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Donation to STARS

The Moosomin Elks Lodge presented \$5,000 last week to STARS Air Ambulance. From left are Ron Potter of the Moosomin Elks, STARS Clinical Operations Manager Darcy McKay, STARS Community Engagement Officer Kathy Skomar, and Wayne Hopkins of the Moosomin Elks, who was once a patient on a STARS Air Ambulance.

Statistics Canada ups Moosomin count by 117 people
Agency says it missed 74 dwellings, estimates 70 are occupied by a total of 117 people

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
Call it a virtual population boom. Moosomin's official population, reported by Statistics Canada, is up 4.3 per cent overnight.

After the results of the 2021 census were released in 2022, showing a small decline in Moosomin's population after one of the largest increases in rural Saskatchewan between the 2011 and 2016 censuses, the

"Statistics Canada has undertaken a detailed investigation and confirmed that the population and private dwelling counts were incorrect,"
— Lise Rivais of Statistics Canada

World-Spectator reported that the number of households reported in Moosomin in the census was less than the number of households the town sends water and utility bills to, and that residents of some

senior residences said their entire buildings had been missed, despite calls to Statistics Canada to try to be included.

The town of Moosomin asked for the census to be reviewed, and Statistics Canada

replied last week that it has reviewed and changed the official census count for Moosomin.

"Statistics Canada has undertaken a detailed investigation and confirmed that the population and private dwelling counts were incorrect," Lise Rivais of Statistics Canada wrote to the town last week.

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Beautiful winter scene

Jean Green took this beautiful photo of frost-covered Fleming last Wednesday. It has been a very frosty winter across southeast Saskatchewan and southwest Manitoba.

Moosomin Chamber of Commerce:

'State of the town' address at Jan. 24 meeting

Moosomin Mayor Larry Tomlinson will update Chamber members on the town's accomplishments in 2022 and plans for 2023 at the January 24 Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting, and there will be several presentations on new businesses, new development, and new initiatives coming to Moosomin.

The Mayor's "State of the Town" address will focus on the town's activities and accomplishments in 2022, and new projects coming up this year.

Also at the January 24 meeting:

New initiatives

- Brian Beckett of the Moosomin Legion will speak at the January 24 Chamber meeting about plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Moosomin Cenotaph with a major event in the summer of 2024. A committee is already working on the anniversary event, which will be held June 8, 2024.
- Mike Schwan will discuss plans to enter Moosomin in Communities in Bloom for 2023. Moosomin's entry will be a joint submission of the town, Moosomin Regional Park, and Pipestone Hills Golf Club, and the committee has a lot of big ideas for Communities in Bloom.
- There will be discussion around a plan to bring a speaker on economic development to Moosomin.

New residential development

Evan Keller of Keller Developments has been invited to meet Chamber members at the January 24 meeting. Keller Developments plans to build two apartment buildings in Moosomin in 2023. "Moosomin has always been on my radar," says Keller. "I actually worked at RBC about 10 years ago, covering that area. I was a commercial account manager for Royal Bank so that helped me get familiar with the area. I have friends that live in the area as well so I have watched it grow over the years and I've always had my eye on it. There's been a few people from Moosomin that have reached out to us and kind of knocked on our door about coming there as well—different people from the community."

New businesses

- William Schnellert, the manager of Eecol Electric in Moosomin, will be at the meeting to meet chamber members and speak about the opening of the new electrical business, which will open its doors Monday, January 23.
- Aaron Grandguillot, the owner of the a new microbrewery—Skout Brewing Co.—being built on Celebration Drive in Moosomin, has been invited to meet Chamber members and discuss plans for the microbrewery.
- Matthew Pistor will discuss his plan for a package delivery/pickup business in Moosomin called Rural Route Package



Representatives of EECOL Electric, which is now open in Moosomin, above left, Skout Brewing Co., which is now under construction, above right, and Keller Developments, which plans to build two apartment buildings in Moosomin this year, below.



Pick-up.

- Clayton O'Grady will discuss his plan for a shuttle and taxi business for the Moosomin area.

The January Chamber of Commerce

meeting is set for 11:45 am January 24 at the Canalta Hotel meeting room.

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"The investigation involved a detailed analysis of all the documents and procedures used by census enumerators during the 2021 census. The census enumeration records were examined, street by street, for each part of the town. Maps were checked to verify current boundaries and confirm that all population and dwellings within those boundaries were correctly allocated.

"The investigation found that 74 private dwellings were missed by census enumerators, 70 of which are estimated to be occupied by 117 usual residents. Those 74 private dwellings will be added to the total dwelling counts for Moosomin and 117 additional persons will be added to the population count."

Moosomin Mayor Larry Tomlinson is not happy with Statistics Canada's efforts. "I'm very disappointed," said Tomlinson. "I don't think they did anything, I really don't. I think they just came up with a number they thought would make us happy. It looks to me that they did nothing—



Published and Revised Counts for 2021

2021 Census Census Subdivision (CSD)	Population		Private Dwellings Occupied by Usual Residents		Private Dwellings Other (unoccupied + occupied by Foreign or Temporary Residents)		Total Private Dwellings	
	Published counts	Revised counts	Published counts	Revised counts	Published counts	Revised counts	Published counts	Revised counts
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they didn't do any more actual counting or anything."

Tomlinson said he isn't confident that the new number is accurate.

"I think all they did was just try to appease us a little bit. I have no confidence in

the new number at all. I don't think they did anything."

Tomlinson said he would like to see Statistics Canada do a total recount of Moosomin's population. "I thought that's what we might get, but evidently not. I'm go-

ing to phone Dr. Robert Kitchen to see if he can get us a recount, so we'll see where that goes, but it's very disappointing actually.

"All they did was a little poking around here and there, and I think the number still might be low. I'm still not sure if they ever did get the seniors' homes. Some of our funding hinges on it so we're going to pursue it some more."

Esterhazy numbers to be reviewed

Statistics Canada will be reviewing Esterhazy's census number as well.

"Statistics Canada will first review our internal database, but may subsequently request additional documentation to help substantiate the error in the form of administrative records (e.g. assessment records, utility records, customer addresses, building permits, election lists or recent census counts). Derek Cheuk of Statistics Canada wrote to the town of Esterhazy.

\$5,000 contribution:

Moosomin Elks donate to STARS Air Ambulance

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

"It's a lifesaver. It's as simple as that," Moosomin's Wayne Hopkins says of STARS Air Ambulance.

"I had a heart attack. That was eight years ago. STARS took me into Regina. They treated me excellent. They're professionals and they treat you accordingly."

Ron Potter of the Moosomin Elks said he knew he wanted to support STARS as soon as he got the request.

"We got a letter from STARS and I thought that's something we should support. When I took it to the meeting, everybody was quite interested in it and we thought we should be donating some money, and that's when we came up with the figure of \$5,000. "Because they basically saved Wayne's life by getting him there so fast, everyone knows how important it is."

Potter says the funds were raised by the Elks in the community.

"It's money we've raised in the community, and we like to put it back in the community, but this is a huge community service. The average age in our lodge is almost 70, and we feel this is a service that is needed in our town and surrounding area, where we raise our funds, so it was a unanimous vote. Everyone was in agreement that this is something we should be supporting."

"As Elks we always want to support the community," added Hopkins.

Darcy McKay, Clinical Operations Manager for STARS, grew up in Moosomin. He said support such



as that shown by the Elks is important to STARS.

"It's very important. To operate both bases, Saskatoon and Regina, it costs about \$21 million annually," he says. "The government kicks in 50 per cent of that, so we basically need to fundraise \$10 million, and then we get some from the calendars. It's like the old saying how do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. \$10 million is a lot to fundraise, and this is a bite out of that elephant. It makes a huge benefit of that."

"Every donation counts," adds Kathy Skomar, community engagement officer for STARS.

"Every donation makes a difference."

"We get about \$2.5 million to \$3 million from the calendars, and we get a lot of donations from industry but we get a lot of donations from groups like this and mom and pop, grandma and grandpa, people who have been affected by STARS," says McKay. "A lot of it is people saying you

helped me, you picked up my friend, now I want to help you. It's as simple as that. Sometimes they come out of nowhere, they come with a donation, and they tell a story that's just fantastic.

"It's good to see patients that we've picked up and see that they're doing well."

McKay says STARS is updating and upgrading its fleet. "We've had to renew our fleet. We used to fly the BK117. Now we've upgraded to the H145. Our helicopter in Regina was

at the Calgary Olympics in 1988. It got to the point that it was tough to find parts for it, so we had no choice but to upgrade the fleet. We have three helicopters in Saskatchewan. There's one in Regina, one in Saskatoon, and we share the third, so if one helicopter is down for maintenance, that third one will take its place. A new machine costs \$13 million."

STARS helps thousands of patients each year. Skomar says there were 1,075 flights in Saskatchewan in 2021-22.

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McKay has been with STARS since the beginning. "I was hired back in 2011, we started education that year then we started operations in 2012. It's the best organization I've ever worked for. You get to make a difference in people's lives, and they give you the tools to do that."

"I've only been there

since August, so I'm fairly new," says Skomar, "but I'm just amazed at the generosity that the people in this province have. Even if you are from Regina or Saskatoon you know someone who has used STARS and you see the importance of it and how it helps everybody. It's really important to the province."

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Moosomin RCMP Report

BY SGT. DAMIEN GROUCHY

Tips to protect yourself against fraud and scams

This week there were a few fraud/scams reported to our detachment, one of which was a STARS lottery scam. Below are a few tips in protecting yourself against fraud/scams.

- Never give out personal information like your name, address, SIN (Social Insurance Number) or banking information over unsolicited calls or emails.

- Use strong passwords for online accounts.
- Do your research. If someone is asking you for money or payment, make sure they are who they say they are. Watch out for fraudsters that are spoofing companies or charities.

