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# Sask Volunteer Medal presented to Suzanne Eisler

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Wawota's Suzanne Eisler, who started the Little Dresses group that makes clothing for children in developing countries, was honored with the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal at Government House Tuesday.

The following was read out about her as she was presented with her medal:

"Suzanne Eisler, a lifelong farmer in Wawota, has passionately served her community. In 2014 she established Wawota's Little Dresses for Africa, crafting over 13,000 garments for children in developing regions in Africa, South America, the Caribbean, and Mexico.

"During the pandemic they pivoted to producing masks, headbands, scrub hats and bags for Saskatchewan's healthcare workers.

"Suzanne's dedication to volunteerism spans locally and globally, making a significant impact on those in need."

### 'Celebration of people who have chosen to be positive, productive, and collaborative'

Lieutenant-Governor Russ Mirasty paid tribute to all of the volunteers honored that day.

"Today's event is a celebration of people who have chosen to be positive, productive and collaborative," he said. "You, the recipients, are kind and caring for those around you, for your community, and really by extension, our province.

"Many volunteers are uncomfortable receiving public recognition, but it is important to acknowledge those citizens whose hard work and dedication benefits our communities, both to thank them and to inspire others to become actively involved.

"Today's medal recipients donate their time and talents in a wide range of various ways. Each one has worn many different volunteer hats as a board member, fundraiser, coach, mechanic, crafts person and organizer and the list goes on. These recipients have contributed to diverse fields but they share a common interest in, quite simply, lending a hand wherever it is needed.

"They are not afraid of getting their hands dirty. These honorees have been involved in projects and take on whatever challenges



Kevin Weedmark photo

### Honored with Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Wawota's Suzanne Eisler was presented with the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal at Government House Tuesday. She was presented with the medal by Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty.

and responsibility comes with tremendous leadership.

"I've always believed that everyone can contribute to create the communities we want to live in through our efforts and these honorees have proved that each of us has the power to make a positive change and that together we can accomplish great things.

"I congratulate the recipients on this well deserved honor. Thank you for what each of you have done and will continue to do for your community and your province. Thank you for your exceptional example of service."

### 'Long history of volunteerism'

Premier Scott Moe also paid tribute to the medal recipients.

"Saskatchewan residents have a long history of volunteerism and dedication to serving oth-

ers and I would say that is unmatched across the nation," he said.

"Currently our province has over 300,000 active volunteers. From volunteering, to coaching a child's sports team, to chairing a large non-profit—all volunteers are vital to their own community, whether that be a community by geography or community by the sector that they are volunteering in.

"Every person decides to take time away from themselves or their family to volunteer, no matter how big or how small that commitment may be, and they're making a positive change. They're an inspiration to so many others.

"Volunteerism is also a huge part of our province's collective history. Our province is well known for a community-minded approach, for looking after

our neighbors and looking after those who may be facing challenges, not just here at home but abroad. The thousands of hours that volunteers devote to Saskatchewan citizens and causes, certainly doesn't go unnoticed, and this is why we're all here today to recognize and to celebrate 10 outstanding volunteers.

"As I look at today's recipients, I feel great pride for everyone—for all of the people across the province. You've dedicated so much of yourselves over the years for the betterment of your particular organization, your particular community—the organization or community that you have touched—and touched so dearly.

"You are our honored guests here today and you are numbered among 261 recipients of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal ever. You have given decades,

and some over 60 years, of volunteering in service of your community and your organizations that you're passionate about.

"Your collective work is a shining example of our provincial motto which is 'From Many Peoples Strength.' You've inspired countless other individuals to also take up the mantle of your volunteering effort and the influence that you provide, I would say won't be forgotten for so many years to come. Never underestimate the inspiration that you bring when you step forward to volunteer in your community.

"It brings others to that same table whether it be by recognizing and supporting the Canadian Armed Forces both past and present, whether it be by making personal protective equipment for healthcare workers during the Covid pandemic, whether it be by raising funds for the Ronald McDonald House, promoting the province's arts and sports, educating the youth about the province's agricultural history, helping Ukrainian refugees settle here in Saskatchewan, or supporting mental health initiatives that we are so very, very thankful for."

The premier spoke of the humility volunteers demonstrate.

"Another admirable quality shared by volunteers like you, and we see this year-in and year-out, is your humility—one is your inspiration to us, two is your humility.

"No one volunteers for recognition like we're seeing today. You're willing to show up and serve without expectation—to show up and serve without the expectation of recognition or accolades and to actively put others in your community first.

Through your volunteerism, you have made long lasting impacts on so many people across Saskatchewan, and today I'd like to take the time to say thank you. To say thank you for everything that you've done, on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan.

"This honour is so very well deserved. Every day, in each of our lives, is busy and we know that. We have competing responsibilities pulling us in so many directions and it's hard for us to take time for ourselves, let alone, like these 10 individuals, step forward and find some time to donate back to our community and organizations through rain, sunshine or snow."

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# Broadview RCMP Report

BY S/SGT, DALLYN HOLMSTROM

## Holmstrom's rant has returned!

Broadview RCMP have received multiple complaints, as well as observed, motorbikes being driven in town limits including around the school in multiple communities. The RCMP have already spoken to several youth and parents, however the message doesn't seem to be taken seriously.

So...moving forward, the Broadview RCMP may impound motorbikes and ATVs, as well as issue tickets to anyone under the age of 16 years of age or without a valid drivers' licence. Most towns in the area have a bylaw that permits ATVs and motorbikes to be driven the most direct route out of town, however, this only applies if you have a valid drivers' licence.

If you, or anyone you know, drives their motorbike or ATV within town limits without a valid drivers' licence, please take this as your notice/warning. There is huge liability that goes along with permitting these vehicles being driven in public and it will not continue. To make things clear, you need to have a valid drivers' license to drive any type of vehicle (ATVs and motorbikes included) in public.

## Male running around

On March 29, RCMP were called to Ochapowace First Nations where an intoxicated male was running around the First Nation causing problems and was not dressed for the weather. RCMP located the male and placed him under arrest. The male was then transported back to the three star RCMP Bed and Breakfast where he stayed until he was sober.

## Male throwing rocks at residence

On March 29, RCMP were called to an intoxicated male that was throwing rocks at a residence in Grenfell before leaving the residence driving impaired in a white Hyundai. RCMP attended the scene and were unable to locate the vehicle. The complainant and victim also did not want to provide a statement to police as no damage to the house occurred.

## Female trying to fight people

On March 30, RCMP were called to a residence in Whitewood where a female was intoxicated and trying to fight other people at the residence. RCMP attended the residence and were told that the female was picked up and had left the residence. No assault took place prior to the female leaving.

## Intoxicated and arrested

On March 31, RCMP were called to an assault on Kahkewistahaw First Nations. RCMP attended and located the intoxicated male responsible and placed him under arrest. The RCMP also obtained statements and photos of a male victim that sustained injuries to his face. RCMP prepared a room for the male suspect at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast where he was held until he appeared in court.

## Sextortion on Snapchat

On March 31, RCMP received a report of "Sextortion," only this time the victim was being asked to send nude photos of himself or the suspect was going to release private information about the victim. The victim did not send any nude photos or money to the suspect. The suspect was not known to the victim and had only added them on "Snapchat" via "Quick add." Parents please talk to your children about the dangers of talking to people they don't know online as these types of things can happen very quickly and have life altering consequences.

## Scam of the week

In this week's scam of the week a male from Grenfell had someone make a fake Facebook account pretending to be his girlfriend and requested they send \$300 in gift cards to them. The caller was smart and didn't send any money to the fraudster and did the smart thing by confirming that the fraudster was not in fact his girlfriend. If someone is asking for payment in gift cards, it's a huge red flag that you're probably getting scammed.

## Break and enter at the new town office in Broadview

On April 2, RCMP received a complaint of a break and enter at the newly constructed town office located on Main Street in Broadview. Several tools were stolen from the work site. RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this assault to contact the Broadview RCMP by calling 306-696-5200. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com)

## Two people arguing and yelling

On April 3, RCMP received a complaint of a disturbance at a residence in Whitewood. Two people were verbally arguing and yelling at one another. RCMP attended and one subject was very intoxicated and unable to be reasoned with so he was arrested and spent the night at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast until he was sober.



