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New owners for Moosomin Pharmasave

Legacy Pharmacies has purchased Moosomin Pharmasave. From left are Chris Fedorowich with Legacy Pharmacies, Darcy Rambold, the former owner and current manager of Moosomin Pharmasave, and Warren Delmage and Brad Cooper with Legacy Pharmacies. Moosomin Pharmasave has been owned by Darcy Rambold since 2001. Rambold will continue to operate the store as the manager for the next two years. Legacy also owns pharmacies in Redvers, Kipling, Rocanville, Estevan, Souris, Balcarres, and Candle Lake.

Legacy Pharmacies purchases Moosomin Pharmasave

BY KARA KINNA

Legacy Pharmacies is the new owner of Moosomin Pharmasave.

Darcy Rambold bought the business in 2001, and while he has sold the business, he will continue on as manager at the Moosomin location for two years.

Legacy Pharmacies is a Saskatchewan-owned company that currently operates pharmacies in Rocanville, Kipling, Redvers, Balcarres, Candle Lake, Souris, and Estevan. The addition of Pharmasave Moosomin, and the Pharmasave Wellness Centre brings the total number of locations

owned by Legacy Pharmacies to nine.

Warren Delmage, Brad Cooper, and Chris Fedorowich with Legacy Pharmacies were all in Moosomin last week to spend some time at their newest location.

Delmage says the group has been interested in Moosomin for some time.

"We've been good friends with Darcy ever since we started under the Pharmasave banner," says Delmage. "We've all been under the Pharmasave banner our entire careers and it was a really close-knit group and good network of friends. We just grew a relationship over time and

quite a few years ago I had mentioned to Darcy that if he ever thought about selling, that I'd be interested in buying. That was a long time ago. He remembered that and we've just kind of grown that over the years. Then when Darcy started thinking about maybe starting to slow down a little bit, he thought of us and we went through a bit of a tender process because he wanted to make sure that it was the best thing for the town and the business, and we came out with the bid."

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Information session on new daycare building

An information session on the new daycare building is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 pm at the Nutrien Sportsplex.

Play Fair Daycare has been approved for 90 new spots, which necessitates a second building.

The Southeast Cornerstone School Division has offered land at the south end of the school grounds to the day care at no cost.

The Economic Development Committee, Southeast Cornerstone School Division and Play Fair Daycare will all make presentations at the meeting.

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Redvers Mayor Brad Bulbuck officially cut to the ribbon at the grand opening of the new Redvers Ag Kubota dealership on Thursday, April 18.

From left are Jenna Dangstorp, Mayor Brad Bulbuck, Talaya Dangstorp, Adele Dangstorp, and Perry Dangstorp holding Kepler Dangstorp.



700 attend grand opening for new Redvers Ag Kubota dealership

BY KARA KINNA

Around 700 people packed into the building and lined up for lunch on Thursday when Redvers Ag held the grand opening for their new Kubota dealership at the corner of Highways 8 and 13.

On hand to help make presentations and cut the ribbon that day were Redvers Mayor Brad Bulbuck, as well as Kubota's Saskatchewan rep Bruce Nordick, and Andrew Marshall with Kubota Canada. There were also reps from Degelman, Macdon, and Versatile-Ag on site.

The day consisted of a free catered lunch by Weir's Catering, and a draw for a free Kubota zero turn mower.

Perry Dangstorp, the owner of Redvers Ag, says it was inspiring to see so many people come out to congratulate their family on the new dealership.

"There were lots of people from Carlyle, Alameda, Oxbow, Gainborough, there were a few from Moosomin and Rocanville. I was very happy with the distance that people were traveling," says Dangstorp.

"It felt really good. You kind of feel validated for what you've done.

"The Kubota guys were all from Toronto and usually they'd want a dealership to be in the hub of the area. And one of the Kubota guys was like 'is there another town under the town of Redvers? Where are all these people coming from?'" adds Dangstorp with a laugh.

Dangstorp says it was important to build a new dealership in Redvers.

"It's important just so that everyone in the community knows that you are committed and you are going to be in it for the long term," he says. "And our old facility was outdated a long time ago and it was overdue."

The staff at Redvers Ag have been working out of the new facility for three months now. The new facility is 6,000 square feet.

"It has the same parts

storage as the old building, a bigger parts display, so we are able to better advertise all of our parts, and more offices for office staff, and a showroom to show the equipment all year instead of fighting the weather," says Dangstorp. "The staff have been very positive. It's nice. It's a lot more appealing in terms of going there to buy something or work there."

Dangstorp hopes the new facility has a positive impact on the community.

"First would be jobs in Redvers, for the community. And second, it's a reason for people to come to Redvers. It's a draw for Redvers because if they want that equipment they have to come to Redvers, there are no other dealers close by."

Why invest in Redvers? "This is where I'm from," says Dangstorp. "We also have two other businesses. We have a farm and construction business that are both based out of Redvers. And we've always had good support locally, so there was no reason for us to even entertain not opening a business in Redvers. The community has never given us a reason why we shouldn't have a business in Redvers."

"There were a lot of manufacturers that came, and for them to see how many customers we have and how many people were willing to support us in such a small town was kind of eye opening for everyone, and they just got a good taste of what a rural community really is.

"It was also good for people to come and realize how many other customers there are and how many people we serve."

Mayor says great to see support

Redvers mayor Brad Bulbuck says it was exciting to see the support for the new dealership.

"It's great to see support from the community and surrounding area for a business like that in town," he said after the grand opening.

"Our economy here is still agriculture based. When you see that many people supporting a business in the agriculture in-

dustry, it really says how committed the people are to making sure their businesses are well supported in the area. And that's what we really enjoy seeing."

He says the new dealership will be a major benefit to the community of Redvers. The next nearest Kubota dealerships in the region are in Yorkton, Estevan, Regina and Brandon. "He's expanded an existing business, and he did make a significant investment not only in the premises, but I assume there's a lot more inventory that he's carrying now as well," says Bulbuck.

"When people are looking for Kubota products,

it's going to bring people to the area that typically we don't see here.

"So we're attracting people from a fair ways away to the dealership who are specifically looking for Kubota products.

"Perry also has a line of other equipment as well. So this not only compliments but it also showcases the current lines that he has.