- When buying things from online sellers, try to inspect or test the item you are buying before purchase. If that's not possible, ask them for more pictures, receipts or other information.

- Don't be afraid to say no! Don't be intimidated by high-pressure sales tactics or requests to send money right away. Walk away or hang up the phone.

- Anyone can become a victim of fraud—you are not alone. Fraudsters can be very convincing, relentless in achieving their goal and they target people's emotions and kindness.

- If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report it to your local police detachment. If you receive a phone call you believe to be a scam or fraudulent, you can report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

You can report by phone (Toll free: 1-888-495-8501) or online here: <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreanti-fraude.ca/report-signalz-eng.htm>

False alarm calls from business

This week members received numerous false alarm calls from a local business in Moosomin that was having issues with their alarm system.

Traffic hazard on Highway 1

On January 13, members responded to a complaint of a traffic hazard on Highway 1. Members attended and removed the debris from the highway.

Ex-boyfriend on the way

On January 14, members received a complaint of a possible family dispute. The complainant advised that their mother's ex-boyfriend was on the way to the residence to argue with the person's mother. Members showed up

to keep the peace. The matter was mediated and nothing criminal occurred.



Single vehicle rollover

On January 13, members responded to a single vehicle rollover. The driver lost control after hitting a patch of ice. Fortunately, the driver was not seriously injured. The driver went to the hospital for assessment and the vehicle was towed.

Wellbeing check

On January 14, members received a call to complete a wellbeing check on an individual. The caller advised the person in question was sending out GPS pings. Members investigate the situation and confirmed the individual was safe.

Not drunk...just stuck in snow

On January 14, members received a complaint of a possible impaired driver in Moosomin. Members arrived and located a vehicle stuck in the snow. All parties were sent on their way and there were no impaired charges laid due to a lack of evidence.

Hay, there's a vehicle on fire

On January 17, Members received a complaint of a vehicle fire. Fire attended and believed the fire was started from hay that was stuck under the carriage. There were no injuries.



Rollover from washboard and ice

On January 17, members responded to a single vehicle rollover. The driver was traveling on the Broadway Extension and lost control when they hit washboard and packed ice. The driver fortunately was not seriously injured but was taken to the hospital for assessment.

Suspicious vehicle on 600 grid

On January 18, members received a complaint of a suspicious vehicle parked on the 600 grid. Members looked into the matter and contacted the registered owner who advised they would have it towed by the end of the day.

\$208 ticket in Moosomin

This week a number of tickets and traffic warnings were issued between the Combined Traffic Services Unit and the Moosomin Detachment. The most expensive ticket this week was for \$208.

Dad joke of the week

Schools were closed today due to the bad winter weather. It was literally too cool for school.

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Broadview RCMP Report

BY S/SGT DALYLN HOLMSTROM

Guide to placing a 911 call

Placing a call to 911 is only to be done in case of emergency. While one would assume that the majority of people understand that concept, operators still deal with misdirected—and sometimes downright silly—calls.

In our province, there were 352,854 calls for service through the 911 line last year, and RCMP have released a Top 10 list of downright flubs.

10. *Memory lane* - A caller asked OCC Operators if they knew the name of the polite RCMP officer who had served in their community. The caller was hoping for an update to see how the officer's family was doing. While well-meaning, this certainly would not be considered an emergency.

9. *Hold please* - 911 dispatchers received a call from a person who didn't want to be on hold after being told they needed to pick up paperwork at their local RCMP detachment.

8. *Bad luck* - A caller advised OCC Operators they had swallowed a mosquito, choked and lost their dentures, leaving them unable to eat supper.

7. *You rang?* An individual advised they needed assistance deleting a voicemail off their phone.

6. *This is not a prank hotline* - An individual called 911 to advise there was a cougar on the loose in their city. When the call-taker asked for details about the cougar, the caller laughed and said the cougar's name was "Cindy." The misuse of 911 can potentially delay someone experiencing a life-threatening emergency from getting help. Before dialing 911, please remember that calling the police should be reserved for police-related matters only and calling 911 should be reserved for life-threatening emergencies only.

5. *Takeout troubles* - A caller advised they purchased \$65 worth of fast food only to find their roommate ate the order. The caller requested an RCMP officer come and sort out the disagreement.

4. *Here kitty, kitty* - A concerned individual called about a hostile cat and asked an RCMP officer to bring it to the local animal shelter for them.

3. *Can we talk a-boot it?* - A dispute at a clothing store resulted in a call to 911. A customer was very upset with the manager of the store who refused to accept the return of already-worn winter boots.

2. *Got milk?* - A caller advised that they were out of milk and requested RCMP officers pick some up for them.

1. *Scrub-a-dub-dub* - A concerned individual called 911 to advise their bathtub drain was clogged and the water wouldn't go down.

25 speeding tickets

This week saw 25 speeding tickets laid as well as several other fines for unregistered vehicles, open alcohol in a vehicle, disobeying a stop sign and failing to have working tail lights. Several warnings and inspection tickets were handed out this week for tinted windows, tires sticking out past mud flaps, and cracked windshields. The highest fine this week was for failing to have a valid registration which carries a fine of \$580. The fastest speeder was clocked at 131 km/hr in a 100km/hr zone which carried a fine of \$284.

Assault on Ochapowace FN

On January 9, RCMP responded a complaint of an assault on Ochapowace First Nation. RCMP attended and determined that a fight had occurred with one male departing the residence prior to RCMP arriving on scene. RCMP made patrols for the suspect but were unable to locate the male. This assault is still under investigation.

Male walking on Highway 1 dressed in black and hard to see

On January 9, RCMP responded to a male walking on the side of Highway 1 near Whitewood dressed entirely in black. The caller was scared that the male would be hit by a vehicle as he was difficult to see. RCMP attended but were unable to locate the subject. Just a reminder to anyone walking near the highway, please be sure to wear bright clothing so drivers are able to see you as they approach.

Concern for intoxicated male

On January 9, RCMP attended a residence on Kahkewistahaw First Nation where a male was intoxicated and attempting to leave his residence wearing soaking wet clothes. Callers were concerned if the male left he would freeze. RCMP attended the scene and offered the male a free night stay at the King's Hotel to ensure his safety but he decided that he would rather just stay at home and dry off.

Aggressive female at residence

On January 10, RCMP received a call on Kahkewistahaw First Nations where a female was being very aggressive at a residence trying to fight other people in the house. RCMP attended and calmed the female down who was then taken out of the residence and provided an alternate safe place to stay.



Attempted break and enter in the RM of Kingsley

On January 14, an attempted break and enter was reported in the RM of Kingsley which was most likely related to the stolen Chevrolet Traverse. The male culprit tried to break in the front door of the residence using his shoulder as well as by attempting to use a jackall as a ram.

Fortunately, the male criminal was not able to gain entry. The male did cause significant damage to the front door of the residence. RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this incident to contact the Broadview RCMP by calling 306-696-5200. Please help us identify the person responsible. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com



Female causing problems

On January 10, RCMP attended a residence on Ochapowace First Nation where a female was intoxicated and causing problems at a residence. The female was throwing and breaking items in the residence. RCMP attended and placed the female under arrest and transported her back to the RCMP Bed and Breakfast. The female was released the following morning once she was sober.

Vehicle stuck in the snow

On January 10, RCMP located a vehicle stuck in the snow on Ochapowace First Nation. RCMP determined the vehicle was empty, however there was significant signs of drinking that took place in and around the vehicle. RCMP contact the registered owner to ensure that the vehicle was removed from the scene.

Male driver wanted an apology

On January 10, RCMP received a call from a male driver who wanted an apology from another male driver after an argument took place over who had the right of way at an intersection. The caller stated the argument escalated to the point that the other driver threatened to knock his teeth out. RCMP spoke with both drivers and calmed everyone down. The driver also apologized for the threat and admitted he should not have gotten so upset.



Lazy driver almost couldn't see RCMP pull him over

On January 10, RCMP pulled over a very lazy driver. I'm not sure but I think this person would have had a hard time seeing anything out their front windshield never mind a pedestrian, animal or street sign. Please help ensure everyone's safety and ensure you clear your windows of snow and ice.

Moose vs. semi on Highway 1

On January 12, RCMP attended a collision between a moose and a semi on Highway 1 near Whitewood. The semi was no longer drivable and needed to be towed from the scene. Luckily no one was injured in this collision.

Unwanted bison causing damage

On January 13, RCMP received a complaint of unwanted bison in a farm yard. The bison had broken fences. Although the bison have returned to their corals this investigation is still continuing.

Intoxicated male turned away

On January 13, RCMP were called to a residence on Ochapowace First Nation where an intoxicated male was knocking and trying to gain entry. The owners of the residence did not know who the male was and did not allow him into the house. The home owners were concerned the male was not dressed for the weather as he was intoxicated and not allowed inside. RCMP made patrols and located the male who was provided a safe place to stay.

Drunk driving in Grenfell

On January 13, RCMP received a call of an intoxicated male in his 70's driving a black Dodge truck in Grenfell. The male was reported leaving a bar in Grenfell. The male was intoxicated to the point that he could barely talk. RCMP made patrols for the vehicle but were unable to locate it.

RCMP gave male reflective vest

On January 13, RCMP received a call of a male dressed all in black walking down Highway 1. RCMP located the male who was sober and in good spirits. RCMP provided the male with a reflective vest so he could be easily seen by passing vehicles, which he gladly accepted.

Male left residence intoxicated

On January 13, RCMP received a call from a residence on Ochapowace First Nation. It was reported that a male left the residence very intoxicated and occupants were worried that the male was not safe to be alone in the cold weather. RCMP located the male who was provided a safe place to stay for the night.