## Culprit caught stealing on camera

On March 30, RCMP received a report of a stolen tire from a residence in Grenfell. The suspect was caught on camera stealing the tire. Above is a photo of the stolen tire as well as the culprit responsible. RCMP is requesting anyone with information to contact the Broadview RCMP by calling 306-696-5200. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).



## Fake \$20 bill used at gas station

On April 3, RCMP received a call from a gas station in Grenfell that had a black Chevrolet truck that got \$25 worth of fuel and then paid with a \$5 bill wrapped in a fake \$20 bill. RCMP were unable to locate the vehicle but are in the process of looking at CCTV footage to try and identify the suspect.

## Intoxicated male scaring female and children at residence

On April 6, RCMP attended a residence on Ochapowace First Nations where a male was intoxicated in a residence and causing a disturbance. The male was also scaring a female and children in the residence. RCMP attended and were unable to calm the male down so the male was arrested and spent the night at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast until he was sober.



## Semi collided with moose

On April 6, RCMP attended a semi collision with a moose on Highway 1 near Whitewood. No one was hurt during the collision except the moose. The semi had to be towed from the scene as it was not drivable.

## Vehicle refused to stop and fled

On April 7, RCMP attempted to initiate a vehicle stop with a white Ford Explorer on Cowessess First Nations when the vehicle refused to stop. After fleeing for a short period of time, the vehicle stopped. The driver of the vehicle received several fines including open alcohol in a vehicle and driving without due care and attention totaling \$940. The vehicle driver was sober during the incident.

## Male causing problems

On April 7, RCMP were called to a residence on Kahkewistahaw First Nations where a male was intoxicated and causing problems. RCMP attended and placed the male under arrest. After the RCMP were unable to locate a safe place for the intoxicated male to stay he was lodged at

the RCMP Bed and Breakfast until he was sober.

## Female struck someone with pipe

On April 7, RCMP were called to an assault on Cowessess First Nations where an intoxicated suspect had struck someone with a pipe during an altercation and caused a significant injury. RCMP attended the scene and arrested an adult female for assault with weapon. The female was then lodged at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast and held for court.

## Female searching cars

On April 9, RCMP were called to an intoxicated female walking in Grenfell trying to open vehicle doors and get into vehicles. RCMP attended and were unable to locate the female suspect. RCMP would like to remind all people to ensure their doors are locked and to report all suspicious activity like this to police.

## Male banging on people's doors

On April 10, RCMP were called to an intoxicated male banging on people's doors in Broadview. The homeowners did not know who the male was. RCMP attended and placed the male under arrest for being intoxicated in public. The male spent the night at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast until he was sober.

## Female breaking into cabins

On April 12, RCMP responded to a female that had broken into two different cabins on Grenfell Beach. The female was arrested, charged and held at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast to attend court.



## Single rollover on grid road

On April 13, RCMP attended a single vehicle rollover on a grid road near Grenfell. Luckily no one was injured during the collision but the vehicle had to be towed from the scene.

## Impaired and unregistered

On April 14, RCMP received a call of a blue Dodge Ram driving erratically all over the road. RCMP located the vehicle and the driver was determined to be impaired by alcohol. The driver was charged for impaired driving and their vehicle was impounded. The driver also received a \$580 fine for having an unregistered vehicle.

## Police joke

Why wouldn't the policeman get out of bed? He was arresting!

Have a great week and stay safe!

# VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Will you go to Heaven?

Dear Editor:  
 God is pleased with a person who is genuinely good—God is good and desires His children to be like Him.  
 However, the best person around, the one who is most generous, the most kind, the one who never hurts anyone with words or actions, does not curse, is just and fair, is still not a candidate for Heaven. We cannot rely on how good we are, for none of us are absolutely holy and per-

fect, which are the requirements—to stand blameless before God in Heaven.  
 Jesus, however, met those requirements. He was perfectly sinless, holy and blameless. When we accept Jesus as our Saviour, we become perfectly sinless, holy and blameless. To accept Jesus as our Saviour is not just believing in Him, but requires that we trust in, rely on, lean on, and depend on Him, which makes our passage to Heaven possible.  
 These are four steps to receiving Jesus and your ticket to Heaven:

- 1) Believe in God and accept that Jesus is His Son.
  - 2) Realize that you're a sinner, hopelessly lost, who cannot make it to Heaven on your own merits.
  - 3) Ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins and to be your Saviour.
  - 4) Ask Jesus to come into your heart, not just your mind, not just your flesh heart, but your innermost being (your gut) where your spirit dwells and emotions are.
- Jesus said in Revelations 3:20 - "Behold, two stand at the door and knock. If any

man hear my voice and open the door, two will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me" (meaning fellowship).  
 Thank you Jesus for saving me. Because of you we are now cleansed and assured of Heaven.  
 Go to church—it's part of serving Jesus and being thankful for what He has done for you.

Pastor Al  
 River of Life Church  
 Moosomin

## Southeast College announces new board members

Southeast College welcomed two new Board of Governors recently at its meeting held March 13 in Weyburn.  
 The Minister of Advanced Education recently appointed Judy Okanee (Estevan) and Levi Paradis (Weyburn). With these two new appointments, the board is once again at full capacity including existing members John Williams (Estevan), Jeff Ward (Estevan), Heather Vermeersh (Carlyle), Trevor Tessier (Weyburn), and Barbara Compton (Assiniboia).  
 These appointments fill both a previously vacant board position, which had been under recruitment, as well as the role of board chair, formerly held by Donna Nyeste. Currently, the position of board chair is being filled on an acting basis by longstanding board member John Williams.

John Williams, Acting Board Chair, expressed his enthusiasm for the new appointments, stating, "On behalf of the Board of Governors, I extend a warm welcome to Judy Okanee and Levi Paradis. Their appointments come at a pivotal time for Southeast College, and their wealth of knowledge and expertise will be instrumental in guiding our institution forward."  
 "We look forward to their contributions as we work together to fulfill our commitment to serving the educational needs of our region and empowering individuals to achieve their full potential."  
 Judy has had a lifelong career in education. She has had roles such as teacher, principal, superintendent, and university professor. During her time as Director of Education for the Meadow Lake Tribal Council, she was responsible for manag-

ing the educational programming budget for the First Nations associated with the Tribal Council. Judy holds a Master of Education from the University of Saskatchewan and has published a paper at the American Association of the University of Women.  
 Levi grew up on a ranch in a small town near Coronach, Saskatchewan, and is now a practicing lawyer living in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. He has a multi-disciplinary background that spans both the legal and technology fields, which provides him with a unique perspective and skillset. He is excited to join the Southeast College board and collaborate with fellow board members to ensure that Southeast College continues to provide opportunities for the local community for years to come.

Dr. Vicky Roy, CEO and President of Southeast College, is thrilled to welcome Judy and Levi to the esteemed Board of Governors.  
 "Their diverse backgrounds and wealth of experience will undoubtedly enrich our discussions and decision-making processes," said Roy. "Judy's extensive career in education, coupled with Levi's legal and technological expertise, will be invaluable assets as we continue to navigate the evolving landscape of post-secondary education."  
 "Together with our existing members, I am confident that we have assembled a dynamic team dedicated to advancing the mission and vision of Southeast College, ensuring it remains a cornerstone of opportunity and excellence for our community."

## Wawota News

Myrna Olson  
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Wawota would like to welcome David Bunz to Wawota. He is, of course, a brother to Allan and Kevin and moved here from Regina.  
 Happy 60th birthday to Bev Kay who celebrated her birthday with several friends at the recent Women's Ministries meeting on April 8.  
 Jake and Kayla Porter, Zander and Whit enjoyed a holiday to Phoenix, Arizona during the Easter break.  
 Some of the proceeds from the Sledge Hockey Tournament were spent on the

purchase of a patio heater and a fire table for Deer View Lodge.  
 The Wawota Public Library hosted an evening dealing with mental health issues in rural communities on April 9. Lewellyn Melnyk, the author of "Roots" read from her book. This was followed by a discussion. Snacks and refreshments were served.  
 Congratulations to Armed With Harmony (Trystan Myers) who won the Best Wedding Entertainer Award for 2024 at the recent Saskatchewan Industry Awards.

