

### Figure skating wraps up with carnival

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Gracy Russell performs at the Wapella Skating Carnival Saturday, March 9. See inside for photos of the Moothe communities around there. somin and Wapella skating carnivals



## **Over \$52 million in construction in Moosomin**

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Moosomin is in the midst of a building boom and has more construction under way right now that ever before. Moosomin currently has \$52 million worth of construction under way.

Casey McCormac, Economic Development Officer (EDO), explains what she sees as the factors that led to the current boom, and what she sees for the future

#### What is your role in helping the future development here in Moosomin?

I work helping bring people into Moosomin and bring-ing different businesses. We identify needs that Mooso-min is looking for and what people are looking for and from there we will reach out to the companies. We have helped with the Ukrainian immigrants, we

help bring people and families into Moosomin, we work with people wanting to bring in new businesses, and we try to grow the community.

### Do people come to you with what they think Mooso-

min needs? I have sent surveys out in the past. We have sent sur-More sent surveys out in the past, we have sent sur-veys out to business owners to see what they believe Moosomin needs. I have had people call me, email me, come to the Town Office and state what they think we need. For example, one time it was a plumber, or what-ever they believe is not being met in Moosomin. Another example is the Visual Arts Centre. The idea came from a recompose to a currary Least out and power if a gradity. response to a survey I sent out, and now it's a reality.

### Right now Moosomin has over \$52 million worth of

construction under way. How did we get to this point? I think it is the support from the community and people believing in Moosonin and knowing that it is a growing community and that it is a community that people want to be a part of.



Casev McCormac

Why do you think more development has been happening in Moosomin over the past 5 years? What makes the difference here in Moosomin?

I think a lot of it is the realization by the town, the RM, and the CBA, that they wanted to invest in economic de-velopment. They wanted to push to grow the community and meet the needs of the people who live here. I think that collaboration between them and with the focus on economic development in my job, helps with that.

### Do you think this is a temporary boom or development will just build from here? I think it will just continue to build. I know there is a lot

of stuff on the go that will happen in the next five to ten years. I think we're just getting started. I think it will just continue to grow and grow.

# How do you compare development here in Moosomin to other communities. Is there a way to compare that \$52 million dollar figure?

million dollar figure? I looked at different big cities to compare the value of building permits in other cities compared to us and then we divide that number by the amount of people in the community. We have our figure at about \$17,500 per per-son in Moosomin for construction whereas if we look at in Regina it is only around \$2,000 per person or Toronto is \$8,000 per person. You can see that we are truly growing at a rate that is way bigger than anywhere else.

#### Why do you think that is?

I think it is because of our community and the support of the people. Part of it is the appeal of small town living. People want to be part of the small town and a lot of it to is cost of living. Living in a big city is way more expensive and people want to be part of that small town feel.

### Could Moosomin's success with development be rep-

Itiated in other places? Ithink so. A lot of it has to do with the collaboration and like-minded entrepreneurial people. If you can get that mindset somewhere else, I think it is absolutely possible to be replicated somewhere else.

Are there more plans for Moosomin development? Yes. There will definitely be some more development. I can't really talk about yet, but there is definitely more coming up! There's a lot more development coming!

### **Moosomin Chamber of Commerce** Day care update at March 26 meeting chamber members on plans for the event, mally organizing an association for fun-

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK The March meeting of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce is set for Tuesday, March 26, 11:45 am at the Canalta Hotel meeting room. Lunch is served and every-one is welcome. There is lots on the agenda:

and will have a sample of a commemorative miniature cenotaph that is being sold as a fundraiser for the event

### **First Aid Kit Fundraiser**

The Moosomin Kinettes will talk about their First Aid Kit Fundraiser and will be taking orders for First Aid Kits. They are selling a range of first aid kits.

### Moosomin Housing Authority Update

Retiring Moosomin Housing Authority manager Sheilagh Garrett and new Housing Authority manager Teddi Taylor will provide an update on the Housing Authority and its role in the community. There have been a lot of changes in the hous-ing authority board—Kevin Weedmark is chair, Darcy Rambold is vice-chair, and three new members are in the process of being appointed—Larry Miskiman, Dar-rell Light, and Glenn Wilton. The Housing Authority is responsible for 141 housing units in Moosomin, Fleming, and Wapella.

#### Ukrainian Community organizes new group

The local Ukrainian community is for-

draising and service projects. Roman Chernykh of the Ukrainian Community will explain the plans for the group. New businesses

A couple of new businesses will be introduced at the March Chamber meeting.

Eddy and Jolene DeVries of Anytime Fitness will join the meeting to talk about

 MC Property Holdings and Services
 MC Property Holdings and Services
 is a new business involving three partners that offers property maintenance services and has a couple of contracts for commer-cial buildings already.



### **Play Fair**

Daycare update There will be an update on plans for Play Fair Daycare's second building and the spring Smile Cookie campaign, with proceeds going toward the day care. The Daycare and Tim Hortons Moosomin's goal is to set a new record for Smile Cook-ie sales in Moosomin, and to have the top

sales in the province again. Last spring, Moosomin had the highest Smile Cookie sales ever for the commumity and the highest in the entire province, bringing in a total of \$34,335. Play Fair Daycare has received approval for 90 ad-ditional spaces, which would require a second building.

### **Cenotaph Centennial**

A group is working on plans for a Ceno-taph Centennial event Saturday, June 8. It was 100 years ago that the Cenotaph was unveiled in Moosomin. Brian Beckett of the Cenotaph 100 Committee will update

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# **Birkbeck safely out of Haiti**

### Tanya Birkbeck flew out of Haiti just before the airport was closed by gang violence

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK Tanya Birkbeck, who works with the World Food Organization in Haiti and who grew up in Welwyn, is safely out of Haiti.

Shortly after Birkbeck told her story to World-Spectator journalist Ashley Bochek, explaining the im-portant work she does with the World Food Organization in the country, Haiti exploded into major unrest with criminal gangs attack-ing the airport in Port-au-Prince.

On Monday, March 11, the day the interview was published in the World-Spectator Birkbeck stopped by the World-Spectator of-fice to let everyone know she is safe, and to provide an update before flying to

Uganda. She was home visiting her family in Welwyn, on a planned break from her duties in Haiti.

Birkbeck says she wishes she was still in Haiti, and the only reason she is no longer there is timing, with the airport attacks starting only two days after she left for a scheduled break.

"I'm a consultant, so that means that once a year I have to take a month break—it's mandatory. It was just timing. It was a complete coincidence that contract break was due and so I left," she says. "Actually everything was totally normal at the air-port when I left and then two days later was the fard. two days later was the first attempt of attacks at the airports. So I was watch-ing that and was thinking, 'okay we don't really know where this is going to go' at that point, but the situation has continued to degrade since then.

"So basically, if I hadn't left when I did, I would still be stuck there. The staff, everybody who was still there in Port-au-Prince at that time, is stuck there. They're sheltering in place and they're doing okay.

"I'm in constant contact with them and for a lot of people who are outside of the country right now it's a wait-and-see situation to see when people can go back or if they'll go back to work maybe in the north of the country in Cap Haitien where there's another in-ternational airport that's accessible at this point. So some members of our team including our country di-rector have gone to Cap Haitien. We have a field office there, so they're func-tioning out of there and the staff in Port-au-Prince are sheltering in place. Everybody seems to be doing okay and they seem to be

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Tanya Birkbeck and World-Spectator editor Kevin Weedmark at the World-Spectator office last week

coping." Birkbeck says she is worried about her colleagues. "Of course I'm worried

about them. It's not an easy situation and one of the most difficult parts of it is that you just don't what's going to happen," she

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says. "You can't plan when you're going to leave—you have to be ready to go at any point but it could be two days, it could be two weeks, it could be two months. You don't really

that have been in similar situations, I know that uncertainty can be really, re-ally difficult. And the other thing that's really hard,

honestly, is that you really worry about your family at home—about them worry-ing about you. For my colleagues there, that's what they've told me. They're like, 'We're doing fine. We're coping.' "They're really busy be-cause the communications

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team is getting tons of media requests right now. Everybody wants to know what's going on in Haiti. So I'm sure that they're overwhelmed with work and you know, you just put your nose down and you do what you have to do, but then you're really worried about your family at home and how they're perceiving it and what they "You see the chaos on the street, and you wor-ry about people there, but we're not wandering through the streets. The only time we ever leave is in an armoured car and right now nobody is going to those areas. That's not what my colleagues are experiencing, but they are experiencing a lot of uncer-tainty right now."

Birkbeck says it's not surprising that the security situation in Haiti has de-graded so much, and security officials had predicted the current breakdown. Continued on Page 5 🖙



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## **Cenotaph replicas a fundraiser for centennial**

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK 3D printed miniature replicas of Moo-somin's cenotaph are being sold by the Cenotaph 100 committee to raise money to help cover costs of the June 8 centennial celebration.

They are being sold for \$100 each. Brian Beckett of the Moosomin Legion and the Cenotaph 100 committee said he is happy with how the 3D printed replicas came

"I think it's pretty amazing, myself," he said

said. The miniatures are being produced by Joe and Riley St. Onge on their 3D printer. "We've got an order in right now with them for 10, but we can have them make as many as we get orders for," says Beck-ett. Tt's pretty costly for them to do this. It takes pretty near a whole day for them to make one. So right now we're getting them to make 10 and then we'll take or-

ders and they'll make them as we go, then we'll call the customers and say they're ready or we'll ship them out—whatever we need to do.