RCMP assisted a tow company

On January 14, RCMP received a call from a tow company near Broadview that required assistance with traffic control while they towed a semi out from the ditch. RCMP attended and blocked the highway while the tow truck was able to pull the semi safely out of the ditch.

Stolen Chevy Traverse

On January 14, RCMP received a report of a stolen Chevrolet Traverse in the RM of Kingsley. The Traverse was stolen out of her garage and the culprit left a Ford F-150 behind in the yard. The vehicle's OnStar was able to track the vehicle near Wolseley before the thief tampered and disabled the tracking system. RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this incident to contact the Broadview RCMP by calling 306-696-5200. Please help us identify the person responsible. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com

Donut let us catch you in the act!

On January 15, RCMP received a call of maroon colored car with blue headlights doing donuts in the Ochapowace First Nations rink parking lot. RCMP attended and patrolled the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.



Several calls for vehicles in ditch

On January 15, RCMP received several calls of vehicles in ditches due to very icy roads. RCMP assisted tow trucks and civilians in getting vehicles out of the ditch and back onto the road safely.

Police joke

What sound does a Nintendo police care make?
Wii-U Wii-U Wii-U

Have a great week and Stay Safe!

Moe-Trudeau squabbling reaches new low

Even by the diminished standards of federal-provincial relations we've come to expect in the past few years, this was bad.

Both Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Premier Scott Moe have to share some of the blame.

That probably isn't a popular sentiment.

People prefer to blame one side or the other—largely based on their own political preferences.

And in this latest bit of drama in which Moe made it publicly known he was outraged over not getting an invite from Trudeau's office to join him on a tour of Saskatoon's Vital Metals Inc. last week, it was clearly the Prime Minister who instigated this latest round in what is a very bad relationship.

It was Trudeau's event—his visit to Saskatoon. As such, it was up to him to issue the invites.

Moreover, some of us are old-fashioned enough to think that the senior level of government bears the most responsibility for setting the tone and rising above the fray.

After all, a big part of the job is to rise above it all and get along with premiers in all parts of country you are elected to represent.

Moreover, immediately extending an invite to Moe to attend would have been the smarter political move.



Murray Mandryk

Besides avoiding all the drama, it would have sent a message that Moe was on board with at least part of the green agenda.

It's something that Moe surely couldn't deny because he is onboard.

No one has been talking more about rare earth minerals and mining lithium needed for batteries than Moe, who in December, went to Washington to promote that very thing.

Asked by reporters why Moe wasn't extended an invitation, Trudeau offered the condescending and dishonest answer that he doubts the "government of Saskatchewan sees the opportunities that companies, and indeed workers, see in cleaner jobs."

It's ludicrous to criticize Moe for not supporting any jobs in this province considered long-term and sustainable.

Really, it was a rather telling comment revealing to

whom Trudeau was speaking—to the political audience that is his own base.

This stupidity and ensuing criticism was what likely forced the Prime Minister's Office the next day to issue an apology for neglecting to send an invitation to Moe to the event.

But lest one thinks the problem here simply begins and ends with Trudeau, consider Moe's approach which seemed very much about relishing another fight with Trudeau.

This whole silly affair started when Moe, himself, issued tweets, Facebook posts, formal statements about his disappointment over not being invited before anyone even knew he wasn't invited.

If he was truly disappointed in all this and was sincere about wanting to improve this relationship, Moe could have simply privately written or phoned the Prime Minister's office expressing that this wasn't helpful.

But it was far more politically advantageous for Moe to make a huge public fuss about this—especially given that he was in the right.

Since becoming Saskatchewan Party leader and Premier five years ago in which he warned Trudeau to "just watch me" take on Ottawa on the carbon tax, it has been nothing but fighting with Ottawa.



Westman RCMP Report

BY CPL. KEVIN BRUCE

56 police occurrences

For the week of January 9 to January 15, the Westman RCMP dealt with 56 police occurrences.

Traffic stop in Virden turned into a drug bust

On January 9, RCMP initiated a traffic stop in Virden as checks showed the vehicle did not have a valid registration.

While speaking with the vehicle driver, the officer observed drug paraphernalia in the vehicle.

The three vehicle occupants were arrested for being in possession of a controlled substance. Subsequent to a search incident to arrest, approximately 30 grams of crystal meth was seized by police.

A 34-year-old male was remanded into custody for drug trafficking charges, as well as failing to comply with his release order x 4.

A 40-year-old male, and a 21-year-old female were also charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking. They were released with a future court date.

Break and enter at Elkhorn

On January 13, RCMP were called to Elkhorn for a break and enter to a business. Police attended and learned that the suspects cut the power to the building prior to entering and stealing cash and cigarettes. A vehicle described as a

red hatchback was seen in the area without its headlights on. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with any information pertaining to this crime is encouraged to contact the Virden RCMP. An anonymous tip can also be submitted through Crime Stoppers.

Fined and suspended license after 'WARN' breath sample

On January 13, while conducting patrols in Virden, police observed a vehicle proceed in front of the police vehicle when not safe to do so. A roadside stop was subsequently initiated. The vehicle driver provided a breath sample that resulted in a "WARN." The driver was issued a \$400 fine, and a 72-hour suspension on their drivers licence. The vehicle was impounded for three days.

Domestic assault

On January 13, RCMP were called to a domestic assault in Sioux Valley. Subsequent to investigation, a 58-year-old male was arrested for assault with a weapon, forcible confinement, and uttering threats against a person. He was taken into custody, and released by a justice with a future court date, and conditions which include no contact with the victim. The victim did not require any medical attention.

29 more calls

• RCMP also responded to the following:

- Five breach of peace / disturbance calls
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Thick fog, lots of moisture in the air, and very little wind has led to heavy frost on everything for the last few weeks, making the entire area look like an enchanted winter wonderland. Above is a photo submitted by Bree Michelle of a frosted hay-bale and trees in thick fog. Below is a photo of a sunset with hoar frost on the trees taken by Murray Swanston on a farm by Welwyn.

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In our opinion:

2022 the year net-zero fantasy ran smack into hard reality

Last year my year-end column, Fossil-fuel follies, hypocrisy and ignorance plague us all, focused on the bizarre impacts of the Great March Greenward by net-zero zealots intent on replacing the 84 per cent of global energy supplied by fossil fuels with electricity from windmills and solar panels.

Some effects were so ridiculous as to be almost humorous.

As 2022 made painfully clear, however, there's nothing at all funny about the enormous damage currently being inflicted by pursuing this technically impossible goal.

Germany's ill-conceived decision to shut down its zero-emission nuclear plants and replace them with unreliable wind and solar power left it no alternative but to import Russian natural gas. Russia's contemptible invasion of Ukraine left Germany with a classic Hobson's choice: either help fund the murderous invasion or devastate its own citizens' economic and personal well-being. Realizing the enormous power Germany's need for Russian gas gave him, Russian President Vladimir Putin cut back gas flows, driving European prices to stratospheric levels.

Events this year also demonstrated the impact of another fossil fuel folly that handed the Russian dictator enormous power. Years of net-zero-inspired policies reduced oil supply replacement in Western countries, leaving markets dependent on the so-called "OPEC+ Coalition," of which Russia is a key member. The Ukraine crisis revealed just how narrow the global oil supply margin has become. Then came the shocking news that most of that thin margin was in Putin's hands.

Western countries were already producing at full capacity – except for Canada, that is, though we have the world's third-largest oil reserves. Urgent calls went out for Canada's help in lifting Putin's stranglehold on the oil supply. But to no avail: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had presided over a seven-year anti-oil industry pogrom, thwarting multiple export pipelines that could have helped supply countries now dependent on Putin's blood oil.

Trudeau's shameful answer to those calls for help revealed our country as an impotent imposter on the global stage. During his trip to Latvia in March, a reporter asked whether Canada could help make up for the oil supply reductions. His response: "We will be there to support, as the world moves beyond Russian oil and indeed beyond fossil fuels, to have more renewables in our mix."

As I wrote at the time, this breathtakingly bizarre answer came as innocent Ukrainians and their beautiful country were being ravaged by a tyrant who was also threatening the world with nuclear Armageddon.

World oil prices soon skyrocketed to a staggering US\$120 per barrel. Though they have since fallen, the International Energy Agency projects world oil demand will rise by one million barrels per day annually. The global oil supply/demand margin will continue to be narrow, with virtually all of it in the hands of OPEC+.

Oil still fuels over 95 per cent of all transportation of goods and people, with no viable alternative in sight. And the natural gas supply/demand margin is also, and almost certainly will continue to be, narrow.

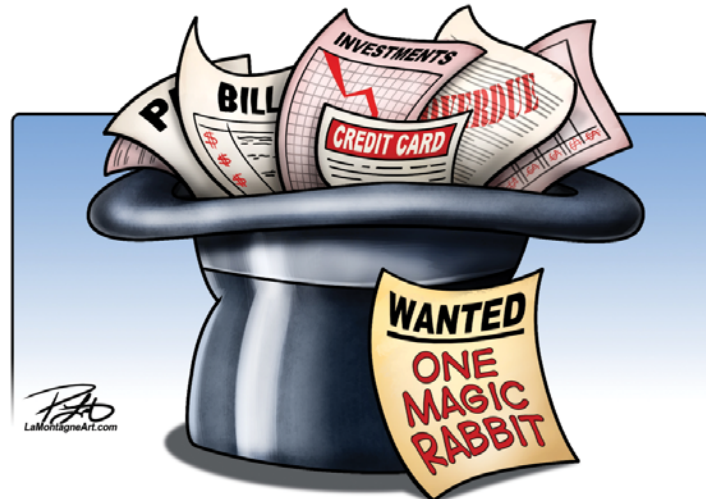
History will likely see 2022 as the year when net-zero fantasy ran smack into hard reality. The world's focus now needs to be on avoiding debilitating shortages of fossil fuels.

