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\$100,000 for Moosomin Airport Expansion Project

Kevin Weedmark photo

Darcy Rambold of Moosomin Pharmasave is donating \$100,000 to the Moosomin Airport Expansion project. From left are Jeff St. Onge of the Airport Fundraising Committee, RM of Moosomin CAO Kendra Lawrence, Darcy Rambold of Moosomin Pharmasave, and Dr. Van of the Airport Fundraising Committee. See article on Page 3.

Out of \$2,650,000 to be raised:

Fourth stage of airport fundraising at \$1,746,514

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
 The fourth stage of fundraising for the Moosomin Airport Expansion has reached two-thirds of its goal in just a few weeks, thanks in part to a massive contribution of \$500,000 from IJACK.

Kristijan Hebert has helped organize the fundraising for the airport expansion and says he's happy with how the fourth stage is going.

"We divided the \$10.6 million into four, and it worked out that 25 per cent to each group—the province, local governments, Nutrien, and local businesses and individuals—is \$2.65 million," he said.

"Anybody would write a cheque for everything they have if they ever had a child that needed to get on a Sask Air Ambulance to get to Saskatoon in time . . . Whether it was my child or someone in my family, or someone in your family, I want that air ambulance to be accessible for anybody in our community."

— Kristijan Hebert

"Nutrien was slightly over that, the government is slightly under that, but they're close. The one we just started working on is the businesses. With Dan's half million dollars in there and with a couple others that I at least have verbal confirmation from, I've got us at about \$1.746 million raised from local and private donations,

which leaves about \$900,000.

"Based on the fact that we've just started the private donation run here about two and a half weeks ago, to raise what we have is pretty awesome.

"Hats off to IJACK to lead the way as a local, private company with that kind of a contribution. I think it just shows the roots

that entrepreneurs and business owners have in this area and I think it should urge a lot of the larger companies that are in the area to step up and have a good look at what a local, private entrepreneur is doing on this airport and hopefully they might match it."

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School division settles on south site for daycare

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
 The Southeast Cornerstone School Division, which is providing land for the second Play Fair Daycare to be built on, has decided that the originally planned site, at the south end of the playground facing Gertie Street, would be the best location.

After the location was originally announced, there were some questions from neighbors of the site, and suggestions that a better site might be at the northwest corner of the school grounds.

The school division investigated the possibility and decided to stay with the original site, partly because the land at the northwest corner of the school grounds may be needed for a future school or for school expansion.

"Originally, our focus was on the south end of the playground," said Southeast Cornerstone Director of Education Keith Keating. "This area has been underutilized by the schools because its dense tree cover and shrubs made it challenging to effectively supervise children relative to other parts of the playground."

"After further discus-

sion, we shifted our attention to the north end. Taking into account ministry space requirements and feedback from local administrators, we concluded that any future school expansion (including portable classrooms, additions, or new school buildings) would face limitations in this location. Additionally, it could impact the current use of the school grounds and potentially lead to playground issues down the line.

"After consulting with the firm working on the planning, South Prairie Design, it was concluded that locating the project in the south would be suitable for off-street staff parking, the necessary parent drop-off loop, and overall space requirements for the construction."

Play Fair Daycare has been approved by the Ministry of Education for 90 new spots, which will require a second building. Currently Play Fair has 71 spots. Between the two buildings it will have a total of 161 spots.

Saskatchewan Minister of Education Jeremy Cockrill is tentatively sched-



A project site plan for Play Fair Daycare.

uled to speak at the May 28 Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting to

speaking about the day care and other issues.

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Excited bidder at the Fleming Pie Auction

Kari Kosior hands a plate of cupcakes to her daughter Rayna, who was one of the winning bidders at the Fleming Pie Auction on April 5. Turn to Page 21 for more.

**Moosomin Airport Expansion:
Pharmasave donates \$100,000**

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Darcy Rambold of Moosomin Pharmasave is donating \$100,000 to the Moosomin Airport Expansion project.

“Jeff St. Onge and Dr. Van sold me when they came and did their presentation to the Chamber of Commerce about the airport and the air ambulance,” Rambold said. “That’s the big selling feature for me, what the air ambulance could do for our community.”

He said he believes the airport expansion, providing the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance with access to Moosomin, will be a lifesaver.

“It’s going to save lives, there’s no doubt about it, and with the added benefits of the airport for business and tourism and recreation, it multiplies, there are many ways it’s going to benefit our community. I think it’s going to help us grow.”

“The big thing though is the medical system. It’s going to help put our medical services on the map, and save lives.”

“With the access to the stroke centre in Saskatoon, if somebody has a stroke, they’ll have a much better chance of not just surviving, but getting back to a normal way of life. The STARS ambulance has been a huge boost to our medical system here but the Air Ambulance will multiply many more times over.”

Rambold says it feels great to be able to help with a project like the airport expansion.

“I’ve always been glad to contribute. I’ve been successful in this community due to the people in the community who have supported me, and I’m just glad to give back.”

‘No one wins alone’

Dr. Schalk Van Der Merwe says he’s happy to see the significant donations coming in for the airport expansion.

“I’ve actually been thinking about how you articulate something like this. I read a book by Mark Messier that’s called ‘No one wins alone,’ and I think that this describes

this project and a lot of other things that are going on in this community. In a community where everyone comes together, everybody wins. No one can win alone. You can’t do it all by yourself. Without generous support from people like Darcy this project would never be where it is. If you look at the 15 municipalities who are supporting this, and so many private businesses, and Darcy, it’s incredible to see how it ties the community together,” Dr. Van concluded.

Working together

“There’s nothing that brings people together like working on something together,” added Rambold. “Everyone’s working together on the airport, and I’ve seen the difference that can make. I came back here to work in 1992 and I’ve seen the changes that have happened in Moosomin and it’s been incredible. A lot of it has hinged around that new hospital. Everything has pretty much revolved around it. When the government looks at spending money on stuff like that, they’ve got to look at more than just the healthcare. They have to look at the benefits it’s giving to the community. It’s just incredible the changes that facility has made in town here.”

Dr. Van said despite the scale of the airport project, he never doubted the community would make it happen. “I never had any doubt,” he said. “It’s a big commitment and it’s a lot of money, so you’re always kind of wondering are we really going to be able to do this. But this project just took off and almost took on a life of its own.”

“This whole project started with Jeff (St. Onge) and I having a conversation, ‘Can we put some lights on the airport?’ That’s how this started. Jeff said, ‘We still don’t have lights but we do have an airport.’ It’s just been an incredible experience to be a part of something like this. Who wouldn’t want to be a part of something like this? You can’t help but smile when something like this happens and when it comes to fruition, everyone benefits. There’s no better feeling.”

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Alex Bruce of Moosomin left \$100,000 in his will to the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation, \$50,000 to the Moosomin Swimming Pool, and \$20,000 to the Whitewood Community Health Centre.



Alex Bruce leaves \$170,000 in bequests to local charities

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Alex Bruce of Moosomin, who passed away last year, left money in his will for both the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation and Moosomin's swimming pool, as well as the Whitewood Community Health Centre.

A bequest of \$100,000 was left for the Health Care Foundation, and \$50,000 was left for the pool, while \$20,000 was left for the Whitewood Community Health Centre. The bequests came as a surprise to the organizations that received them.

"He left the money to the hospital, I'm guessing, and from talking to him, because all of his brothers and sisters-in-law all

went to the hospital in Moosomin," says Alex's nephew Ray Bruce. "So that was one of the reasons. The swimming pool, the money he left there was because he always thought everybody should learn how to swim. That was the reason for leaving the money to Moosomin swimming pool—because he thought that everybody should have the opportunity to learn how to swim.

"For Whitewood, he had a stroke about five or six years ago and he ended up at the Whitewood Community Health Centre there and he was treated so good that he felt that he should leave some money to them. So that was the reason—really, they

treated him really good there in Whitewood."

What kind of person was Alex?

"He was a retired farmer, very quiet, a hard worker, and he loved land," says Ray. "Even when he was on his dying bed he said, 'I want to buy some more land.' He loved the land, what it produced and everything else. But he was a very smart man and he loved dealing with financials. He said, 'If I ever have to come back and do something else with my life, I'd be a financial advisor.' He loved doing that kind of work. He loved gardening. He was a bachelor and it was nice that he left money to the community like that.

"He always bought tickets for everything that was going on in the community and outside of the community for the hospitals in Saskatoon and Regina and different places. He won some money at the 50/50 fundraiser which they do every year in Leroy, Saskatchewan. For some reason he said, 'I bought cattle there once and that's why I continue to buy the tickets from Leroy,' and he won a fair amount of money there in the 50/50 one year.

"He loved to give and he was just a very kind hearted individual. He would give you the shirt off of his back if you asked him for it."

Alex Bruce passed away on July 30, 2023.



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Record revenue sharing for municipalities

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

More money for communities is always a good thing, and communities across the province will receive just that thanks to a boost in municipal revenue sharing. From the recent provincial budget announcement, more than \$340 million will be distributed to municipalities—the equivalent of 0.75 of one full Provincial Sales Tax point. The total allocated is a new record in the funding program, and an increase of 10.7 per cent from the \$297.9 million delivered last year.

The funding stream comes with no strings attached, allowing local governments to spend their portion however they wish.

"We got a lot going on this year with a lot of expense with the water treatment plant and extras, and we're doing nearly \$1 million dollars of paving this year, too," said Moosomin mayor Larry Tomlinson. "So, yeah, every dollar helps."

Over in Rocanville, they're share of \$248,034 will certainly help with the increased cost of everything, and a with their indoor pool refurbishment project currently underway.

The funding formula used by the provincial government to calculate disbursements uses three-quarters of one point of PST from two years prior, essentially meaning the funding grows along with the economy and inflation. This year's funding pot will see \$218 million going to urban municipalities, around \$97 million for rural communities and \$25.2 million for northern communities.

Breakdown

The Town of Moosomin will receive \$769,662 this year, up 14.49 per cent from \$672,231 last year.