## Spy Hill News

Linda Gander  
 306-534-2021

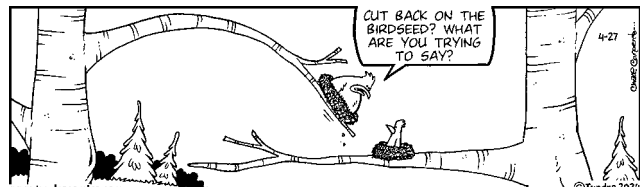
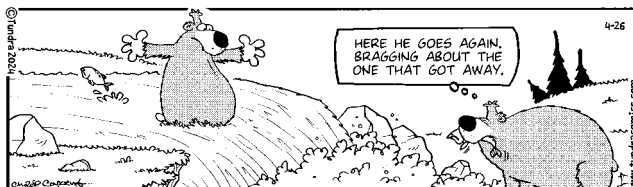
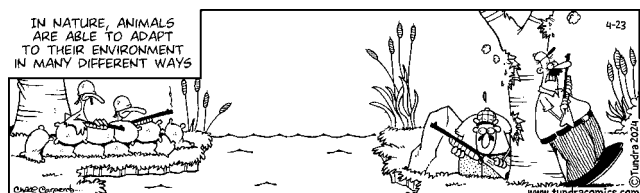
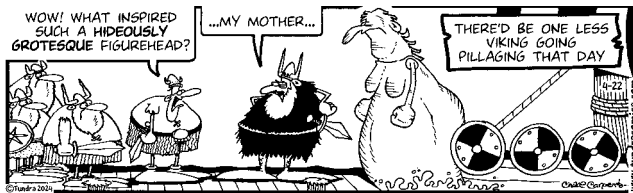
This is just a small bit of news, but I thought it was interesting. Congratulations to Mark Fafard, who farms south of Spy Hill. His name was drawn for submit-

ting the photo of his newborn calf which was sent into the Yorkton Radio Station. He will receive various gift cards for merchandise throughout the Parkland area.

The World-Spectator's deadline is noon on Thursdays

# Tundra

Chad Carpenter





# VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Volunteers will make it happen

Dear Editor:

The upcoming community meeting to determine the depth of the volunteer base available to bring a much-needed service to Moosomin is the next key component to the success of the project.

Providing a dependable system to transport residents from the area to out of town medical appointments has been identified as one of the benefits of residency in Moosomin and area.

This amenity cannot be achieved without a strong group of volunteer drivers.

Please come to the meeting at the Legion on Monday April 22, at 7 pm to learn all of the details.

Being a volunteer for worthwhile projects is one of the components that make this a great community! Please consider joining this group.

If you cannot make the meeting, feel free to give me a call at 306-425-9790.

**Bill Thorn**  
Moosomin

## Trudeau spending more than ever before

Dear Editor:

Another federal budget day has come and gone, and while life has gotten worse for Canadians, Trudeau is spending more than ever before. This year's budget includes nearly \$40 billion in new inflationary spending, and in 2024, Canada will spend over \$54 billion just to service Canada's debt; that's more money than the government is sending to the provinces for healthcare.

Struggling families can't afford higher taxes and more inflationary spending that drives up the cost of everything and keeps interest rates high. The Common Sense Conservatives demanded the following:

Axe the tax on farmers and food by immediately passing Bill C-234 in its original form;

Build homes, not bureaucracy, by requiring cities permit 15% more home building each year as a condition for receiving federal infrastructure money;

Cap the spending with a dollar-for-dollar rule to bring down interest rates and inflation. The government must find a dollar in savings for every new dollar of spending.

Trudeau refused to listen to these demands, so we Conservatives cannot agree to support this budget.

After eight years, the people of Souris-Moose Mountain deserve better. They deserve a government that won't tax them at every turn, like the Liberal carbon tax does. Our miners and energy workers deserve support and recognition for the essential jobs they do, and our agricultural producers deserve a government that understands and respects them as they feed Canada and the world.

It is time for a government that works hard for those who do the work. It is time for a new Common Sense Conservative government for all Canadians.

**Dr. Robert Kitchen**  
MP for Souris-Moose Mountain

## Additional daycare building in Moosomin

Dear Editor:

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

I was approached on April 10 by a resident on Gordon Street, asking if I had any concerns about the proposed location of a second daycare building. My husband and I own a vacant lot at 1112 Gordon Street, which we purchased a few years ago with plans to build a home there. We love the spot, and the biggest attraction was the school yard behind. Until she approached me, I had no idea how many people had concerns about this proposed location.

I have been a realtor for 17 years and a lifelong resident. I attended school in Moosomin at the current buildings, as did my son, and even my mom!

The number of available spots in daycare has been an issue for several years and is only continuing to grow as our town expands. All the growth is wonderful to see, as well as young families choosing to raise their kids here.

The construction of the current daycare building was a huge undertaking with a lot of community support and fundraising. I'm sure the folks involved with that building and day to day operations over the years would be a great resource to learn from while planning a new building.

From my understanding, the SECPSPD offered some land for \$1 for the site of a new daycare building. That was exciting news as one of the struggles was finding land close to the current building and schools. Safety of the children is a top priority and to have land available, and the school division in support is amazing.

Planning a facility of this size takes a lot of effort and time. The school yard is a large parcel of land, so the proper location of the building needs to be considered carefully. Input is required from not only the school division, but the daycare board and any committees involved, as well as town council. How the location will affect neighboring properties, traffic movement to ensure public safety, availability of utilities to service the project, and the best use of rate payer's tax dollars are some of the things to think about.

At the Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 26, there was discussion about the new building. It appeared the daycare board already had plans in place and had not approached town council about it. Our mayor and council are readily available and willing to discuss projects that benefit the town and residents. Instead, at the Chamber meeting, it was insinuated that council was not supporting the group. They were asking for more money than was ever agreed upon, without sitting down to discuss their plans with council. Previously town council had made a motion to support the creation of up to 12 new spaces with renovations at the current building at \$1,500 each. The board, again without discussing with council, assumed and shared things as fact, when they were not the case.

One misconception I hear a lot, is that "the town" will pay for it. When the town pays for something, where does that money come from? The majority is from taxpayers of course. So, any money that is spent has to be done wisely as there is a limit to it. One of council's jobs is to budget wisely, and save costs where they can.

As a nonprofit organization, the daycare board should be just as concerned with spending money wisely, and giving thoughtful consideration to any new projects.

That brings me to the proposed location. How a facility affects the community around it needs to be considered. Having the new building in the place that has the most pros and least cons to not only the kids and staff, but residents as well.

Let's start with services, as that is one of the concerns that has been brought up.

Water and sewer installed to a property is \$150 per foot. At the south location, water and sewer are in the alley behind the homes on Gertie Street, over 400 feet away. There is none available on the school yard. Water would have to be brought in from across Gertie Street all the way to the building, which is a considerable distance. Sewer would go back out to said alley behind Gertie Street, then turn to run down to Ellice and head out of town. The sewer line is an old line in the back alley behind those homes and connects to the newer line heading north down Ellice. There are concerns if the old sewer line would be able to handle the additional 90 daycare kids plus staff.

Pavement (\$8.50 per square foot) and curbing (\$75/foot) would need to be re-

paired. Natural gas is located under the pavement of Gertie Street as well, so that would be more pavement needing to be repaired (additional cost added to the project).

Parking and traffic is another concern. A potential 90 drop off and pick ups, as well as staff coming and going creates a lot of traffic. The majority of the west side of Gertie Street has no parking. That was done as a safety measure so kids weren't crossing the street coming to and leaving the school yard. Parents are allowed to park along the east side of Gertie Street and down Ellice. I have been down Gertie at those times and the street is already quite congested. The concern would be access to a new daycare building from Gertie Street. A lot of those parking spaces would be lost to allow proper access. Many more vehicles would travel in and out of there while still watching out for kids. It's an accident waiting to happen. One child injured, or worse, is too many.