That doesn't mean the net-zero crowd will toss in the towel, of course. They will continue to advocate starving the industry of the funds needed to replace, let alone grow, production. But when the cost of driving your car and heating your home starts to squeeze your disposable income, especially as oil-endowed despots continue their predatory behaviour, those net-zero voices will fall on deaf ears.

How ironic that the net-zero fantasy has empowered a despicable despot named Putin. But he has not been the only beneficiary. The net-zero ideologues have also lauded Chinese President Xi Jinping for his promises to reduce emissions. In reality, he has authorized building over 200 carbon-spewing coal-fired power plants to supply cheap power to his factories.

At the same time, North American and European politicians worshipping at the net-zero altar have mandated costly and unreliable wind and solar power generation and imposed escalating carbon taxes that make it impossible for the West's factories to compete, leaving consumers no choice but to buy Chinese goods. China then uses those enormous revenues to produce weapons to further its military ambitions. Who would have imagined that one legacy of the West's net-zero policies would be two dictators in control of both global energy security and the supply of manufactured goods?

This editorial was written by Gwyn Morgan, a retired Canadian Business Leader who has been a director of five global corporations.



Real reporting makes a difference for communities

If I have learned one thing in my years of journalism, it's that real reporting makes a real difference for communities.

Real reporting shines a light on issues, brings them to the attention of the powers that be, and leads to solutions.

Last year we did some reporting on the census numbers for our local communities when they came out.

We reported that residents of seniors homes in Moosomin came into our office to tell us they had been missed by the census, even after calling to try to ensure they would be counted.

We reported that the number of households in communities like Moosomin, Esterhazy and even Fleming were lower than the number of households those towns know to exist because they send them water bills and tax bills.

Town councils wrote to Statistics Canada to point out the issues.

In Moosomin's case, a response came from Statistics Canada last week saying they looked over all the information and decided to increase the number of households in Moosomin by 74, and the official population by 117.

In Esterhazy's case, Statistics Canada recently wrote the town saying it will review the 2021 figures.

In this case, reporting on the facts around the census numbers, letting people know that more than one town was impacted, and reaching out to Statistics Canada may have had an impact on the outcome.

And the outcome will be positive for local communities, as they should have more provincial revenue sharing coming because of the higher population.

Another example of how reporting can make a difference is in SaskTel cell coverage.

We did some reporting over the last few months about the problem with cell service in communities near the border.

In one case, an emergency responder said she could not get calls in emergencies on her cell phone in Welwyn.

The problem is the federal CRTC does not want SaskTel's signals crossing the border into Manitoba, so the cell towers are set to not have signals near the border.

Sierra did a lot of great reporting on this, and in the course of our reporting, SaskTel said the problem would be lessened once 5G transmitters are on those towers, since the signal footprint can be controlled more precisely, so it may work better in border areas, where the signal needs to reach as close to the border as possible without



Kevin Weedmark

crossing it. SaskTel is in a five year transition to 5G, with a thousand towers to convert.

Sierra and I spoke with Don Morgan, the minister responsible for SaskTel on Thursday, and when the issue was explained to him, he said he would speak to SaskTel officials and see if it would be possible to move border area transmitters up on the list, if that's going to help with coverage right along the border. Just one more example where real reporting makes a difference.

Federal officials show once again they don't understand how the world works

If you ever get the sense that federal officials in our country don't know what they're talking about, you're not alone.

In an opinion piece recently, Christyn Cianfarani, executive director of the Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries, said that while the federal government has called on her industry to ramp up production, it has not provided the equipment orders to do so.

Canada has a large arms industry, from the automatic rifles produced by Colt Canada to the LAVs produced by General Dynamics to the Senator armored vehicles produced in Canada to the ammunition produced by General Dynamic to the AMADS air defence system

Canada has not put in place a framework to ramp up production to meet the demand triggered by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Cianfarani wrote, the industry has heard "vague pleas" from the Liberal government "for companies to get with the program," without any clear sense of which items of equipment are needed and what the long-term expectations might be. That's like the government telling me I should print more newspapers—I print the number I can sell (which, as an aside, is more than we needed to print five years ago, and more than 10 years ago).

"Canadian defence companies can and would step up if they knew exactly what, and how much, to step up with," she wrote.

Just one more instance where federal officials don't seem to have any idea how the world actually works.

Esterhazy High School hopes to raise \$61,000 to pay for new football field

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

This year, Esterhazy High School is aiming to raise \$61,000 by June to finish paying off their schools community council loan, which was used to pay for the school's newly formed football field.

Aside from being used regularly by EHS sports teams, the field also serves as the annual location for the Good Spirit School Division track and field meet, along with 16 other communities who use it through the Warrior Football program.

Tyler Metz, general manager of Esterhazy Warrior Football spoke about the impact the upgrades to the field has had on the community.

"Esterhazy Warrior Football was already a strong program with lots of players in both our junior and senior program," said Metz.

"But, since the upgrades, it's basically made it a much safer playing surface, a more consistent playing surface, and obviously aesthetically, it looks a lot nicer. It just adds professionalism and extra legitimacy to the program."

The Warrior Football program has multiple sponsors and participants from all over the area who benefit from using the field.

"We have players coming from Langenburg, Churchbridge, Stockholm, and all the smaller surrounding communities," he said.

"All of the students who go to school in those areas that want to play, come to this program.

"The program gives everyone in the surrounding community an opportunity to play even if they don't necessarily live in Esterhazy.

"That really bolsters the program, we think of it not as a program for Esterhazy, but a program for all of the surrounding communities who use that field too."

During the football season, the field gets used between three to four hours a night, in addition to it being used daily by EHS.

Because upgrades for the field were completed right before the pandemic occurred, members of the community did not get to enjoy the field until close-contact restrictions were brought down.

"The new field has been there for a couple of years, but we didn't use it because of the pandemic," said Gord Erhardt, principal of Esterhazy High School.

"We used it last year, it was limited, but this season it was fully open."

"This last fall in 2022, it was fully used," added Tracy Huckell vice-principal of Esterhazy High School.

"It's been awesome to see it be used because the field before was a real risk for in-



Above is the new football field at Esterhazy High School. Aside from Esterhazy, about 16 other communities benefit from the space.



juries. The field was uneven, it was really muddy, everything drained to the centre. A lot of the times you couldn't even play on it, whereas now, the field is beautiful."

Looking for support from the community

After identifying the field at EHS was in disrepair and in need of an upgrade, EHS, Good Spirit School Division and the Warrior Football program joined forces to invest into a new football field.

To date, the community has raised \$165,000 out of the \$225,000 for the total

cost of the project, since 2019.

"We were supposed to pay the loan off in five years, then the pandemic happened so we've been a bit delayed paying it back," said Huckell.

"This is our fifth year, that's why we're hoping to fully pay it off by June. It will take a lot of stress off the coaches because they are also a part of our fundraising committee. They work full time jobs, then they coach, and then they're trying to fundraise so this would be a huge stress off of their backs."

EHS is hoping to complete paying off the loan by June of this year through help

from local businesses and donations made by the community.

Metz emphasized the importance of the field and how impactful it has been to youth in the area.

"The Warrior Football Program traditionally and recently as well, has always been a very positive outlet for young people," he said.

"We basically accept and encourage anyone that wants to come play, to come and we will teach you. Our main prerequisite to play is you have to be a good person, and the rest we'll figure out."

"The field has been an outlet for all kinds of students and for athletes who want to come out and play."

"We've had players who have gone on to the next level in our program whether that be junior or college level, but we've also had players who have gone on to be very positive members of society, whether they pursue post-secondary training or trades, being involved in the workforce, but also just being involved in the communities they end up being in."

"We have a really solid volunteer system, and a lot of those people end up being coaches or helpers who help keep the program running on a daily basis. They put in countless hours to make it what it is, in order to benefit these young student athlete lives."

At the beginning of the project's construction phase, EHS received a lot of support from the community which included Mosaic Potash Esterhazy donating \$50,000, Richardson Pioneer donating \$20,000, the local Credit Union donating \$10,000, and Esterhazy Lions Club contributing \$20,000 towards the field.

"It would be appreciated if businesses consider giving, and a lot have already. This program has, and will continue to positively affect a lot of lives in the future," said Metz.

"Major sponsors will be identified with permanent signage at the field. The 100 for \$1000 supporters will also be identified at the bleacher/hamburger stand area to recognize their contributions once the goal has been reached."

"Donors will also be recognized on the EHS Facebook page. Tax receipts will be provided for donations. We are asking for your support of this worthy cause. To contribute call EHS at 306-745-6618"

"If you have any questions or want to contribute in other ways, please contact myself, or Gord Erhardt at EHS."

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Minister will ask SaskTel to look at prioritizing border areas

New cell technology should make it easier to cover an area up to the border without crossing it

BY SIERRA D/SOUZA BUTTS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

After becoming aware through the World-Spectator of poor cell phone reception along the provincial Sask-Manitoba border and it affecting residents' access to emergency services in rural areas, the minister responsible for SaskTel, Don Morgan, stated the crown corporation will be looking into the matter.

Many people living along the Manitoba border area complain of limited cell service the closer you get to the border.

SaskTel said that problem is the federal Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission does not want SaskTel signals bleeding across the border into Manitoba, as SaskTel licenced to serve only Saskatchewan.

The company says current technology is imprecise, so the signal cannot go too close to the border without creating a danger of the signal bleeding into Manitoba.

Communities like Welwyn, Fleming, the RM of Moosomin, Fleming and Maryfield have been experiencing cell-phone reception.

According to one first responder in Welwyn, coverage is so bad that calls to first responders' cell phones often do not go through, or messages come through on the cell phones hours too later.