The Town of Esterhazy will receive \$665,613 this year, up 17.06 per cent from \$568,584 last year.

The Town of Fleming will receive \$21,396 this year, up 12.98 per cent from \$18,937 last year.

The Town of Kipling will receive \$299,782 this year, up 14.42 per cent from \$261,990 last year.

The Town of Moosomin will receive \$769,662 this year, up 14.49 per cent from \$672,231 last year.

The Town of Redvers will receive \$280,964 this year, up 14.42 per cent from \$245,561 last year.

The Town of Rocanville will receive \$248,034 this year, up 14.44 per cent from \$216,810 last year.

The Town of Saltcoats will receive \$132,916 this year, up 14.28 per cent from \$116,303 last year.

The Town of Wapella will receive \$91,407 this year, up 14.17 per cent from \$80,063 last year.

The Town of Wawota will receive \$155,608 this year, up 14.32 per cent from \$136,115 last year.

The Village of Atwater will receive \$9,497 this year, up 11.1 per cent from \$8,548 last year.

The Village of Fairlight will receive \$13,094 this year, up 12.02 per cent from \$11,689 last year.

The Village of Kennedy will receive \$66,225 this year, up 14.03 per cent from \$58,077 last year.

The Village of Maryfield will receive \$88,087 this year, up 14.15 per cent from \$77,164 last year.

The Village of Spy Hill will receive \$49,899 this year, up 13.87 per cent from \$43,822 last year.

The Village of Stockholm will receive \$93,068 this year, up 14.18 per cent from \$81,512 last year.

The Village of Storhocks will receive \$25,823 this year, up 13.24 per cent from \$22,803 last year.

The Village of Tantalion will receive \$25,270 this year, up 8.36 per cent from \$23,320 last year.

The Town of Broadview will receive \$151,734 this year, up 14.32 per cent from \$132,732 last year.

The Town of Sintaluta will receive \$36,339 this year, up 13.62 per cent from \$31,984 last year.

The RM of Moosomin will receive \$262,854 this year, up 21.68 per cent from \$216,013 last year.

The RM of Martin will receive \$242,154 this year, up 20.65 per cent from \$200,708 last year.

The RM of Silverwood will receive \$293,117 this year, up 19.91 per cent from \$244,444 last year.

The RM of Kingsley will receive \$313,036 this year, up 18.96 per cent from \$263,139 last year.

The RM of Chester will receive \$211,117 this year, up 19.31 per cent from \$176,950 last year.

The RM of Wolesley will receive \$407,238 this year, up 9.95 per cent from \$370,375 last year.

The RM of Elcapo will receive \$675,074 this year, up 18.65 per cent from \$568,971 last year.

The RM of Willowdale will receive \$344,219 this year, up 16.51 per cent from \$295,443 last year.

The RM of Spy Hill will receive \$156,255 this year, up 27.55 per cent from \$122,506 last year.

The RM of Rocanville will receive \$210,408 this year, up 17.76 per cent from \$178,672 last year.

The RM of Fertile Belt will receive \$373,985 this year, up 20.4 per cent from \$310,618 last year.

The RM of Maryfield will receive \$239,177 this year, up 17.82 per cent from \$202,998 last year.

The RM of Walpole will receive \$352,754 this year, up 18.93 per cent from \$296,596 last year.

The RM of Antler will receive \$306,457 this year, up 23.3 per cent from \$248,532 last year.

The RM of Moose Mountain will receive \$277,288 this year, up 24.77 per cent from \$222,228 last year.

The RM of Wawken will receive \$274,544 this year, up 20.15 per cent from \$228,500 last year.

Moosomin Airport Expansion:

Pharmasave donates \$100,000

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The call for tenders for the airport pavement is now open. Tenders close April 24 and the requested date of completion of the paving in the tender documents is September 15.

September 15 is the requested date of completion. The new runway will be the third longest in the province at 5,000 feet.


"Lots of times we get the question, 'Why did you build it 5,000 feet?'" says Dr. Van. "We built it like that because that's what the pilots that we surveyed requested—the pilots who fly for the air ambulance and that fly for the big companies, because that's what they need to put those big jets down, and to put the air ambulance down safely and get off the runway safely. So that's why it's 5,000 feet. So for us, our next big push is for electrical. If we can get paving and electrical done by the fall then it's operational."

Fifteen municipalities are helping fund the airport

project, along with the provincial government, Nutrien, and local businesses and individuals.

"None of this would have been possible without the towns and RM giving their support and then the RM of Moosomin taking on the bulk of the responsibility," said Dr. Van. "Without the RMs' and the towns' support, this project wouldn't be happening they were the first ones who were like, 'Yup, this is going,' and even when we went back to them and said, 'Look, this is how much the cost has escalated.' They were like, 'Yup, tell us how much you need,' and the commitments started rolling in the next day."

"There's been incredible support—like unbelievable. I'm just blown away but that's the Saskatchewan way. This province was built by people supporting each other and supporting their neighbors. That's the way this province was built, and is still being built and will continue being built. If we don't look after each other nobody else will and that's just the way things should be done."



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Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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Community Donations

Moosomin Parks and Recreation would like to extend a request to the community for donations towards the Sports Equipment Loaner Building. Maybe you have an old ball glove, an old pair of skates, an old cornhole game, an old set of disc golf discs, an old set of golf clubs, or an old bike... whatever!

Keep in mind, all of this equipment is available to both in town and out of town residents. As such we would also be excited for out of town donations to the inventory. Parks and Rec would be more than happy to pick up any donations both in and out of town.

If you would be willing to donate to this amazing program please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or phone at 435-7578.

Mike Schwean Arena winter season comes to an end

It has been another unbelievable year at the MS Arena. I honestly do not think there is a busier rink in rural Saskatchewan. In the end we ran for 28 weeks with the season culminating with a:

- Big Six Senior Hockey Championship
- U18 MHL 2nd Place Finish
- U15 MHL Championship
- U13 MHL B Side Championship

That will go down as one of the most successful seasons in several years! Thank you to all our patrons over the past few months. It's time to enjoy a wonderful summer and then we can wait to have you all back in October of 2024!

MS Arena Virtual Trophy Case

This project has been behind schedule due to some damage to equipment, however finally we expect it be installed this week. When up, it will be more than worth the wait as the two TVs will include pictures of trophies, Wall of Fame Members and pictures, all with QR codes that you can download on your phone. The second TV will include a listing of schedules and special events in and around Moosomin.

Thank you to Home Team Live

Moosomin Parks and Rec would like to extend a thank you to Home Team Live, our live game provider at the MS Arena. They have been fantastic to work with all season and we look forward to continuing our partnership in 2024/2025 and beyond!

Community Gardens Opportunity

Town of Moosomin is currently accepting bookings for their 2024 Community Garden Program.

- Prices include:
- 10x15 plots are \$30
 - 10x30 plots are \$60
 - Garden boxes are \$20

If you are interested in booking a plot or would like further information please contact s.krygertownofmoosomin@sasktel.net

Major Sponsorship Opportunity

Moosomin Parks and Recreation (Town of Moosomin) are currently looking for a feature sponsor for a new pickleball court. Terms, conditions and amounts negotiable.

This is a tremendous opportunity to play a major role in the recreation landscape in Moosomin. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in both North America, Canada and dare I say, Moosomin, where club numbers have absolutely skyrocketed in the last year.

We are looking at two to four courts at Bradley Park situated between Elks Field, the playground, Golf World and Pharmasave Field—also close to REMAX Court where we have concession and public washroom facilities. We envision fenced courts covered in vines and treed along the outside border. It will be an amazing addition to the community and we know it will get a huge amount of usage. If you would like to further discuss this sponsorship opportunity, please call Mike at 435-3622 or you can email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Moosomin 2024 Iron Man

Another Iron Man has come and gone. It was another epic affair with several teams in the running late into Saturday night. In the end, the Ding Dongs repeated as champions, winning both 2023 and 2024. Second place went to

a perennial powerhouse in the Moosomin Leafs. Up-and-comers are the Moosomin Mustangs who finished third for the second consecutive year. Thanks to all the teams for participating. It was too much fun to remember and we can't wait for 2025!

Sportsplex Season

We are winding down another wonderful year at the award winning Nutrien Sportsplex. That said, we still have close to a month left. Our last day is scheduled for Saturday, May 4. After May 4, the facility and deck are still available, however that would be for larger private functions only.

Team Windups at the Sportsplex

Our Team Windup Special at the Nutrien Sportsplex is back again for the spring of 2024!

These specials are open to all in town and out of town teams. Specials include:

- Entire Building Rentals discounted 25% to \$412.50
 - Simulators discounted 25% to \$337.50
 - 2 Sims discounted 25% to \$187.50
 - 2 Sims and 3 Bowling Lanes discounted 25% to \$225
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- AND...if teams use our kitchen for their windup food we will further:
- Discount those prices by another 25%
- For bookings please call Angela at 435-3622 or you can email at angl99@hotmail.com.

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 instructions and you're set!

We already have over 300 kids registered so act quickly to avoid disappointment on your preferred set date.

Dates include:

- Public Sets**
- 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 # 5 - 1 week session from August 5 to August 9
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- Private Sets (All 1-week sets)**
- Set # 1 from June 17 to June 21
 - Set # 2 from July 15 to July 19
 - Set # 3 from July 29 to August 2

2024 Borderland Co-op Aquaplex News

We are excited about the 2024 Summer Pool season and with that we have some upgrades we expect in place for 2024! These include:

- 90 ft of pergolas on the west deck for sun shade
- New off-line chlorinator for our hot tub
- New filter cartridges for the pool
- New filter cartridges for the hot tub

The Circus is coming!

Coming up on Tuesday, April 16 at the Conexus Convention Centre!

Camping spots open for bookings

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

Dry ice surface bookings at MS Arena now open

Our plant went off yesterday. This week the staff will work to get the ice out and then starting next week the facility will be available for dry land bookings. If you would like to book the facility please call us at 435-3622 or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

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!