"Whenever you have investment in the town, obviously the investor has confidence in the community.

"The town of Redvers feels that we're trying to do things to make things attractive for people to invest in the community.

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"So a 20-year relationship ultimately led to his succession," adds Fedorowich.

"Our company has been in the business of purchasing community pharmacies for the past five years. Redvers was our first," says Cooper. "We had previously worked for a larger company that was a pharmacy buyer and we cut our teeth in the business with them and we decided in 2019 that it was time for us to take our lessons and do our own thing. That was the start of the company. So we've since been fortunate to work with a lot of amazing pharmacists and acquire different locations—mostly across southeast Saskatchewan and one in northern Saskatchewan—and to build a group of pharmacies, with Pharmasave here in Moosomin now quickly becoming the flagship store for us. It's just such an amazing business that Darcy has built.

"It's by far the largest. It's probably 50 per cent bigger than the next largest store," says Delmage.

"Most of the communities we are in are smaller communities, like Redvers and Kipling—just smaller centres," says Cooper. "We did recently open a store in Estevan but it's a brand new store and it has great potential but the volume is not there yet. So mostly our focus has been on smaller towns, but we're extremely excited

to be in a larger town such as Moosomin. It seems to be a thriving community and definitely a town on the move."

"That's our focus," adds Fedorowich, "to target communities where the drug store has a longstanding legacy, and it's kind of the mainstay in that community for—well in this case, generation after generation after generation. That's really our intent, to preserve these very longstanding histories that these stores have established, and continue that."

What was it that made Legacy Pharmacies want to be in the Moosomin market in particular?

"Well, it's close to home," says Delmage. "I grew up on a farm just between Tantallon and Esterhazy and I live in White-wood, so it's our closest store physically to me. Just the way that this store has supported the community and the events and other things in the community, we're very proud of that, and we want to continue that type of thing. We always encourage all of our stores to support the community in as many ways as they can, especially with youth sports and stuff like that."

"Another big draw is that it's central to some of our other stores too—we have Redvers down the road and Rocanville on the other side down Highway 8 and then we have Kipling which is not that far either. So it's right in the middle of where

we currently are and it made a lot of sense for us to be in this area. When we met the staff, everything gelled really well and everyone fit in really well with the team. Obviously we've had our eye on Moosomin for a while because we've been friends with Darcy and it just all came together really nicely."

Delmage says the community won't see any big changes from the way that Rambold operated the store.

"You won't see much change as far as the store itself. It's still going to have the same great customer service that it had and the same great community support that it's always had," he says. "Darcy is remaining on with us for two years, so he's not going anywhere—he just wanted to get rid of some of the headaches of owning the store. So that's what we're taking on—we're taking the headaches off his hands."

"Obviously we want to grow the business too, over time, as the population of Moosomin grows. We have some plans for the mobility centre. It's a very unique situation with the mobility centre and we want to use it as a little bit of a spoke and hub to maybe branch out to our other stores and market it to a little wider area than what has been done in the past. It's a very unique situation where a lot of pharmacies don't have those relationships

with the vendors that Darcy has grown over the years too. So it's something that we can leverage and maybe grow it."

The three partners say there are some benefits to having a group of pharmacies.

"There definitely are some benefits and it's mainly on the back end—things like your payroll system and your accounting systems—the stuff we do on the back side," says Delmage. "We try to partner with pharmacists in the stores that are running the stores with us, are partnered with us, and we take a lot of the headaches off their hands. No one really wants to do all of the HR stuff or all of the payroll stuff and it just takes a lot of time. This way, when we do all of those kinds of things and farm it out to whoever we have partnered with, they can focus more on the patients and delivering service to the community. So it keeps people from burning out while still providing all of the other stuff that they need."

"We're pharmacists first," says Fedorowich. "We always say, 'Focus on your primary responsibility and that is being a pharmacist and providing great care.' Like Warren said, we can assume some of that administrative burden and you guys focus on running a great store and providing great care."

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BORDERLAND CO-OP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

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 "And we're very proud to say that," adds Delmage. "All of us are from Saskatchewan, we're all graduates of U of S and we're all pharmacists, so we have a very deep bench of people to backfill as well. That's another thing that Darcy really looked at when he was going to sell us his store. He wanted people in place that he could backfill if say, one of the pharmacists gets sick or has to go on vacation or something like that. We are there to help support and be in those roles as much as we can, to make sure that our people aren't stressed out and like their jobs."

"We all have a fire in our bellies for the business of pharmacy—we love the business of pharmacy," says Cooper. "We love being pharmacists as well, but it seems the main core of us as business partners, we have focused a lot of our attention on the business of pharmacy and how rural pharmacy can continue to serve the people that it serves."

"Our model is a little different. We invite all of our operators that are helping us maintain or run the stores, we offer them a partnership in the group as well. That's something that you don't see with a lot of large corporates—it's more of just a job, but we want an avenue for a career and an investment path and share that with the people we're working with day-to-day. I think that's a real



Chris Fedorowich and Darcy Rambold filling prescriptions behind the counter at Moosomin Pharmasave.

important cornerstone to our foundation—something that drives us."

"We look at that too as a positive recruitment and retention tool for us," adds Fedorowich. "I think with physicians, or whatever profession you're looking at, it's an issue with rural practice across the province. How do you attract young talent and keep them in small town Saskatchewan? So this is one way we're attempting that. They become part of the larger Legacy Pharmacies

and we hope that we provide them with more than a job, a life-long career."

"Also, with the number of stores we have, we provide the ability for some of the operators to potentially get their feet wet in a smaller location and then graduate to a larger location. Life circumstances change—people get married, people have kids, and spouses' jobs change, so the larger our network grows, the more opportunities we provide within the group for people."

The three partners say that the way that Rambold ran his business was unique in terms of his community involvement.

"I just asked Darcy, because on the front page of the paper this week, it highlights his \$100,000 donation to the airport, and we were just chatting after work, and I teased him," says Fedorowich. "I said, 'Darcy have you ever tracked the amount of donation that you've provided back to the community over the years? Do you

have an Excel spreadsheet tracking all of this?' He said, 'No, but it's a lot.' His philosophy was that the community always supported him and contributed to the success of his business so he obviously felt a responsibility to give some of that success back to Moosomin and area."