Currently three have been made. One is at the World-Spectator office, one at the town office, and one at the Legion. People can take a look at the samples at those locations and order them if they want. There is an order form with the sample at the World-Spectator office, or people can or-der by emailing b.s.beckett@sasktel.net Beckett says the group is hoping to raise up to \$2,500 with the miniatures. "If we were to sell 50 units, you know

"If we were to sell 50 units, you know we'd be in that area of \$2,000-\$2,500 profit. It's hard to tell how many people are go-ing to be interested. Not everybody is go-ing to look at it like me and go, 'Whoa, that is amazing,' but I think some people will see it and think it would be good to have and a good way to support the Ceno-

taph Centennial. It's pretty amazing work when you think of it." Beckett says plans are going well for the

celebration.

"I just heard from the pipe band and they're coming. The only iffy part still is the PPCLI depending on whether they have maneuvers or anything like that, but they swear up and down that they'll have someone here."

Riley St Onge said a lot of work went into the design of the 13-inch miniatures.

"We started with pictures on the stat-ure," he said. "There are 3D apps on your phone that can do 3D scanning and that's what we did for the statue. Once we had the measurements for these I just actually. went to a CAD program and designed it that way.

"We used different nozzles. For finer detail you use a smaller nozzle size to get that level of detail for the text."

Riley says he enjoys the design part of

3D printing the most. "Designing it can be fun, but unfun at times, but it's nice to sharpen your skills.

Left: One of the 3D printed Moo-

somin Cenotaph replicas created

"The crazy part is it starts with an idea that's just in your head and ends up being something real."

"When the committee was starting to plan the 100th anniversary, this idea came up," said Laurel St. Onge. "Of course I'm a member of the Legion, so we talked about it kind of at home and Joe was interested.

it kind of at home and Joe was interested. Then Joe and Riley went and took pictures and started working on it. "We had a selfie stick and we were on a ladder to get the 3D capture—360 de-grees," says Riley, "The 3D scanner would have you take like 200 hundred pictures all around it and then the app sends it off to their servers and they compile it and give you a 3D render of the photos basically. "They had all the measurements and then next time we went to Rocanville where Riley is, he had this all designed,"

where Riley is, he had this all designed," says Laurel. "There's been a lot of iteration," says

Riley. "There have been tweaks, a few tweaks, "There have been tweaks, a few tweaks, to make the belt stand out more and differ-ent things like that. His ears didn't get captured on the first ones but my dad went into the program and fixed it up a bit. "We went back a few times to get better captures of the statue and do more mea-

surements." Riley says filaments are chosen based on

Kiley says mannents are chosen vasce on the color of each piece of the product. "You buy the filaments based on what you want. The base is a marble filament which came out perfect and the granite is a galaxy filament which does the granite bed would arouch

look well enough. "We print the marble base separately, the granite separately, the statue separate-ly, and for the nameplates it does the gray and then the black on top, then we glue them into place." It takes 15-18 hours to create each rep-

lica.

Laurel St. Onge said she's happy her family has been able to help with the Cenotaph centennial.

"I think they appreciate them, and it gives Riley and Joe some experience too and some practice. It's kind of a win-win and it's community—it's local."

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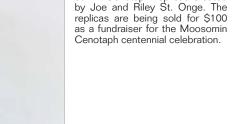


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"We've known for quite some time. Our security team is analyzing the situation all the time and the security team is a very the time and the security team is a very key part of the organization. We don't do anything without doing a thorough secu-rity assessment before we move out on any mission within the country. So the security team is looking at it and it's something that they predicted would happen—it was just a question of when. So what's happen-ing right now is not a surprise to me. Of course i'm saddneed to see what's hap course I'm saddened to see what's hap-pening. I'm saddened to see that there are people being killed on the street. I don't know what the path is out of this but it's

not a total surprise." Is Birkbeck hopeful that there is some way forward for Haiti that will get the

"I think you always have to have hope," she says. "I couldn't do the kind of work that I'm doing if you don't feel that there's a path out somehow. Despite the huge challenges right now in logistics and se-curity, WFP is still managing to provide hot meals for thousands of people who are displaced within Port-au-Prince. This is thanks to the network of local organiza-tions that we work with. So every week, for the past couple of months, we've been seeing thousands of people being dis-placed within the capital and then in this most recent stint of violence, that's been most recent stint of violence, that's been magnified. There's even more. So we've continued to be able to deliver hot meals and that's a stop gap. A hot meal is not a sustainable relief solution but it's some-thing that can provide people with the food that they need in an immediate sense. "Also in rural areas we continue to work with farmers, we continue to work with

with farmers, we continue to work with farmers' co-ops and we continue to work with schools so that we continue to pro-vide school meals when it's possible to the schools that are open. So even though the situation is extremely challenging, it's not exactly the same situation across the country that it is in the capital. So in some areas movement is possible and being able to continue to support farmers, support local markets and provide meals is something that we can continue to do.

"I think that really the hope for the country just in terms of food security— which is the domain that I specifically work in—I think that the key is definitely



Tanya Birkbeck interviewing women in Haiti who have started small businesses thanks to cash transfers administered by the World Food Program

to work with the farmers. People have this image of WFP bringing in bags of rice and beans from outside of the country and it's true that it is a part of what we do, as Haiti is a country that's dependant on food im-ports, but the real way to not only assure the food security of the country but to also protect the country from the effects of these shocks of—it could be of violence or it could be an extreme weather event—the way to protect the country from that is to have local production and to have locally

"So if the road is blocked from Port-au-Prince and a city outside of the capital, there's still a source of food. So I think that's something that will resonate with a lot of people here. To have a strong local economy is really the key to helping the whole country. A humanitarian response is really important because if you don't have food and you have people who are starving, that creates greater unrest.

"So we need to have a humanitarian re-sponse and we need to have work with the local farmers, but there does need to be a security solution as well, particularly in Port-au-Prince. That's not my place to say what that might be, but the security situation does have to improve." Birkbeck says she is happy for her fam-

ily's sake that she is safely out of Haiti, but says, professionally and personally, she wishes she was there.

"In this particular moment I happen to be staying with my mom and dad, and for be staying with my mom and dad, and for the sake of my mom and dad, I'm glad I'm here, because it's really difficult to know that your family members are at home and watching this on TV," she says, "But professionally and personally I wish that I was there because I know that whenever you're in a moment of crisis like this, com-munication is super important. For our or you're in a moment of crisis like this, com-munication is super important. For our or-ganization in particular, it's really impor-tant for us, not only to make sure that the world knows what's happening in Haiti right now but to also say, 'Despite what's happening we are able to continue. We still have a path forward in terms of improving the food caveirity of this country'. the food security of this country.' "So I wish that I was there to help my

team, honestly. Personally I can't wait to go back, but at the same time I've learned go back, but alle same line i ve learned over the years that there are situations like this that are completely out of our con-trol and so there's nothing that I can do to get back faster. When the time comes and there's the logistical capacity for me to do so, I know that the organization will make it happen, and for now I just have to sit tight and just support them however I can just over Whatsapp basically.'

Birkbeck says there are small ways she can help from outside the country.

can help from outside the country. "I can provide emotional support. I can ask 'Do you need to talk?' If they ever need words of encouragement or, for my colleagues that are there, if they want to bounce ideas off of me, of course I'm al-ways available for that," she says. "I've been taking an awful lot of media requests. Even this morning my Whatsami is flach Even this morning my Whatsapp is flash-ing-CNN wants to talk, BBC wants to talk—so of course I'm passing those on to my colleagues and making sure that all of the communication that I'm getting is passed on. Other than that it's a bit difficult—just offer emotional support and help support them if they have any questions

Birkbeck says it's not up to her to decide what happens next in terms of getting back to Haiti

"It's not my call. It's completely out of my hands," she says. "It's something which, in the case of a crisis, there's a criwhich, in the case of a crisis, there's a cri-sis management team within the WFP but also within the UN as a whole. So these are decisions that are being made on another level from me and even sometimes outside of the organization itself, so there has to be an establishment of it being safe and it also has to be cost effective if you're moving a bet of people, a lowering line to ge back has to be cost effective if you're moving a lot of people—a logistical line to go back into the country. So sometimes the people who are there just have to sit tight and the people who are outside also have to sit tight and just be patient." With a month of leave, Birkbeck was planning to travel to Uganda and South Sudan for ber beliday.

Sudan for her holiday. "Because I have so many contacts and so many friends there," she says. "I know a young lady there and she has actually studied journalism. I met her at a radio station in South Sudan and she was in a difficult situation, to be married against her will and without her consent.

"So we did a crowd-funder maybe five or six years ago now, I topped it up, and we were able to send her to university in Uganda and she's graduated with a Journalism degree. "So she's back in South Sudan now and

she's working at a marketing company and I'm enormously proud of her. I love her like a daughter. So, I want to go back and see her and see how she's doing

### **RCMP** holding public meeting in Moosomin March 28 BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

### LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The world of policing is busy and ever-changing, but there's always time to meet, ask questions and share ideas. That's the impetus behind the first of what Sgt. Damien Grouchy intends to become at least an annual event on March 28, when Moosomin RCMP host a town

hall meeting. One topic sure to be raised is the shared resources with Broadview Detachment, which was instated last fall due to an overall shortage of members. The recruitment issue is not one faced by Moosomin alone, numbers have been down across the province as fewer cadets are coming to Depot in Regina for training. Recent projections show Saskatchewan is only slated for six new cadets from Depot until April.