Outdoor Pickle Ball Court/Committee

If you would be interested in joining a fundraising committee 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

Sportsplex Men's and Ladies' Night!

Golfers are reminded that Thursday nights are men's/ladies' golf nights 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 on Wednesday and Friday afternoons with a 1 pm tee time. This is for both men 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 dtowler@sasktel.net

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!

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 at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net.

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Communities in Bloom

We had such a successful year with Communities in Bloom. There was an amazing spirit shown by the Town of Moosomin, Moosomin Regional Park and Pipestone Hills Golf Course...of course at contest end we were named Provincial Champions! I can't wait for our efforts in 2024...watch for details in the coming weeks!

NOTICE TOWN OF WAWOTA PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Town of Wawota for the year of 2024 has been prepared and will be open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, April 19th to May 21st, 2024.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of The Municipalities Act has been passed and the assessment notices will be sent as required.

Any person who wishes to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the assessor at the Town of Wawota, Box 58, 308 Railway Avenue, Wawota SK, S0G 5A0. A notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$25.00 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful, must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Revision:

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7:00 p.m.

Moosomin Conexus Convention Centre

Out of \$2,650,000 to be raised: Fourth stage of airport fundraising at \$ 1,746,514

Continued from front

Hebert said the \$500,000 contribution from IJACK makes a huge difference.

"When you're talking to these local companies, you tell them that there's lots of donations in the \$25,000 range, Celebration Ford donated \$50,000, you had Conexus at \$100,000 and you had Nutrien at \$2.8 million and everyone would kind of migrate to the \$25,000 to \$100,000 range. So to me now, to kind of say when someone says, 'What are you thinking we should give?' we can give an example like, 'Here are some donations of \$25,000, here's Celebration Ford at \$50,000, Conexus at \$100,000 and here's IJack at \$500,000—where do you think you fit in there?' I think having that range of local donations being \$25,000 to \$500,000 is huge versus having the goal post being \$25,000 to \$100,000, and I have no doubt it will encourage some larger donations."

Target can be met

Hebert said he has no doubt the \$2.65 million target for the fourth stage of fundraising can be met.

"We're at \$1.746 million already so no, I don't have any doubt. The timing is always something you're a little nervous about on how fast it will come but we've had, as I said, a couple in the \$200,000 range that have given me verbal commitment and lots of the big companies, we're still in discussion with—big companies like Brandt, Pattison Ag, Mazergroup, Richardson Pioneer and Rocky Mountain Equipment. They're all good examples of who we're in discussions with that I think the airport plays a pretty large role for some of them. They're big companies in the area, so I'm really comfortable that we're going to get it raised.

"It's not just the big donations that matter, though. Every \$500 donation really counts. When we went to the towns and the RMs we talked about them contributing \$350 per person and that's how we calculated their numbers. All of those add up. Anything that anybody can do locally, is very important.

"The way we always explain it is that anybody would write a cheque for everything they have if they ever had a child that needed to get on a Sask Air Ambulance to get to Saskatoon in time. No amount would be too much.

"So really, in my mind, this is just prepaying should you ever need it or should you ever have somebody you love need it. We're a community that cares for each other. Part of the reason we made our donation is because whether it was my child or someone in my family, or someone in your family, I want that air ambulance to be accessible for anybody in our community."



A digital rendering of the new Moosomin runway once completed.

Strong support from area

Hebert says the success of the entire \$10.6 million fundraising effort for the airport expansion project is a testament to the Moosomin area.

"Moosomin and area has always had a pretty good name for finding ways to find success and I do believe that the formation of the Community Builders' Alliance and the collaboration that's been created there has just added rocket fuel to the fire. Everybody is starting to see the benefits of working together.

"Also I think we've put a stake in the ground for the provincial government that this area is a very important area to the province and to the future. Nutrien understands that. They've invested hundreds of millions of dollars in the area in the last decade. So it's our job to show that that's going to continue when we want more companies here and more people here.

"Lots of the data you've managed to dig up has shown that if you're in a 75-100 kilometer range, we are as big as Yorkton and as big as Estevan.

"If you look at our location on Highway 1 and our closeness to the border, I don't see any reason why our goal can't be to be the next Swift Current—just on the other side of the province.

"But we have to have everybody rowing in the same direction and focused on the big projects that need to be focused on. Then we can pick them off one at a time and

"We're a community that cares for each other. Part of the reason we made our donation is because whether it was my child or someone in my family, or someone in your family, I want that air ambulance to be accessible for anybody in our community."

—Kristijan Hebert

move onto the next one and I think that strategy has really paid off in spades here in the last 24 months."

Two important benefits

He said that to him, both the health care aspect and the economic development of the airport project are important.

"I've always spoken on the two different pieces. One is healthcare and I think everyone would spend all of their savings if they had a loved one, specifically a child or a stroke victim, that needed to get to Saskatoon and every minute counts, and having the ability to have the Sask Air Ambulance land here will make a big difference.

"The second piece is the economic side. I deal a lot with entrepreneurs and for entrepreneurs, the one thing that they're trying to find is time. So what you'll find in today's world is that there aren't a lot of new businesses. There are second, third and fourth locations of businesses and we want to show the world, but specifically Western Canada and the northern States, that Moosomin is open for business. You can land here and we'd love for you to put your second business here in Moosomin and find a local group to run it for you and be a junior partner.

"That's what we want and we're open for business. If we don't they'll find other places to go and I think you see that in Estevan and Yorkton that have had some good, funded, private runways in the past, and there's a pile of planes that get parked in Yorkton instead of getting parked in Regina. So when they land, they're going into town and they're looking at what Yorkton has and we want to make Moosomin that place on the map.

"I also think we have a unique place right now with Virden doing what they're doing with their runway and us being on either sides of the border. The runways are in different directions. It will be a very, very unique place in Canada to be able to land planes in those two communities virtually every day of the year and be able to have access to the services that they offer. I get excited about the next stage of collaboration."

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In our opinion:

Rebuilding military will be a big task

Good money managers always keep a little cash on hand for expenses they cannot foresee. If only the short-term thinkers in our federal government could figure that out.

Two years ago, the Trudeau government committed to conducting a defence policy review in response to a series of international crises that – in the government's own words – have created a world that is "less secure and less predictable."

From Russia's invasion of Ukraine to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's belligerence to China's and Russia's encroachment into portions of the Arctic that Canadians claim as theirs, there are glaring warning signs that it's time to circle the wagons. It once again feels as though dark forces are pushing the world into a perilous state.

Those of us who believe our freedoms are only as secure as our ability to defend them are feeling heightened alarm. And yet, the federal government appears unable to rise to the challenge.

The defence policy review remains stalled behind closed doors. A report by Robert Fife and Steven Chase of the Globe and Mail quotes an unnamed source who says the Liberal caucus is choking on the cost of rebuilding our sadly depleted military equipment, such as submarines, tanks and drones.

The source told the Globe reporters the government keeps delaying publication because of the "sticker shock" for new equipment. According to the Canadian Global Affairs Institute think tank, there are about \$100 billion of unfunded capital asset replacement projects.

And then there's the personnel. It is believed the military is about 16,000 members below full strength and its branches are operating below readiness thresholds half the time.

All of this flies in the face of the good intentions expressed by the Trudeau government. Two years ago, the government promised to boost the defence budget by \$553 billion over the next 20 years. In July 2023, the government signed on to a NATO communiqué that stated parties to the military alliance would "make an enduring commitment to invest at least two percent of our Gross Domestic Product (GDP) annually on defence." One-fifth of that was to go toward major equipment and research and development.

The reality falls far short of the aspirations. NATO released estimates in March saying Canada is only spending 1.33 percent of GDP on defence, and there is no clear timeline for our country to meet its commitments.

Reasonable people might ask, what is the problem? The answer is infuriatingly simple. The government has run up the federal debt, spending well beyond the revenue it takes in. Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland's budget projects total expenditures will be \$496.9 billion in 2023-24. When the Trudeau government assumed power in 2014-15, total expenditures were \$289.4 billion. The federal government's current debt is more than \$1.2 trillion, or nearly \$31,000 for every person in the country, according to debt.ca.

Where is all the money going? A lot of it is program spending – i.e., various programs the federal government has gotten involved in. In 2014-15, program spending was 12.8 percent of gross domestic product (GDP). Today, program spending is more than 16 percent of GDP.

Part of the increased spending is driven by commitments the Trudeau government made to the federal NDP in a deal that would ensure the minority government would not be forced into an election before 2025. Chief among those are laudable but hugely expensive programs: a national pharmacare program would cost \$32 billion over four years, according to an estimate from the federal budgetary office, and a dental care program for Canadians without coverage would be \$4 billion in the first year alone.

And then there was the (supposedly) once-in-a-lifetime spending during the COVID-19 pandemic on the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) and Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) – programs that were hastily rolled out without a vetting mechanism in place. The Fraser Institute puts the amount of money wasted at \$89.9 billion, adding \$8.3 billion to present-day interest costs.

Finally, there is a federal public service. In the first seven years of the Trudeau government, the number of federal employees increased by 31 percent, or nearly 80,000 new employees. (Compare that to the 16,000 personnel the military needs right now – one-fifth the number of bureaucrats the feds have added.)

It's clear the rainy day fund has been drained. The federal government has committed to spending so much money, in part just to cling to power, that there is little left to bolster our military at a time when we need it to be in fighting form.

This is troubling. Canada has had a proud military history, punching above its weight in both world wars, in Korea, in Afghanistan, and in multiple peacekeeping roles. But since the 1960s, successive federal governments have been relying on the "peace dividend" – spending as little as possible on the military because we felt we didn't need to at a time when global threats appeared to be easing.

And, of course, we had our big brother, the United States, right next door to help keep us safe.

That era, if it ever truly existed, is over. The hounds of war are at the door, and even our once-reliable neighbour to the south is seriously toying with re-electing an erratic totalitarian despot whose understanding of international trade relations wouldn't get him out of elementary school.