"And Darcy dedicated himself to that store and the community. He put in long hours, grew the business and when he could, added more members to it," adds Delmage. "So he put in a lot

of work and sacrificed a lot to make that business what it is today. It's a beautiful store and it's a great business. We're very lucky and happy to be taking it on."

"We obviously want to grow the business and keep it going. Darcy has a lot of stuff that he can show us as far as what he has done in the past, and we bring a lot of stuff to the table too, and we're working together to try to make things even better in the dispensary."

"The beauty of now having eight pharmacies—we don't know everything, far from it, and often independent owners have operated on a bit of an island," says Fedorowich. "They've done great and they've done their own thing, but all of a sudden we bring in the knowledge of several other stores to this store, and we'll extract information from this store and hopefully apply it to our other locations."

"We were all working for other companies and we saw the good and the bad and we wanted to really build a company where we focussed on our people and trying to treat everybody fairly and treat them well and make our pharmacies a positive place to work and a positive place to deal with," adds Cooper. "When you come in you want to leave feeling like you had a positive experience with your health professional. That's something that we urge our teams every day to be the best they can."



Legacy Pharmacies Inc. is proud to announce the acquisition of Pharmasave and Pharmasave Wellness Centre in Moosomin, Saskatchewan, and to welcome both locations and their staff to our growing network of community pharmacies.

Darcy Rambold, longtime pharmacist and Owner/Operator, will continue in his current role operating the business and serving the community.

First established over 141 years ago in 1883 by F.T. Carmen, then later as Pennington's Drugs in 1888, Broadley's Pharmacy in 1957, and eventually Adam's Pharmacy in 1974, the business finally transitioned to Pharmasave in 1991. Darcy succeeded Morgan Adam as Owner/Operator in 2001, and has continued operating the business since. The Pharmasave Wellness & Mobility Center later opened in 2014, quickly becoming a niche destination for South-East Saskatchewan.

Legacy is committed to preserving Pharmasave's long-standing history of serving its patients, the community of Moosomin, and surrounding area.

Legacy Pharmacies Inc. is 100% Saskatchewan-owned, currently operates Pharmasave locations in Balcarres, Candle Lake, Kipling, two locations in Moosomin, and Redvers, a Pharmachoice location in Rocanville, Souris Family Pharmacy in Estevan, and is continually looking to expand its network across the province.



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.

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.

Dry ice surface bookings at MS Arena now open

If you would like to book the facility please call us at 435-3622 or email 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

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

Sportsplex Season

We are winding down another wonderful year at the award winning Nutrien Sportsplex. That said, we still have a couple of weeks 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.

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

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

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.

Generals Football Registration Open

Programs:

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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

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.

Upcoming Event Listing

If you are looking for information as to what is coming up in our community over the coming months we encourage you to visit our Moosomin Parks and Recreation Web page. At the top banner you will find a "Coming Events" header...click that and there you go! As well, if you are interested in including an event you are more than welcome to do so free of charge...you can just email Angela at a.thorntownofmoosomin@sasktel.net and she will be glad to help you out!

Pickle Ball

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

Monday	1 pm
Tuesday	6:30 pm
Wednesday	1 pm

Find us on various Media Sites

You can find Moosomin Parks and Recreation at various web/social media sites including:

- Moosomin Parks and Recreation Web Page
- Mike Schwean Arena Schedule
- Moosomin Parks and Recreation Facebook Site
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Programming Ideas?

Many of our best program ideas come from the general public...if you have something you would like us to consider please email us at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or phone 435-3622.

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!

Terry Lynd Basketball Court

Leo, Jeff and all those behind the fundraising for the Terry Lynd Basketball Court have done such an amazing job over the past year. They are getting really close to what is required to cover the project costs...but I know they are looking for a final fundraising push! With that

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in mind, I know they would be thrilled with further donations or possibly fundraising ideas from the public! If you have any ideas please email Leo at leoilustrisimo15@gmail.com or Jeff at jskulmoski@icloud.com.

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 - 1 Sand Bunker
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 - Horseshoes
 - Disc Golf
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- More activities to be added

With that in mind it would be wonderful to have some community volunteers help with the final push. Things like seeding, raking, installing items etc. If you would be willing to help please email us at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net.

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Fairness questioned in federal budget

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Titled "Fairness for Every Generation," the 2024 federal budget was presented last week to mixed reviews, at best. Souris-Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen summed up the massive document in one word - repetitive.

"It's almost 420 pages of all sorts of things, but ultimately, this government is spending nearly \$40 billion in new inflationary spending, and it's trying to find ways to hold it can keep doing that," he said. "What I think people need to understand is that what it's doing is continually adding to our debt. When you look at our net debt, for 2022-2023, it is \$1.282 trillion."

Projections indicate that in five years, that net debt will amount to \$1.513 trillion - a vast stretch from the \$600 billion debt the Liberals inherited nine years ago.

"The interest on that debt this year, is \$54.1 billion," Kitchen said. That's more money than the government sends to the provinces for health care."

Carbon tax to be rebated to small businesses

One big question weighing on the minds of small business owners was when the estimated \$2.5 billion in carbon tax revenues collected since 2019 would finally be distributed as promised.

"I am so proud to announce that our new Canada carbon rebate for small businesses will soon return over \$2.5 billion directly to about 600,000 small and medium-sized businesses," said federal finance minister Chrystia Freeland in presenting the budget. "This real, meaningful support is a testament to our commitment to Canada's small businesses."

"The Canada carbon rebate ensures that we fight climate change in the most cost-effective way, delivering hundreds of dollars to Canadians, every three months, including yesterday," Freeland continued. "Eight out of 10 Canadians get back more than they pay in the provinces where the federal price on pollution applies, and in this budget, we are delivering on our promise to return car-

bon pricing proceeds to small- and medium-sized businesses."

Sask Chamber of Commerce welcomes carbon tax rebates

This commitment was welcome news to the provincial Chamber of Commerce, who had been a strong voice in getting those rebate dollars thawed.

"The Saskatchewan Chamber has been relentlessly advocating for the return of carbon tax proceeds to businesses since 2021," said Prabha Ramaswamy, CEO, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. "We are pleased to note that the Federal Government has prioritized this. We welcome the return of more than \$300 million to Saskatchewan businesses."