"I have a slideshow just to talk about how the tempo-rary amalgamation is working and to build it and every-thing would be spoken about there at the meeting," said Sgt. Grouchy, adding "it's been going well," referring to the resource sharing, "We've always helped each other," he said. "But as of helps, in the proven we've had some proceeding hom, soft

and hard vacancies—we just had to form a temporary amalgamation with Broadview."

Both detachments are independent, but as Sgt. Grouchy pointed out in a Chamber of Commerce meeting last October, the reallocation of police resources has actually



added members with an end result of enhancing services. Where there was once two members per shift, the new system has allowed for five to seven per shift responding to calls

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# **Moosomin Rec Report**

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### Team Windups at the Sportsplex

Our Team Windup's at the Sportsplex is back again for the Spring of 2024! These specials are open to all in town and out of town teams. Specials include:

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### 2024 World Curling Playoff Draft

If you are a curling fan we encourage you to head on down to the Patch (Convention Centre) this Wednesday down to the Patch (Convention Centre) this Wednesday night where we will be holding our first ever World Men's Curling Playoff Draft. This will be a fantastic evening. The MC will be Darren Dupont from the Rod Pedersen show and our Auctioneer will be world acclaimed Rhett Parks. This is a free evening loaded with entertainment and it gives you a chance to buy a team and win some cash! Auction starts at 8 pm sharp!

#### **Rod Pedersen Show** returns to Moosomin

We are very excited as for the first time in around 10 years the Rod Pedersen Show returns to go live from Moosomin. The event will go Wednesday, March 20 at the Moosomin Curling Rink as part of the National Firefight-ers Brier. On site will be Rod's partner Darren Dupont. Rod will co-host from Florida.

Rod will co-host from Fiorida. Following the show Darren will attend the Wednesday night Gala at the Conexus Convention Centre and then host/auction for our World Curling Hat Draft!

### **2024 National Fireman's Bonspiel**

One of the biggest events to come our way in history has arrived as we host the 2024 National Firefighters Curling Championships. Event is on now and runs through until this Saturday.

Funds raised at the event are earmarked for four cornerstone projects including:

- Moosomin Fire Department
  Muscular Dystrophy
- CT Scanner
- Multiplex Fund

### **2024 National Fireman's Itinerary**

Our National Curling Championship is now doorstep. Here is a look at how this week unfolds: on our

### Monday, March 18

7 am: Guest Program – Tour at Nutrien Mine 9:30 am: Draw 6

2 pm: Draw 7 7 pm: LT

7 pm: Hospitality Room – Convention Centre Hosts: Team NWT and Team NB and Team Saskatch-

ewan. Co-Sponsored by Anytime Fitness and Sea Hawk 8 pm: Team Skits and Music AB, MB, SONT, Quebec,

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Tuesday, March 19 8 am: Draw 8

- 12 pm: Draw 9
- 4 pm: Draw 10

7 pm: Hospitality Room – Convention Centre

Hosts: Team BC and Team Southern Ontario Co-Sponsored by Nutrien and TransCanada Contract-

ing 8 pm: Live Entertainment – Mike Oakely

### Wednesday, March 20

#### 8 am: Draw 11

8 am: Draw 11 12 pm: Draw 12 4 pm: Draw 13 7 pm: Hospitality Room – Convention Centre Hosts Team PEI and Team Quebec

- Sponsored by IJACK 8 pm: Live Entertainment Men's World Curling Play-

off Auction Co-Hosted by World Acclaimed Auctioneer Rhett Parks and Darren Dupont (Rod Pedersen Show) and followed by music

### Thursday, March 21

7 am: Guest Program: Second Nutrien Mine tour

9:30 am: Draw 14

2 pm: Draw 15 6:30 pm: Drivers Night 10 pm: Hospitality Room – Convention Centre DJ Services

Friday, March 22 9 am: Tiebreakers—if required 1 pm: Page Playoffs and/or tiebreakers 5 pm: Page Playoffs

7:30 pm: Sportsmen's Night - Nutrien Sportsplex Co-Sponsored by Uptown Hotel and Moosomin Moose

#### Saturday, March 23

- 9 am: Semi Finals
- 4 pm: Closing Ceremonies at the Curling Rink 6:30 pm: Awards Banquet at the Convention Centre

9 pm: Entertainment at the Convention Centre Canadian Recording Artist Eli Barsi sponsored by Prairie Girl Gallery

Sunday, March 24: Teams depart for home

#### Arena Season extended!

Hockey fanatics will be excited to hear that our winter season will be extended by one week as we keep the ice in until Sunday, April 14. We have a busy schedule with tournaments and camps every weekend in late March and the first two weeks of April.

### **Senior Rangers**

Senior Rangers When the Rangers entered the Big Six Hockey League three years ago, we were told we were not good enough for this high-end league. In the first year, the team ad-vanced to the league semi-finals where they would fall to the Redvers Rockets. Last year they advanced to the league final where, again, they would fall to the Redvers Rockets. This is year three—2022/2024—and we are back in the league final werd again stated we accine the in the league final, and again, matched up against the Redvers Rockets. This best of five should be a dandy— Game 1 went last Friday in Redvers. The remaining schedule includes: •Redvers Rockets at Moosomin Rangers on Thursday,

March 21 at 8 pm ·Moosomin Rangers at Redvers Rockets on Monday,

March 25 at 8 pm • Redvers Rockets at Moosomin Rangers on Wednes-

Aday, March 27 at 8 pm
Moosomin Rangers at Redvers Rockets on Thursday, March 28 at 8 pm

### **Right at Home Décor U18 Rangers**

Like their senior counterparts, the U18 Rangers are off to the MHL A Final. This is a best of three series with the Rangers having home ice advantage. Game 3 goes this Friday night at 7:30 pm in the MS Arena.

### **Carded Novice Hockey Tournament (U9)**

Moosomin Parks and Rec along with the Moosomin Senior Rangers will be hosting a U9 Carded Hockey Tournament on March 23-24. We have now closed registrations! This will be a fantas-

tic weekend for the community with teams around for the weekend from across Saskatchewan

Entries include:

Melville Millionaires Weyburn Red Wings Yorkton Terriers Estevan Bruins Tri Town Young Guns Pipestone Penguins South East Kraken Prairie Storm Thunder Prairie Storm Lighting

Chamber members take note-it will be busy in town!

### **MS Arena Winter Bookings**

Here is a list of remaining weekend bookings at the MS Arena. It is always busy at the Mike Schwean Arena! • Carded U9 Tournament on Saturday/Sunday, March

23 and 24
Summer Hockey on Saturday/Sunday, March 30 and

- Iron Man on Thursday to Saturday, April 4, 5 and 6

Wheatland Wild on Sunday, April 7
 2011 Wheatland Wild Tourney from Friday to Sunday, April 12, 13 and 14

If you would like to inquire about booking an event for the upcoming winter please feel free to call at 435-3622 or by email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

### Iron Man 2024

Moosomin Rangers Senior Hockey Team are currently taking registrations for the 2024 Iron Man Competition. taking registrations for the 2024 Iron Man Competition. 2024 will again feature hockey, golf, whiffle ball, bowling, shuffleboard and darts. As well, like the Olympics, you can expect at least one new competition to pop up! Team registrations only! **Teams registered to date include:** Moosomin Leafs, Moosomin Mustangs, Moosomin Ding Dongs, Virden, Moosomin Untouchables, Sweet Hands Sweeter, Richter Scale, and Rangers. If you would like to inquire or register, please feel free to call at 435-3622 or email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

### Swimming Lessons 2024

We are busy making plans for another busy pool season in 2024! Lesson sets have been set. Keep in mind we are freezing early bird registration at last year's pricing.

You can visit either our Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Facebook site or our Parks and Rec Facebook site where you will find our registration form. Follow the instruc-

- tions and you're set! We already have over 200 kids registered so act quickly to avoid disappointment on your preferred set date Dates include: Public Sets

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- Set # 1 2 week session from June 3 to June 14 Set # 2 1 week session from June 24 to June 28 Set # 3 1 week session from July 8 to July 12 Set # 4 1 week session from July 22 to July 26

Set # 2 from July 15 to July 19 Set # 3 from July 29 to August 2 2024 Pool Staff – Now Taking Applications

- Set # 5 1 week session from August 5 to August 9 Set # 6 2 week session from August 12 to August 23

**The Circus is coming!** Coming up on Tuesday, April 16 at the Conexus Con-vention Centre...watch for details in the coming weeks!

Camping Spots open for bookings Those looking for camping spaces at Bradley Park in 2024 are reminded spots have opened up online. To book please go online to "Letscamp.ca" and follow along with their instructions.

**Moosomin Rangers 2024 NHL Playoff Draft** Our 2024 NHL Draft is scheduled for Saturday, April

Dry ice surface bookings

at MS Arena now open While our rink season is extended by a few weeks, we have opened up dry ice bookings for the summer starting mid April. We have already had bookings by Moosomin

Minor Ball so space is starting to book up. If you would like to book in please email us at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.

**Disc golf club** 

Are you interested in joining a local Disc Golf Club? If so please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net. Our

hope is to get the course set up in time for summer fun and exercise!

Pickle Ball Pickle Ball continues at the Conexus Convention Cen-tre. The club has dedicated times which include:

Sportsplex Men's and Ladies' Night!