We must, once again, take destiny into our own hands.

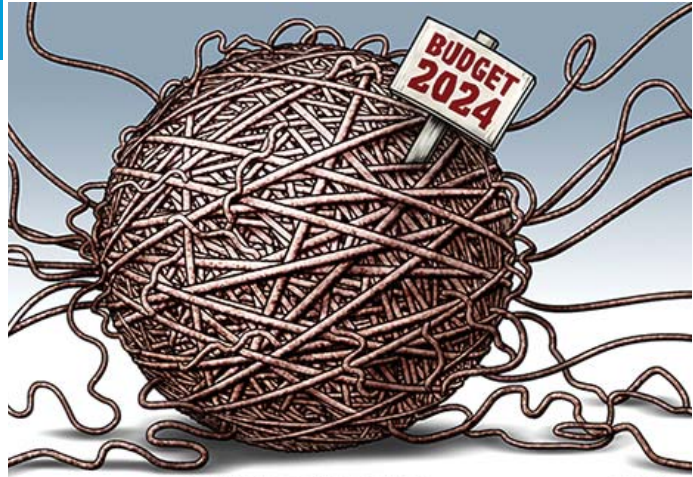
I've had debates with my peacenik friends. I agree; it's a shame we have to spend money on war machines when we could put those resources to better use. If only Putin, Kim, Xi, ISIS, and a thousand other people and radical groups didn't hold vastly different views of the world order.

Getting our military back to where it needs to be will not only take an enormous injection of cash and long-term commitment from the Department of Defence. It will also take a government that can reorder our spending priorities so we have the fiscal capacity to live up to the promises we have made to ourselves and our allies.

If you are wondering how much is at stake, just look to Ukraine.

Alas, this government has neither the resolve nor the capacity to rebuild our military. Surprisingly, Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre has not shown the level of outrage over the shortfall in defence spending one would expect. Given that, as prime minister, Trudeau is a dead man walking, and the Conservative leader is his likely successor, Poilievre would do well to make an unbreakable commitment to breathe new life into our military.

This editorial was written by Doug Firby, an award-winning editorial writer with over four decades of experience working for newspapers, magazines and online publications in Ontario and Western Canada. Previously, he served as Editorial Page Editor at the Calgary Herald.



STRINGS ATTACHED

J.B. Weedmark.com

I have a few questions ... as usual!

One thing I am never short of is opinions. Another is questions!

A couple of weeks back I spoke with the producer and host of Good Question Saskatchewan about their new podcast. I had some questions for them about their podcast, which looks into questions about Saskatchewan that people throw at them, and then they asked me if I had any questions. Of course I had a few, and I look forward to hearing the answers they find.

Here are some of the questions I had:



Kevin Weedmark

How many communities in Saskatchewan started as a settlement for a specific ethnic or religious group? In our area, every town and rural district has a distinct history. North of the Qu'Appelle Valley is the Kaposvar area where Catholic Hungarians settled, south of the valley is the Bekevar district where protestant Hungarians settled. South of Kaposvar is New Finland, which was settled by Finnish settlers. Just to the east of New Finland was the Jewish Colony. East of there is Ste. Marthe, the francophone community where Joe Fafard grew up. Southwest of Moosomin is the Spring Creek district, settled by English settlers, where there is a beautiful stone Anglican church, west of there is St. Andrews, where Scottish crofters, displaced by the move to sheep farming settled. And so on, Bellegarde is a francophone community, Churchbridge was started as a Church of England Colony, Stockholm was the centre of a Swedish Community etc. Is it that way all around the province or just in the southeast, and how did that pattern of settlement happen?

Something I've always wondered is given the amount of NHL talent our province has produced, and the number of avid hockey fans, why don't we have an NHL franchise? Population is the obvious answer, but if you build it they will come, right? Manitoba isn't that much bigger and supports an NHL team. Why has Saskatchewan never had an NHL team? It has the best football fans in Canada, surely it could support a professional hockey team.

How was Saskatchewan chosen as the name of the province? I know the name comes from the Cree word for Swift Flowing River, but how did the name of the River become the name of the province? Who decided that?

Another question is why is the Number 1 Highway where it is? Driving down Highway one in our area, it's pretty flat and nondescript, but if you go just a few miles to the south, you're in the Pipestone Valley and just a few miles to the north you're in the Qu'Appelle, which runs more or less parallel to the highway across eastern Saskatchewan. I always wonder how different people's

perception of Saskatchewan would be if Highway 1 was down in the valley, passing Round Lake, Crooked Lake, Katepwa, Fort Qu'Appelle, Echo Lake, Pasqua Lake, Craven, Lumsden... you get the idea. How did the main highway across southern Saskatchewan end up where it is?

Why are Saskatchewan people so artistic? In our office I look every day at the pieces we had commissioned by Jacqui Beckett, a local artist, showing the same scene through four seasons of the year. We change out the one behind the front desk to the current season four times a year. By my desk is a painting by Heather Cline of the neighborhood where I grew up in Regina and in front of me is a painting made by one of my staff a couple of months ago, based on a photo I took of the sun setting behind the Moosomin elevator. We have a new arts centre in Moosomin where the classes are filling up quickly. Every town seems to be full of potters and painters and fabric artists. Why is that?

Is there any Saskatchewan Community that has officially adopted the slogan, where everyone knows your name, and what you had for breakfast? If not, why not? That would describe just about every Saskatchewan community.

Is there a uniquely Saskatchewan style of Humor. Brent Butt was in Maryfield in a couple of weeks back, and his style of humor kind of reminds me of the kind of jokes you hear on coffee row in every small town. I think Corner Gas captured that brilliantly, the idea of the small town where everyone knows your business, sort of like a soap opera, but with more plaid shirts and tractors. Is Saskatchewan humor a thing?

What is it that makes Saskatchewan people so authentic, friendly, and willing to help out? We have a lot of newcomers in our area, from Ukraine, from the Philippines, from Honduras, from Mexico, from India, from Korea, and a lot of them say they have never seen a place where there is so much community spirit, where everyone is willing to help out. Why is that so pronounced in Saskatchewan?

So I gave the podcast hosts something to work on, and look forward to the answers!



Tavin Easton received the awards for Junior Perch and Boys Jackfish from Jordan Hunter.



Ron Hilgers receiving the Clayton Young Memorial Award for all his volunteering with the SWF presented by Cody Hunter.



Bruce Easton received the Adult Perch Award from Jordan Hunter.

Rocanville & District Wildlife holds supper and awards fundraiser

The Rocanville and District Wildlife Supper was held on March 23 at the Rocanville Hall. The Master of Ceremonies was Cody Hunter. Cody said grace and a delicious supper of roast beef, ham, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, buns and dessert was provided by Cindy Zorn of Whitewood. Moose sausage made by members was served. Thanks to Dwayne Paskell for the meat and Jake Easton for the spices.

Certificates and gift cards were handed out to award winners. Following are the awards results:

Membership

Helen Sheppard 212
Irene McLean 97

Ron Hilgers 109
Tammy Sheppard 27
Dwayne Paskell 96
Cody Hunter 44

Boys Walleye: Juke Lewis 2 lbs. 10 oz.
Junior Perch: Tavin Easton .72 lbs.
Boys Jackfish: Tavin Easton 3.52 lbs.
Adult Perch: Bruce Easton 1 lb. 3 oz.
Adult Jackfish: Tyler Stark 15.78 lbs.
Ladies Walleye: Kaitlyn Stark 8.59 lbs.
Men's Walleye: Tyler Stark 8.06 lbs.
Pheasant: Dylan Hunter 3 lbs. 4 oz.
Moose: Conner Logan 140 2/8

Mule Deer: Orrin Williamson 159 4/8
Elk: Kaitlyn Stark 221 2/8
Junior Whitetail Deer: Haze Becker 140 3/8
Typical Whitetail Deer: Les Howie 152 1/8
Antelope: Tyler Stark 70

An award was presented to Ron Hilgers who won the Clayton Young Award for Region 4 for volunteering, Ron has been working for the club and held many positions since it started in 1981.

Rocanville Wildlife has donated over \$300,000 to Habitat Trust for land purchases and over \$80,000 to other SWF Programs, thanks to the many donors.

The awards were followed by an auction with Steven Donald as auctioneer.



Dylan Hunter received the Pheasant Award from Jordan Hunter.



Conner Logan received the Moose Award from Jordan Hunter.



Juke Lewis received the Boys Walleye Award from Jordan Hunter.

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Family that helped many Ukrainians settle in Canada now needs help themselves

Letters of support needed for application for Maryna Chernyk's mother and sister to stay in Canada on Humanitarian and Compassionate Grounds

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Roman and Maryna Chernykh have helped a lot of Ukrainians settle in the area as they have fled the war in Ukraine.

There are now 42 Ukrainians who have moved to Moosomin since the Russian invasion, including eight who arrived within the last few weeks. One couple is waiting in Regina for housing in Moosomin. This family would bring the total to 44 Ukrainians.

Now the Chernykh's need help, as Maryna's mother, Lidiia and sister, Tetiana, both need letters of support to support their applications to stay in Canada based on Humanitarian and Compassionate Grounds.

Visa expired

In the case of Lidiia, her visa has expired.

"Her passport was expired in October," explains Roman. "So they approved the CUAET (Canada Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel) visa only until the end of the passport. You cannot extend the visa without extending your passport. But for the passport we had to travel to Edmonton and we couldn't travel because we were waiting for her cataract surgery. The cataract surgery was supposed to be done in June but then they postponed it until November. So all this time we were waiting and we couldn't extend the passport, so when we actually got her surgery done, she couldn't travel for another two months. Then after that we went in January, just me and Maryna, to extend her passport so that we could apply for her visa but it was already too late."

The CUAET can be restored if a passport has expired, but only if application is made within 90 days of the expiration of the passport.