In some ways, the government has made it easier for business to even claim the rebate, seen as a win by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

"Perhaps the most important part of this announcement, is that the federal government has agreed to broaden its eligibility rules to include most small and medium-sized firms rather than just those in "emissions-intensive, trade-exposed sectors," said Brianna Solberg, CFIB Director, Legislative Affairs, Prairies and Northern Canada. "This something CFIB had been calling for."

However, an exact date as to when those funds will be distributed was missed, and businesses would need to file their 2023 taxes by July 15 in order to be deemed 'eligible.' Solberg says her group is pushing to have the backlog issued within the calendar year.

"Ultimately, details around the size, scope and timing of the carbon tax rebates for SMEs still remain unclear," she said. "CFIB will continue to call on government to ensure the \$2.5 billion is returned in 2024 with meaningful rebates for the smallest businesses and to raise the share of future SME rebates back to nine per cent of carbon tax revenue or more."

Some aren't so sure that small business will see those dollars quite so soon.

"They're going to, in this budget, start returning a portion of the carbon tax to small businesses, but you know,

they haven't done it yet," said Gage Haubrich, Prairie Director with the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. "So I think all business owners shouldn't probably hold their breath and don't expect a cheque in the mail because the evidence has shown the government isn't going to get this money back, even if they say they want to."

Kitchen was also pessimistic about the promise to deliver the rebate owed to small business.

"What this prime minister has been continually doing is bragging about giving that money back to small businesses, but he has not done it," said Kitchen.

Questions about carbon tax rebates

As for those rebates allotted to individuals across the country, the opposition Conservatives also questioned the validity of figures delivered; countering the government's claim that most Canadians are gaining from the rebates.

"They keep saying 80 per cent of Canadians are getting more back in rebates than they are paying, which is completely false," remarked Brandon-Souris MP Larry Maguire. "The parliamentary budget officer has indicated that every one of the seven provinces that are still being administered the carbon tax by the federal government will get less."

One positive point could be noted that Saskatchewan residents will continue to receive the carbon tax rebate - confirmation that weighed in the balance after the provincial government removed carbon tax from home heating bills at the beginning of the year.

"I think that's the one small win for Saskatchewan taxpayers is that even though we have premier Scott Moe standing up, and removing the carbon tax from home heating and giving us those savings, the federal government has decided to give taxpayers at least some of their money back instead of withholding it as they initially said they were going to do," Haubrich said. "So it's good to see that taxpayers aren't being punished for just trying to save some money."

Critics question spending in federal budget

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
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Local Members of Parliament and advocacy groups are questioning the sustainability of the spending levels in the federal budget.

The budget was unveiled last week.

"Overall, we're seeing huge amounts of spending for the federal government that keeps saying that they're being fiscally responsible without any evidence of that," Gage Haubrich, Prairie Director with the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, said. "We're seeing a \$40 billion deficit this year. Since Trudeau took charge, the national debt has been doubled. That means that way more money can be spent on those interest charges—\$54 billion this year—that's almost like three budgets of Saskatchewan."

"When you're the government, you're dealing with other people's money," he

continued. "It's pretty easy to open up a checkbook that's not yours and keep spending."

Brandon-Souris MP Larry Maguire noted that some prominent former Liberal finance ministers and even a former governor of the Bank of Canada have serious questions about the level of spending in Budget 2024.

"Even David Dodge, the former governor of the Bank of Canada says to be the worst budget since 1982, that was before it came down, and he's confirmed that now. So has John Manley, the former Liberal finance minister and even Bill Morneau, came out today and said that this was inflationary spending," Maguire said.

"These extra taxes are going to be paid by families and it's going to amount up to about \$2,400 a year for every family in Canada."

Souris-Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen would also like to see a spend-

ing cap with a 'dollar for dollar' rule—for every dollar of new spending the government would have to save the same amount elsewhere. He also proposed a solution for increased housing linked to large centres receiving federal dollars.

"We talked about building homes not bureaucracies by having cities permit 15 per cent more homebuilding every year as a condition to receiving the federal infrastructure money," Kitchen said.

The federal budget also included a tax increase on capital gains for all companies and for individuals receiving more than \$250,000 in capital gains, increasing the inclusion rate to 66 per cent from 50 per cent.

"The Chamber is very concerned that this could have a significant and negative impact on investment attraction to the province," said Prabha Ramaswamy, CEO, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. "Rather than imposing additional tax bur-

dens on corporations, the Chamber supports tax policies that incentivize investment, entrepreneurship, and risk-taking. These elements are vital components of a vibrant and resilient economy."

The CFIB echoed those sentiments, noting the budget will create "winners and losers among SMEs."

"These changes have the potential to demotivate Canadians from getting into business in the first place or working hard to grow a small business to a medium-sized business," said Brianna Solberg, CFIB Director, Legislative Affairs, Prairies and Northern Canada, adding the CFIB would be pushing back against capital gains increases for business. "It also seems bizarre that government would single out some sectors of Canada's SME community for higher taxes, including many of those hardest hit by pandemic restrictions like restaurants and arts and recreation firms."

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In our opinion:

Canada stands at a crossroads

The OECD is projecting that Canada will be dead last among advanced countries over the next 40 years but developing our resources could revitalize the economy

As a Canadian, I'm worried.

Our GDP performance reveals six consecutive quarters of shrinking per capita performance, the most direct measure of a country's living standards. The numbers confirm what many Canadians feel—Canada is falling behind and things are getting worse.

All Canadians should be distressed that the OECD is projecting Canada to be the worst-performing economy—dead last—of all 38 advanced countries over the next 40 years.

Political leaders of all parties should be seriously alarmed that, for the past seven years, Canada's investment growth rate has ranked 44th out of the 47 countries tracked by the OECD. The Bank of Canada has rightly warned that weak productivity and low business investment represent a national emergency.

And it's a hard reality that Canada is no longer one of the wealthiest countries in the world. As our competitive edges erode, so do Canadian living standards and opportunities for future prosperity.

How did Canada so profoundly lose its way? The answer lies in our insular approach to the economy, our failure to act when other countries do, and our cumbersome and uncompetitive regulatory environment that the country's most productive industries face.