Golfers are reminded that Thursday nights are Men's/ Ladies' golf nights all winter long at the Sportsplex.

While we do play skins, you are not required to take part in them...you can just enjoy the golf and company. Tee times go at:

Wednesday 6 pm Thursday 4 pm and 6:15 pm If you would like to go on our email list please let Mike know at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

**Sportsplex Snowbirders Golf** Snow birders golf goes all winter long on Wednesday and Friday afternoons with a 1 pm tee time. This is for both Mmen and ladies of all adult ages. While they do play skins, you are not required to take part in them...like Thursday night you can just enjoy the golf and company. If you would like to go on their list please email list please Dave Towler at dowler@setted not

Friday Night Fantasy Golf Friday Night Fantasy Golf returns for the year with golf every Friday, leading into our May windup. These

are scramble nights where you can enter as an individual, couple or team. Players are given a scheduled amount of play money to bet each week...at the end of the year the

top 30 money winners get in on the windup and fantastic prizes! To register email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel. net

2024 Bradley Park

Outdoor Whiffle Ball League We are now taking entries for our 2024 Co-ed Whiffle League. Games will go outdoors on Tuesdays at Bradley Park. If you would like to register a team please email us

**Outdoor Pickle Ball Court/Committee** If you would be interested in joining a fundraising com-mittee with the intention of building outdoor Pickleball courts at Bradley Park, then we would love to hear from

you. Please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

please Dave Towler at dtowler@sasktel.net

at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net.

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Tuesday Wednesday

13. Watch for details in the coming weeks

Private Sets (All 1-week sets) Set # 1 from June 17 to June 21





### Canadian Firefighting Curling Championship on this week in Moosomin

The Canadian Firefighting Curling Championships are on in Moosomin this week. The event runs until Sunday, March 24 with the town hosting 12 teams from across Canada. There are events planned every day until the teams depart on March 24.

events planned every day until the town hosting 12 teams informations canada. There are events planned every day until the teams depart on March 24. Left are flags for each of the Canadian provinces and territories at the south end of Moosomin. The flags were erected for the national championship. This is the first time a community the size of Moosomin has hosted this event. Above is EDO Casey McCormac taking a photo of all of the teams on Friday afternoon, the first time they got together.

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### In our opinion:

## Canada's economy is falling behind. Here's what we can do to catch up

Canada is at a crossroads. The economy has been slow to grow, infla-tion continues to bite Canadians' paycheques, and we aren't creating enough well-paying jobs to keep up with a growing population. This analysis is borne out in the numbers. The Organization for

Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is projecting that Canada's economy will trail all 38 of its member countries this decade.

Canada's economy will trail all 38 of its member countries this decade. Dead last. Over the past five years, Canada's per capita GDP—a vital measure of productivity—has remained flat while the average growth of all countries was 5.6 percent, with U.S. per capita GDP growing 9.3 percent and resource-rich Australia up 4.8 percent. As other countries increase productivity, Canada is falling behind. This makes it more expensive for Canadians to purchase goods and keeps paycheques lower than in other countries. Investment in and the construction of major projects are key driv-ers of productivity growth. However, Canada falls behind in this area. A report by consulting firm Advisian for the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) revealed that the process for approving major projects in Canada is slower than in Germany, Australia, the United States, the U.K., and Sweden. It is time to start playing to our strengths.

It is time to start playing to our strengths. Oil and natural gas currently account for more than half of the global energy supply. A recent RBC report projected that, by 2035, the world will need to add another United States' worth of energy production

ust to meet the energy needs of a growing global population. As the fourth-largest oil producer and the fifth-largest natural gas producer in the world, Canada needs to capitalize on this opportunity. The Montney Basin, which spans northeastern B.C. and northwest-

The Montrey basit, which spars house stores and both west-ern Alberta, alone contains enough natural gas to supply all Canada's needs for the next 140 years. Our oil reserves are larger than Russia's. We have more than enough resources to secure Canada's energy needs and play a significant role in the energy security of our allies through exports. We also produce oil and natural gas with some of the highest environmental, emissions, and human rights standards in the used. world

world. The benefits of exporting our energy resources are significant. For the second year in a row, investment from the Canadian oil and natu-ral gas industry is expected to reach \$40 billion. Oil and natural gas exports make up 20 percent of the country's total value of trade. The oil and natural gas sector is among the country's most produc-tive; in 2022, the dollar value per working hour in oil and natural gas extraction was \$387—six times the average of all industries. The industry's supply chain stretches across the country, reach-ing thousands of businesses in every province and supporting over 400,000 jobs for Canadians. In addition to being one of the country's largest employers of Indigenous people, almost \$4 billion of Indige-nous equity positions have been taken in oil and natural gas projects since 2017. since 2017.

Last year, governments across Canada received over \$45 billion from Last year, governments across Canada received over \$45 billion from oil and natural gas through royalties, taxes, and other fees. This reve-nue helps operate hospitals, pay teachers, run critical social programs, and support the arts, contributing to Canadians' high quality of life. Moreover, there is potential for further opportunities. Canada is already a producer of some of the lowest-emission natu-ral gas and offshore oil with the lowest emission intensity worldwide. And, as one of Canada's largest investors in clean technologies, the sector is continually working to reduce emissions. Emissions from the oil and natural gas production peaked in 2015. Since 2012, the conventional upstream sector lowered CO2 equivalent emissions by 24 percent while growing production by 21 percent. In

Since 2012, the conventional upstream sector lowered CO2 equivalent emissions by 24 percent while growing production by 21 percent. In addition, along with governments, the country's six largest oil sands companies are proposing to invest \$24 billion in emissions reduction projects by 2030 and are targeting net zero emissions from operations by 2050.

Canada has what it takes to be a global energy superpower: the re-sources, talent, technology, and a growing global market for our re-sponsibly produced products. We can do this while supporting the drive to lower the world's emissions.

To make this a reality, we need to recognize the world needs oil and natural gas today and for the foreseeable future. We need a pragmatic,

globally competitive policy environment that attracts investment and encourages further decarbonization innovation. We need to support nation-building projects, like LNG export facili-ties and carbon capture, that create high-paying jobs, enhance Cana-dians' paycheques and build on our strength as a resource developer and exporter. and exporter.

And we need to be proud of Canada's role as a responsible devel-oper and provider of natural resources for the world.

This editorial was written by Lisa Baiton, the President & CEO of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.



# What we get out of our communities depends on what we put into them

Throughout the year, we publish special sections in the paper to highlight different aspects of life in our area—our Spring and Fall Agriculture sections, our Mining Energy and Manufacturing sections, our Salute to Local Professionals, our Grad section, our Minor Hockey and Figure Skating section, our Mi-nor Ball section, our Get Involved" sections that highlight local clubs, our Salute to Local Heroes that recognizes the contributions of emergency responders, and lots more.

One of our three sections in this week's newspa-per is our "Support Local Businesses" section. The point of this section is to remind people just how im-portant it is to support the businesses in local communifies

Every day we all make purchasing decisions, and those decisions can impact our communities. We can decide to order an item online, buy it in a box store in the city, or buy it locally and support a local business

Purchasing online is getting easier for many people, and purchasing in the city is getting easier, as many people are travelling to the city regularly for hockey tournaments, conventions, conferences, concerts, and other events. But when we choose to support local businesses, we are helping those busi-nesses to employ our friends and neighbors.

When we choose to support local businesses, we are supporting businesses that pay property tax-es which pay for our RCMP officers and our local fire departments, for our streets and roads, for our health facilities and our recreation facilities.

When we choose to support local businesses, we are supporting businesses that turn around and support everything from your kids' ball teams to the local senior hockey team to the local 4-H club to ser-vice clubs to the local food bank to fundraisers for your neighbors in need.

Shopping locally means supporting the busi-esses in your own town, and those in neighboring towns that serve you as well.

The money circulates throughout the entire re-gion. Every time we choose to do business within our communities we help to build this vibrant region

It's always amazing to put together the "Support Local Businesses" section and find out how many obs these local businesses create, and how much they invest in our communities in terms of dona-

tions and contributions to local projects. The numbers on the front of the Support Local Business section tell the story: **146** businesses in the section employ **2,371** of your friends and neighbors. Each of these businesses is small on its your,—but together, the impact from all those small businesses is very significant!

very significant: We all know that major industries like potash, oil,



and manufacturing employ a lot of people in the area, but we sometimes forget how many people

small businesses employ in total. The support of local businesses makes our com-munities what they are. Look at the huge success of the fundraisers that our communities throw every time there is someone in need. Look at the amazing support for our Ukrainian community! A large part of the success of community fundraisers is the sup-

None of the money you spent on that air fryer at Wal-Mart or on that book on Amazon.com is helping out these local fundraisers

How much does all that support add up to over

the course of a year? A lot. When we contact businesses for the "Shop Local" ection, we ask each business how much they donate

to their local communities in a year. The grand total this year is \$2,086,281.67—an amazing total!

There are sometimes challenges that come with living in a small community, and there are also a lot of benefits. But like everything else in life, what we get out of our communities depends very much on

what we put into them. Hopefully the "Support Local Businesses" sec-tion will do what it is intended to do, and encourage people to think about the benefits of doing as much business locally as possible, putting more into our communities, and getting more out of them!

### Proud of our staff

I'm always proud of our staff, and the newspaper you are holding in your hand or reading online is the

On Monday we sent a 36 page Plain and Valley to press, and on Friday sent this week's paper, which is 60 pages—a 40 page main paper and 20 page Sup-port Local Businesses section.

