hill & District Community Club is launching a new initiative called "Her Evenings" aimed at bringing women together for a night of fun, creativity, and laughter. The program will feature a different activity each month, offering a chance for participants to relax and connect. The first event will be a Paint Night, scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7 pm at the Spy Hill Curling Rink. The evening will be led by instructor Michelle Fiddler, and the \$45 registration fee includes all supplies, a frame, and step-by-step instruction. Organizers say space is limited to 20 participants, and registration must be completed by Jan. 12. Payments can be made by e-transfer to spyhillclub@gmail.com or in cash to Carmelle Moore or Brooke Barker. The club encourages those interested to follow the "Her Evenings" Facebook page for updates on future events. Each month will bring something new, ensuring a variety of experiences for local women.

Congratulations to Sara Nerbas on reaching a major milestone for her business, Natural Beauty Photography in Spy Hill. "It is

my tenth year in business as a photographer. Looking back, the growth and success I've experienced over the past decade truly humbles me. None of it would have been possible without the incredible support of this community, and I am endlessly grateful to each of you who has trusted me, cheered me on, and helped this business flourish," stated Nerbas. To celebrate this milestone year, she has a few fun events planned.

The first event planned is set for Feb. 14, at the Spy Hill Hall. "My Bloody Valentine," a Not-So-Valentine's Day Social, hosted by Natural Beauty Photography featuring live entertainment by the incredibly talented cover band "Daisy Chain." Tickets have been ordered, and posters are officially printing! Message Sara to reserve your tickets before they arrive. Once tickets are in hand, they will be available for purchase at select local businesses in Esterhazy and Langenburg, as well as directly through Sara for \$30 per ticket. Don your best black and step into a moody Gothic night filled with music, shadows and dancing until late. A late lunch will be served. You must

be over 19 to attend.

The Spy Hill Hall Lunch Bunch has returned for 2026 at the Spy Hill Hall every Monday from 11 to 12:45. Take out orders are available. Call 306-745-8354.

Condolences to former Spy Hill resident Penny Baseley on the recent passing of her mother, Pat Bergstrom of Tantallon, who passed away on Dec. 22, 2025, at the age of 88. She is survived by many loved ones who will continue to honor her memory through shared stories, treasured traditions, and the love she freely gave. A service will be held in the spring to celebrate Patricia's life, as this was her favorite time of the year.

Condolences to the family of Alyssa Thompson (nee LaRocque) who passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 29, 2025, in Churchbridge at the age of 29 years. She leaves behind her loving husband, Matthew; her sweet boy, Nixon; parents: Jim and Colleen of Spy Hill and Valerie and

Terry; as well as numerous siblings, grandparents, in-laws, aunts, uncles, friends, cousins, nieces, and nephews. She will be deeply missed by everyone whose life she touched. Family is requesting in lieu of flowers contributions be made to a trust fund set up for her son Nixon. E-transfers can be sent to Colleen.Larocque at 306-743-7501 or Colleen.larocque@saskhealthauthority.ca.

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Hart-Parr, a large manufacturer of traction engines, was the first to use the word "tractor" in its 1906 sales literature. Before this the machines were referred to as "Traction Engines."

To have items added to the Spy Hill news, please contact Cameron Duncan at camerond44@icloud.com or by cell: 306-745-7428. (text or call)

Wawota News

Myrna Olson

306-739-2519 • molsons_40@hotmail.com

Dennis and Sarah Weatherald, Madeline, Amelia and Kathryn spent two weeks at Christmas with Sarah's family in Ottawa. Shirley Corkish stopped in Regina to attend one of Owen Corkish's hockey games with her granddaughter Esme Corish. She then travelled to Cottage Grove, Minnesota, where she spent two weeks with Jeff and Laura Corkish, Addi and Mason.

There were lots of hockey games to attend. Joe Brisbois spent a couple of days with Donna Schaffer in Regina before flying to Edmonton. He spent several days

during the holidays with Brad and Lorie-Anne Adams at Cold Lake. Clinton and Kelly picked him up on Boxing Day.

Sympathy to the family of Jim Brownlee who passed away on December 11. He was 87 years old and leaves wife Marie and their family of Karen, John and Kevin and their families. His funeral service was held at the Wawota Town Hall on December 29. Interment was at Fernley Cemetery.

Congratulations to Mitch Porter and Jose Argerami, who were married on January 3 in Regina.

VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Worried about cougar

Dear Editor:

In our local Spectator I noticed an ad against deer that are living in town. A lot of them come to my farm for shelter and food, eating oats from a bin and a green bale and green grass under the snow. I have no complaints but want to tell speeders to beware of them crossing the road.

I think council would be spending their time better to control a big four-legged cougar that has come here twice stealing a new born calf out of my corral and another year carrying a fawn onto my bale stack. I have a friend who was walking one night and saw it on the rail tracks.