But what's the solution?

One of Canada's greatest competitive advantages in the global economy is our energy.

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A recent report by RBC forecasts a substantial increase in global energy demand by 2035, equivalent to the energy needs of the entire United States.

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When complete, the project will deliver billions more over the next decades by significantly increasing the international export capacity of our most valuable commodity.

The \$40 billion LNG Canada natural gas export facility is the largest private investment in Canadian history. Not only will this project generate substantial revenue through the export of low-emission liquefied natural gas, it will also contribute to our GDP and enhance our economic prospects for years to come.

Furthermore, there are attractive opportunities for investment in decarbonization projects, which can help mitigate emissions from our oil and natural gas sectors. For instance, the Pathways Alliance, comprising the country's six largest oil sands companies, just announced regulatory filing for its estimated \$16.4 billion carbon capture project.

We have three more LNG export facilities in various stages of progress. In addition, LNG Canada is considering an expansion that would double its export capacity. In Alberta alone, there are 25 carbon capture projects under consideration.

However, seeing these projects come to fruition in the current environment is far from guaranteed. To realize these opportunities, we need to tackle the fundamental policy barriers that drive away investment.

The evidence shows we need to urgently overhaul our regulatory framework to restore Canada's competitiveness and attract global capital.

To build projects, export goods, and create jobs and opportunities for a growing population, we need successful and growing businesses.

Our governments must actively champion major investment opportunities, as they do in every other jurisdiction worldwide.

The OECD's grim prediction of Canada becoming the worst-performing economy among advanced countries over the next 40 years paints a bleak picture.

However, this need not be our fate. We must reject complacency and strive for excellence.

Canada stands at a crossroads. Will we continue to repel the investment necessary to revitalize our economy, or will we chart a new course, bolstering our key industries and reclaiming our position among the world's most prosperous nations?

I know which path I choose.

Lisa Baiton is the President & CEO of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.



Day care meeting an important next step

With the growth taking place in the Moosomin area, the next important development for the area is Moosomin's second day care building.

More day care spaces are needed, and the provincial government approved 90 new day care spots for Moosomin, which is exactly what the community needs.

It was a huge day for the community when the province agreed to fully fund 90 new day-care spots and provide about \$1 million toward the construction of a second daycare building.

It was an amazing step forward for the project when the school division agreed to provide about an acre of land—worth hundreds of thousands of dollars—free of charge to the day care for construction of the new building.

The daycare board has been working hard on plans for the new building, and the meeting Tuesday will be a chance for the public to see the plans and ask questions.

Tuesday's meeting will include presentations from the Economic Development Committee, the day care and the Southeast Cornerstone School Division to provide an update on where the project stands and where it goes from here, and to answer questions from the public.

The meeting is set for 7:30 pm Tuesday at the Nutrien Sportsplex.

If you are interested in this next step in our community's development, make sure to attend this meeting.



Kevin Weedmark

Hundreds of people attend grand opening in Redvers

It was great to see 700 people out for the grand opening of Redvers Ag's new building Thursday. 700! 700! (There was a full page ad promoting it in the Spectator AND Ag News AND Plain and Valley, which may have contributed to that!) There were people from across the area there for the opening. The first thing I thought when I saw the massive crowd inside the building is there can't be many people anywhere else in Redvers—that was a lot of people in one spot in a town of a thousand people!

Redvers Ag has been around for 70 years, and I know it took a lot of work to build it to this point.

Congratulations to Perry Dangstorp and the entire team at Redvers Ag on this grand opening!

At right, the World-Spectator team hard at work at the opening.



Local delegates said lots of good info at SUMA convention

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Every year, municipalities large and small send representatives to meet with their colleagues across the province in one place—the annual convention of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association. This year's edition, themed Refresh, Renew, Refocus, saw an estimated 900 delegates descend upon Regina between April 14-17 to shape policy, network and be inspired by interesting speakers—including the infamous bear pit with Premier Scott Moe and his ministers.

"It was really good; informative. I learned lots during the day and had lots of visiting and making connections in the evenings," said Tricia Pickard, CAO for the Town of Redvers. "The biggest thing is a lot of times, you feel alone in your battles or issues or different things that come about, but then when you go there, you're like, 'oh, okay, like this is kind of across the province.'"

This year noted 11 resolutions, included two regarding funding for fire departments. The first resolution specifically cited infrastructure dollars with the resulting resolution see SUMA advocate both the provincial and federal governments to include firefighting infrastructure (buildings and equipment) as eligible for grants, or to create a separate funding stream for firefighting infrastructure entirely.

The second resolution will have SUMA advocate the same government levels for increased financial support for fire services provisions in Saskatchewan.

According to Esterhazy Mayor Grant Forster, the resolutions were more of a formality; that it would be obvious they'd all be passed.

"To me anyway, resolutions were softball - very minor kind of concerns, nothing of any of any real controversy or anything like that," he said.

One big bonus was an increase to municipal revenue sharing, which Moosomin Town Councillor Chris Davidson noted.

"They did increase the revenue sharing, we are going to see, I think our administrator said about \$90,000 more than we have had in the previous year," he said of the unrestricted funds which municipalities can use to address a variety of needs.

"There was a lot of talk about the PST on construction." Said Pickard of another item of interest to her. "So we never used to pay PST on construction, but now we have to and so when you're doing multimillion dollar projects, the PST that we have to pay to the government is quite substantial. So SUMA has been advocating to have that change."

Davidson also pointed out a structural change within SUMA, favouring a caucus model for their governance. The change would mean halving the number of directors to seven.

"So that was a little bit different, then quite a bit of debate on positives and negatives around that," he explained.

"They had a motion that they wanted to elect the president from within the directors and the membership shot that down."

In recent years, the convention has been shifted from winter to spring. Having the convention in April falls after the provincial budget announcement, taking somewhat of the thunder out of provincial government announcements.

"Ever since they moved us to April from February, it kind of takes away a bit of the magic of the expectation part of it; getting something from the province because the budget has already come down and everything else," Forster said. "So there's really nothing for Moe to announce during the convention. He still had a great address on Monday, to me, he's an excellent speaker and I enjoy listening to him."

Pickard agreed that hearing from the provincial government was a highlight as well.