Next week's will be 27 pages—a 36 page front sec-tion and 36 page Ag News. That's an amazing amount of work for a small staff, who were also building flyers, envelopes, business cards, large format photo enlargements, signs and banners last week.

Every member of our staff goes above and beyond every week, which is why we can continue to bring you a quality newspaper each and every week!

# Kelly receives Thompson scholarship

The Moosomin Masonic Lodge awarded a \$1,000 James & Jessie Thompson Memorial Scholarship last week to former Rocanville School student Megan Kelly. The scholarship is awarded annually.

"James and Jessie Thompson lived near Ro-canville and they farmed and they never had kids. When James passed away, he was a Mason and he wanted to leave a scholarship fund specifically for a graduating student of Ro-canville High School," says Jim Moore, the head of the Moosomin Masonic Lodge. "It was based on marks but also different things like extracurricular activities and volunteer work.

"We have a commit-tee that selects the recipient. One of us goes to the school in Rocanville and brings the information and distributes it. Then we have a committee that we go through and select who we think would be the best candidate for receiving the

candidate for receiving the scholarship." "It definitely helps," said the recipient, Megan Kelly, after receiving the scholarship last week. "I graduated last year so now I'm in my second year of college. I'm taking song writing and recording out in Alberta which is really in Alberta which is really cool. It definitely helps out. Especially with going to



### Kelly winner of Thompson scholarship

Megan Kelly of Rocanville received the James and Jessie Thomson Memorial Scholarship from the Moosomin Masonic Lodge. Presenting the scholarship are Jim Moore and Leo Ilustrisimo of the Masonic Lodge. Kelly is studying to be a singer-songwriter.

school outside your home province. It helps with a lot of things—anything under the sun revolving around school. "I'm going to Three

Hills, Alberta which is between Calgary and Drum-heller. The college is called

Three Hills Prairie Bible College. I get to do what I love every day which is

very cool. I come out with very cool. I come out with an album in April which is really exciting. It's called 'Reflect' and it's all songs that I've written myself, recorded and produced. I just had my last recording session about a week ago, and my uncles and dad are and my uncles and dad are on it. They came out in the beginning of January. So I have my own backup band already which is pretty

"But just hearing my poppa tell all of the stories of all the Masonic things that he got to do, it was always cool because they drove around in their lit-tle cars and did other fun stuff. It was always so cool getting to grow up and watch him do all of that kind of stuff.

"We are the trustees of this grant," adds Moore. "The money goes into the bank and it earns a cer-tain amount of interest in a year and we hand it out. It's good for Rocanville, it helps some Rocanville

it has some recent in a letter "They send us a letter or essay-type of applica-tion and then follow up with their marks after the first semester. So there is no formal structure to it per say, it's more of a letter explaining what they've been involved with in the past, what they're enrolled in for education, and what they're working towards."



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### **Bequests left in will from Alex Bruce:** \$100,000 for Health Care Foundation, \$50,000 for pool

Alex Bruce of Moosomin, who passed away last vear, left money in his will for both the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation and Moosomin's

dation and Moosomin's swimming pool. A bequest of \$100,000 was left for the Health Care Foundation, and \$50,000 was left for the pool. Mauge Larger Combined

Mayor Larry Tomlinson is a member of the Health Care Foundation board.

"It's very nice to get a donation like that," he said. "It's awesome. We spent a lot of money at the hospital this year, so this is a huge help. I don't think there were any specifications on bequest for the pool when where it was to go to, so it employees of the law office will go into regular funds, dropped a cheque off. and wherever we need it.

that's where it will go." Wendy Lynd is the secre tary-treasurer of the Health Care Foundation.

"We get at least a couple a year but not usually this size," she says. We will discuss it at the May board meeting. We didn't get any indication of what he wanted it to go toward so wanted it to go toward, so we're trying to find family to talk to, so we know what he intended."

Moosomin Recreation Director Mike Schwean said he found out about the dropped a cheque off. "We haven't decided

what we're going to do yet, but there are a few smaller things that need to be done, and we will look at something bigger, we're just not sure what yet. We want to do something for the kids, but we don't want to rush into it. It's certainly nice for us, it's money we would never have had oth-

erwise—it's fantastic." Schwean said the rec department has never before received a bequest like this. "It's never happened with us before, so for us, it's fan-tastic, and we are really, really thankful. I hope his family knows how thankful we are-this was a tre-mendous donation."

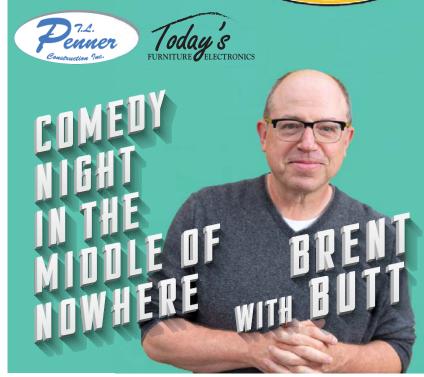
Right: People from the community came out to enjoy free public swimming and a barbecue dur-Canada Day 2023 at ing the Borderland Co-op Aquaplex in Moosomin

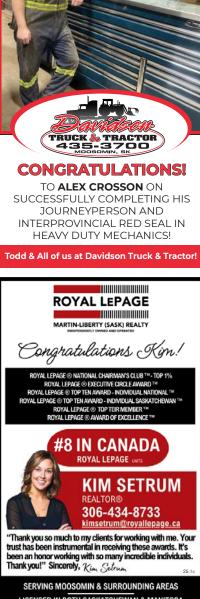


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Above: Maelynn Restau and Harper Swallow skating to "Barbie Dreams."

The Wapella Figure Skating Club held their skating carnival on Saturday, March 9. This year's carnival theme was Barbie, and the rink was decorated in pink with Barbie decorations, with many of the skaters sporting Barbie-themed outfits.

**Above:** Elise Szafron, Tenley Hintz, and Zoey Cunday skating to "Dance the Night."

Below: Tait Sunderland doing a solo to "Head Above Water."







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## **Council gets update** on cenotaph centennial

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK Brian Beckett of the Moosomin Ceno-taph Centennial Committee attended the Moosomin town council meeting Wednesday to provide an update on plans for the centennial celebration on June 8.

"June 8 is the date, and one of the things we talked about was the flag pole, we discussed a new flagpole farther back so people can see the names that will be on the new plaque," Beckett told council. Council agreed to look at closing streets for the procession from the Armouries to

the Cenotaph, and agreed to provide a portable sound system for the event. The town will also provide bleachers to place on Broadway Avenue for the public at-tending the event.

"We will meet at the Armouries at 10:30 and march to the cenotaph. There will be a pipe band, PPCLI and Royal Canadian Artillery taking part," Beckett said. Councillor Murray Gray said the event will be his for the town

"This will be be town. "This will hopefully bring a lot of peo-ple to town that day," he said.

### **UFA** wins fuel tender

Also at Wednesday's meeting, council agreed to award the tender for the town's fuel supply to UFA. UFA has some business in the area and

is planning to set up a location in Moosomin. UFA's bid was the lowest cost for both

gasoline and diesel. The town spends about \$200,000 a year

on fuel. The town will buy a 10,000 litre fuel

tank to accommodate the change. Councillor Ron Fisk made the motion

to award the tender to UFA

### Also at council . . .

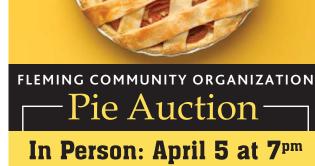
In other council news, the town foreman and rec director have been authorized to hire nine summer students . . . the town is getting a new photocopier and will offer the used one to the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre ... Councillor Murray Gray said Centre ... Councillor Murray Gray said he would like to put three raised beds at the community garden for the use of se-niors who have trouble gardening on the ground. He suggested the high school could build them, and the town could apply for a grant through thrift store ... . Town council is planning a barbecue for Friday, July 12. The town previously put on a barbecue the weekend before the rodeo when requested by the rodeo committee, but haven't for the last sev-eral years as it has not been requested.

eral years as it has not been requested. Councillor Garry Towler suggested council should do an event like that again, and council agreed to host a barbecue July 12

as the kickoff to the rodeo weekend . . . Councillor Murray Gray said there have been well over 250 registrations for swim-ming lessons already . . . Town Foreman Mike Stein said the public works crew Anke stein said the public works (rew has been very busy with snow clearing in recent weeks. "I've never heard as many compliments as in the last few days," said Councillor Murray Gray. "The public is very happy with how you handled it."... In response to a letter from CCR, which is building the new Co. or grayery stear is building the new Co-op grocery store, asking if the town will be replacing curbing around the store, council members discussed possibly adding angle parking on the boulevards on the south and west

sides of the store to add more parking, as opposed to replacing the curbs.

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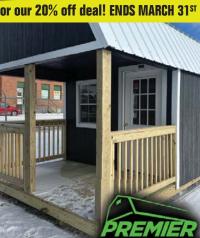
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### **Tigers defeat Warriors**, move on to SEHL final

The Rocanville Tigers are in to the Sask East Hockey League final after defeating the Langenburg Warriors 3-1 in the SEHL South Final. Despite a 5-3 win in Game 1 for the Warriors, the Tigers

defeated the Warriors with scores of 9-3, 10-4 and 6-2 in the next three games, to take the series. As of last Friday, the Tigers were waiting for the North Final to finish out, with the Swan Valley Axemen and

Canora Cobras taking that series to five games. Game 5 was played on Friday night. Three of that series' games were settled in overtime.