Last spring, another one sat outside of his trailer court home and he saw it come

out of Turpie's, back south of the trailer court. When it saw him it turned around and went back in the bush in broad daylight.

A policeman on east Broadway showed it on his phone from a camera in his backyard. Hospital staff has seen it in daylight hours.

Please beware that a cougar is the only animal strong enough to put a deer on a tree and climb the tree at the same time, so what is going to happen when it fights a human? No chance! Deer are harmless, please get focused on safety and worry about our predators and keep our community safe for our citizens.

Donnie Ferguson
Moosomin

PUBLIC NOTICE RM of Fertile Belt No. 183

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT BYLAW NO. 2025/04

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the RM of Fertile Belt No. 183 intends to adopt a bylaw, under The Planning and Development Act, 2007, to amend Bylaw No. 2024/06, known as the District Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT:

The proposed bylaw will:

1. Certain land locations currently zoned as AR – Agricultural Resource District will be changed to R – Country Residential
2. Affected land is legally described as follows: portion to be approved is outlined in a bold dashed line, Parcel D. Parcel D contains 6.95 ha (17.17 acres), proposed subdivision of part of the SE ¼ 33-19-01-W2.

REASON FOR THE AMENDMENT:

The reason for the amendment is to rezone a certain area from agricultural resource district to country residential.

PUBLIC INSPECTION:

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the RM of Fertile Belt No. 183 Municipal Office, 301 Ohlen Street, Stockholm, SK, Monday to Friday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at cost at the Municipal Office.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Council will hold a public hearing to receive submissions on the proposed bylaw on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the RM of Fertile Belt No. 183 Council Chambers. Council will also consider written submissions received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing. For further information, please contact the Municipal Office at 306-793-2061.

Issued at the RM of Fertile Belt No. 183 this January 12, 2026

Signed: Lorie Jackson, RMA
Administrator

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TOWN OF ESTERHAZY PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Esterhazy intends to adopt a bylaw under The Planning and Development Act, 2007 to amend Bylaw No. 791-24, known as the Esterhazy Planning District Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT – Proposed Bylaw No. 800-25 is intended to:

Pursuant to Section 46 of **The Planning and Development Act, 2007**, the Council of the Town of Esterhazy hereby amends the Esterhazy Planning and District Zoning Bylaw No. 791-24 by enacting the following change:

1. Certain land locations currently zoned as AR – Agricultural Resource District will be changed to R – Country Residential
2. Affected land is legally described as follows: portion to be approved is outlined in a bold dashed line, Parcel D. Parcel D contains 6.95 ha (17.17 acres), proposed subdivision of part of the SE ¼ 33-19-01-W2
3. Reduce the minimum separation distance between oil and gas wells and facilities and other development to 500 metres.

REASON – The reason for the amendment is:

- (a) rezone a certain area from agricultural resource district to country residential
- (b) amend the minimum separation distances for Oil and Gas wells

PUBLIC INSPECTION – The proposed bylaw may be reviewed at the Esterhazy Town Office between 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available upon request at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing will be held on January 29, 2026, at 6:15 p.m. in the Town Council Chamber, 600 Sumner Street, Esterhazy, Saskatchewan.

Council will consider all written submissions received by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26th, 2026. Individuals present at the hearing will also have the opportunity to speak on the proposed bylaw.

Issued at the Town office this 5th of January, 2026.

Tammy MacDonald
Chief Administrative Officer

15:2c



Looking Back

"I told her we were going to start an arts centre in town and I thought that an arts centre would be a great idea. She took it to the rest of the board and they agreed. They came in and talked about it and after I met them I suggested that I reach out to other members of the community and to the Moosomin and..."



The front page:



The Truco Trick riders gave the crowd a thrilling performance at the start of the ranch rodeo in Redvers.



Members of Kahkewistahaw Chief and Council gathered with publisher Ted Whitecalf and elders featured in the latest history books.



One of the youngest rodeo contestants participating in the calf scramble during rodeo intermission in Redvers.



Jessica Campbell showing off a bomber jacket during a live auction at her fundraiser in Rocanville.



Kids shooting water guns off the Kari's Pharmacy float in the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce Parade on July 12.



Elkhorn hosted a well-attended Canada Day parade.



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The front page:



The Communities in Bloom judges touring Moosomin



Below: The Living Skies fireworks competition at Moosomin Lake.



Above & left: Whitewood-Chacachas Rodeo: The girls' fancy dance and the boys' grass dance.

Below: Some kids learned how to play the ukulele at Kenosee Lake Kitchen Party.



Joanne, Heather, Woodrow, and Morgan Kerr with DQ Moosomin, and Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark during Miracle Treat Day on August 14 in Moosomin.