Some people have had trouble making 911 calls from along and near the border, as the calls are continually dropped.

SaskTel says that should be partially fixed by new cell technology which allows a more precise signal footprint.

The technology is being rolled out across the province, on 1,000 cell towers, over five years.

In an interview with the World-Spectator Thursday, Morgan was made aware of the issues along the border and said he will ask SaskTel to see if the new technology can be rolled out as soon as possible in border areas with cell coverage issues.

"If we've got gaps, those are gaps that we can look at on an individual basis," he said.

"There is an issue immediately close to the border areas in the province.

"The licenses to SaskTel do not allow us to broadcast out of the province and so, as you're approaching the Saskatchewan-Manitoba border, the signal will drop off."

With SaskTel's plan to invest more than \$1.5 billion to expand its 5G network across the province in the next five years, Morgan was asked how the government prioritizes which locations are worked on first.

"SaskTel prepares a list. They focus on where traffic is and the amount of subscribers there would be in a given area," he said.

"If you're in an area where there's a small town close to the border, they are more likely to have a large scale tower. If you're in an area where it comes up to the border and there's no traffic, then all you have are the towers that go along the highway.

"SaskTel 5G will have huge bandwidth where you have coverage."

Morgan said 5G may be a solution for border areas. "The signal itself does not go any further than a 4G signal, but it may well be able to be controlled better, and maybe they want to look at whether they need to put up another tower or are able to control it," said Morgan.

"If I know the areas that are there, we can certainly go back to SaskTel and ask them to look at it."

"Based on your request for the interview, we asked SaskTel to have a look at where it is at on provincial border areas," Morgan said. "What I can do is, I'll have SaskTel give



Minister responsible for SaskTel Don Morgan says he will ask SaskTel to look at poor cell phone reception in rural areas along the Saskatchewan-Manitoba border due to safety concerns.

us some answers for the area that's immediately around where the concerns are." A point that SaskTel can make is probably very accurate, that you can be more precise with it. We'll have a discussion with them and see if we can re-configure on it."

"Right now we've got over 1,000 towers that need to, I don't have a specific time frame for Maryfield and Welwyn, but those are ones we're going to have to ask them to look carefully at."

"We will not be able to service grid roads or something that's off the major highways, but we would be able to cover all of the major highways in and through the province.

"We've got relatively good coverage on those, we've also started to move into smaller towns and business communities. I know SaskTel is moving ahead with fibre network into those areas because they have to have the fiber infrastructure that goes out to the 5G towers.

"But, if there are areas that have a gap, then we need to well look at and address them as well."

"We're also looking at some issues of coverage in the north.

"Along the Hanson Lake Road, we're looking for the federal government to partner with us on some of those things. We are working on those initiatives."

Morgan spoke about why it is a conflict if SaskTel networks go across provincial borders under Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commis-

sion (CRTC) requirements.

"It's how the licensing works. The licensing is done by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) and it's a prohibition," he said.

"We can't do it because it interferes with whoever the competing provider is on that side of the border.

"Bizarrely enough on the south side of the border, where we enter the U.S., if you drive close enough to the border in the Estevan area, you'll get three to four miles into Canada and get an email saying you're now roaming in the U.S. because that's where our signal (starts) running out, and the U.S. has no such limitations.

He spoke about how upgrading SaskTel networks to 5G will improve internet speed.

"It's an increased amount of bandwidth. If you have a connection there you'll be able to download a game, newspaper, or movie, whatever else, almost instantaneously. It is blindly fast when you have the coverage," he said.

Morgan was asked if he heard about poor connectivity issues happening on the Sask-Alberta border, and if residents were having safety concerns as well.

"I'm not aware of it on that side. I'm aware of it on your side as a result of this call," he said.

"I know we would like to have better coverage in a number of places. The good thing is as our province grows, there's a growing demand for more bandwidth. People are using their devices more and more which makes it a better financial option for us to try and increase coverage more, by adding more capital to it."

Aside from upgrading SaskTel networks across the province to 5G, the crown corporation also invested an additional \$100 million in its Rural Fibre Initiative to expand its infINET program.

There are six phases of the program, with communities for Phase 6 still being finalized but expected to be fully constructed by the project's deadline of March 2025.

Morgan spoke about what SaskTel is prioritizing at this time.

"Two to four years ago, they spent several hundred millions of dollars upgrading the cell service across the province. They added a number of internet towers and that is where we got up to the 1,000 towers that exist in the province now," he said.

"We're doing towers everywhere where there was a major highway going through, and they've been going back to add towers where there are gaps.

"If there are gaps near the border than that's something we're going to have to work with them on, to try and get covered off."

"If you have someone who has got a coverage issue on the major roads, I ask you have them call my office and we'll have a look at it."



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Volunteers working the phones during the final push for ticket sales at the end of the Lucky Lottery.



Rocanville Lucky Lottery: \$86,000 donated to rec facilities

BY KARA KINNA

A total of \$86,000 has been donated to recreation facilities in Rocanville after the town resurrected its Lucky Lottery in the summer and fall of 2022, to help raise money for a major pool upgrade, as well as for the other recreation facilities in Rocanville.

In the end, the Lucky Lottery brought in \$69,949. A 25 per cent grant back from SLGA came to \$17,063, bringing the grand total raised for rec facilities to \$87,012.

The Lucky Lottery board will be keeping \$1,000 for Lucky Lottery startup costs in 2023, with the remaining \$86,000 being donated to the town's rec facilities.

Of that \$86,000, the pool received \$60,308, the rec centre received \$8,564, the skating rink received \$8,564, and the golf course received \$8,564.

Rocanville Rec Director Andrea Logan, who helped resurrect the lottery, says she was happy with how the lottery went.

"I was happy with that number. It was kind of an overwhelming experience," she says. "It was a bit scary to get the lottery going again because there are a lot of bills associated with the lottery, and there was a point in time where I was worried we wouldn't make anything. So to make that amount felt pretty good.

"It was definitely worth all the hard work. We've learned a lot from this first one, and I think we will do better this year."

Even though the pool upgrade was one of the major factors in getting the lottery going again, Logan says it was important to



Volunteers working the phones during the final push for ticket sales at the end of the Lucky Lottery.

make sure all of the town's rec facilities received some of the lottery proceeds, and in future years, proceeds will continue to be divided up among the facilities based on need.

"For this year the idea to do the lucky lottery came about because of the pool, but we wanted to make sure we were including all of the facilities," says Logan. "The pool is getting the largest portion this year, but that doesn't mean that's the way it's going to stay for upcoming years. It will change based on what we feel is

needed."

How much work went into running the lottery?

"A lot," says Logan. "We had a volunteer Lucky Lottery board that had nine board members. And then we had around 40 people helping with the phone blitz, and then we had all kinds of groups out helping to sell tickets—groups like the swim team and minor hockey and the seniors team and the golf club.

"So we had a lot of volunteers. It was a pile of work, but anything that is going to have a big reward

is going to be a pile of work.

"Facilities cost money to run and they are all going to be requiring things. With the rec centre for example, we are converting that building from a curling rink to a rec centre, so that money is going to be put towards renovating it and making a better rec centre.

"The golf course could definitely use it. They purchased a new clubhouse and they are doing stuff out there all the time. The skating rink will be doing some renovations to the showers,

and bathrooms in the dressing rooms, and then obviously for the pool upgrade it will be really helpful."

Logan says aside from the proceeds, one of the other benefits of the lottery was watching how it pulled the community together.

"It was actually really fun to do it. Seeing the community working together for the greater good of the community, it made it fun," she says. "It wasn't just one group trying to raise funds, but people and groups working together to raise a big amount of money to benefit the entire community."

She says plans have already started for the 2023 Lucky Lottery, and she hopes to see the lottery become an annual event, although that will depend on factors such as available volunteers.

"We are going to do it again this coming year. We will be applying for our lottery license again right away," she says. "It will be decided year by year. We'll see how many volunteers we have, because it takes a lot of manpower to do it, and see how it's being received and go from there. I'd like to see it sticking around for a long time.

"We've had a couple of meetings already just to talk about things we want to do differently this year, and when we want to get started, and we have picked our dates.

"I think if people purchased a ticket last year, they will be thinking of purchasing again this year. I'm hoping it will be just that much better and every year it will grow."

Moosomin Kinsmen hosting comedy night on Saturday, Feb. 11

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

After a two-year hiatus, the Moosomin Kinsmen Club is hosting their first event—Valentine's Day Comedy Night.

The comical, romantic evening will be happening at the Moosomin Armoury Hall on Saturday, February 11.

Supper will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the show starting at 7:30 p.m. featuring comedians Sam Norton and Sammy Farid. The tickets cost \$120 per couple.

"Nobody has done anything since Covid and we wanted to get out, so we decided to put on an event," said Kyle Jeannot of the Moosomin Kins-

men Club.

"We chose to do the show for Valentine's Day because there's usually nothing going on. It's nice to have a venue where you can hold close to 200 people, have supper, and then there's a bit of a get-together and dance happening afterwards. It's a done deal."

The show will also be followed by a DJ for the night.

Jeannot said he hopes sales are strong as all of the money raised by the Kinsmen for the year, will go back into the community.

"All of the money we raise from this goes back into the community. We've built a ball field, we've put money into the hospital, into the town's swimming pool, the curling

club, golf course," said Jeannot.

"We cover our costs for the night. Obviously this is a volunteer club so everything we make of profit, goes back into the community of Moosomin."

"It's a night out with your significant other and friends, as well as a bit of a get together, and you get to pop money back into your own community at the end of the day."

After the comedy show, people will have the chance to hang out with one another.

"There will be a DJ after and then a dance. We'll also have a liquor license, the evening should end around 1:30 a.m.," he said.