### Dates set in **Rangers-Rockets final**

Last week the dates were set for the Moosomin Rang-ers-Redvers Rockets Big Six final showdown, with Game 1 of the best-of-five final taking place in Redvers on Fri-

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day. Game two will be in Moosomin this Thursday, March

Game two will be in Moosomin this Thursday, March 21 at 8 pm, and Game 3 will be in Redvers on Monday, March 25 at 8 pm. If needed, Game 4 will be played in Moosomin on Wednesday, March 27 and Game 5 will be in Redvers on Thursday, March 28. Both games are set for 8 pm. The Rockets defeated the Carnduff Red Devils and the

Rangers defeated the Carlyle Cougars to go head-to-head in the final in a repeat of last year's final showdown, which saw the Rockets take the Big Six Championship.

### C-Hawks in final vs **Killarney Shamrocks**

The two top teams in the Tiger Hills Hockey League will get a chance to battle it out for a THHL champion-ship, with the C-Hawks taking on the Killarney Shamrocks in the final. The C-Hawks swept the West Division Final over the

Virden Oil Kings 3-0. Killarney swept the East Division Final over the Gladstone Lakers 3-0.

Both the C-Hawks and Shamrocks finished the regular season with 32 points at the top of their division standings.

As of last Friday, game dates for the best-of-five final series had not yet been scheduled.

### **Rockets win Game 1 of** provincial South Final in double overtime

On Saturday, March 9, the Redvers Rockets defeated the Foam Lake Flyers 4-3 in double overtime in the Provincial D South Final.

vincial D South Final. The game was played in Foam Lake with the Rockets and Flyers keeping pace with one goal apeice every pe-riod to end the third period tied 3-3. Daylin Smallchild, Ryan Regal and Ashley Howie scored for the Rockets. Ryan Regal broke the tie in the fifth period for the Rock-ets, giving them the edge in the best-of-three series. Game 2 took place on Saturday, March 16 in Redvers, and if needed, Game 3 would be in Foam Lake this Mon-day March 18

day, March 18.



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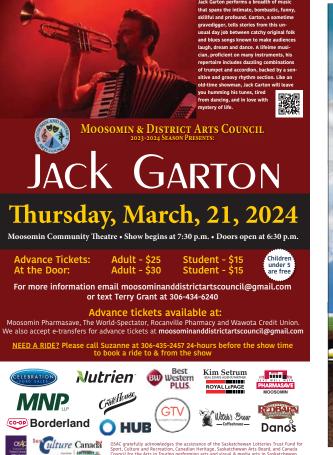
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Monday, March 18, 2024



### Rocanville Thrift Store donates \$10,000 to Aquatic Centre Refurbishment Committee

The Rocanville Thrift Store presented the Rocanville Aquatic Centre Refurbishment Committee with a cheque for \$10,000 on March 11. This will be the Thrift Store's third donation of \$10,000 to the Aquatic Centre. The Refurbishment Committee meets weekly to work on the project. On the committee is Ron Reed, Steve Fortney, Glen Nixon, Clint Birkenshaw, Kirby Fowler and Andrea Logan. **Pictured above are:** Vivian Sveinbjornson, Willa Clark, and Linda Bock with the thrift store, and Ron Reed, Steve Fortney, Andrea Logan, and Clint Birkenshaw with the Aquatic Centre Refurbishment Committee. **Missing are:** Kirby Fowler and Glen Nixon.



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# Will Sid the Kid play in his third Olympics?

**Bruce Penton** 

Sidney Crosby of Pittsburgh Penguins is the only cur-rent NHLer with an opportunity to play in his third Olympic Games when the NHL returns to the global com-petition in 2026 for the first time since 2014.

petition in 2026 for the first time since 2014. Crosby, of course, scored the 'Golden Goal' for Canada in 2010 at the Vancouver Olympics, and then was part of the Canadian entry in 2014 at Sochi, where Canada defeated Sweden in the final for another gold medal. Politics and NHL team ownership greed prevented the NHL players from competing in 2018 and 2022, but NHL commissioner Gary Bettman announced in early Febru-ary that details had been ironed out, and the NHL would send its best players to the 2026 Olympics in Milan, Italy.

So how will the Canadian roster look? Will Crosby, who is having an outstanding season with the Penguins this year — but who will be 39 years old in 2026 — be given a chance for a three-peat? Canadian fans almost unanimously say yes, for reasons based on both skill and sen-timentality.

Rosters will include 25 skaters — 14 forwards and 11 Kosters will include 25 skaters — 14 forwards and 11 defencemen — and three goalies. Canada's weak spot is expected to be in goal, where there is no Carey Price, no Roberto Luongo or no Mike Smith. Instead, the leading candidates are Adin Hill of Vegas Golden Knights, Tristan Jarry of Pittsburgh, Connor Ingram of Arizona and Stu Skinner of the Oilers, none of whom conjure up memories



of Jacques Plante or Patrick Roy.

Of course, things could drastically change in two years. Will projected No. 1 draft pick Macklin Celebrini be one of Canada's top 14 forwards? There are a few slam-dunk choices: Connor Bedard, Connor McDavid and Nathan MacKinnon up front; Cale Makar and Josh Morrissey on

defence. Here's how my roster of 14 forwards, 11 defencemen

and three goaltenders would shape up: Forwards — McDavid, MacKinnon, Bedard, Sam Re-inhart, Brayden Point, Celebrini, Brad Marchand, Zach Hyman, Robert Thomas, Travis Konecny, Mitch Marner, Jonathan Marchessault, Mark Stone and Quinton Byfield.

Defence —Makar, Morrissey, Evan Bouchard, Morgan Rielly, Thomas Chabot, Dougie Hamilton, Drew Doughty, Shea Theodore, Alex Pietrangelo, Jacob Chychrun, MacK-

son's name.

to 2024.

enzie Weegar. Goaltenders — Hill, Jarry, Skinner. This will be a floating roster for the next 18 months. Players will come and go. Perhaps Crosby will continue to not show his age, and we'll have to add him to the team. Perhaps some young phenom will come out of nowhere. Just missing the cut were the likes of Vince Dunn and Noah Dobson on defence, Steven Stamkos, Dylan Cozens, Math Bereal Benedica Hoegl Coxtery Vicknehe and Loff

Matt Barzal, Brandon Hagel, Carter Verhaeghe and Jeff Skinner up front, and Jordan Bennington, Logan Thompson and Ingram in goal. So much can change in two years, but let the arguments

start today.

• Headline from fark.com: "After having the worst season in the NFL, Carolina Panthers plan to a) rebuild through the draft; b) bring back some favourite former players; or c) raise ticket prices? (The answer, of course,

players; or c) raise ticket prices: (The answer, e. control, S. C)." •Joseph LaMagna of TheFriedEgg.com., discussing golfers in the running for 'Most Money Won Without Winning a Tournament'. "Off the top of my head, it at the very least beats the hell out of Least Money Earned Without Actually Winning A Tournament." • Sportswriter Herb Gould, on the controversy over the Players being golf's fifth major: "No fifth major until baseball adds a fifth base. As in Grand Slam."

There's no gas being used but it's not in a private per-

Some people opening their gas bill after that Jan. 1 date may have noticed only a partial deduction, which Glover confirmed the full tax would still apply on usage prior

"The bills noted would be normal, assuming they re-ceive their energy bill mid-month," he said. "The January bill would be half December and half January, whereas

the February bill would be all January usage and there-fore no carbon tax."

Glover also advised anyone with questions about their

### How does carbon tax on home heating affect apartments? we shouldn't have to pay a carbon tax on that," she said.

### by Ryan Kiedrowski

EV RYAN KIEDROWSKI LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER The provincial government removed the carbon tax from natural gas home heating bills effective Jan. 1. Since that time, people living in apartments have questioned how the change affects them. "If the resident in an apartment complex has a residen-tial SaskEnergy account—that is, the account is registered as residential and the tenant pays their own energy bill— then they will not pay the carbon tax on their SaskEnergy bill for any usage that occurred after Jan. 1." explained provincial government spokespreson Matthew Glover. For apartment buildings with one meter coming in, things can get a little confusing. If the building is owned as private housing, the landlord would be charged car-bon tax and may pass that increase along to the tenants in the form of rental increases. "In multi-unit buildings if there is only one meter,

"In multi-unit buildings if there is only one meter, and basically that's most of our senior buildings for the

gas because it's a boiler, we are charged the gas, we are charged the carbon tax," said Sheilagh Garrett, manager of the Moosomin Housing Authority. "Because we are government, we have set rates, so all our rates are based on minimum and maximum, and then at 30 per cent. So

"Our rates haven't changed at all," Garrett assured. "Our rates haven't changed at all," Garrett assured. She looked into some of the concerns the tax might have created, and discovered the same answer Glover presented—if individuals have the bill in their name, they would not pay the carbon tax in a multi-unit build-

"For example, our Greystone has 12 units," she said. "Everyone pays their own meter and it's in their name, they would have no carbon tax."