Looking Back September





A few scenes from Moosomin airport since the expansion.

Moosomin Airport expansion making a difference

Air Ambulance regularly serving the area since new 5,000 foot paved runway was added

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Airport complements local health care

St Onge says that the Moosomin Airport Expansion was important to complement the local health care services.

"I had a vision of what it would be and it has been more than what my vision was," he said. "I think we have a top-notch medical team in Moosomin. When they are looking after you and it is beyond what they can do and you need more specialized doctors or equipment then we have to leave this town and the three ways to leave the town are by ground ambulance, STARS, and the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance so the only people that leave town are the ones who need medical capabilities beyond what we can offer and they cover a lot of bases already, but when a case like that comes we want to have all three options available, and the one that has surprised me and has warmed my heart the most is when Saskatchewan Air Ambulance gets a patient safely to where they need to go."

"When they come in it means the roads are closed and icy conditions in the air. That eliminates ground ambulance, when there is ice in the air it is a lot harder for a helicopter to come in because they don't have the onboard equipment to handle de-icing, whereas the Air Ambulance does. They do something called FKI (Flight into Known Icing) and that means they have the equipment to fly into known icing situations."

"We had a situation where it was icy out and the person needing care, their only way out of the town was with Air Ambulance and it just makes you think 'Wow' it was worth everything we did. We have opened up the time as well the option to directly fly Moosomin to Edmonton for patient care, so I am just over the top and so excited with what we have available in Moosomin. It is amazing."

Impact on business community

Van der Merve explains the positive influence the airport offers for the surrounding business area.

"Another major part the airport offers is the impact the airport has on our business community in Moosomin and the surrounding area. The businesses that have multiple branches where the CEOs and owners of the companies can now come basically from anywhere in world to visit branches and then be back in a decent time during the workday. When you ask very successful entrepreneurs what their most valuable asset is, they say their time. So, the airport is offering them more of their time. It is such a time saver, and it is the same for health care. It is really about timeliness—getting people to the care they need in a timely fashion."

Daily activity

The Moosomin Airport sees aircraft every day utilizing the runway and airport.

"At least once a day the airport is being used because we have the GPS landing system, the air force will use it as prac-

tice," explains Van der Merve. "They will practice to land with their instruments because we have the GPS landing. We see pilots on training flights that will come out here from Virden, Brandon, Regina and they don't necessarily land, but they use the airport as a practice area. That exposes the town and the area to more people."

Future upgrades

St Onge explains the committees' future stages in adding to the airport.

"What an airport should have is an RNAV which is an area navigation. It goes in the GPS (Canadian Flight Supplement) and that tells pilots how to fly in using all of their equipment such as onboard GPS, flight management systems, so we have got that in place. We have had that in place before we had pavement because there is up to a two year wait on getting that system installed. It allows pilots to fly all the way down to 447-feet and then if they can't see the runway they have to forfeit at that point. That is the level of accuracy that gives them using weather from Yorkton and surrounding areas."

"Next, we need to get an AWAS (Automated Weather Observation System) and that will give pilots local weather, so between an RNAV and an AWAS they can come down to 250 feet, so if it is cloudy and overcast, they can bring their plane down an additional 200-feet in effort to see the runway and if they see it then they can continue to land. We do have to put that into place because there have been times in the last year and a half where that would have been valuable and would have made a difference with a plane coming in."

"We also need to be able to sell fuel. We have a lot of people doing long distance trips and they will phone asking if we have fuel available and we do have fuel, but it is at our old site. So, the odd time somebody will have an airplane that we call a 'pavement princess' they don't leave the pavement so they can't fuel up in Moosomin because you have to go on gravel to get to it or if they want jet fuel, we don't have jet fuel available."

"The other thing we need for people is when they land, they need washrooms or a place to wait for their next flight. This year, Gary Bonkowski had a mobile trailer and loaned it to us so we have it set up and have washroom facilities there. We also need equipment to keep the runway clean. Rocky Mountain Equipment has donated the power equipment. We purchased a snow blower, and we have a skidsteer and a tractor and a small broom. We need a de-icer for runway de-icing, about a 22-foot sprayer and we are just in the process of finishing that now within about a month or so. The one other thing we need after that is a runway broom. The ones they have for an airport are about 14 feet wide and they spin at a higher RPM, and you pull it at about 40km/h up and down the runway to clear it off."

Van der Merve adds, "Over the winter months our primary goal is to make sure that we keep the airport open because of all the snow and that is always a challenge in the winter

months, but we have had some great partners all around in helping us do this project. Rocky Mountain Equipment has been generous with supplying us with equipment. The RM of Moosomin has been really instrumental in helping us getting the snow off on days where there have been big snowfalls. We have been working diligently at getting the AWAS like Jeff said. We've had significant donations for the AWAS that we have posted on our Facebook page and so far, have up to \$25,000 donated to us."