Another possible location, still on the same property, that has been brought to my attention is the northwest corner of the playground, towards the curling rink and a very short distance to the current daycare building. This instantly made sense to me, as it's more central to both schools.

Additional parking could be made available in the curling rink parking lot, with the curling club's permission, that could handle any school parent parking that may be lost along Ellice Street and Oak Ave due to access to a new building. That seems much safer to me.

This location would be ideal as it is in closer proximity to the current building. If staff is going back and forth from one building to the other, it's a simple few steps rather than a drive.

How about services?? Water and sewer are readily available on Ellice and Oak, and at a much shorter distance (cost savings). That means less pavement repair (cost savings). The remainder of the 800 block of Oak Avenue could be designated as school/daycare traffic only, Monday to Friday from 8 am to 5 pm or whatever best suits, in consultation with the Town of Moosomin.

The sewer line on that part of Ellice is new and better able to handle the additional load. Storm sewers are already in place. Natural gas is readily available.

Well what about the track on that end of the playground? I chuckle at this as it wasn't a great track even when I went to school there in the 80's. It's only used about one week per year. Quite often it's too wet in the spring. After a quick chat with a councillor, I learned that it could easily and affordably built in another spot.

The northwest location would need to be lifted a foot or so, and if there are any worries about water, weeping tile could be installed, or better yet the new building could be put on a concrete slab with no worries about a basement or crawlspace. This is actually more cost effective as well.

Additionally, there are no play structures on the north end that would have to be relocated, or trees removed. The south location would need a triangle section of trees cleared, which does not help beautify the space, but detracts from it.

I had heard that there are concerns that the south end of the playground is hard to supervise and overgrown. The trees in the above noted area could be limbed up. Additionally, a fence could be installed at the east side of the alley, behind the homes along Gordon Street. 40-45 years ago when I attended MacLeod, there was no fence either. So it's not a new problem, just one that has not been addressed.

To my knowledge, the soccer fields are still being used at the south end of the playground, so where would they go?

What if a new school is built? I chatted with a local teacher about the possibility of that. She says the current space at the high school is not fully utilized. I think she said less than 80 per cent. So if a new building was built, it would be K through 12 and SMALLER. I do not see a new building

happening for a long time yet. If portables need to be added, there would still be space between the current schools and a new daycare building.

I really do see a lot more positives and common sense to place the building closer to the current daycare, and I know of many others that agree.

Much more discussion is needed. Some neighbors had sent emails to contacts at the school division. They were directed to the daycare building committee and Andy Dobson, who was under the impression that services were readily available. Unfortunately, their concerns have not been addressed. Worse still, dismissed. Some unfortunately have had rude insults directed at them.

That is no way to start off what could be a fantastic addition to our community. We are too tight knit to not get along. Discussion is key.

I did receive a phone call from Jeff St. Onge and I do appreciate that, although I was left with the impression that it was not his decision and not much could be done.

When can we have a thoughtful meeting with town council, residents, the daycare building committee and school division representation to arrive at the best outcome for everyone?

A concerned Moosomin resident,

**Rolna Pranke**  
Moosomin

## Protest Tax

Dear Editor:

How many tax dollars does it take to protest a tax?

Sounds like a riddle but what I witnessed during the Axe the Tax protest was no laughing matter. Driving by the protest at the Saskatchewan/Manitoba border I saw a couple handfuls of vehicles, a few pieces of farm equipment, friendly protestors waving flags and banners, and I saw RCMP. I saw a lot of RCMP.

It started at the intersection of Highway 41 and the Trans-Canada Highway. I saw two cop cars and a big fancy red tent; foreshadowing the circus that I was about to encounter. The next few miles I saw cop car after cop car. Big ones, small ones, I even saw ghost cars; very spooky. I almost had to pull over and find a soft shoulder to cry on.

Where did they come from? What were they expecting? Who sent them?

Would it have been too much for the local detachments and highway patrol to handle if there was an incident?

On the way back to town I saw more reinforcements heading in. In town I saw the hotels where they were staying for days on end. What could the local restaurants tell us about the sudden uptick in business? At least our tax dollars went back to some local businesses.

What did this cost the taxpayer? Would that money not have been better put towards rotten highways like Highway 8, the healthcare system or the education debacle?

We need to start looking at this like our health. This is after all, the health of our province and country. Stop treating the symptom; start treating the cause. The carbon tax is a symptom; weak individuals masquerading as government are the cause.

The reason our groceries, gas, bills and everything else are increasing in price is the direct result of a parasite class that has leached itself onto the working class. They waste our tax dollars, give it away or give it back to themselves through massive pay increases while we give them more than we can afford.

Carbon tax or protest tax, it's all a gross overreach of government and a complete disregard for our tax dollars. Liberal, Conservative, NDP or Green; they are all heads of the same snake, slowly tightening their grip around their underpaid, overworked, and overtaxed prey.

**Andrew Shire**  
Moosomin





The steel started to go up on Borderland Co-op's new food store in Moosomin last week. The 30,000 square foot store is being built at the corner of Birtle Street and Broadway Avenue and is slated to be completed in early 2025.

# Teachers to vote on tentative contract in May

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

In last week's paper, Samantha Becotte, President of the Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation, spoke about how "sometimes the best agreements are the ones that no one's happy in the end of it."

There was great optimism heading into the April 13 weekend that the STF and provincial government could hammer out a deal—maybe not one that both sides would be happy about, but a deal nonetheless to break months of strenuous relations.

Last Thursday, the STF called a press conference, saying they've been presented with what they called a 'final offer' after two days of bargaining talks.

"Over the past two days, we have engaged in difficult conversations within negotiations," Becotte said. "As we had said before, we didn't want to go and sit at a table and hear 'no' for another two days as we had previously experienced. Unfortunately, that is a majority of what occurred at the bargaining table with the GTBC (Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee)."

What the parties came up with was a three-year agreement with teacher salary increases retroactive to September, 2023.

"The final offer included a three year term with salary increases of three per cent in the first year, three per cent in the second year, and two per cent in the third year, as well as the one line that we have previously talked about ensuring that the accountability framework would be honoured and followed," said Becotte.

"In addition to that, outside of the collective agreement, there was an agreement to have a letter of undertaking signed by the chair of the GTBC. This letter would contain items outside of bargaining that would address some of the proposals that teachers have brought forward. Unfortunately, as we have talked about with concerns around items outside of bargaining with classroom complexity, anything within the letter of undertaking would be non binding and there is no dispute resolution process."

In a media scrum last week, Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill pointed to the positive aspects of the agreement.

"It's going to keep our staff and teachers above the western Canadian average, we've got the largest increase to school operating funding for next year school year, we've obviously got the multi-year funding agreement to ensure that classroom supports funding are set at a minimum floor over the next four years," he said.

"At the end of the day, good for students to ensure that we don't have sanctions going forward that affect obviously curricular time, but all the extracurriculars and important things like graduation as well."

The tentative agreement will go back to STF members for a vote on May 8 and 9.

# Gov't more positive about deal than STF

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

After the province made its final offer to teachers and the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation agreed to take the tentative agreement to its members for a vote, the province was sounding more positive about the deal than the teachers.

"This was very clear from the GTBC that this is their final offer," said Samantha Becotte, President of the Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation. "There was no willingness to find further solutions within the bargaining process that addressed the concerns that teachers have brought forward in this."

Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill sounded more positive. "What we have here today is a tentative agreement," said Cockrill.

"We have an agreement that came out of a couple days of bargaining," he said. "I've been clear all along that the best deal is going to come from the bargaining table and it was incredibly encouraging to have both of our bargaining teams spend a couple days at the bargaining table."

Both sides recognized the strain on relationships the entire process has taken.

"The bargaining process has taken a toll on the sector," Becotte said.

"The actions that we have seen from government, the actions from Saskatchewan School Boards Association, and the actions of some division administrations have shown a lack of respect and appreciation for teachers in Saskatchewan and a lack of appreciation for the work that they do with such skill in classrooms across Saskatchewan. Relationships have been damaged and they will not be easily repaired."

Cockrill's response was to take action—he said he will hit the pavement, visit communities across the province, and try to restore those damaged ties in person.