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Comedian Sam Norton will be the main act that night.



On Wednesday Feb. 8, business owners, start-ups and entrepreneurs are welcomed to attend the Southwest Business Expo in Kola, Manitoba. The expo is an all-day event and gives local entrepreneurs the opportunity to hear from experienced and successful business owners, as well the chance to network with others. People can register for the event online at: www.swbusinessexpo.com

Southwest Business Expo in Kola on Feb. 8

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
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This year will be the sixth annual Southwest Business & Entrepreneur Expo which will be taking place at the Evangelical Mennonite Church, in Kola, Manitoba on Feb. 8.

The event is open to the public and targeted at any business owner or anyone considering starting a business. There is an educational program, tradeshow, networking time and a pitch competition with real cash awards.

"Every year we try to put together information to help local businesses, whether they're thinking about starting a business or they've started and want to grow. That's been the purpose of this expo," said chairperson and economic development officer for the RM of Wallace-Woodworth Tiffany Cameron.

"We have a pitch competition for someone who has an idea. We have some cash to help them get it off the ground. We'll be having speakers, a trade show, breakout sessions for learning, but the audience is always entrepreneurs."

A wide-range of speakers from CRA, CPA Manitoba, Canadian Mental Health Association and Community Futures will be at the expo.

There will also be a panel of local entrepreneurs who will be sharing their experiences in business to fellow entrepreneurs.

"We have a panel of entrepreneurs in the morning. We have three local ladies who have started businesses from scratch. We'll be interviewing them and asking them questions," said Cameron.

"We'll have Juanita Funk of Covenant Ranch Feed & Tack, Kim Richardson of Lucky Break Ranch, and Sara Corrigal of Southwest Strength."

"Then after the panel we'll have our keynote speaker Kim McConnell. Kim is originally from Hamiota, but lives in Okotoks, Alberta right now. He started a business in his garage with \$5,000 and is now one of the largest full service marketing agencies for agri-businesses."

"Because he's originally from Hamiota, he has a real soft spot for rural Manitoba and that's why we were able to get him to come to Kola. He's a world class speaker, I tell people they should expect to see a speaker like him in Calgary or Toronto, and we're getting him in Kola."

McConnell is the founder and the former CEO of Ad-Farm, one of the largest and most respected agri-food marketing communications firms in North America.

He is also the recipient of many national business awards including 'Agri-Marketer of the Year' and the Canadian Youth Business Foundation 'Mentor of the Year.' In 2012, he was inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame, and in 2017 was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada.

Aside from McConnell, there will be an additional six to ten experienced entrepreneurs speaking at the event as well.

"We hope to have 100-250 community members coming to attend the expo," said Cameron.

"I really want to see people come out and I really want to fill that room. It's \$40 for the day, that's including your lunch. It's a pretty good deal for a day of learning and thinking about your business."

People can register for the event online at: www.swbusinessexpo.com or through the expo's Facebook page: 6th Annual Southwest Business & Entrepreneurship Expo in Kola, MB.

What will be happening throughout the day?

Cameron spoke about what the day will consist of at this year's expo.

"Doors will open at 8:30 a.m., but we'll have speaking begin at 9:30 a.m. The keynote speaker will be at lunch time," she said.

"Then in the afternoon we have three options for our first breakout session. We have a CRA Liaison Officer coming from the Government of Canada to talk about Tax Help for Small Business. She'll talk about GST remittances, write-offs, payroll, and all sorts of questions that every small business has."

"Then we have a speaker, Stephen Sutherland. We saw him speak in Winnipeg, he's from the Canadian Mental Health Association. He'll be talking about finding work-life balance and taking care of yourself. As entrepreneurs tend to put that to the back burner, it's always nice to take a moment."

"We have Community Futures presenting their Build a Better Business Program which is for people who are thinking about how to start a business, how to build a business plan and what you need for that."

"Then in the afternoon we have CPA presenting how to understand your financial statements. We also have a company coming in to talk about building a brand for

your business. We have a little bit of everything."

Attending the southwest expo is a great way to network and start your business from the ground up, said Cameron.

"Starting out in business or running your business can become isolating. Your friends and people who you normally associate with may not have that experience or expertise, so you're looking for people who have done what you've done," she said.

"You're looking for people who have already surmounted those challenges and can share their knowledge with you. We're just trying to create that community and we have over the years through this expo."

"We have people who come back every year who are networking and learning from each other. I think in some cases that relationship goes beyond just the expo, that they have new contacts and new people they can call."

Cameron said she is excited for the event.

"I think this event is a great opportunity. I personally, enjoy motivational speakers and hearing other peoples stories, and to have someone of quality like Kim McConnell coming, will be enjoyable in itself," she said.

"Then to have all the added bonuses of these education topics and examples of other small businesses in the area that have overcome challenges and have figured out how to be successful, who have come through the pandemic in many different ways."

"It's just sort of a nice refreshing day where you can think about your business and think about your goals. We like to have it early in the year so that you're motivated to keep growing and putting plans in place for your business for the year."

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Kipling Town Council

Residents' Supper date set for April 25

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At their meeting on Tuesday, Kipling town council decided on the date for the town's Residents' Supper which will be held on Tuesday, April 25.

At the supper, there will be a chance for residents to ask council any questions they have regarding the town, such as town by-laws, town facilities, or anything else of concern.

"We'll be doing our usual supper, but we're also planning to have an engineer of ours come here to discuss the town's sump pump bylaw," said CAO Gail Dakue.

"We're also going to have a table set up at the supper for anyone who is not signed up for our town wide communication system for emergency alerts. They will have the chance to sign up then too."

About 100 people attended last year's supper. Council is looking forward to the event this year and is still working on the details in preparation for it.

Concerns about unauthorized use of Kipling Arena

Council discussed their concerns about people using Kipling Arena outside of the rink's business hours.

Due to safety and trespassing concerns, council will be looking into some of the options to secure the facility.

Council will be meeting with the building inspector to discuss options for securing the facility.

Kipling Historical Society lease agreement

Council passed a motion to accept the new lease agreement with the Kipling Historical Society & Museum for \$1 per year, for 30 years.

Council renewed their lease agreement with Kipling Historical Society & Museum due to the museum being located on the town's property.

Handi-Van policy for caregivers

Council passed a motion to amend the town's Handi-Van policy to allow users of the van to bring one caregiver, if needed, at no charge.

Individuals using the Handi-Van are still required to pay a fee of \$3 for a return trip. People can also purchase punch passes for \$30 which are equivalent to 10 rides.

Traffic Safety grant approved for \$18,953

CAO Gail Dakue informed council about the provincial government approving their application for the Traffic Safety Fund grant.

The town will be receiving \$18,953 to fund their pedestrian crosswalk and speed reduction signs from the south side of the school across to the day care, located on the corner of Third Street and Sixth Avenue.

Council was excited to hear about the grant, and stated it will be of great help for keeping students and parents safe within the area of the school.

The pedestrian crosswalk and speed reduction signs are expected to be installed by summer, sometime in July or August.

Council taking legal action on tax title properties

At Tuesday's meeting, council decided they will be taking legal action by requesting consent from the provincial mediation board, on three tax title properties in town.

There are three different residential properties in town with arrears, the total amount of arrears being \$24,314.

Joint council meeting on March 1

A joint council meeting will be happening on March 1 with councils of the Town of Kipling, the RM of Hazelwood, and the RM of Kingsley.

Every year all three councils have a meeting and discuss relevant issues and priorities for the area.

The fire department, library board, Leisure Services committee and the joint emergency co-ordinator will also be attending the meeting.

Motion passed to not change municipal election date

Council received a letter from SUMA asking for their support in writing a letter to the Minister of Government Relations Don McMorris, in moving the municipal election date from November 2024 to September 2024.

The municipal election generally occurs every four years during October. However, the Government of Saskatchewan set the date for the election to occur in November 2024 instead, due to the provincial election being scheduled for October 2024.

In 2020, the provincial election was held on Oct. 28 and the municipal election was on Nov. 9.

Council decided to not write a letter in support of SUMA's request to change the election date.

Disc Golf course renamed

Council passed a motion to rename the town's disc golf course to Kipling Disc Golf Course. The former name of the facility was Moose-Mountain Disc Golf.

The course is open during all hours of the day as it is self-serve.

Thank you letter to councillor Don Johnson

The Moose Mountain Pipestone Creek Watershed Association sent a thank you letter to Councillor Don Johnson for his time and help with the committee.

Johnson is one of the founding members of the committee. As he is now retiring from his position, the committee thanked Johnson for all of his hard work getting the organization started, and for being an integral member of the association.

Council offers to help basketball group in town

After receiving a request from a local group in town asking if council can help the group pay rental fees for the school's gym to play basketball, council decided to help the group apply for the Sask Lotteries Community Grant.

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ROUTE B: Homes south of Broadway Avenue: FEBRUARY 6 & FEBRUARY 20

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2023 Wheatland Wild Tournament	April 2

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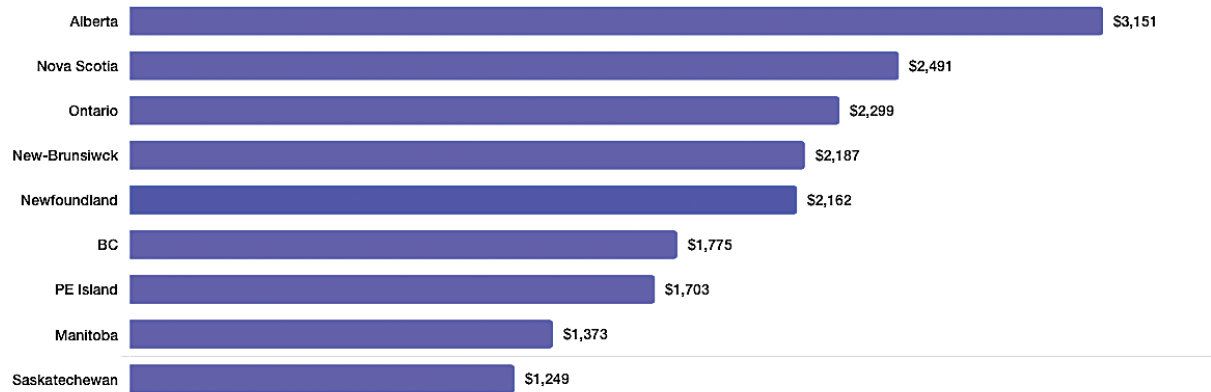




The 2023 NHL Playoff Draft is quickly approaching
This year's event will run
**Saturday,
March 25, 2023**
at the Conexus Convention Centre

Watch for details on this fantastic event in the coming weeks!