Now the family is hoping to gather lots of letters of support from people in the community, so they can show Immigration and Citizenship Canada that Lidiia and Tetiana are valued members of the community, and that they cannot go back to Ukraine because of the war.

No home to go to

"She can't go back to Ukraine because she has no one to take care of her and she has no home—no house," says Roman. "She's 87 years old and Maryna and I are the only two people in her life that are actually left to take care of her."

"Kherston, where she is from, is terrible right now and it's getting worse day-by-day. There's no power, there's no hospitals and people are struggling. There were 300,000 people and now there's barely 20,000 there now. A bomb came through right in her apartment building. She can't go back there."

"Kherston was taken by the Russians but then the Russians left from there and went to the other side of the river and that's where they're bombing us, from there."

Looking for letters of support

The family is looking for letters of support from individuals, community groups, churches, community leaders, and anyone who wants to show their support.

Roman says he feels devastated by the thought Lidiia and Tetiana may not be able to stay in Canada.

"Oh it makes me feel devastated," says Roman. "I'm lost. I especially feel bad for Maryna because she is so close to her mom."



Maryna Chernykh with her mother, Lidiia Serdiuk. Her visa expired and she and Maryna's sister, Tetiana Serdiuk, are applying to stay in Canada on Humanitarian and Compassionate Grounds.

Maryna says she doesn't even want to see photos of Kherson in its current state.

"I don't want to see the pictures because it was very cozy in our place, it was beautiful, and it's painful to see what's happened to it, and I don't want my mom to see it."

Maryna says she sees the situation as a challenge.

"It's tough and I think it's a test," she says. "My mom, she just always tells me that if you have some challenges in your life, this is a test and you have to do all your best and say you have no problem. I think this is the only way—keeping a positive attitude. I thought the problem was only her vision and then the weeks passed and it was renewing her passport in Edmonton. The passport was approved but the visa was not. I didn't know the rules so now it's kind of like there's so little we can do."

"I worry, of course, but I can't show it. I don't know what to expect but I try to gather the letters from people. We've been working with Maegan at the library and the church. So I try to take all of the letters to prove that to the people who don't know her that she is an honest and nice person that hasn't done anything wrong. There's no criminal record. My mom, she has a medal saying that she was the best dentist in the city and she worked more than 37 years as one."

Roman says it's ironic that Lidiia and

Tetiana escaped the Russian soldiers invading their country but are now facing this challenge.

"If you're able to escape the physical fight with the Russian soldiers, you don't have to be afraid of anything," he said. "That's a terrible war and that's what it brings—breaking families apart and everything. Breaking people's lives too."

Maryna says her Mom has the right attitude. "My mom says, 'If you can solve the problem, it's not a problem.' So when she climbed in Banff around Lake Louise on the mountain she kept saying, 'It's you that's old. You're complaining that it's too high.' She wasn't afraid but for me it's kind of high and is a little bit scary. I don't want my mom to see the video or pictures right now of what it looks like back there because a lot has happened and I don't want it to ruin her memories."

Humanitarian and Compassionate application the only option

Moosomin immigration consultant Ailyn Silanga says a Humanitarian and Compassionate application is the only option in this case.

"Her situation is different because she is not, I'm sad to say, qualified for any class of immigration. So when that situation happens we can apply on Humanitarian and Compassionate grounds and

that's why I asked Roman to collect any letters showing that she is active in the community, that she's helping people, and that she's not a burden to the community or to society. So that's actually how H&C grounds work."

"I can add, of course, that she is from Ukraine and explain the situation there, but the main application would H&C grounds. Of course I have to write a letter as well as a submission as a consultant but these documents and letters will help a lot in her application."

Every letter will help

Silanga says every letter will help.

"A letter from anybody or any organization that really knows her, her character and her contribution to the community basically will be helpful. Her contribution—anything at all that could help or can show that she is not a burden to our community."

Silanga says she's hoping to get the letters in and the application in by the end of April.

"The application period for Ukrainians ends in October 2024. I'm hoping that we can get it in by the end of this month and then I can upload and apply for everything."

"Besides the letters of support, there are different federal forms like the Background Declaration Form, the Generic Application Form and the Family Information Form where they have to write all of their family members including siblings and all sorts of family and relatives there. So I have given them those forms and we will file all these forms."

"Basically you send it and wait for the decision of the officer. Now with this H&C grounds application, this is highly discretionary, because the officer has the discretion whether to approve or refuse the application. So on my part I have to do everything and collect all I can collect to have a strong case to present to the officer to show that they have to give this person approval because this is what's going to happen if you do not accept this application. She has nowhere to go back to in Ukraine, the family, her mental state, and the hardship—what will be the hardships. So all of those should be mentioned in the application."

"Because she's Ukrainian and there is a war in Ukraine, that is a very strong point to mention. We can make a strong case, but at the end of the day, the officer has the discretion—no matter what kind of application. The officer at Citizenship and Immigration Canada has the discretion to approve or refuse the application."

"Right now Tetiana has a three year work permit and as long as this status is valid then she is okay. And the same for Lidiia. So Lidiia's case is different because her status expired quite awhile ago. I wish that I was here before it expired because if I had known, then she would have 90 days to restore the status, but she is beyond restoration and that is why we're using the Humanitarian and Compassionate grounds."

She said that letters of support from friends and acquaintances should be notarized if possible.

The application process will take two to three years.

Letters of support can be dropped off at TJ's Pizza in Moosomin or emailed to cherroman@gmail.com.



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Age Friendly partnering with Moosomin & District Seniors Club on transportation project

Moosomin Age Friendly is happy to announce that they will be partnering with the Moosomin and District Seniors Club Inc. to pursue a project for transporting people to out of town medical appointments.

Moosomin Age Friendly has been researching programs in other communities and the town of Gravelbourg's program seems to be one that could work in Moosomin. On January 23, Al Sutherland of Gravelbourg presented an informational session at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting about the program that is serving that area. Since that time, Age Friendly has been looking into what would be required to follow Gravelbourg's example.

In order to apply for grants and for the program to have the status to provide CRA receipts that could be used for medical expenses or charitable contributions, Age Friendly would need to work at becoming an incorporated entity and apply for a charity number. This process would add an estimated year onto the timeline for this project to become a reality. The decision was made to inquire about a partnership with the Moosomin and District Seniors Club who has already attained both of these things. The Seniors Club met with its membership on Monday, April 8, and gave their endorsement to the partnership!

Next steps are many, but will begin with an information meeting and volunteer consultation at the Moosomin Legion Club room on Monday, April 22 at 7 pm.

We won't be ready for a crew of volunteer drivers for some time, but need to know that the community is behind this project as it can only function with the community's support. If you are someone who could volunteer to drive into the city once per month, you need to come to this meeting! If you are part of a service club looking to support a needed service, please come to this meeting! If you are someone who plans to continue living in or around the community as you age, come to this meeting.



Aging where you want to should be a choice, and this project endeavors to support that choice by providing transportation to those who no longer can transport

themselves to medical appointments in the city. Please help these groups provide a much needed service in our area!

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Information and Volunteer Consultation Meeting

MOOSOMIN LEGION CLUB ROOM • MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024 at 7pm

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RECYCLING CALENDAR

ROUTE A:
Homes on Broadway Avenue and North:
APRIL 22 & MAY 6

ROUTE B:
Homes south of Broadway Avenue:
APRIL 29 & MAY 13

LANDFILL HOURS

JANUARY 1 - APRIL 30 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 3:45 p.m.	MAY 1 - MAY 30 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.	JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 30 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.	OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 31 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.	NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 3:45 p.m.
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Moosomin Rangers Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 15th

Mini British Open Charity Golf Tournament

Friday/Saturday, July 19,20th

Entries can be emailed to
msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net



Community Gardens Opportunity

Town of Moosomin is currently accepting bookings for their 2024 Community Garden Program.

Prices include:

- 10x15 plots are \$30**
- 10x30 plots are \$60**
- Garden boxes are \$20**

If you are interested in booking a plot or would like further information please contact s.krygertownofmoosomin@sasktel.net.



Sportslex Hours

Our last day is scheduled for Saturday May 4th.

Monday..... **Closed**

Tuesday..... **Closed**

Wednesday... **10^{am}-10^{pm}**

Thursday..... **10^{am}-10^{pm}**

Friday **10^{am}-10^{pm}**

Saturday..... **9^{am}-10^{pm}**

Sunday **9^{am}-5^{pm}**



Community Donations

Moosomin Parks and Rec are currently looking for equipment donations for our Community Sports Shed at Bradley Park.

We would be more than happy to pick up any donations both in and out of town.

If you would be willing to donate to this amazing program please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or phone at 306-435-7578.



Outdoor Pickle Ball Court / Committee

If you would be interested in joining a fundraising committee with the intention of Building Outdoor Pickleball Courts at Bradley Park then we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in helping with the committee please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net



CIRCUS IS COMING !!

Coming up on Tuesday, April 16th at the Conexus Convention Centre

Team Windup at the Sportsplex!!

For details please check this week's Recreation Report



Communities in Bloom

Looking for a rewarding Volunteer experience please consider Communities in Bloom!!

For details please phone Angela at 306-435-3622



Camping Spots Open for Booking!!

Spots are now open

To book please go online to "Letscamp.ca" and follow along with their instructions.





Swimming Lessons 2024

We already have over 350 kids registered so act quickly to avoid disappointment on your preferred Set date.

Check details in this week's Recreation Report



Arena Season comes to an end!!

Thank you to all our patrons over the past 7 months time to enjoy a wonderful summer

We can't wait to have you all back in October of 2024!!



2024 Friday Night Uptown Slo Pitch League

We are now taking entries for our 2024 Slo Pitch League.

If you would like to Register a team please email us at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Dry Ice Surface Bookings MS Arena – Now Open

If you would like to book the facility please call us at 306-435-3622 or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net



Ashley Howie received the award for Playoff MVP. With him is his daughter Hadley.