"I'm going to get back out on the road and be working to build relationships," he said. "You build relationships and build trust by showing up. There's not a lot of winners when it comes to bargaining, and I think nobody's lost more throughout this whole process than our kids in this province."

"I'm absolutely committed to being out on the ground and building those relationships; building the trust between school boards, teachers, myself, other professionals in the sector, and parents as well, to ensure that we're all working together to really improve education as best as possible."

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# What the heck is a Kitchen Party?

## The Kenosee Lake Kitchen Party 'KitchenFest'

BY MICHELE AMY

What the Heck is a Kitchen Party? "I thought you were a Tupperware event," laughed one concert attendee at her very first Kenosee Lake Kitchen Party "KitchenFest" concert in the Moose Mountain Provincial Park in Southeastern Saskatchewan.

The following evening, she returned with a carload of her friends. And the very next August, she registered herself and her grandson to learn to play the guitar, camping in her RV and diving into everything to fully experience what the music camp offers.

Have you ever wondered why we call it "A Kitchen Party?" Or what happens at a music camp where all ages and abilities are included? Because the Kenosee Lake Kitchen Party (or KLKP for short) is not your typical summer Band Camp.

Visit [www.kenoseekitchenparty.ca](http://www.kenoseekitchenparty.ca) to see what's happening this August.

To be fair, KLKP does have some elements in common with a summer camp.

We partner with the Kenosee Boys and Girls camp using their wonderful facility. The camp is located directly in the middle of an old growth Aspen forest, perched on the lake front and boasts an in-ground swimming pool, canoes and kayaks, great food in the Mess Hall, nightly campfires, and a wide variety of places to sleep ranging from bunkhouses to hotel-like bedrooms.

But the Kenosee Lake Kitchen Party is unique. The instructors are professional musicians from all over North America (and in non-Covid times, the world!). Los Angeles-based composers and musicians Ben Knorr and Louisa Byron, both of whom compose for film and video games, will be teaching alongside touring band Inn Echo from PEI and fiddler Fergal Scahill from Ireland who lights up the world's stages with his dynamic playing and entertaining personality. The full roster of instructors is on our website.

Not only do these talented musicians teach sessions throughout the day, they

also perform in our Festival series' nightly concerts which are open to the public. They jam during the day, collaborate with participants on tunes, hang out trading stories around the kitchen table over coffee and roast beef supper. Or let it all rip around nightly campfires.

On Thursday evening, our instructors play for an epic dance party. The first half features great traditional music with all the Old Tyme dances from the barns and community halls from across Canada. Then the second half is a rip-roaring Rock and Roll set. We never know what's exactly going to happen musically. But it's magic in the making.

At KLKP, everyone mixes no matter age, background or musical ability. From the raw beginner who is just starting out on the guitar/fiddle/banjo to the seasoned performer attending for the creative boost that comes from being immersed in music for a full five days, all musicians of all ages congregate and support each other.

What campers have in common becomes quickly apparent: a love of the musical community, an acceptance of everyone who arrives, an ability to laugh and frolic and eat and talk and play games and enjoy each other's company. Children mingle with the adults until the under 18 curfew and then it's adult time around the campfires and kitchen tables.

KLKP is a Kitchen Party where friendship, music, food, beverages of choice, dancing and shenanigans combine into five days of pure musical joy. After a two-year shut down, we are going to be so happy to gather with friends, old and new, and dive back into the joy of community. At KLKP, we can't wait. Our 2023 camps will be from August 7-11 and August 14-18.

Want more information? Just type KLKP into your search engine and check out our website which features all the details about who's teaching this year, who's playing in the nightly concerts and how to register.

But if you're hoping to buy Tupperware, you'll be disappointed.



**Left:** A square dance pool party.

**Below left:** A banjo player visiting with a friend.

**Below:** Campers enjoying their time at the Kenosee Lake Kitchen Party.



Above are a group of guitar players and below are a group of fiddle players enjoying the music and company at the Kenosee Lake Kitchen Party.



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## Bethel United Church Celebrating 135 years of faithful service

Our church was built in 1889, seven years after the railway went through Moosomin. It is amazing that even though life had to be very difficult, our ancestors thought it was important to have this Community of Faith. Since then, our community has continued the legacy they started in the building on the corner of Gordon Street and Windover Avenue.

It has been during these 135 years that the Community has invested their time and resources in maintaining the vision of a faithful Christian discipleship. Our Sunday Service is at 10:30 am. Our Church Office is open to the public every weekday morning from 9-11 am. You can follow us on Facebook, our website ([www.bethelunitedchurch.ca](http://www.bethelunitedchurch.ca)) or call the office to be added to our weekly newsletters for updates and happenings of our church.

Our church facility serves the Community in



- Rehearsal space for Creative Vision Productions, and Moosomin Youth and Community Bands
- Piano Lessons with Tobin Fox
- Music Lessons with Sandra Poole
- Moosomin Caregivers' Support Group
- The Music Festival uses it for local people to showcase their talents and be adjudicated.
- Various other local groups for social and community purposes.

Although we do not have a minister in place at this time, worship continues with the help of ministers and lay ministers from surrounding areas and volunteers from our own congregation. The variety of lay ministers creates a mixture of viewpoints—each being unique and interesting in their own way.

We have recently started renting out our CE Hall for different functions ranging from baby showers to family events. Our Hall provides a full kitchen and double bathroom with tons of space. Tables and chairs are provided with our rentals. We also have individual rooms/offices available to rent in the lower part of our church with windows in each room and a public washroom on that level as well.

various ways including:

- The Moosomin Family Resource Centre which provides a home for young parents and children to get together, as well as to administer other social programs. You can follow their Facebook as well for an updated schedule.



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## Silverwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre



Silverwood Wildlife Rehab is your very own locally run licenced charity along with being permitted by both the provincial and federal government to rescue and rehab wildlife in Saskatchewan. We cover a 200km radius for most wildlife and even further for some special ones like skunks.

We care for almost all species of wildlife from avian, mammals to amphibians whether they come in injured or orphaned all with the goal to release them back into their environment when appropriate as they gain health and wildness. We also offer the public educational opportunities through school visits, events and guidance over the phone to encourage respect and understanding of life in our environment. It is important for our environment that we all learn to coexist together, wildlife and humans, lessening the conflicts that can occur in our day to day lives.

As a registered nonprofit charity, we rely on the generosity of our surrounding communities through monetary donations and fundraisers to operate and care for all the wildlife that needs help as we are not funded in any way from the government. There is no paycheck for the wildlife rehabilitator so relying on helping hands through our volunteers and supporters is very important. We often manage to get youth grants for some positions during the busy season, which allows us to hire locally if they apply for the positions.

There is much more to wildlife rehabilitation than just feeding little orphans which is a small portion of time in our overall year of rescue and rehabilitation. We handle the calls of wildlife tangled in fences, hit on highways or injured in other ways. We triage, manage their care and wounds, getting them to veterinary care

when needed and do all we can to help them recover and move through the rehab process with the aim for release back into the wild. Another area is land and pen maintenance, cleaning and more cleaning of wildlife excrement, building new pens and more. There is also the portion of wildlife rehab that is the office portion that covers all the bookwork, keeping all the files up to date along with grant writing and fundraising planning and execution. As you see, there many ways one can help the wildlife rehab function at its best. If you can see yourself helping in any of these ways, or if rescue and transportation is something you would like to do, please reach out as there is a need always. The main requirement needed is a commitment to a certain number of hours per week from season to season as your help takes a load off another person's shoulders so its important to have a firm commitment.

Last but not least, monthly or yearly sponsorship is of utmost importance to help us cover the many expenses from species specific food, medications and veterinary care and specialty pens like the eagle flight pen that we are saving for that the increased eagles coming into care now truly need for the final part of their care.

We are very thankful for the continued support we have received from many individuals, businesses in our local communities, Conservation Officers from the regions surrounding us, RCMP, our board members, nature groups along with partnership with the other wildlife rehabs in our province.

*Tricia Mogstad  
Permitted Wildlife Rehabilitator and Director*



## MFRC strives to meet the needs of all families

The Moosomin Family Resource Centre is located in the lower level of the Bethel United Church and has been in operation since 2002. Our commitment to support and promote child development and healthy family connections is the core of our programming.