"It was really cool to have, like the bear pit session on Wednesday morning—it's always really interesting, because you have premier Moe and then all his Cabinet members," she said. "There was a lot of talk about highways and different budgets with that."

Even though it does mean time and some expense for members of council and staff to attend SUMA, they do see the value in meeting with peers from around the province.

"It gets to be a bit of an expense, but I think certainly the networking and then learning a few things they had a good lineup of speakers there this year, and sometimes that is a little lacking," Davidson said.

Forster echoed the importance of networking, having made a couple key connections during this year's convention.

"We had a meeting with our counterparts in Rosthern regarding their hospital," he explained. "They were announced the same time we were, and some of the concerns that we have, and things we'd like to see happen quicker."

Another important connection for the Esterhazy crew was with Metercorp, a business the town is interested in working with regarding their municipal water meter read-

ing system. In fact, their initial connection was made at a previous SUMA convention, and the two entities continued talking.

"We had that on Monday, and really good meeting with them," Forster said. "They gave us their final sales pitch in terms of what they can offer us and what we would need to make a decision."

Pickard also noting having the opportunity to meet face-to-face with the street sweeping company that Redvers contracts, having the ability to bounce additional ideas off them.

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Grand opening held for new Redvers Ag Kubota dealership

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One of them is a new water treatment plant. We're working on town beautification. And all of the other things that we're doing with grants and upgrading our infrastructure, our equipment with respect to the handivan—we have received a grant for that—we're also looking to upgrade our fire truck so that the fire department is fully compliant under the guidelines. So we are doing the right things to be aggressive and stay ahead of the curve rather than just say we can't find the money to do it. We have to find a way to make it work.

"And one of the things we've been successful at doing is leveraging grants for investment in the community and we hope that locals and people from outside the area see the money we are spending in the community and feel that same confidence to invest in the community.

"Redvers Ag is a fourth generation business, we're happy to see that the business has been in Redvers for 73 years, and like I said when I made my speech at the grand opening, we hope they are here for another 73 years."



The Dangstorp family after the ribbon cutting. In back are Jenna and Perry Dangstorp holding Kepler. In front are Talaya and Adele Dangstorp.



Redvers Mayor Brad Bulbuck cutting the ribbon with the help of Talaya and Adele Dangstorp.

Sunnette Kamffer, Kara Kinna, and Kevin Weedmark photos



The grand opening cake shaped like a tractor.



Talaya Dangstorp on top of one of the side-by-sides in the show room.



Above: There was a huge lineup as people came out for the grand opening lunch. Below is the packed dealership during the grand opening.



Jasmine George receives major scholarship

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER
Jasmine George has 30,000 reasons to smile these days. The Bellegarde-area teen recently learned she is the recipient of a Chancellor's Scholarship through the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

"It was a huge surprise," George recalled. "I went on a tour of the university a few weeks ago, and at the end of the tour, they pulled me aside and said, 'we have something to give you.' I thought at first that they were talking about a different scholarship that I had been offered."

George had also applied for a \$3,000 entrance scholarship to the U of S, and was sure this was the award to be announced. Much to her delight, that fateful cheque had an extra zero displayed in the total.

"Then they pulled out a large cheque and I saw the amount—it was a huge surprise! I'm really thankful," she said.

Applications for the Chancellor's Scholarship are due in December of each year, and George had applied for it last November. Based on academic achievement, only 12 such scholarships are awarded each year to graduates (or those graduating) from a Canadian high school. The \$30,000 Best and Brightest Entrance scholarship is dispersed over four years in lumps of \$7,500 contingent on maintaining at least an 80 per cent average during that time.

"The university has a lot of different science programs, so it will be interesting to explore those," explained George of her chosen field. "Hopefully, I can eventually obtain a Bachelor of Science degree, which I could use to pursue graduate studies."

Being involved in community is important to George, who has been a longtime member of the Redvers Artemis Dance Club, a youth member of the Redvers Lions Club, part of the Redvers School Leadership Club, plus the author of a regular virtual newsletter for the school. On top of all these activities, George also



Jasmine George could hardly contain her excitement after learning she's been awarded a \$30,000 scholarship from the U of S.

maintains part-time employment at Redvers Pharmasave.

She's even ventured into the world of municipal politics, becoming the first junior councillor with the Town of Redvers back in January, 2023.

"It's a very unique opportunity for students—it was really cool," George said of her time thus far on council. "When I went to my first council meeting—just

to see the procedures and the formalities of it all—you sort of learn how the town functions, which is something people never really think about until you see it. The administrative staff have been really welcoming. They taught me all about procedure, and they've asked me to help out with grants within the last few months and doing research for things like that."

One major project George was privy

to following firsthand was the massive upgrade to the town's water treatment plant.

"When I first started, one of the projects they told me a lot about was the water treatment plant and all the work they've done for that," she said. "I was shocked on the research and the grant applications, and the engineering."

From those planning discussions came a huge announcement from the provincial and federal governments, committing some \$4.5 million to the overall \$6.1 million project in Redvers.

The Junior Councillor role is a rather new one, as Redvers Town Council approached the Redvers School in late 2022 about the possibility of a student joining the council team.

"She is awesome, to put it in one word," said Redvers CAO Trisha Pickard of George. "She's really a complement to our council, and we were super thrilled that she was able to obtain a scholarship for that amount of money."

In a reference letter for another scholarship, Pickard further extolled George's abilities in her role on council.

"Myself, Council and the administration team are more than impressed with Jasmine putting herself out there to sit at a table where everyone is her senior and has much life experience," Pickard noted. "It takes a lot of confidence, and desire to create change, to do that. In a very short window, she gained the respect of everyone around her and we have had a very positive experience bringing her to the table."

The Grade 12 student is eagerly anticipating graduation, then making a beeline for Saskatoon to begin her post-secondary studies post haste.

"I'm very excited," George said of beginning university. "We went and saw the university on our tour; I was shocked as to all the accommodations they have for students and all the different faculties. I'm very eager to explore it all!"