Recent upgrades

Van der Merve says they have recently added new lighted windsocks at the airport.

"Another important improvement we've made is getting some lighted windsocks up. The lighted ones are very important for night landing and especially at this time of year. That was a huge improvement for our airport and pilots who land there. We still are in the process of getting the final electrical stuff done. There is still lots to work on to make it even better."

Exceeds Expectations

Van der Merve says the airport exceeds all expectations St Onge along with himself had in the early planning stages.

"In our wildest dreams we didn't think it would be this successful and amazing. When we started off and originally thought of a \$2 million project, but it kept growing into a \$12 million project, so this just exceeded our wildest dreams. The amount of success that we've had we could never have accomplished on our own, Jeff and I. We see how amazing this is and it is a testimony to people working together for the greater good."

Community support

The Moosomin Airport committee is overwhelmed and thankful for the continuous community support. "It never ceases to amaze me when people and organizations across the area work together, the amount of success we can create," Van der Merve said.

You look at the airport and it has seen support across provincial and municipal borders, from the provincial government, towns, RMs, private sector investments—Nutrien Mine gave us a significant donation, I lack a local company in town also gave us a significant donation, Air Andrew out of Virden—all of those are our big contributors. It just shows you when people get together for a cause and support it there is really no end to what you can do."

St Onge adds, "We are working hard at moving forward and putting the infrastructure in place to make it a sustainable airport. I am just so grateful for everything that ever comes to the airport. Everything that happens is needed. It is really hard for me to express how grateful I am for everything right from the volunteer time people put in, the effort, time, to the million-dollar donations, every one of them is needed and appreciated."





Looking Back

October



Donning orange shirts, attendees posed with their hung ribbons and "Every Child Matter" sign in front of the Métis home at the museum in Rocanville during the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

The front page:



Jill Lowe of Kennedy was named Committee Member of the Year by the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association for 25 years of service.



Chief Evan Taypotat putting up a sign to re-name Highway 201 Chief Kahkewistahaw Way.



Grand opening of the Lions' Club playground expansion in Esterhazy. Lions member Hayley Johnson and son Olen Rue cutting the grand opening ribbon.



Moosomin's economic round table. Community members were asked to choose development goals and targets, stick them on the rink windows, and then vote on them to see which rose to the top of the priority list. Information from that session will be incorporated into a long-term growth plan for the region.

Looking Back November 2025

The front page:



The Moosomin Museum was transformed into the Mysterious Museum of Forgotten Things. Spooky creatures roamed the grounds and people were tasked with finding eerie treasures in the buildings and around the grounds.



Amber Debnam of Churchbridge received her white coat at the University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine's White Coat Ceremony. She says the fact that the Southeast Family Medicine Residency Program has been established in Moosomin made her decision to enter medicine much easier.

Above: The Beckett family took over the duties of placing flags on the gravestones of service members before Remembrance Day in Moosomin.



Dr. Crouse of Moosomin with family and colleagues at the SMA Awards Banquet in Saskatoon where Crouse was named SMA 2025 Physician of the Year.



The Generals, coaches and staff with the PGFL trophy after winning the championship in Yorkton.



Looking Back

December



The front page:



Left: Santa Day and the Hot Chocolate Festival in Moosomin.

Above left: The Creative Visions Choir and Moosomin Community Band hosted a fall concert at Bethel United Church artists, including the Creative Visions Kids Choir.



Nutrien Rocanville received a Technology Fund grant for sustainable mining initiative. Above are Nutrien Rocanville General Manager Justin Young, Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark, Minister of Environment Travis Keisig, and Mill Maintenance Superintendent at Nutrien Rocanville Tim Mbanga.



Moosomin Food Share won an award from Second Harvest for accepting many big food donations. Above and right are volunteers unloading various donations.



Randy Mavin and Jarrod Slugoski acting in the Mooseberry play Cash on Delivery.



Rocanville Economic Development and Rocanville Rec hosted a Santa Parade with food bank collections along the route.

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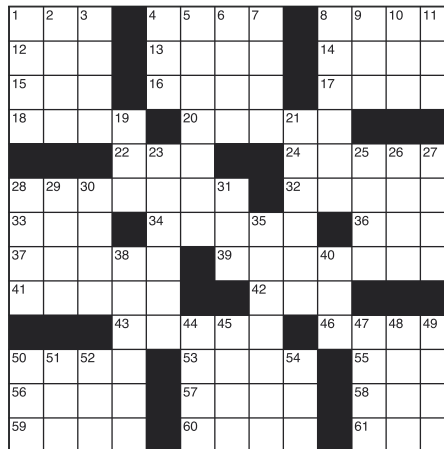
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