MFRC strives to meet the needs of all families with a wide range of programs

and clinics throughout the year. We have a wide variety of toys and experience centres that encourage parents/caregivers to explore and learn together through play but also gives children the opportunity to develop early friendships and grow socially.

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# GET INVOLVED



## Heritage comes alive at Rocanville & District Museum

The Museum was started as a vision of a few local farmers and Ernie Symons. On May 6th, 1967 the Museum was registered under the Societies Act 1959, and became known as the Rocanville and District Museum Society. The Museum has evolved into a very large collection of unique artifacts from Rocanville and area.

The Museum is run solely by a few volunteers. We strive to keep the Museum alive in the community and try to promote its existence and value to the community.

The first project undertaken was to erect a quonset to house donated artifacts. It officially opened on July 1st, 1967. Today it is home to tractors, stationary engines, trucks, cars and numerous small and large items. One tradition that was started originally was to hold an annual threshing day in September. A very rare engine in our collection is the American Abel. It is massive in size and makes one feel very small when standing beside it. There are only four known and two of the four are in restorable condition. Rocanville Museum has one that could be restored, the feasibility of this is being looked into. We hope to have the boiler tested soon to see if it is restorable.

We have a Japanese Fire Balloon in our collection and this is another very unique item. We also have the map showing where these were dropped. It has drawn interest from many people and we have even had people from the Calgary University make a trip to research it.

We have two snowplanes in our collection, a Fudge and a Lorch. We hope to restore these at some time in the future.

Over the years several local buildings have been moved to the Museum and we now have 14 buildings that house artifacts that are relative to them. (e.g. Cambridge School is set up as a one room school, which it was originally). Buildings moved to the Museum include Hillbun Church 1899, Schwantz Store 1904, Cambridge School, Rocanville CPR Station, Prosperity School (exterior is original but interior has been converted to Museum workshop) and the Mason's Lodge Hall. A working Blacksmith shop was erected on site. The Rice-Ore administration building was built on site as well. It was named after Everett Rice and Bill Ore, two of the original members of the Museum. A cold storage building is the newest building built on site and is known as the Lockerbie-Hole Building. It named for Lockerbie-Hole, contractors at the mine expansion who donated scrap wire from the expansion to the Museum. The funds from the sale of this wire were used to construct the building.

Ernie Symons was instrumental in starting the Museum and donated many items to the collection. He is well known for his famous Symon's Oil Cans. The building he used to manufacture these oil cans still stands today. It has a unique, almost one of a kind saw-tooth roof.

The Museum has a large number of the last production of oil cans and we sell the at the Museum as individual cans or in sets of four.

Our Museum members were able to take part in two Harvest for Hunger world record attempts for the most threshing outfits working at the same time. These events to place at Austin, Manitoba and Langenburg, Sask. Austin achieved a world record at the time. It was a bit of a challenge to get our equipment to Austin but we managed to do it and were a part of the world record.

We hire summer students each year. This enables us to be open full time for July and August. Other times we are available by appointment and welcome all visitors. Many unique artifacts are on display at



Rocanville & District Museum hosts an annual Threshing Day each fall (shown above). This year's Threshing Day will be on September 14, 2024.

the Museum and we strive to preserve the history of Rocanville and area and everyone can connect to the past. We welcome new members and encourage anyone interested, to become involved with the Museum. We invite everyone to visit us and experience and explore how life has evolved over the past years.

### REMEMBER THIS IS 1950

A backward glance (these interesting facts were printed in the front of an old cookbook from 1950).

We are always being urged to look forward but let us pause here and look backward briefly to the days when Rocanville had it's beginning.

- The first settlers came to the district in 1882-1883. Some of these included F.W. Pinkess, H. Thistle, F. Horsely, J. Logan, A.H.R. Bastien, Kinghorns and three Reavie brothers. Mrs. Jim Logan was the first woman settler in 1883.

- In August 1902 the village was started by Mr. S. Schwanz and his brother building the first general store in the middle of what is now Main Street.

- In 1902 The CPR Railway extended through Rocanville to Tantalton. Mac McDonald was the first agent.

- The village was named after A.H. Rocan De Bastien who was the first postmaster and Justice of Peace. He came into the village in 1903, the post office was in his house (the house now occupied by Jack Kinghorn's)

- The first lumber yard was built and operated in 1902 by J.E. Walker. In 1902 A. Cameron built his general store on the site where the Farmer's Building now stands.

- In 1903 the first livery barn was built and operated by Sid Jennings

- In 1903 the first elevator was built on the site where the cenotaph now stands with the J. Jensen, the first agent.

- In 1903 the first machine shop was built and operated by John Beanie on the site of Plummer's Hardware

- The first blacksmith shop was owned and operated by William Harrison

- In 1904 the Village was incorporated with A.H. Rocan De Bastien as overseer and was known as the village of Rocanville in the district of Assiniboia, N.W.T., this was changed to Saskatchewan in 1905.

- In 1903 the first school which now known as the Fire Hall was built on the site of the large brick school. It was opened February 1st, 1904 with Miss Bertha Gessner as first teacher. This served the community until the brick school was built in 1909 and the Kindergarten School in 1922.

- In 1903 the first butcher shop was operate by Doyle and Cameron and had their first slaughter house on the lots

where Mrs. S. Reavie now resides.

- In 1904 the first bake shop was opened by J. Stewart

- The first harness shop was owned by F.M. Barrett

- The first doctor was Dr. Bell, who built the first drug store in 1904 with C.L. Smith as druggist

- The first restaurant was operated by

built in 1911

- The first Town Hall was over the Post Office, after it was moved to the Schafer Building
- The Oddfellow's Hall was

- The Oddfellow's Hall was built in 1911

In the foregoing notes we make no claim to have mentioned all the fine pioneers and we ask you to bear with us where space has restricted this humble narrative.

However in 1950 let us look backwards with love and pride and forward to a Rocanville just as fine as our grand old pioneers could have dreamed possible.

J.J. Casselman

- The hotel was built in 1904 by Wm. Fletcher
- Rev. Marshall, Baptist minister from Moosomin conducted the first church services in the A.C. Cameron store.

The first resident minister was Rev. Neil Morrison in 1904

The Methodist and Presbyterian churches were the first churches erected in 1903

- In 1905 the first postroom was opened by J.K. Schmidt

- The first jeweller was Webster Widdess

- 1907 the first bank (Union) was opened

- In 1907 The Anglican Church meetings were first held and the church built in 1911

- The Oddfellow's Lodge was chartered in August 1907

- The Masonic Lodge was chartered June 17, 1910

- The Rebekah Lodge was chartered January 3, 1912

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Volunteers and thrift store manager Marguerite Osborne sorting clothing at the thrift store.

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Come volunteer with us at the Moosomin Thrift Store and Food Share! We are open 12-5 pm Monday to Thursday for shopping as well as donation drop offs, and Fridays we are open 12-5 pm for donation drop off only. We accept cash, debit, Visa and Mastercard.

The Thrift Store and Food Share relies on the community and surrounding areas for donations. That is how we are able to keep the doors open and the shelves stocked! If you haven't been in our store lately, we highly encourage you to come in and have a look around.

We have been so fortunate to have been approved for various grants which let us move forward with many projects. Every little bit helps when receiving these grants and with them covering the costs of our projects, we were able to donate to a few things in our local community as well! We've donated to the Moosomin Airport Expansion, the daycares in Moosomin and Wapella, STARS and to McNaughton High School Breakfast Program to name a few.

We also acknowledge that we wouldn't be able to give away these donations to our community without the help of our amazing volunteers. They are the reason this store is the way it is and why we are able to operate so smoothly. They are the backbone and the front of this operation and we cannot tell them in words how much we appreciate all that they do. From taking donations and sorting them, from helping customers and ringing through purchases on the till, organizing displays to cleaning, there is a never

ending to do list and somehow each one of them puts a dent in it every day!

We have such a good rapport with everyone and it is such a joy to come to the store and work alongside these ladies and gentlemen every day!