Median car insurance premiums per province
(October 2022)



Source : Canadian Private Passenger Vehicle Insurance Rate Comparisons (EY for the ICBC, October 2022)

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Saskatchewan and Manitoba carry the cheapest car insurance rates in Canada

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
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Based on Canada's car insurance premiums barometer of 2023, HelloSafe found that Saskatchewan and Manitoba are the two provinces with the lowest car insurance premiums in Canada.

As of the end of 2022, it was found that drivers in Manitoba pay an average of \$1,393 for car insurance, as residents in Saskatchewan pay an average of \$1,249 for car insurance.

"Manitoba and Saskatchewan have lower car insurance premiums than in other provinces because of their public car insurance systems," said Alexandre Desoutter, spokesperson for HelloSafe Canada.

"The Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) and the Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) makes those organizations able to maintain low prices, when in other provinces the sector is not so regulated.

"For example, in Alberta, the car insurance market is private. We observed big jumps in premiums in 2022, which now makes that province the most expensive for car insurance in Canada."

From the report, Calgary and Edmonton are, by far, the cities where drivers pay the more car insurance premiums in Canada, with a respective annual median premium of \$3,182 and \$3,150.

Cities such as Winnipeg (\$1,381), Brandon (\$1,320) and Saskatoon (\$1,249) are among the 10 cities in Canada where driv-

ers benefit from the lowest car insurance premiums across the country.

HelloSafe was asked what makes cities like Winnipeg and Saskatoon different than a city like Toronto, where insurance is drastically higher.

"What we said about Manitoba and Saskatchewan in the previous answer, also applies to Winnipeg and Saskatoon as cities," said Desoutter.

"Drivers in those two cities enjoy fairer premiums than in Toronto thanks to the MPI and SGI regulations that prevent premiums from rising too much.

"It is also a fact that crime and accident levels are higher in Toronto than in Winnipeg or Saskatoon, given the fact that it is a metropolis of almost 6 million

inhabitants. That also explains that car insurance premiums are so high in Toronto, in comparison with other cities in Canada."

HelloSafe's report was made with available data on car insurance premiums for a total of 33 Canadian cities located in nine different provinces, for 27 different profiles of drivers - mixing criteria such as gender, age, marital and employment status, numbers of years of license, history of claims and convictions, distance of commute, annual kilometers driven and the car type and model.

"As a financial products comparison platform aiming to help millions of Canadians every year to make the most out of their wallet, HelloSafe produces information on topics relating to per-

sonal finance in Canada in order to raise awareness on complex subjects for consumers and to provide everyone with the latest information," said Desoutter.

"This is the reason why we regularly carry out studies on trends relating to car insurance in Canada.

"This report will benefit drivers in Canada because they will be able to see whether they pay high car insurance premiums or not in comparison with the rest of the country."

The report also found that Canadian male drivers pay on average 4.1 per cent more in car insurance than female drivers.

The full report can be found at: hellosafe.ca/en/car-insurance/barometer

Moosomin Kinsmen hosting comedy night show on Saturday, Feb. 11

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"Our goal at the end of the day, honestly, is to cover our expenses so that we're not in the hole, and to have people come out to have a good time.

"People haven't been getting out since Covid. They're just starting to get out again and this event will be good for that.

"This club has been pretty quite for the past two years

so it's nice to get it out, back into the community and to let people know that we're still there."

Jeannot said he is looking forward to the event since the last time the Kinsmen hosted an occasion was years ago.

"The last time we hosted an event was for the airport as a fundraiser. I believe we wrote a cheque for the airport for \$5,000," he said.

"We would like to raise around \$5,000 at this event, and find something we can donate it to in our community. There's lots of stuff that can use funding and fundraising for.

"We're trying to get a playground off the ground, they're still trying to get the airport, there's numerous things that are on the go that could use some assistance."



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NHL bottom-feeders drooling over Bedard

Like a six-year-old kid window-shopping at the toy store a few days before Christmas, National Hockey League general managers—especially those in the bottom half of the league standings—are uncontrollably drooling while watching the Connor Bedard legend grow.

One of those GMs is going to win the draft lottery this summer and unwrap a franchise-changing player who comes along perhaps once every 10 or 15 years. There was Orr, then Gretzky, then Lemieux, Crosby and the current wunderkind, Connor McDavid. Next year, Bedard will be dazzling NHL crowds while wearing the uniform of ... well, we'll have to wait and see how this lottery unfolds. D-Day (draft day) is June 28 in Nashville.

Six to eight of the worst teams all believe they have a legitimate shot at drafting No. 1, and grabbing Bedard in an "easiest decision" since picking Charles Barkley No. 1 in a kids' pickup basketball game. A website called 'tankathon.com' lists daily odds of getting the top pick and at last look, Chicago Blackhawks are leading at 25.5 per cent, followed by Anaheim, Columbus, Arizona and San Jose, in that order. Decreasing odds (7.5 per cent and lower) are in effect for Montreal, Vancouver, Philadelphia, Ottawa, Florida and Detroit.

Vancouver might be the perfect landing spot for the 17-year-old Bedard, a native of North Vancouver who is lighting up the Western Hockey League with Regina Pats. He became a household name across Canada with his spectacular showing in the World Junior championship, which Canada won in an overtime thriller in early January. Bedard picked up 23 points in seven games, nine ahead of his closest rival, Logan Cooley of the U.S. Upon returning to the WHL, Bedard scored nine goals and picked up five assists in his first three games.

Team Canada team-mate Shane Wright, drafted No. 4 by Seattle last year, couldn't contain his admiration for



Bruce Penton

Bedard's skills. "I'm running out of things to say about how unbelievable his whole performance was this entire tournament," Wright told NHL.com. "How mature he's been, how much of a good teammate he's been to every single guy."

One NHL franchise is definitely going to be able to build a winning team around Bedard, who is not physically imposing but incredible at puck-control, on-ice vision and shooting speed and accuracy. Bedard leads all WHLers in shots on goal and on Jan. 15, he was 27 ahead of his closest rival, who had played seven more games.

As lower-level teams in the NHL continue to drool, pray and lose as often as possible without making their tanking too obvious, Bedard will finish out his three-year junior career with the non-contending Pats. He's used to being with a non-contender, and his future NHL team will be one, too. But likely not for long with Bedard steering his new team's fortunes.

From TheBeaverton.com: "Oilers fan sick of media always talking about the Leafs has tweeted about the Leafs six times today."

From Steve Simmons of Sunmedia: "Morgan Rielly is engaged to figure skating star Tessa Virtue. That's a combination of nice and nicer."

Simmons again, with a question: "Connor McDavid is phenomenal. Leon Draisaitl is terrific. Zach Hyman and

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins are having all-star-like seasons. So tell me, how is it that the Edmonton Oilers are this average, barely in a playoff spot nearing the halfway point of the regular season?"

Comedy writer Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "Switching over from the end of the World Juniors to the NHL games Thursday night...it was like watching the Moon Landing followed by a documentary on plumbing."

Another one from Rolfsen: "The Raptors' Pascal Siakam is sixth in the Eastern Conference frontcourt after the first NBA All-Star fan voting returns. Despite the GOP trying to prevent Canadians from voting."

Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, after Detroit Lions' win over Green Bay eliminated the Packers: "The Detroit Lions were eliminated earlier today from the postseason. But Lions have the consolation prize of the gratitude of millions of Americans for their win to keep Aaron Rodgers out of the playoffs."

Bob Molinaro of pilot online.com (Hampton, Va.): "The Miami Heat set an NBA team record by making all 40 of its free throws. That must have made an exciting highlights package."

Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Video shows former NFL receiver Odell Beckham Jr. refusing to wear a seat-belt and pants that caused his plane to have to be evacuated. Beckham was escorted off by police. Beckham was a hot free agent, but now teams are hiding the 10-foot poles with which they won't touch him."

Kaseberg again: "Less than a week after team trainers saved the life of Damar Hamlin, the Packers' Quay Walker was ejected for shoving a Lions trainer aiding an injured player. It was the stupidest thing I have ever seen in the NFL and I saw the Chargers draft Ryan Leaf second overall."

Headline at fark.com: "NFL QBs ranked in order of competence. Jets' fans can skip to the end."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

Rocanville Skating Rink

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Tuesday, January 24

Shinny - 3-5:45 pm

Wednesday, January 25

Preschool/Adult Skate 1-3:30 pm

Shinny - 3:30-5:15 pm

Thursday, January 26

Public Skate - 3:30-4:30 pm

Friday, January 27

Preschool/Adult Skate 1-3:30 pm

Shinny - 3:30-5:30 pm

Saturday, January 29

Public Skate - 6-8 pm

Public Skate and Shinny - \$2/skater
Season passes are available, please contact the Rec Office.

Rocanville Rec Centre (Curling Rink)

Rec Centre is available to rent for birthdays, reunions, wind ups and everything in between. Contact 306-645-2164 or rocانville.rec@sasktel.net to book.