Garrett also doesn't foresee issues with rare residential vacancies, but will continue to keep an eye on the gas bills

'If we have a vacant residence and it's a single meter,

# Glover also advised anyone with questions about their gas bill to contact SaskEnergy. The government of Saskatchewan is the registered distributor of natural gas, which was formerly handled by SaskEnergy. The move was made in part to ensure SaskEnergy and its employees would not face fines or other penalties for not collecting the carbon tax. Kipling town council:

### Change to rules on moving in buildings

### BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER A light agenda greeted members of Kipling Town Council during their regular monthly meeting on March 11. The following items of interest were included as part

of the discussion

Building policy change Moving a building inspector as council voted on an ad-dition to the current policy. "After the last building move, it became apparent that there was a need to update the movability policy and align it with our building inspector requirements," Mayor Pat Jackson told council. Some homes moved into town have not met building criteria and council approved adding the requirement of

criteria and council approved adding the requirement of passing a pre-move inspection. In other building news, council also approved town staff proceed with a six-month notice for two tax title properties.

**Town buys back cemetery plot** A resident notified town staff that the plot they had purchased in the Kipling Cemetery is no longer required, and wondered if the Town of Kipling would buy it back. "Sometimes in the past, the town has bought the plot

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back," Mayor Jackson told council, adding that they do take a while to re-sell. A motion to buy the plot was made, with the town pur-

chasing the plot for \$125 from the resident.

### Council increases remuneration

Kipling Town Council amended their renumeration policy, something that has stayed the same since 2014. "There was no change needed in 2020, largely because there was no charge needed in 2020, lagery because there was the feeling that we had no way of knowing what was going to happen with Covid, whether people were going to be paying their taxes or not and things like that," said Mayor Jackson. Base annual salaries will remain the same, set at \$2,400

for the mayor and \$1,200 for councillors. There will be a slight increase for committee meetings

seeing councillors pair af \$75 (up from \$50). Regular and special council meetings are increasing to \$150 per meet-ing (from \$100), and the full-day per diem is set at \$150 (a \$25 increase) as well. Public meeting appointees will receive \$60 (up from \$50) for attendance, and fuel costs

noted an increase to follow inflation to 60 (increased from 45) cents per km. Meals were also unchanged at \$12 for breakfast, \$15 for

lunch, and \$25 for supper. The changes are retro-active to Jan. 1, 2024.

### **Budgets/Deficits approved**

A number of joint council budgets came before council for approval. Motions were made to accept the budgets of the Library Board (\$5,807); Kipling Fire Department (\$33,000); and EMO (\$5,000). The Handivan program recorded a rare deficit of \$49.84, which council also ac-





### Rocanville town council:

## Summer program back in Rocanville

### BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER After a winter storm cancelled the scheduled March 6 council meeting, Rocanville Town Council met on March 13 with the following items making up part of the agenda.

### Summer program staffed

A popular place for Rocanville kids returns this sum-mer as council approved hiring five staff for the Summer Program.

"Every year, our Recreation Department hosts a sum-mer day camp for kids that are not in daycare, but not old enough to stay home alone every day," explained Town of Rocanville Administrator Tanya Strandlund.

Held at the Rec Centre through July and August, the program is open to kids between the ages of five and 12. We have five teachers and they do all kinds of activi-," said Strandlund. "It's a great free time for the kids ties," said Stran in the summer."

Aquatic Centre updates As reported recently in the World-Spectator, Copper Ridge Construction of Wapella has been selected as the general contractor for the pool refurbishment project. The contract came up as a New Business item on the meeting agenda, just to make things official.

agenda, just to make things official. Another item was approving the MPE Engineering Confirmation of Assignment, which Strandlund ex-plained was to redo the drawings for a wood building versus a steel building for the new pool. "It's exciting that they're making plans behind the scenes of 'when and if,' and everything getting set up and started." Strandlund remarked. Work on the project is anticipated to begin chorthy of

Work on the project is anticipated to begin shortly as the successful ICIP grant gained by the Town requires substantial work be done by Dec. 31. The pool is expected to re-open in 2025.

#### New town banners

Town staff are looking at options for replacement ban-ners in town, adding a little more flare to a busy main street

"Previously, there were yellow, red and blue banners in the town, and we're looking at updating with some new designs and putting some new ones on the lamp posts to spruce up the Main Street," Strandlund said. "Right now, we're working with a couple different companies with quotes on what the material is and hardware and design-ing." ing.

### School zone congestion

A concerned citizen brought the issue of congestion in the school zone during peak times. While something the town can't really act on, the concern is a good reminder for motorists to abide by rules such as not parking in the school bus zone, plus avoiding passing a bus with stop signs out and flashing lights activated.

### **Rocanville Rec Report** Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

#### **Rocanville Noble Construction** Arena Ice Schedule

Monday Shinny 3:30-4:45 pm Tuesday Adult/preschool skate – 1-3 pm Wednesday Shinny 3:30-4:30 Thursday Adult/preschool skate – 1-3 pm Friday Public skate 3:30-5:30 pm Sunday Shinny 12-2 pm Public Skate 2-3:45 pm

**Rocanville and District Museum** Annual meeting on March 26 at 7 pm at the museum. Everyone welcome!

### **Rocanville Rec Centre**

Group Walking at the Rec Centre Walk to the oldies on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Rec Centre. Let the Inursdays at the Rec Centre. Let the rhythm guide your steps as we provide nostalgic tunes to keep you moving. Thursdays - 10 am-12 pm Thursday - 1-3 pm Bring a friend or come on your own. This is a fantastic opportunity to socialize, stay active and enjoy the company of oth-

stay active, and enjoy the company of oth-ers. All fitness levels are welcome.

**Rocanville Kids Group** For ages infant to school age Mondays and Wednesdays 9-11 am. For more infor-mation, please follow the Rocanville Kids group on Facebook.

### Walking Everyone Welcome

Mondays and Wednes-days—1-3 pm Tuesdays and Thurs-days—9 am-3 pm

### Pickle Ball Tuesdays: 7-9 pm

Puzzle and Book Swap Monday-Thursday: am-3 pm

**Rocanville Library** Open Hours: Wednesday 9 am-12 pm and 1:30 – 5:30 pm Thursday 1:30 - 5:30 pm Friday 1:30- 5:30 pm

Winter outdoor kits -Month of March • Easter Take 'n' Make – Month of March (while supplies last)
Stitch 'n' chat Night: Come on out for an evening of knitting, crocheting, drawing, embroidery, or any project you would like to bring to work on. March 21, at 7 pm • **Board Games Night:** Come on out for a fun filled evening of board games, card games, you name it! March 22 at 7 pm

### **Rocanville Community Centre**

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Linda Bock at 306-645-4287 or text 306-434-7587

The Centre is open for cards on Thurs-day afternoons from 1-3:30 pm.

### Dial-A-Van

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Dated this 12th day of March, 2024. Susan Gawryluk

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**Rocanville Community Thrift Store** The Rocanville Community Thrift Store is run by a group of local volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time at the Thrift Store please, contact Marilyn at 306-645-4553. The Thrift Store is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 1-4 pm and Thursdays 6-8 pm

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### Following meeting at SARM: Highways Minister promises work on Hwy 8

Continued from front

Carr said she understands the local oncerns. "Their concerns are all very concerns. valid and I completely understand where they're coming from," she said. "The on-road construction is expected to begin in 2024, so this summer. There

will be a major improvement on High-way 8 northeast of Rocanville to the Nutrien potash mine, which is locally known as the mine road. This is a 14.6 km long project which is estimated to cost approxi-mately \$15.1 million. That's an investment that the Government of Saskatchewan is making. "Then of course there's the other sec-

tion of road that goes all the way back into Moosomin and right now the speed limit has been reduced to 80 km/hr because there are some sections that are in very rough condition. We've had, as you will fully be aware of, a very strange winter with freeze/thaw, freeze/thaw. For roads, that's not a good mix for them, but as soon as it gets warm enough and we're able to get out there, there will be some signifi-cant patching work done on that to help

keep that road maintained for this year." She said design work on resurfacing the Moosomin to Rocanville section will begin soon.

"The design work will be started this year for the remainder of the section of that road that comes back down to Moo-

"It all comes down to the budget cycles and of course we have plans for a bunch

Highway 8 north of Moosomin showing a sign with a reduced speed of 80 km/hr. The speed on the highway was reduced due to safety concerns based on the condition of the road.



of different roads already in the mix-so roads that the design has already in the inix—so roads that the design has already been done on. We do want to get it done as soon as we can, just because of the nature of that road, the amount of traffic and the importance to the community, and that is what Steven Bonk has been advocating for.

She said a lot of work goes into deciding on the top priorities for road work.

"Everybody's road is important to them, there's no question about that, but it really does come down to safety, traffic numbers and how many people actually travel that road, the nature of the road, the type of traffic that's on that road—is it heavy equipment? Are they bigger semis? That kind of stuff. So all of those factors come into play and of course the condition of the existing road.'

She said economic factors also come

She said economic factors also come into play. "Economic growth is definitely a con-sideration that needs to be taken into ac-count. The province of Saskatchewan at this point in time is really blessed with economic growth and it's not just in the Moosomin area—it is happening right across this province. So a lot of factors go into play but economics definitely do also. With growth it's great, but there are these other things that come into play with growth."

She said the province continues to spend significant dollars on highway improvements.

"Over the past few years we've had some really big projects and of course over Covid we did some stimulus fund-ing to keep people working so we had a little bit extra, but overall the Ministry of Highways' capital budget stays fairly consistent. Last year, because of inflation, it did get a top-up to help cover some of those factors and of course we do have a budget coming out next week that will inbudget coming out next week that will in-dicate what happens next year." Carr heard about the state of Highway 8 between Moosomin and Rocanville from

Kyle Toffan, the deputy minister of High-ways, who was on that road recently.