If you are looking for ways to give back to your community and want to get outside of your house, we would love to have you at our store. We are always looking for new volunteers and we want you to come down and see what all the excitement is about!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and Instagram page to be in the know of our weekly sales and remember that every Wednesday is bag day. For only \$20 you can fill a bag of clothes (mens, womens and kids).

If you are wanting to know more about our organization, are wanting to volunteer, or to make a monetary donation, please come down to see us at our location—609 Gordon Street, Moosomin; phone Samantha Campbell at 306-435-2633 or email me at sehas2018@sasktel.net.

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# Elkhorn Auto Museum



The Manitoba Automobile Museum is located on the TransCanada Highway Service Road just east of Elkhorn Manitoba. The Museum boasts a bountiful collection of automobiles dating back from the early 20th century. Along with the automobiles

there are many tractors and farm implements. When visiting the museum, a tour is not complete without a stop in at the Archie Schoolhouse, the Pioneer Home or the restored Kirkella Church, all onsite at the museum grounds. Our museum is open from 10 am to 6

pm seven days a week during July and August and closed Tuesday and Wednesday in May, June and September for the 2024 season. The most exciting day of our annual calendar at the museum is our Canada Day events which include a Parade through town

with many of our own automobiles and some outside collectors. There is a BBQ on the museum grounds hosted by the RM of Wallace-Woodworth, Kids Activities, Threshing Display, Saw Mill, Blacksmithing, beer gardens and more. Supper is available (presold

tickets) and the day ends with a fireworks display. Whether you want to make a quick stop for a look or spend the day immersing yourself in our past, The Manitoba Automobile Museum in Elkhorn Manitoba is the Place for You! If you are interested in volunteer-

ing or getting more involved at the museum, please contact us at [manitobaautomuseum@outlook.com](mailto:manitobaautomuseum@outlook.com). To Keep Track of what's going on at the Museum check out our Facebook page.





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Make sure to follow our Facebook page for more information on the museum and any upcoming events!





# East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc. helps newcomers to Canada successfully settle and feel welcome in East Central Saskatchewan

The East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc. is a first stop collaborative centre to welcome newcomers to the East Central Saskatchewan region.

Newcomers establish their first connections with their new community, through the agency by accessing information about the resources and services available in the community.

The agency offers Settlement Services, the Settlement Worker in Schools Program (SWIS), the Community Connections Program, Employment Services, and the East Central Saskatchewan Immigration Partnership.

Some of the services provided by ECNWC for newcomers to Canada include: Community facilities and services tours, identifying newcomer's settlement needs, connection to cultural, social and recreational groups and events, referrals to community services, connecting with volunteers to support them in their settlement and integration, solution focused counseling, information and orientation seminars and interpretation.

ECNWC also provides community connections to housing, education, healthcare, banking, transportation, employment, places of worship and other activities which accelerate the settlement process.

The Settlement Worker in Schools Program (SWIS) is a school-based program designed to help newcomer students and their families settle in their school and community.

SWIS connects newly arrived families to services and resources in the school and community to promote settlement and foster student achievement. The SWIS program focuses on newcomer families that are in their first few years in Canada. The program also focuses on newcomer students and parents, that have unresolved settlement needs.

The East Central Saskatchewan Immigration Partnership is a new ini-

tiative aimed at bringing together service providers, settlement agencies,

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key municipalities in East Central Saskatchewan to create welcom-

ing and inclusive communities for newcomers to Canada.

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# One word for Caitlin Clark: Dominating

She was born on the 22nd day of January, 2002, wears No. 22 for the Iowa Hawkeyes and her team finished No. 2 in the NCAA women's basketball championship, but Caitlin Clark has No. 1 written all over her.

There was perhaps no more famous athlete in North America during the month of March than Clark, whose dominance on the basketball court turned her from a prodigy to a legend. She was the obvious No. 1 selection in last week's Women's National Basketball Association draft, going to the Indiana Fever, and most sports analysts in the U.S. predict that thanks to Clark, the women's pro game will get the same attention boost she gave the college game the past couple of seasons.

Not especially tall at 6-foot-0, Clark nonetheless dominated her sport for the past two years and her team's games became must-see TV across most of the basketball-crazed U.S.A.

With a deadly eye for the three-point shot, Clark averaged 31.6 points per game as Iowa posted a 34-5 record en route to the national final against South Carolina, which completed its undefeated season with a 87-75 win over Clark's Hawkeyes. The Clark legend grew and grew and grew all year, to the point where her team's championship game against South Carolina drew a TV audience of 18.7 million, more viewers than any basketball game in 2024 of any level — men's or women's college games, NBA and WNBA included. ESPN has already announced that 36 of Indiana's 40 WNBA games next season will be nationally televised.

Coach Dawn Staley of South Carolina was quick to pay tribute to the Clark effect, saying after the championship game that she wanted to "personally thank Caitlin Clark for lifting up our sport. She carried a heavy load for our sport and it just is not gonna stop here on the collegiate tour. But when she is the No. 1 pick in the WNBA draft, she's gonna lift that league up as well. So Caitlin Clark if



Bruce Penton

you're out there, you are one of the GOATs of our game. We appreciate you."

Besides becoming a household name, Clark also became the collegiate game's all-time leading scorer, with 3,685 points in four seasons. The men's mark which she surpassed was held by LSU's Pistol Pete Maravich, who scored 3,667 points in three years.

Clark will undoubtedly sign a lucrative contract with Indiana and continue to be a Sports Centre darling, but money is the least of her worries. Thanks to the introduction of a couple of years ago of Name, Image and Likeness payments to college athletes, Clark is already worth more than \$3 million, with dozens of endorsement contracts to her credit. Good thing, too, because the maximum salary for a WNBA rookie is \$76,300. Tip money, basically.

The phenomenon that is Caitlin Clark now enters its next chapter, and the WNBA will be the beneficiary. In stock-market parlance, the WNBA's arrow is pointing straight up.

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Even though Dec. 25th is on Wednesday this year, the NFL announced that it will play two games on Christmas Day, thus commandeering a holiday that was once the NBA's showcase day. In the NBA's eyes, the NFL truly is "The Grinch Who

Stole Christmas."

• Eamon Lynch of golfweek.usatoday.com: "Bryson DeChambeau, one of the arsonists who set golf's house on fire, is now complaining that others aren't moving quickly enough to extinguish the blaze."

• Augusta National chairman Fred Ridley, saying the 12th hole will never be lengthened, as suggested by 2000 champ Vijay Singh: "That's almost like asking, you know, can we touch up the Mona Lisa a little bit."

• Headline at TheBeaverton.com.: "O.J. Simpson funeral to feature ceremonial televised white bronco chase."

• Another one from the Beaverton, which wrote a story headlined: "Ten names for Utah's new NHL team even less representative of the state than Jazz. No. 5: Utah Gangster Rappers; No. 8. Utah Open Past 10 p.m.-ers."

• O.J. Simpson death headline in The New York Post, exhibiting extreme New York Posty: "Real Killer is Dead."

• And the Beaverton, piling on: "O.J. Simpson dies surrounded by family members he didn't kill."

• Comedy guy Torben Rolfson of Vancouver: "The Masters music makes Barry Manilow sound like The Clash."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Tiger Woods says if everything comes together, he believes he can win another Masters. He got me so fired up I sent another set of marriage proposals to Ann Hathaway, Margot Robbie and Gal Godot."

• Another one from RJ Currie: "Pittsburgh police arrested a Nashville Predators fan for throwing a catfish onto the ice, then later dropped all charges. Poetic justice—he was caught and released."

Headline at fark.com: "Shohei Ohtani was not involved with his interpreter's gambling scandal according to the Brinks truck of money MLB used to make it the truth."

Care to comment? Email [brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca](mailto:brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca)

## White Bear First Nations Chief Jonathan Pasap:

# Loan guarantees in budget will create opportunities

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Some positive news came for Indigenous communities across the country in the federal budget, with some \$9 billion worth of housing, policing, health care, and cultural support included.

The biggest item was a \$5 billion commitment to guaranteed loans for more access to affordable capital for Indigenous communities.

The loan guarantee program will create economic opportunities for White Bear First Nations that will grow the local economy for the nation and the surrounding com-

munities," said White Bear First Nations Chief Jonathan Pasap.