Brett Hope received the award for Top Defenceman



Dakota Odgers received the award for Best Two Way Player



Landyn Cochrane received the award for Rookie of the Year



Ryan Regel received the award for Hardest Working Player



Stephane Fouillard received the award for Most Dedicated Player. With Stephane is his son Jack.



Stephane Robidoux received the award for Hometown Player



Taylor Thompson received the award for Regular Season MVP and Top Points

Rocanville Tigers cap off championship season with awards night

The Rocanville Tigers held their year-end windup and awards night on April 6.

Coaches Jeff Odgers and Bbop Olafson presented the following awards:

Stephane Fouillard: Most Dedicated Player

Stephane Robidoux: Hometown Player

Ashley Howie: Playoff Most Valuable Player

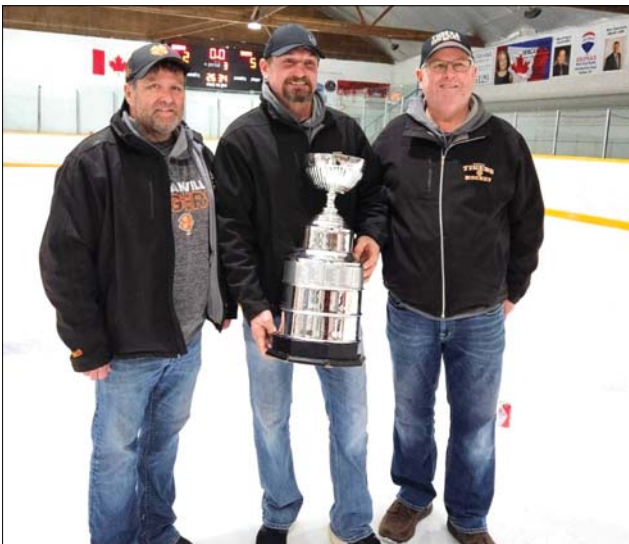
Taylor Thompson: Regular Season MVP and Top Points

Dakota Odgers: Best two way player

Brett Hope: Top Defenceman

Ryan Regel: Hardest working player

Landyn Cochrane: Rookie of the year



Tigers coaches Boyd Wilson, Jeff Odgers and Bbop Olafson with the cup after the Tigers won the SEHL championship.



Tigers volunteers who helped make the season possible. From left are Gaylene Danielson, Donnette Howie, Terry Howie, Allan Parker, Mark Moore, Rodney Budd, and Wanda Parker

Rocanville raises \$23,940.64 for Haylee Campbell

BY KELSEY SELBY

On Saturday, April 6, a couple of friends of Haylee Campbell put together a fundraiser that included food, drinks, and dancing.

The fundraising efforts raised \$23,940.64 for Haylee who is currently in Saskatoon undergoing treatment for cancer.

Haylee's two sons Eastin and Aldin Campbell had fun at the event with all their friends and family who showed up to support them and their dad, Rustin.

A lasagna supper was made by local community members, with 18 delicious lasagnas serving 198 people—including out-of-towners who came to show their support.

Stem cell collection envelopes were available for people to take home so those

interested could send them in to see if they are a match for Haylee.

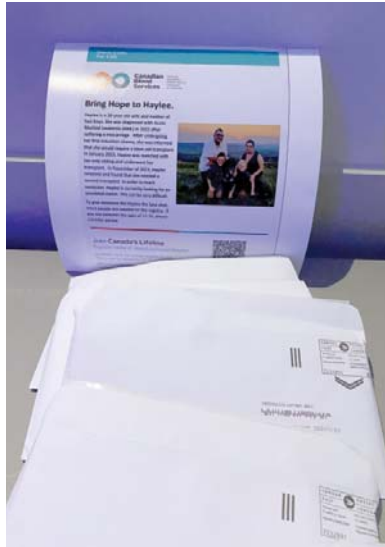
A large silent auction was held with around 90 items raising about \$8,000 of the total. Donations included tickets to a Canucks and Winnipeg Jets game donated by IDA and Hometown Liquor in Esterhazy and an outdoor table set donated by Kentrax in Rocanville.

A raffle was held for items like an espresso maker and a 50/50 which raised around \$1,400—as the winner donated their half back to the fundraiser.

A live pie auction brought in 15 pies adding \$1,200 to the donation for the family. The night was finished with dancing, visiting and a small amount of leftover lasagna for midnight lunch.

If you would like to see if you are stem cell match with Haylee, you can join the registry on the Canadian Blood Services website.

Right: Fundraiser organizers Nicole Tingley and Kayla Raisterick pose with Hayley's husband Rustin Campbell.



The pile of stem cell donation envelopes dwindled down as the night went on.



The kids dancing to "Baby Shark."



Alberta Hayden with her auction win—a basket full of Thieves essential oil goodies.



Rocanville firemen Layton Borden and Owen Wilson donated their time by tending the bar.



The fundraiser had a great turnout and they fed 198 people a lasagna supper.

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Run for Stanley Cup is wide open

Now that the 1,312-game preliminaries are almost over, the 16 National Hockey League playoff teams get down to serious business. Last year's Vegas-vs.-Florida final didn't appear on many experts' radars and the likelihood of more upsets is always real.

So who can win the Stanley Cup this year? All 16 qualifiers, of course, but realistically, some of the playoff teams would need a truckload of four-leaf clovers, a few rabbits' feet or Mafia-style bribery to win it all.

There are three levels of contenders: Those who can; those who might; those who can't.

Those who can (in no particular order):

Boston Bruins didn't miss a beat after the retirement of superstar centre Patrice Bergeron, and have been at the top, or close to it, all year. The President's Cup jinx got to the B's last year, so maybe they'll play so-so down the stretch to avoid finishing first overall.

Florida Panthers: Neck-and-neck with Boston all season for first in the Eastern Conference, the Panthers are playoff-tested after last year's run to the final.

N.Y. Rangers: Igor Shesterkin in goal and an offence led by Artemi Panarin provide the ingredients for a long run.

Carolina Hurricanes: The Canes have a solid defence with Brent Burns, Brett Pesce and Jacob Slavin and picked up solid playoff performer Jake Guentzel in a trade, adding to the scoring prowess of Sebastian Aho, Seth Jarvis and Andrei Svechnikov.

Colorado Avalanche: Nathan MacKinnon and Cale Makar can win games by themselves and make the Avs an always-dangerous team.

Dallas Stars: Solid in goal (Jake Oettinger) and up front with eight 20-plus goal scorers, the Stars have been battling Winnipeg and Colorado for top spot in the Central Division all year.

Vancouver Canucks: Coach-of-the-year candidate Rick Tocchet has guided the Canucks to one of their most successful seasons ever. No reason to think it's going to stop any time soon.

Edmonton Oilers: After a horrendous 5-12 start to the season, the McDavid-Draisaitl-led Oilers have compiled



Bruce Penton

one of the best records in the entire league.

Those who might:

Toronto Maple Leafs: The 1967-to-present day Cup drought probably won't end this year, but goal-scoring machine Auston Matthews is in his prime, so there's a chance.

Winnipeg Jets: Among the top teams all season, the Jets have Connor Hellebuyck, the best goalie in the league and the addition of Tyler Toffoli and Sean Monahan mesh nicely with the Jets' core of Scheifele, Connor, Ehlers and Morrissey.

Nashville Predators: Defenceman Roman Josi might be the best all-round player in the league and the Preds were red-hot down the stretch. Never ignore a team with a mountain of momentum.

Tampa Bay — Playoff experience can never be underestimated.

Those who won't

Anyone battling it out down the stretch for a wildcard position — Detroit, Washington, Pittsburgh Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Las Vegas.

(Keep in mind that this same pre-playoff column last year gave a no-chance outlook to Florida Panthers, who made it all the way to the final.)

- Retired NFL great J.J. Watt, after the league deemed the hip-drop tackle illegal: "Just fast forward to the belts with flags on them..."

- And comedy writer Alex Kaseberg on the same sub-

ject: "In addition to helmet-to-helmet and around the knees, it is now illegal for NFL players to make hip-drop tackles. At this rate the only option for NFL tacklers is to give ball carriers a stern talking to."

- Jack Finarelli, aka the sports curmudgeon, after discussing the Ohtani-interpreter gambling situation: "The surest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it in your pocket."

- Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "In Texas, former NFL QB, Vince Young, was knocked out cold in a bar fight. Young was hit so hard, when he came to he said he wanted to make a comeback with the Washington Commanders."

- Super 70s Sports: "Tony Gwynn could've gone 0-for-1,199 at the end of his career and still retired as a .300 hitter. Think about that."

- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "The Oakland As are reportedly talking to Sacramento about relocating there for at least three years. But wait, doesn't Sacramento already have a minor league team?"

- Headline in The Beavertron, Canada's parody website: "NHL player declared legally dead before trade deadline expects to be ready for playoffs."

- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Step aside, Messi, Mahomes and LeBron, and make room for America's biggest sports superstar — Caitlin Clark."

- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "NBA star Russell Westbrook admitted to lying about his wife's birthday at a restaurant to score some free cake. Typical of today's overpaid athlete: getting their unjust desserts."

- From theonion.com, on "Signs You May be Addicted to Sports Betting": "Every sports gambler has heard horror stories about some who, at their lowest point, watched an entire baseball game from beginning to end."

- Another gambling addiction indicator, from theonion.com: "You Tried The Gambling Addiction Hotline Operator To Put \$20 On The Knicks"

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Kipling Town Council

Kipling to lose three doctors

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The community of Kipling will be facing a doctor shortage very soon as three doctors will be gone by mid-July. Drs. Farshad Nokam and Shideh Faghhi have been working at the Kipling Integrated Health Centre for more than six years, but will be leaving the community in the middle of June. Dr. Ladan Ansari will also be leaving effective July 11.

"One of the biggest changes specifically for the Kipling community is going to be a doctor shortage," said Amy Adams, Primary Health Care Manager with the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

"All three physicians have given their notice," she told Kipling Town Council on April 8. "We do know that we have one SIPPA (Saskatchewan International Physician Practice) candidate that's coming, he's going through his reiteration period right now."