"My Deputy Minister Kyle Toffan, his children are in hockey and so he was on that road two weeks ago. So he got to see firsthand exactly what the condition is. He has the same consensus as the community, that it needs some work.

### Meeting with Minister Carr: on Hwy MLA, reeve happy with meeting

#### BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Moosomin MLA Steven Bonk and RM of Moosomin Reeve David Moffatt say they

Moosomin Reeve David Moffatt say they are happy with how a meeting with High-ways Minister Lori Carr went last week. "I knew that SARM Convention was on this week and I thought what a better opportunity to meet face-to-face with the minister to discuse concerne directly from opportunity to meet race-to-race with the minister to discuss concerns directly from the RMs that are affected," Bonk said. "I was happy to facilitate that meeting. I'd been speaking with the minister for quite some time about the dire state of Highway 8 so she was well aware of it, as were the highway officials, and I just thought it was an excellent time for all of us to sit together in one room and talk about the situation.

In one room and talk about the situation. "Our government is committed to mak-ing sure that our highways are in good order, particularly Highway 8, which is home to the most efficient potash mine in the world. As well we've got the ter-minal in Moosomin, we've got businesses like IJack right on Highway 8, we've got Goodman Steel in Rocanville. It's a very important artery for our province Having important artery for our province. Having said that, they were very well aware of the need to have that highway in good order, but I think having everyone in the same room at the same time really helped solid-ify the fact that this needs to be looked at

sooner rather than later." Bonk said it helped that the deputy minister of highways recently took the high-way between Moosomin and Rocanville. "It helped for sure," he said. "I've been trying to bring the minister up but she's been so busy here with budget finaliza-tion and getting ready for the budget that will be presented on March 20, but she has agreed to come sometime."

He said it's good to know that a long-term fix is in the works for the section be-tween Moosomin and Rocanville.

"Of course everyone would want it to happen sooner—I think everyone was surprised at how quickly the road deteriorat-ed. That was a bit of a curveball. But I am happy that things are moving forward and we know that it's definitely in the works now. I think just knowing that will be a bit of a relief to the citizens who rely on it everv dav.

He said it feels good to see a positive meeting, and know that improvements to

Highway 8 are in the works. "That's the good part of the job when you can help accomplish something. So I really appreciate all of the RMs, particu-larly the reeves David Moffatt and Melissa Ruhland, who have helped me out. I really appreciate their efforts and their advocacy. They've been a pleasure to work with and are just pragmatic people, so I really do appreciate their input. "They presented their case in the proper manner. They did it objectively and left the

emotion out of it-more on the fact of why we need it, the economic impacts, the importance of the road, and they did advo-cacy exactly how it should be done." He said the economic boom in the Moo-

He said the economic boom in the Moo-somin Region helped make the case for Highway 8 improvements. "It absolutely makes a difference," he said. "As you know, our government re-leased its growth plan for 2030 and a big part of our plan for growth includes in-creasing the GDP in areas such as value added ag products, potash exports, energy avronts, oil and case an actory like High exports, oil and gas—an artery like High-way 8 between Moosomin and Rocanville is so vital to moving products—the prod-ucts that we're trying to get to market. That plays a huge role in deciding the priorities of our government.'

### Moffatt says

meeting went well RM of Moosomin reeve David Moffat says he is happy with how the meeting with Carr went. "Steven Bonk had called and asked if we

could be available or if I could be available to meet with him and the Minister of Highways to discuss Highway 8 and asked me if I could get a hold of the Rocanville reeve to be able to come to the meeting, so we had a meeting with the minister, her depu-ty minister and colleagues, ourselves and Steven Bonk. So we got into it about High-way 8 and just how terrible it is and how it's deteriorating. "The first point I tried to make was the

safety aspect and then I went into how big of a business Nutrien is and how many employees and subcontractors are there. Then from there we went onto the economic development in the area. Luckily enough her deputy minister had actually been on it a week prior so they knew a little about it, but when he drove on it he really found out how rough the shape of it is and how deteriorated it is. "We discussed all of the projects that are

happening in the area including the air-port. They said it's going to be a huge fix for this season, then working on the plan for courterform of

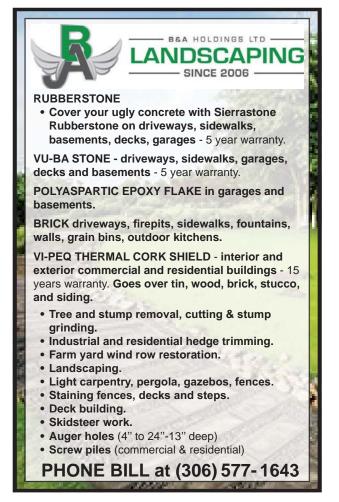
for this season, then working on the prime for resurfacing." Moffatt said he is very happy with the work MLA Steven Bonk put into the effort to get Highway 8 on the government's ra-

dar. "I would like to give kudos to our MLA for arranging the meeting and thinking of

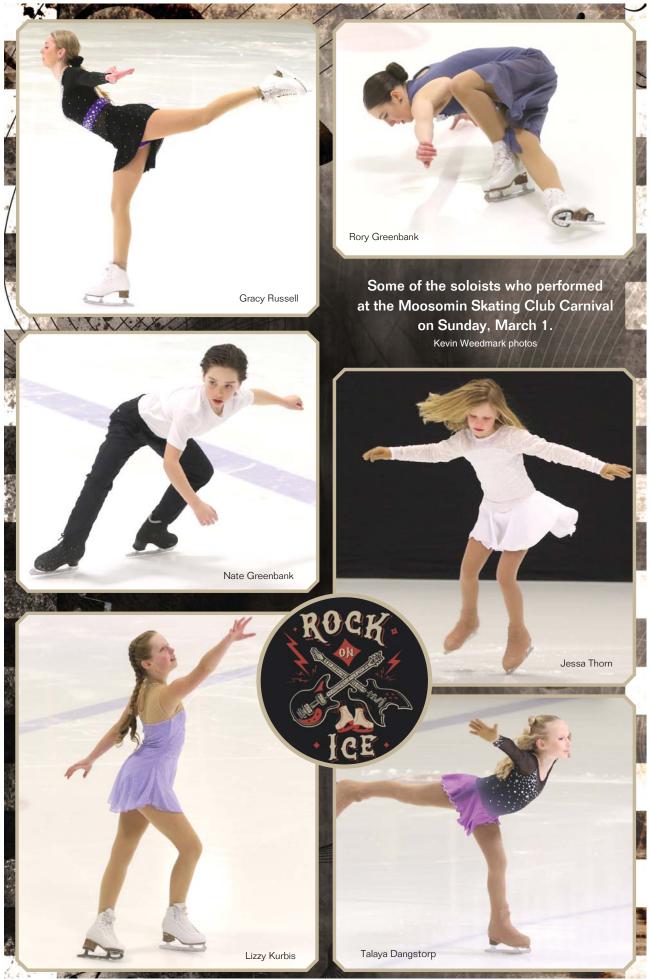
us and having us there because we're on the front line. So he really was quick think-

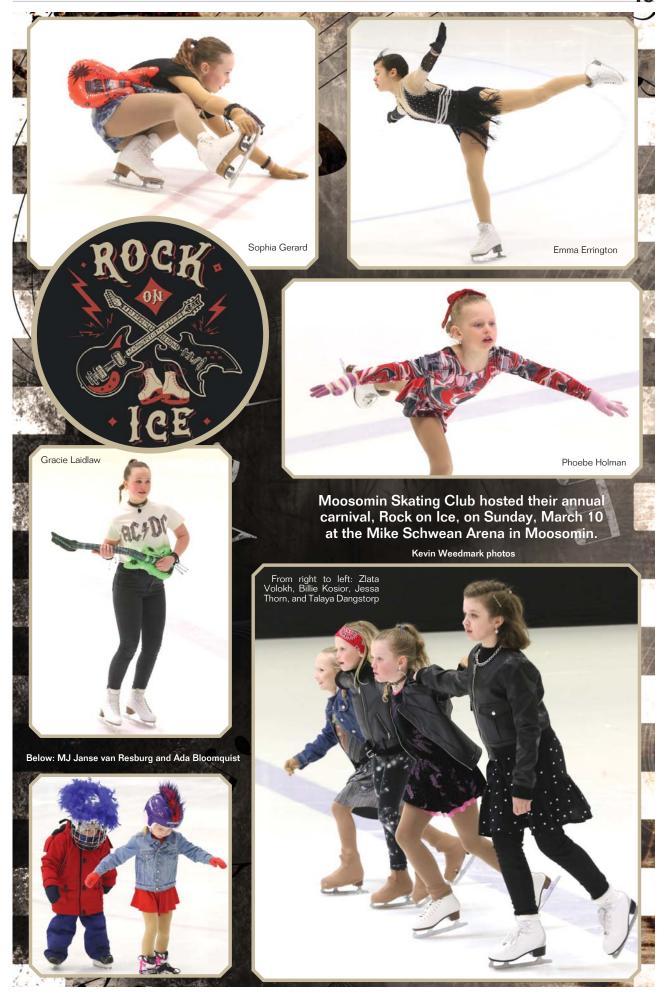
"After that meeting, I'm confident we're going to see some action on that highway

which is important, because it's one of our main arteries and connections and right now we're seeing one of our biggest eco-nomic development drives ever, so this is really important for the region."















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