"We've seen sustained investment from the federal government. As Chief, I am happy to see an increase in spending, and I will be lobbying hard to make sure White Bear First Nations gets access to funding for language, mental health, culture and education funding to support our citizens."

While the funding announcement is a step in the right direction, Chief Pasap noted it does not wrap up the entire package in a nice bow.

"Does this budget solve all of our problems? Absolutely not," he said. "And I will be continuing to work to ad-

vance our nations priorities while honouring the treaty that was signed originally by Chief Wahpemaakwa."

The 2024 budget measures for Indigenous communities include:

- Investing nearly \$243 million for the next generation of First Nations university, college, and post-secondary students, building on the \$487.5 million over 10 years invested in Inuit and Métis post-secondary education strategies through Budget 2019.

- Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program, which will offer up to \$5 billion in loan guarantees to unlock access to capital for Indigenous communities, enabling them to share in the benefits of natural resource and energy projects in their territories and on their own terms.

- \$388 million to support Indigenous entrepreneurship, Indigenous tourism, unlock new clean energy opportunities, and the Strategic Partnerships Initiative.

- Indigenous Housing and Community Infrastructure investments of \$918 million beyond the \$5 billion already available for communities in 2024-25, to accelerate work to narrow housing and infrastructure gaps in First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities as follows:

- \$426 million for First Nations on reserve;
- \$62 million for Self-Governing and Modern Treaty First Nations;

- \$370 million for Inuit communities; and,
- \$60 million for Métis communities.

- On-Reserve Income Assistance funding of \$927 million to help on-reserve residents cover daily living costs. Budget 2024 invests in income support programs across the country for First Nations persons with disabilities for the first time in Canadian history to make disability supports on reserve comparable to supports off reserve.

- \$1.8 billion to support Indigenous communities in exercising their jurisdiction under An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families, including the first Inuit agreement to support community-led, prevention-based solutions to reduce the number of children in care.

- Investing over \$290 million in Indigenous-led efforts to reclaim, revitalize, and strengthen Indigenous cultures and languages.

- Fair Tax Jurisdiction for Indigenous Communities by expanding opt-in Indigenous tax jurisdiction frameworks that advance self-determination and build strong fiscal relationships while generating revenues for community priorities.

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**Esterhazy Legion presents Remembrance Day Awards**

**On the left is,** Nicole Spearman who won First Place in the Junior Poster Colour Category at the Zone Level (\$10 & Certificate) as well as Second Place in the Junior Poster Colour Category at the District Level (\$20 & Certificate), which were presented by Royal Canadian Legion Esterhazy #249 Poppy Chairman Dale Minarik.

**On the right is,** Mallyory Lomenda who won Second Place in the Intermediate Essay Category at the Zone Level (Certificate) and Avery Shaw who won Second Place in the Intermediate Poem Category at the Zone Level (Certificate). The certificates were presented by Royal Canadian Legion Esterhazy #249 Poppy Chairman Dale Minarik.

**South East Cornerstone School Division**

**Curriculum co-ordination demands development, experimentation and delivery**

BY NORM PARK

Identifying, developing and co-ordinating adventures in curricular items within a provincial school division requires certain skill sets and the leading navigator in this sector for the South East Cornerstone Public School Division is Michael Graham.

Graham spent an hour with Cornerstone trustees on March 27, leading them through the land of curriculum and instructional technology as it rolls out in the south-east Saskatchewan sector.

Whether they be core curriculum items, vocational learning experiences, a monitored on the job foray or volunteer efforts within a school or community environment, it's all up for grabs and accountability when it comes to granting educational credits that lead to a successful graduation.

The co-ordinator led off by explaining that the curriculum team embraces the role of supporting teachers and schools, whether it be through straight ahead core curriculum or through technology and experimentation.

Graham has been in the lead role since 2017, and has been employed by Cornerstone since 2012. He often refers to the job as a partnership not only with schools but also as a liaison with other agencies.

"I end up learning more when I go out to the schools," he told the trustees.

Introductions of robotic experiments, 3-D printers, vocational experiences in school labs and shops and community involvement, can all lead to successful gathering of credits for students.

Graham also spoke of teacher mentorship programs, whether they be newcomers to Cornerstone, or established educators approaching new areas of instruction, or those experiencing transitions, as a few examples of where a curriculum support system comes into play.

With newcomers, Graham said it was important to tie

a lot of effort into the first-year teacher experience with proper coaching and mentorship.

"We want to ensure they get a good start to the year," he said. That also includes programs to assure teacher accreditation.

He went on to explain the curriculum renewal process that helps students gain credits to meet graduation requirements as well as the alternative pathways such as apprenticeship programs in power engineering, fabrication, agriculture equipment technology as well as volunteerism projects and experiences. One program cited was the Duke of Edinburgh program that includes community involvement as well as outdoor and other learning experiences.

Special reading programs were also displayed through Graham's audio/video presentation that was then capped off with a virtual reality experiment within the conference room when Weyburn trustee Megan Schick volunteered to join a special welding class experience courtesy of a VR head set and a program that had been set up for all trustees to view.

Graham responded to several questions during the

presentation and thanked the board for their support on an ongoing basis.

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Kevin Weedmark photos

The Lieutenant-Governor, Suzanne Eisler, and the Premier at the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal presentation in Regina last week

# Sask Volunteer Medal presented to Suzanne Eisler

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"On good days or bad days you get up and put smiles on the faces of the people that you serve day in, day out. Though you do not work for this recognition, know that this recognition that you're receiving today is so very well deserved.

"Volunteers help our communities grow and thrive and I would say to volunteers that made our communities, built our communities from the ground up in Saskatchewan, the volunteers that show up in times of prosperity and that show up in times of challenge, that I and the people of Saskatchewan are so very grateful for what you do. It's important to take time to recognize you today for all of your hard work and endless commitment. You are role models for so many others and you inspire so many others to follow in your footsteps. Decades of hard work have gone into your collective volunteering efforts and I'm confident that they will remain a wonderful legacy for the organizations and communities that you have

blessed your time and your efforts with. Thank you for your dedication towards your community. Thank you for your dedication towards our province and our nation. On behalf of the Province of Saskatchewan, I extend my sincere appreciation to each of you. Thank you."

### 'Time and care'

"The time and care these volunteers have given to causes ranging from youth, veterans' and women's issues to arts and culture, does not go unnoticed," Mirasty said following the ceremony. "I am honoured to have been able to meet these recipients and to recognize their exceptional contributions."

In addition to Eisler, the other recipients of the 2023 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal are:

- Jyotsna (Jo) Custead
- Major Brad Hrycyna, C.D.
- Jim Meikle

- Douglas Osborn
- Jeanette Tonita
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Nominations are now open for the 2024 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

Individuals and organizations are encouraged to nominate current or former long-term residents of Saskatchewan who go above and beyond for their community through acts of volunteerism.

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## Looking Back

### Five years ago, 2019:

Plainview Colony was the best in show for the second year running at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair's annual pork quality competition. The colony's north barn successfully defended its grand champion spot. In 2018 the barn claimed both first and second in the annual winter fair competition on top of a fourth place finish in December 2017 during Brandon's Hog Days. Their top carcass earned 98 out of a possible 111 quality points with the judge, 11 points ahead of both Maxwell Colony and Waldheim Colony.

### Ten years ago, 2014:

Laurel's School of Dance competed in the Humboldt On Stage dance competition. The large group tap number Let's Dance received a gold medal with a mark of 98.

A community garage sale in St. Lazare raised \$3,300 to be donated to an orphanage in Peru. Community members visited the leisure centre to browse through tables full of clothing, toys, appliances, CDs, and books. Donna Simard and a group of volunteers began raising money for the orphanage in 2009 through annual garage sales.

### Fifteen years ago, 2009:

Seven-year-old Michael Logan was among a multitude of young swimming enthusiasts that participated in a kid's pool party at the Rocanville Aquatic Centre, sponsored by Borderland Co-op. The event marked the official opening of the pool for the 2009 season and included free



swimming, crafts, face painting and treats for kids aged 12 and under.

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Left: This was the front page of The World-Spectator five years ago on April 22, 2019.



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