Adams is hopeful that the new physician will arrive in Kipling possibly during the first week of July.

"We put forward that we want three positions coming, but most of the time we only get one of each reiteration period. But we're quickly putting it forward to at least get two," she said. "Once our SIPPA candidates go through their program, that's usually a three-year contract that they have to fulfill. Once they're completed those three years, they can apply to go anywhere in Saskatchewan, or reapply to stay."

Adams shared that the problem of doctor retention is not just local to Kipling—and it's about to get worse.

"There's a huge number of physicians that are leaving the province this year, and pretty much within the next four months," she said.

With a dwindling pool of doctors to court, filling rural hospitals becomes a large task indeed.

"It's almost a case of how do you attract doctors when there's nobody to even attract," CAO Gail Dakue told the World-Spectator. "Our hospital was new in 2013, so hopefully that will be something that somebody will find attractive to come to a new place to work."

One alternative solution for the time being could be the virtual physician program—something the SHA rolled out at the Broadview Union Hospital back in January. A long-term disruption of service hit that community in the summer of 2019 due to staffing shortages with emergency room services returning at a reduced capacity in May, 2022. Currently, Broadview has physicians covering the day shift from 7 am to 4 pm with virtual doctors taking over until 11 pm.

"It's been a success, there hasn't been any issues," said Adams of the Broadview solution. "With the virtual physician, it can happen a lot quicker now that we know more about it working with Broadview."

Following are some other items of note that appeared on the council agenda during the April 8 meeting:

Age Friendly on the WHO map

A simple application will bring the Kipling & District Age-Friendly group to the global scale. Councillor Don

Johnson, who is a member of the local Age-Friendly committee, told those assembled at the April 8 meeting of Kipling Town Council about how exactly this global recognition will come to be.

It all started with a letter from the Public Health Agency of Canada, which is the national recognition component of Age-Friendly. That letter provided the opportunity to join the World Health Organization through a pre-approved application that essentially required a submission from the local committee to officially join.

"The information that is supplied to that application to WHO will go on to a profile page that will be on the Age-Friendly world website, along with other communities around the world that have been designated as being committed to Age-Friendly," explained Johnson.

One requirement for the application is to have a contact person should the WHO wish to contact the Kipling and district board, which is typically held by the mayor of the particular community. Johnson suggested the contact person be Kipling's CAO, which council approved in a motion.

The Kipling & District Age-Friendly Committee was formed back in 2019. It sees municipal support from the Town of Kipling plus the RMs of Kingsley and Hazelwood. Since formation, the group has achieved many items on their action plan, including public washrooms open throughout the community at seasonal facilities, parking spaces reserved for the Kipling Handivan in downtown Kipling, and having additional volunteer drivers recruited for the handivan in hopes to extend services.

Once Kipling & District Age-Friendly is on the WHO website, the only major requirement is to provide annual updates regarding their activities in the community.

Telephone directory

Another project the Kipling & District Age-Friendly Committee is currently involved in will assist seniors with staying in touch.

"We continue to work on the seniors telephone directory," said Johnson. "It's going to be a single sheet of paper, double sided, laminated. This is something that can be attached to the fridge for people that may not be used to electronic devices."

He noted that while there is currently a business directory available electronically on the town's website, there are still people who would prefer a physical copy of contact information.

"We're hoping to distribute 250 of these out at least initially," Johnson said. "We're asking councils to give consideration to allowing that to be distributed through the municipal offices, that it would be available there."

He added that there are 525 people aged 60 or over in the area served by the local Age-Friendly group; 325 of them reside in Kipling, 135 in the RM of Kingsley and 75 in the RM of Hazelwood. While not quite finalized, Johnson noted physical copies might also be available at Willow Height Estates and Rudyard Manor. He also

told council that the cost of producing the telephone directory is being underwritten by the local Lion's Club.

Council ultimately approved the request to have copies of the directory available at the Town Office for distribution.

Uniform policy

Town staff will see an increase to their uniform allowance, something that hasn't been revised since 2018. "The amount of money that we have had on the policy for a while just isn't cutting it anymore," Mayor Pat Jackson told council. "Costs have gone up rather considerably."

The town previously contributed \$200 per employee towards safety gear, then another \$200 for the purchase of steel-toed boots.

A motion to increase those amounts by \$50 was approved by council, keeping pace with rising costs.

"We pay \$250 towards what they purchase in safety gear, so whether it's a coat or T-shirts, or whatever, and then \$250 goes towards the pair of steel toed boots," explained CAO Gail Dakue of the increase.

Community garden could end

The community garden project that began three years ago is on the brink of ending due to lack of participation.

"It was really surprising because it was something that we've been asked for for years to start up," Dakue said, noting that rising food costs and emerging from the Covid pandemic were two factors in the program being established. "Unfortunately, it just doesn't seem like it's being used, so my recommendation was if we don't see any growth in there, that we maybe would just look at closing the program."

In the first year of the community garden, eight of 10 plots were utilized, but those numbers fell over the past two seasons.

"We will keep it for this year and see," confirmed Dakue. "But at this point, there's only three out of the 10 gone."

Plots in the community garden are leased at \$25 per year, which includes water and the first till. New topsoil has also been added this year in response to user feedback.

"I don't know with the price of food, frankly, why people are not taking advantage of it," Dakue remarked.

Funding dollars

Joint funding amounts from the RMs of Kingsley and Hazelwood were presented to council as correspondence items.

The Kipling Library Board received \$2,858 from Kingsley and \$2,500 from Hazelwood. The Kipling Fire Department received \$15,600 from Kingsley and \$11,400 from Hazelwood (both RM's share of a \$60,000 budget). The Kipling EMO is split three ways with each municipality contributing \$1,666.67 toward to overall \$5,000 budget.

Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

Rocanville Town and Country Golf Course

Rocanville Town and Country Golf Club has an exciting lineup of tournaments and events for golf enthusiasts. Here are the key dates to mark on your calendars:

- **NHL Playoff Draft** – Friday, April 19 at 6 pm. \$400 for a team of four. Please contact Dylan 434-7894 or Ashley - 434-7704.
- **Spring Swing** – Swing into action on June 8.
- **Clubhouse Fundraiser** – Join us for a great cause on July 6.
- **Ladies Tournament** – Ladies, get ready for some friendly competition on August 24.

In addition to these tournaments, there are regular themed nights at golf course:

- **Men's Night** – Every Monday evening.
 - **Ladies Night** – Every Thursday evening.
 - **Couples' Night** – the second Friday of each month.
- For more details and to participate, feel free to reach out to the clubhouse at 306-645-2640.

Rocanville's 2nd Annual Spring Market

Join us for a delightful day celebrating homemade goods and supporting local small businesses. Here are the details:

Date: April 27

Time: 11 am-3 pm

\$2 entry fee will be donated to the H.E.R Club

Location: Rocanville Nutrien Hall

Come browse through homemade goods and show your support for Rocanville's small businesses. Lunch is provided by the Rocanville Aquatic Centre Fundraising Committee.

Webster Cemetery Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7 pm

Rocanville Museum Pancake Room

All are welcome to attend.

Please remember to make your tax-deductible donation to the Cemetery by dropping by the Town of Rocanville Office or the RM office.

Rocanville Rec Centre

The Rocanville Recreation Centre is buzzing with activities for all ages. Here's what you can look forward to:

Downsizing 101

Free informative workshop with refreshments and door prizes. All ages welcome. Monday, April 22 at 1:30.

Group Walking at the Rec Centre

Experience the joy of walking to nostalgic tunes with Walk to the Oldies sessions on:

Tuesdays - 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 others. All fitness levels are welcome.

Rocanville Kids Group

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

Walking Sessions for Everyone

If you prefer walking at your own pace, the Rec Centre welcomes everyone on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-3 pm, as well as Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm.

Pickle Ball

Join in the fun of Pickleball every Tuesday evening from 7-9 pm. It's a great way to stay active and enjoy some friendly competition.

Puzzle and Book Swap

Engage your mind with puzzles and books at the Rocanville Rec Centre from Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 3 pm. It's a fantastic op-

portunity to exchange puzzles and discover new reads.

Rocanville Library

The Rocanville Library provides convenient access to the library's resources, including books, and digital materials.

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

Programming Highlights:

FloorCurl Makerspace Kit: Available throughout the month of April.

Spring Take 'n' Make: Available while supplies last.

Kids Crafternoon: Bring your kids out for an afternoon of crafting at the library. April 17 from 2-4 pm.

Stitch 'n' chat night: Come out for an evening of knitting, crocheting, drawing, embroidery, or any project you would like to bring to work on April 18 at 7 pm.

Rocanville Community Calendar

Looking to advertise your events, businesses, or church activities in the Rocanville Community Calendar, a monthly publication that keeps residents informed about local happenings. Here are the details for placing ads:

Add sizes and rates:

1/4 page—\$20

1/2 page—\$40

Full Page—\$80

Ad Charges:

Businesses and Churches will be charged for ads ran in the Community Calendar.

Rec and culture groups will be charged for ads that intend to make money.

No charge for thank you ads, sizing will be at the discretion of the Rec Office.

Dial-A-Van

The Dial-A-Van offers a convenient and affordable solution to residents needing transportation for medical appointments and running daily errands.

Service schedule:

Dial-A-Van operates on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 am to 4 pm, ensuring accessibility for essential trips.

Moosomin Medical Trips:

For medical appointments in Moosomin, pre-booking is advised. The cost for a trip is \$45, and advance reservations help ensure timely and reliable transportation.

Prescriptions Deliveries:

If you require prescription deliveries, simply contact your drugstore to arrange for delivery via the Dial-A-Van service. The delivery fee is \$3, making it a convenient option for receiving medications.

Cost of riding the van:

Round trip paid by cash - \$3

Round trip using pass - \$2.50

10 trip pass can be purchased from the driver for \$25

Charitable donations:

For those interested in supporting this vital community service, charitable donations can be made at the Town Office.