Minor Hockey Games

Monday, January 23 - U15 vs 4 Nations 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 28 - U7 Game 9 am
Saturday, January 28 - U9 vs Langenburg 10:45 am

Rocanville Recreation Office

Located in the Rocanville Nutrien Community Hall
Rec office hours: Monday - Friday 9 am to 3 pm

Rec Director: Andrea Logan
Assistant: Kelly Woywada
rocانville.rec@sasktel.net
306-645-2164

February Break Camp (February 21, 22, 23)

We are now accepting applications for two

February Break Camp leaders.

Camp leaders must be 15 years or older, good with children, have good organizational skills, and be creative and energetic.

The successful applicant will be responsible for planning and implementing child-centred activities for children ages 5-12.

Pickleball

Tuesday evenings 7-9 pm

Afternoon Pickleball

(Text or call Sandra at 306-434-7284)

New players are welcome.

Rocanville Rec Centre

\$10

Jujitsu

Thursday Evenings 7-8:30 pm

Ages 12 and up

\$5 per night

Rocanville Rec Centre

Please contact Mike at 306-716-4946

Rocanville Recreation Walking Club Hours

Monday to Friday 9-11 am and 1-3 pm.

Puzzle Swap—Needing something to do now that the colder weather has arrived? Come check out the puzzles at the Rec Office. Bring in a puzzle that you have already completed and swap it out for a new puzzle to take home.

Rocanville Library

Rocanville Public Library Branch

218 Ellice Street

306-645-2088

Open Hours:

Wednesday 9 am to 12 pm and 1:30

- 5:30 pm

Thursday 1:30 - 5:30 pm

Friday 1:30 - 5:30 pm

Rocanville Seniors' Centre

We are open for rentals! Phone Mel Strong at 306-645-4412 or Linda Beck at 306-645-4287 for rental bookings.

The Centre is open for cards on Thursdays from 1 to 3:30 every week.

Dial-a-Van

The Dial-A-Van is operating Wednesdays and Fridays. We will need more volunteer drivers before we can expand the service. To book a ride please call 306-434-6644 between 9 am and 12 pm. The cost of using the van will remain the same at \$3 per trip or a pass (10 trips) for \$25 from the driver.

Rocanville Food Share

Please keep in mind the needs of those less fortunate and give them to your local Food Bank. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted. Cheques made payable to the Town of Rocanville can be mailed to Box 623, Rocanville, SK S0A 3L0.

An income tax receipt can be provided for donations of \$20 or more. If you know anyone in the area in need of food, please contact:

- Pastor Paul Bunz 434-5375
- Roseanne Kelly 306-434-9484
- Faith Buchanan
- Jean Howie
- Barbara Wilkins
- Jane Fahlman

Rocanville Community Thrift Store

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 1-4 pm and Thursdays 6-8 pm

Our volunteers make the thrift store what it is in our community, and we are always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in working a few hours a month, please call Marilyn at 306-645-4553.

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Sheldon Casavant wows audience

Magician Sheldon Casavant performed at the Moosomin Community Theatre on Tuesday, wowing the audience with his seemingly impossible illusions and magic tricks, including pulling a marked playing card out from the inside of an apple after cutting it open, and making a table levitate. The show was brought in by the Moosomin & District Arts Council as part of their Stars for Saskatchewan Series.

Above: Casavant scattering playing cards during one of his tricks. **Above left:** Casavant using a volunteer from the audience to strap him into a straitjacket so he could show how to escape. **Left:** Casavant pulling a deck of cards out of his mouth.

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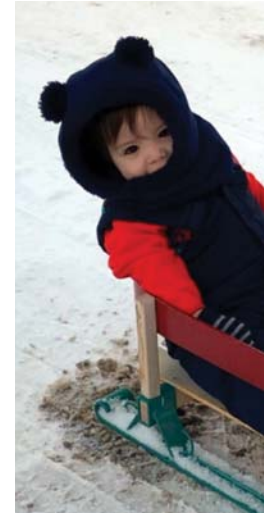
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Bobbie McLaughlin submitted this photo of Jacob McLaughlin, age 5, ice fishing at Welwyn Lake.



Jack Miller out ice fishing at Moosomin Lake holding the perch he caught, submitted by Courtney Miller.



Kaeden's first winter picture was during Sunday sledding fun! Submitted by Florence Ferfas.



Left: Zaidey Crowell and her snowman Bob, submitted by Andrew and Jessie Crowell.

Right: Cheyenne Haymore submitted this photo of her dogs Ginger (left) and Sandy (right).



Left: This photo of Oakin Swallow was taken at Round Lake and submitted by Janelle Swallow.

Below: A cleared a patch of ice at Moosomin Lake on New Year's made for a fun day! Submitted by Chelsea Doane



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Firefighters from Edmonton were practicing teaching the skill of wound packing as part of their "Stop the Bleed" course. The group was practicing teaching the course before heading to Ukraine to teach about 72 first responders who in return will be teaching others in the country.



A woman from Ukraine was sharing her story of being displaced because of Russia's invasion of the country.

Firefighter Aid from Edmonton heading to Ukraine

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

What started out as a group sending safety equipment and medical supplies to help first responders in Ukraine, has now turned to a team of firefighters going to the country to help teach doctors and first responders in Ukraine about how to treat people on the battlefield.

A team of firefighters from Firefighter Aid Ukraine, based in Edmonton, headed to Ukraine last weekend to begin teaching their "Stop the Bleed" three-day course to 72 first responders in Ukraine who in return, will be teaching others in the country.

"We've taken a course, Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) to teach first responders in Ukraine. It's very focused on those critical interventions and has evolved a lot from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars," said Nelson Bate, firefighter for the City of Edmonton and one of the firefighters heading to Ukraine.

"We've taken that course and modified it a little bit just because of time constraints, and also because there are some things that aren't quite relevant to emergency responders, as it's more oriented to the military.

"But, we're taking those skills out of that course and teaching it to firefighters and police officers, as well as some military medics there in Ukraine. Also once we get there we'll do an assessment of the equipment that they have, and then try to equip them with as much of the supplies that they need to actually perform these jobs.

"We'll be teaching skills from the NATO standard TCC course with a lot of emphasis on massive hemorrhage, needle decompression of tension pneumothorax, teaching airway obstruction with respiratory issues, and as well a big emphasis on hypothermia prevention and treatment for individuals who have suffered a traumatic injury."

With there being a demand for more help in medical care from first responders, Bate said firefighters have been trained to learn more about intervention emergency care, for helping people at the scene of an accident.

"The ambulance and paramedics aren't able to handle the amount of casualties on their own. They absolutely need help to treat patients from other first responders," said Bate.



From left are, Kyrylo Dehtiar learning about wound packing from Nelson Bate, firefighter for the City of Edmonton. Bate is one of the few firefighters heading to Ukraine to teach doctors and first responders in Ukraine about Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC).

"The other issue is, people are facing injury patterns that are usually atypical for a first responder because it's all combat style related injury patterns. A lot of those battlefield injuries require very aggressive interventions at the point of injury.

"When they were reviewing the people who passed away from these attacks in Ukraine, they've found that the people who suffered are what they call, 'potentially preventable cause of death,' meaning there's people who we potentially could've saved, had an intervention been done at the point of injury."

By going to Ukraine to teach doctors and first responders about care under fire (CUF), tactical field care (TFC), and tactical evacuation care (TEC), can go a long way to helping people in the country during Russia's invasion.

"There are firefighters from eastern Ukraine that are going to come and take

this training, and then they'll be able to take what they've learned back to their stations," said Bate.

"We're training 72 people in this course, but ideally it's going to reach a lot more than that because they're going to take it back to their stations and share the knowledge as best as they can with their colleagues."

How Firefighter Aid for Ukraine began

The organization Firefighter Aid for Ukraine started in 2012 after one of the firefighters from the City of Edmonton, Kevin Royle, visited Ukraine and noticed a need for better quality safety equipment.

"Edmonton has had this group, firefighter Aid for Ukraine for about 10 years and it started with a friend of mine who was in Ukraine," said Bate.

"When he was in Ukraine, he came across a fire station and basically saw how outdated and non-existent a lot of their safety equipment was.

"Kevin then came back to Edmonton and said when our bunker gear expires can we donate it and ship it to these firefighters and first responders in Ukraine, and the city said absolutely.

"It started with that about 10 years ago, and it's sort of snowballed into a huge organization to the point where the Ukrainian government realized that there was a need for firefighters and specialized training. Based on the injury patterns, they reached out to Firefighter Aid Ukraine and asked if we could come and help with teaching the medical care.

"Kevin then reached out to myself and another member, we both have experience teaching medical courses, and asked if we could put something together. We've been in contact with the government officials over there in Ukraine and spent the last four months developing this program and acquiring all of our training consumable to teach the course."

To date, Firefighter Aid for Ukraine has delivered over 140 tonnes of life rescue and health care aid to Kyiv, Lviv, Uzhgorod, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ternopil, Odessa, Chernivtsi, Dnipro, Cherkasy, Mykolaiv, and Nikolopol in Ukraine.

"We've been really fortunate to have really positive and good support in the Edmonton area," said Bate.

"For our mission right now to go to Ukraine, with the cost for flights and bringing in training supplies and equipment, is between \$25,000 to \$30,000 and we've fundraised all of it in the last couple of months.

"There's no doubt in my mind that the people who we teach will be using these skills almost immediately after.

"They are coming from cities in eastern Ukraine under artillery fire daily, to take this course. We're going to train them and then they're going back there.

"For myself, it's just nice to have a mission again to do something that's going to be really impactful."

People can visit the group's Facebook page— Firefighter Aid Ukraine—to donate equipment or monetary donations.

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