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The Miniota-Elkhorn C-Hawks defeated the Ste Anne Aces 6-2 on Sunday, April 14 in Game 3 to claim the Provincial Senior A title for the second year in a row. The C-Hawks defeated the Aces 5-4 in the first game, but fell 7-2 in the second game, to push the series to a third game. Game 3 was played in Virden. The C-Hawks moved on to the provincial final against the Aces after winning the Tiger Hills Hockey League championship. Above are the C-Hawks celebrating their provincial championship.



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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:

- **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 the 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.

Slo Pitch

Our slo-pitch league is kicking off in May. Here are the detail:

When: Starting in May, every Wednesday
Entry Fee: \$300 per team
Requirements: Each team must include at least three female players.

Contact: To register your team please contact Jen at 434-7812.

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
Thursdays - 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 opportunity 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.

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 run 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.

Publication Frequency:

A new edition of the Rocanville Community Calendar is printed each month.

How to advertise:

To advertise in the Community Calendar, contact the Rec office at 645-2164 or email your ad to rocanville.rec@sasktel.net.

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:

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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.

Booking 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

Formerly the Senior Centre

219 Ellice Street, Rocanville

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Coffee – Rise and shine. Start your day right with a cup of coffee and friendly conversations at the Rise and Shine coffee mornings, held Monday to Friday from 8-9:30 am.

Cards

Join in for card games every Thursday afternoon from 1-3 pm. It's a great way to socialize and enjoy some friendly competition.

Potluck supper

On the last Monday of every month, the community comes together for a potluck supper. Bring your favorite dish to share or contribute \$15 per person if you're unable to bring something. Supper is served at 6 pm, and everyone, regardless of age, is welcome to attend. It's an excellent opportunity to enjoy a meal with friends and neighbors.

Annual Cake Walk and Tea:

Mark your calendars for May 11, 2024, for the Annual Cake Walk and Tea event. Keep an eye out for more information in the May calendar.

The Rocanville Community Centre also offers its space for rentals at affordable rates:

4-hour rental or less \$50 - Daily rental \$100

For bookings contact:

Mel Strong at 306-645-4412 or text 306-434-5511
Nora Fergusson at 306-645-2617 or text 306-434-7580

Whether you're looking for a morning coffee, an afternoon of cards, a shared meal, or a venue for your event, the Rocanville Community Centre is a welcoming place for all ages to connect and enjoy.

Rocanville Community Thrift Store

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

Rocanville Food Share

Please keep in mind the needs of those less fortunate and give them to your local Food Bank. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted. Cheques made payable to the Town of Rocanville and can be mailed to Box 265, Rocanville, SK S0A 3L0. An income tax receipt can be provided for donations of \$20 or more.

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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.

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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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Whitewood's 7th annual Farmers and Friends Bonspiel raised \$177,000

BY DONNA BEUTLER

The 7th Annual Whitewood Farmers & Friends Curling Bonspiel has just released its totals for the fundraising event that has become such a huge success over the past several years. The 64-rink bonspiel, under one roof, had an additional 11 teams this year as part of their junior and senior youth portion of the bonspiel.

"An amazing \$177,000 in total was raised this year," committee member Jennalee Beutler told the Moosomin World-Spectator. "We could not have ever imagined the success this event would become and look forward to continuing to host the yearly spiel which draws hundreds of curlers and spectators to our curling rink."

The committee will be retaining \$10,000 of the total for operating expenses for the Whitewood Curling Club and an additional \$5,000 for Whitewood's Youth Curling program.

Another \$10,000 will be put towards the World's Largest Curling Broom project which has been in the works for a few years now. Unfortunately the project had to be halted when the pandemic hit, however, the planning continued and will hopefully be completed before the year is done.

Facility rental fees cost \$17,000 and \$9,886 was paid to volunteer groups who ran the 50/50, worked shifts in the bar and kitchen and catered suppers. These groups included the Whitewood Figure Skating Club, the Whitewood 4-H Beef Club, the Whitewood Grad Class, the Whitewood Fire Fighters, the Wiggles & Giggles Daycare of Whitewood and the Grenfell Curling Club.

An additional \$4,686 in profits was raised in the kitchen by the arena facility and \$118,000 is being held in the grant program fund and will be disbursed following the consideration of grant applications over the next month or so. The deadline for the grant program is May 30, 2024.

According to Beutler, the remainder of the money raised will be held as seed money for next year's bonspiel.



The Whitewood Farmers & Friends Bonspiel committee is shown above with the amount they raised at this year's event. Pictured from left are Jennalee Beutler, Braeden Restau, Scott Mannle, Chad Kelly, Jason Krupski and Warren Delmage.

Westman RCMP Report

81 calls for service

During the week of April 7 to April 13, Westman RCMP received a total of 81 calls for service. Of the 81 calls, 24 were traffic related including 12 moving traffic/speeding violations, seven suspicious person/vehicle/property files, six failure to comply with orders and three uttering threats against a person files.

Ammunition on dash and gun on the passenger seat

On April 13, during a routine traffic patrol being conducted in the town of Elkhorn, RCMP observed a vehicle with ammunition on the dashboard and a gun in the passenger seat. RCMP conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle and the driver was arrested and will appear in court in June for two charges including adult unauthorized

possession of a firearm/prohibited weapon or restricted weapon and adult possession of firearm/weapon/device/ammunition in motor vehicle.

Arrested for uttering threats

On April 11, RCMP were called to a disturbance in Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, resulting in an individual being arrested and charged with adult uttering threats against a person. The individual will appear in court in June.

43 km over the speed limit

During a routine traffic patrol being conducted in the RM Wallace-Woodworth, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at 153 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 \$613.

53 km over the speed limit

During a routine traffic patrol being conducted in the RM Wallace-Woodworth, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at 163 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 \$744 and a MPI serious offence notice was also issued.

Phone numbers to call

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Highest Scorer Award

This award was won by Bud Holloway and presented by Jeff Cole. "This guy never lets up. It's his third year in a row as our top scorer, but also as the Big Six scoring champion. 27 games, 43 goals, 45 assists, 88 points with only 5 penalty minutes. We are super happy to have him on our team. What a player, but what an even better person. Our warrior, Bud Holloway."



Top Defensemen

This award was won by Josh and Jaxon Elmes and presented by Coach George Holloway. "When you have a defence core like we had this year, all are noticed on a daily basis. We ranged from 19 years old, all the way to 50. That's a deep defence. Ask our goalies if they appreciate all of these guys. The pick was difficult, but two stood out, so we picked the two brothers, Josh and Jaxon Elmes."