Bookings Your Ride:

To schedule your ride, call 306-434-6644 between 8:00 AM and noon on operating days. Booking in advance ensures availability and helps the Dial-A-Van service meet the needs of its users efficiently.

The Dial-A-Van service is committed to providing safe, reliable, and accessible transportation options for residents. Whether it's for medical appointments, prescription deliveries, or other essential trips, this service aims to enhance the quality of life for individuals in the community.

Rocanville Community Centre

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Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the R.M. of Wawken No. 93 for the year 2024 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., on the following days:

Monday to Friday, April 12, 2024 to May 13, 2024

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of The Municipalities Act has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person wishing to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the assessor at the R.M. of Wawken No. 93, Box 90, Wawota SK S0G 5A0. A notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$20 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful, must be filed with:

The Secretary of the Board of Revision
Marlene Hassard, Western Municipal Consulting Ltd.
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by the 13th day of May, 2024.

Dated this 12th day of April 2024

Katelyn Ethier
 Assessor

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Kinjo & Young in Moosomin



On April 11, Kinjo & Young put on a concert at the Moosomin Community Theatre, presented by the Moosomin & District Arts Council. This acoustic show brought virtuosic musicianship, heartfelt songwriting and beautiful vocal harmonies together in one performance. Blues, funk, reggae and soul were the main staples of this dynamic duo.

They presented some songs from their "Wild Prairie Rose" and "Gone Too Long" albums as well as famous covers of Bob Marley, Stevie Wonder etc. Stories of their long-standing musical adventures and blistering guitar solos complimented the amazing grooves and thoughtful lyrics of their songs. The audience was really engaged, giving them a standing ovation at the end of the show.

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McAuley raises \$93,000 at rink fundraiser

BY KELSEY SELBY

Proving they're a small town with a big heart for their community, McAuley showed up and raised \$93,000 for their community rink's new boards on April 5.

The town has a large community of farmers that live close and lots of young families to keep the rink busy including a recreational men's hockey team.

There were 30 kids at the event who got to enjoy games put on by some local community members.

The McAuley Community Association sold tickets for the steak night with steaks donated by Poole Enterprise Ltd., Scissors Creek Outfitters and Horizon Meats.

Around 200 supper tickets were sold on top of the penny arcade tickets, a silent auction, as well as a live auction.

Whitewood Livestock auctioneer Rhett Parks auctioned off 29

lots including items like combine hours donated by Rocky Mountain Equipment, 12 box seats to a 2024/2025 Brandon Wheat Kings game donated by Mazer Group and 15 hay bales donated by Care-foot Farms.

The live auction raised an amazing \$63,000. The silent auction items made \$12,300 including a pool party donated by Jalyn Farms and a wooden bar which was handcrafted and donated by A Plus Construction.

McAuley Hoedown, a ranch rodeo held every summer in McAuley, donated \$5,000 and Phyllis Crosson donated \$1,000 to the fundraising effort to bring the total over the \$90,000 mark.

According to Alana Webb, MCA member, the board project is around a \$208,000 project that will hopefully be supplemented by grants, in addition to future fundraisers.



A group of kids, who will get good use out of the new rink boards, posing with a \$5,000 cheque donated by McAuley Hoedown.



Sara Gustafson blowing bubbles, which were part of the kids' events, with Karen Cuthill and Blayke Grose.



A couple of local farmers admiring some of the silent auction items.



Event workers Alana Webb and Cheryl Kl- emola posing with Logan Schmidt while tallying up silent auction winners.

STF and gov't back at the table

Sanctions lifted over weekend

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

After a week of work to rule action, teachers across Saskatchewan will resume their usual - plus above and beyond - duties on Tuesday, April 16. The Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation announced Friday afternoon that they will return to the bargaining table with the goal of a new provincial collective agreement.

The action meant no noon-hour supervision at schools, plus saw teachers arrive 15 minutes before their workday began and leave 15 minutes after the school day ended.

"To assist in maintaining noon hour supervision we are asking any parents who can have their children go home for lunch to do so," said Keith Keating, Director of Education with the South East Cornerstone Public School Division in a letter to parents and caregivers of students after the sanctions were first announced. "In addition, if you can assist with noon hour supervision, please contact your local school."

The action left schools scrambling to fill those extra-curricular roles taken on by teachers, with many questioning what happens to graduation planning and breakfast programs, for example.

However, a bright light emerged on Friday with the announcement that sanctions would be lifted effective 11:59 p.m. on April 12.

Over the last couple of weeks, there has been discussion around the memorandum of understanding and accountability framework between the STF and Ministry of Education.

"Through those discussion I'm pleased to say that we have been able to make sufficient progress on the language within the MOU and the collective agreement," said STF President Samantha Becotte.

"We have been assured that the Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee has a new mandate to properly address all of the issues important to teachers. The Teachers' Bargaining Committee believes this commit-

ment by government is a positive step," continued Becotte. "Teachers have maintained that accountability measures must accompany government funding in order to ensure resources go to support students and improve their learning experience. We are optimistic that this understanding represents a significant step forward in negotiations and brings a tentative agreement within reach."

In an interview with the World-Spectator a day prior to the announcement, Becotte hinted that talks may resume in short order.

"I do think that we're kind of inching our way forward and we are making progress. Like I said, I do hope that we're able to get back sooner rather than later, but we've had the rug pulled out from under us before and so we're cautiously in some of those hopes, but I hope we stay on the right track here," she said.

Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill also stressed that whatever happens at the bargaining table, a solution needs to be fair for everyone.

"A fair deal for teachers must also be a fair deal for Saskatchewan taxpayers," he said. "The GTBC remains at the table, ready to reach a deal on behalf of students, teachers and families."

"Government and school divisions have found solutions to assure increased investment into classrooms, multi-year predictability for those investments, as well as a framework that would allow teachers to provide feedback on how those dollars are spent in their local school division," Cockrill continued.

Becotte acknowledged the Education Minister's effort and is eager to walk the path forward.

"We appreciate the effort made by Minister Cockrill to work with the STF in order to facilitate a return to the bargaining table," Becotte says. "The Teachers' Bargaining Committee is hopeful that quick progress can be made on the remaining issues and we can reach a tentative agreement to bring to our members for ratification."

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Kipling welcomes new CAO

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER
Gail Dakue has seen a lot of changes in her time as Chief Administrative Officer with the town of Kipling. Over the course of two decades and several iterations of town council, she's had a front-row seat on recent history for the bustling community of 1,053 (according to the most recent census numbers in 2022).



Incoming CAO
Andrew Rygh



Outgoing CAO
Gail Dakue

"I've been doing this for over 20 years, and my husband retired two years ago," she explained. "We just decided that we had some traveling and different things that we wanted to do. It seemed like a good time to retire. Our financial planner tells us most people travel between 60 and 70, so we figured we better start!"

While town council is the head of a community, some may point out that the CAO is the neck that has the ability to move that head around, making the role a very important job.

Enter Andrew Rygh, who returned to Kipling in 2022 and will be taking on the CAO role once Dakue officially retires at the end of May.

"I was looking for work, Gail had mentioned that she was looking to retire and then the job came open and I threw in my appli-

cation," said Rygh when asked of his decision to apply for the CAO position.

After his first few days on the job, shadowing Dakue to learn the ropes for the time being, Rygh's excitement was evident.

"It's fantastic. It's going to be tough when Gail does fully retire, but it's been a good first few days. I did experience the council meeting, and that was a good experience as well," he said. "It's like drinking from a fire hose, that's expected with all new jobs. This one in particular there's lots of moving parts. I've always been interested in the administration job."

Rygh and his family spent 15 years in Halifax where he was employed with a bank. The urban lifestyle and especially work/

life balance through the recent pandemic placed the seed of a less ramped-up pace in his mind.

"Through Covid, I think there's a lot of people who experienced their hours of work went up as they worked from home; it was too easy to get up at seven in the morning to work until seven at night, so we were looking for a change of pace," said Rygh.

No stranger to the world of municipal politics, Rygh's father, Lorne, served as Reeve for the RM of Kingsley and was keen on seeing his son's family move home.

"He was trying to attract me back to the Kipling area, saying that if one of these jobs came available, that it's a fairly good job to get yourself into," Rygh said.

Westman RCMP Report

76 calls for service

During the week of March 31 to April 6, Westman RCMP received a total of 76 calls for service. Of the 76 calls, 22 were traffic related including one operation while impaired (alcohol) over 80mg% of motor vehicle, two abandoned vehicles, and one assault file.

Two charged with assault on Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

On April 3, RCMP were dispatched to a report of disturbing the peace in Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. Members arrived and two individuals were located and charged. A male was charged with adult assault and will appear in court in June. A female was also charged with adult assault and will appear in court in June.

31 km/hr over limit

During a routine traffic patrol being

conducted in the RM Wallace-Woodworth, RCMP observed a vehicle speeding travelling at 141 km/hr in a 110 km/hr zone. RCMP conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle and the driver was issued a traffic offence notice which carries a fine of \$456.

28 km/hr over limit

During a routine traffic patrol being conducted in the RM Sifton, RCMP observed a vehicle speeding travelling at 138 km/hr in a 110 km/hr zone. RCMP conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle and the driver was issued a traffic offence notice which carries a fine of \$416.

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Steven Bonk, MLA for Moosomin Constituency

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Art Card Fundraiser for Moosomin Visual Art Centre



Moosomin artist Jacqui Beckett has begun a fundraiser to help support the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre.

She will be selling her art cards printed from her original watercolour painting of a chickadee on spring blossoms.

Each package includes four art cards (5 1/2' x 4 1/4") with envelopes and sells for \$20/package.

She hopes to sell 100 sets of cards with all proceeds going to MVAC.

These beautiful cards can purchased at **The World-Spectator, Moosomin Pharmasave, Prairie Girl Gallery, Mane Tain Hair Lounge and Gift Shoppe in Rocanville, Southeast Regional Library in Moosomin** as well as from jacquibeckett@gmail.com

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