Most Underrated Player

This award was won by Jaxon Elmes and presented by Don Ferguson. "This guy comes selfless to every game, knowing the task at hand. He logs major minutes, sweats it out against the best the league has to offer. Everyone notices his solid play, maybe not always on the scoresheet, but his approach and stubbornness to win."



Most Valuable Players

This award was won by Bud Holloway and Brock Trotter (accepted by Paul Stapleton) and presented by Peter Nabholz. "We have a dual winner this year for MVP award. Both of these guys exhibit similar qualities. Both have great qualities inside our room and command on the ice. They approach every game with desire to be the best, meaningfulness, and the love of the game. Something that everyone admires. Who can't say they don't love to watch these great guys. Our winners are Bud Holloway and Brock Trotter."



Most Gentlemanly Player

This award was won by Dominic Orr (accepted by Paul Stapleton) and presented by Chris Frape. "This guy sure doesn't play like he's a gentleman on the ice. He's in everyone's face, played on every line this year. Taking his shifts in stride this year, whether it was a few shifts or a regular on the top line. He played in 21 games, 3 goals, 3 assists, and 0 penalty minutes. He traded in his spot on the ice for this year. From a full time goaltender to become a very solid winner. Not an easy spot to make."



Most Dedicated

This award was won by Paul Stapleton and presented by Coach Ferrel Horn. "This award goes to a man who knows nothing about giving up. He is always there for an encouraging word or advice. Always the same person talking to a veteran, rookie, or newcomer to the team. Take note young guns, your time will come, and always remember the dedication it takes to survive in life and hockey. Our winner is none other than our captain, Paul Stapleton."

Rangers hold year-end awards, NHL playoff hat draft and cabaret



The Moosomin Rangers capped off their Big Six championship season with a year-end cabaret, NHL playoff hat draft, and awards night on Saturday, April 13. The Rangers claimed the Big Six championship this season after defeating the Redvers Rockets in the final.

With each award that was presented, a few words were said by the presenter about each player who earned the award, and why they deserved it.



Most Improved Player

This award was won by Chad Hebert and presented by Manager Darcy Jamieson. "This guy has been around for a while now. Always tirelessly coming when I'm sure he didn't feel like it. Like many that have a work schedule, family, and kids pulling at our pants daily, he always was there. He's in great shape, played minutes on every line when needed. Played defence also, even though he didn't like it. He was instrumental in our win. 21 games, 5 goals, 13 assists, 18 points, 12 penalty minutes."



Rookie of the Year

This award was won by Tayte Willoughby and presented by Don Ferguson. "We had a few rookies this year, but this guy really showed what he is made of. A swift skater, puck mover, but can run somebody when needed. He played a major pile of important minutes, mixing in with everyone. Very calm, teachable, and always learning from his elders. We are glad to have him."



Alumni Award

This award was won by Paul Stapleton and presented by Alumni President Jeff Cole. "The alumni award is the player who best exemplifies a Ranger on the ice and in the community. This award is picked by the Alumni."



Playoff MVP

This award was won by Kyle Beckett and Rykr Cole (accepted by Jeff Cole) and presented by Coach George Holloway. "When the playoffs started you could feel our team really start to focus. You always have individuals that step up when needed. Night in and night out guys took turns at sealing games off, but these two guys showed their worth and brought home the Big 6 Title with their teammates."



Mr. Versatile

This award was won by Brock Trotter (accepted by Paul Stapleton) and presented by Manager Darcy Jamieson. "Mr. Versatile is a player that represents all aspects of the game offensively and defensively. This guy was a solid asset to our team. The coaching staff used him in every spot. His regular line, power play, penalty kill. He is a true two-way player, that is something to be proud of. The young guys really learned a lot from him, with his approach to the game. As the season wore on, his assets were noticed by all."

Lots of laughs at Rocanville Fire Department comedy night

BY KELSEY SELBY

Food and laughter brought together a good crowd on April 13 to raise money for Rocanville's Volunteer Fire Department. The evening started with happy hour and 36 silent auction items were open for bidding including everything from tools to a liquor package and beach bag donated by Manetain Your Liquor Store.

Rocanville's own Kaitlyn Mazer, part owner of Bud's BBQ in Ogema, came out with her co-owner and husband Adam to cater the event. The duo served an amazing pulled pork dinner complete with all the fixings.

Comedian John Beuhler entertained the crowd after supper, picking on a few of the girls in the front row and kept the laughter rolling for the evening. The fire department held the event to raise money towards the purchase of new tracks for their side by side.

Rocanville and area is home to many miles of ski doo and quad trails that are not always easily accessible by regular transportation and the side by side tracks will be a great asset to the rural community's first responders.



Comedian John Beuhler during his act.



Bud's BBQ owner and Rocanville native Kaitlyn Mazer and fellow owner and husband Adam catered the event.



The hall was filled with laughter for the comedian. Below: The silent auction items



Rocanville Fire Department members Cody Hunter, Kelsey Reid, Rob Turnbull, Chris Machniak, Barb and Ryan Rudniski, Trevor Lippai, John Hilts, Layton Borden, Jaxon Lewis, Ron Reed, Josh Sapara, Kirk Haryung and Owen Wilson taking a break to smile for the camera.

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

Thank you so much for supporting the Moosomin Visual Art Centre!

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ROUTE A:
Homes on Broadway
Avenue and North:
MAY 6 &
MAY 20

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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SWIMMER 3	\$90	\$105
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- SET 2: JUNE 24 - JUNE 28
- SET 3: JULY 8 - JULY 12
- SET 4: JULY 22 - JULY 26
- SET 5: AUG 5 - AUG 9
- SET 6: AUG 12- AUG 23 (TWO WEEKS)

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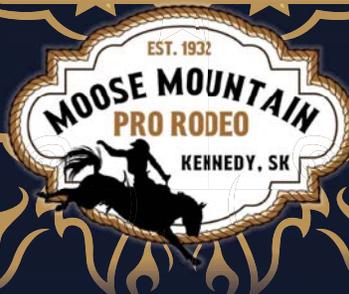


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