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Kim Poole photo

Kim Poole captured this photo of Dawson Springer scoring a goal for the Moosomin Rangers during their home opener on November 11 after Springer came in for a penalty shot and tripped on the goalie's stick. Springer still managed to score the goal. This photo shows him in mid air after he tripped, with the goalie flat out, and the puck in the net. The Rangers won the game over the Midale Mustangs 7-2 that night.

Sask Health numbers show growth across the region

Populations growing in local area

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Saskatchewan Health covered population numbers continue to show growth across the area.

The latest numbers show 3,303 active health card numbers in the town of Moosomin in 2022, up 67 or two per cent from 3,236 a year ago, and up 342, or 11.55 per cent from 2,961 a decade ago.

The latest numbers show 12,416 in the local region, up 164 or 0.95 per cent from 12,252 last year, and up 617, or 3.67 per cent from 11,639 a decade ago.

Covered population numbers are not the same as a census, but indicate the number of people with an active health card who list their address in each community.

The health numbers show a steady increase in population in the area, especially in Moosomin.

Of the 617 increase in population between 2012 and 2022, more than half of the increase, 342 people, is in the town of Moosomin, and 44 is in the RM of Moosomin (which includes Moosomin Regional Park).

"The health numbers show a fairly significant rise and

that matches what we see in Moosomin," Mayor Larry Tomlinson said.

"I think when you look at these numbers, and you look at what we've got coming in Moosomin, with Cobblestone House and the new apartments, I think it's great for the future of Moosomin. I think it's going to continue to grow. We just have to be very welcoming to the people who are building here and are putting places up, and keep trying to get them to town, and I think it'll happen."

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Competition Bureau's application on Moosomin, Virden elevators dismissed:

Anti-Trust Tribunal says P&H can keep elevators

A federal antitrust tribunal's decision may soon make Parrish and Heimbecker the owner of KK of Louis Dreyfus' Prairie grain elevators.

In a decision on Oct. 31, the Competition Tribunal, which is a federal quasi-judicial body with the power of approval over any antitrust actions proposed by the federal Competition Bureau, dismissed an application from the bureau that would have ordered P&H to sell either the former Dreyfus elevator at Virden or the P&H elevator at Moosomin,, which are only about 60 km apart.

"While we are disappointed that the tribunal has ruled against our challenge, we are carefully reviewing the tribunal's decision to determine appropriate next steps," the Competition Bureau said in a news release.

The bureau proposed the order following Winnipeg-based P&H's September 2019 deal to buy all 10 of the primary grain elevators Dreyfus built in the four western provinces between 1998 and 2003.

Of the 10, six of the Dreyfus sites are about an hour's drive or less from at least one other P&H elevator, but the bureau in December 2019 said it would ask the tribunal to make an order only regarding the Virden and Moosomin sites. The bureau also sought an order preventing P&H from buying any other elevator in those markets for a set period of time.

The Moosomin and Virden elevators "were close competitors due to their proximity" along the Trans-Canada Highway, the bureau said at the time, as the companies "closely monitored each other's wheat and canola prices and responded to competitive activity from each other by offering farmers better prices."

The deal "eliminates this rivalry," meaning "farmers in the corridor between Moosomin and Virden will earn less for their wheat and canola," the bureau said.

P&H, through its Dreyfus deal, got "the ability and incentive to unilaterally exercise market power in the relevant markets," the bureau said in its application, adding that P&H already "no longer intends" to follow through on previous plans to expand its rail car spot at Moosomin.

P&H challenged the bureau's proposed order shortly after closing its deal with Dreyfus in December 2019. According to Competition Tribunal filings in January 2020, P&H said there was no evidence of any alleged imminent harm to farmers, other than allegations by the bureau that the company said "are based on a misunderstanding of the grain handling industry."



The Parrish and Heimbecker terminal at Moosomin. The Anti-Trust Tribunal has dismissed an application by the Competition Bureau to have P&H sell either its Moosomin or Virden elevator.

The tribunal, in its Oct. 31 ruling, said the Competition Bureau's commissioner "had not established that the acquisition lessened competition substantially in any relevant market, or was likely to do so in the future."

Focusing on wheat and canola purchases from farmers in the Virden-Moosomin corridor, the tribunal said it found the "relevant geographic market for the purchase of wheat" was more likely than not to include "at least seven" elevators in that area. For canola, meanwhile, the area included "at least 10 elevators as well as four crushing plants."

The tribunal said its evidence shows the price effects of the P&H deal for the Dreyfus elevators were "immaterial" and "several effective remaining competitors remained" in the market. It also found the relevant grain companies' "post-merger" market shares to be below the 35 per cent safe harbour threshold for such cases.

The tribunal kept its specific reasons "confidential at this time." It said it plans to release a full public version of its decision at a later date, after it reaches consensus with the involved parties about what exact information would still have to be kept confidential going forward.

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Keller Developments of Brandon plans to build two 12-unit apartment buildings on South Front Street between Ogilvie and Alberni. The town of Moosomin will extend a water line to make the development possible.

Two apartment buildings planned for Moosomin

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The Brandon developer who is planning to build two apartment buildings in Moosomin next year says he has had his eye on the community for a long time and says he believes Moosomin has a lot of potential for growth.

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

"Our most recent connection would be Kim from Royal LePage. We work with Royal LePage here in Brandon and they connected us with Kim and she's been fantastic in helping us navigate our dealings in the community."

He said there are just a few pieces to put in place for the development. "We're three quarters of the way there," he said. "We still have some steps to take before this project breaks ground but the plan is this spring. We're just working through those last few steps to make sure everything is a go and we'll see where it goes from there."

He said he has found it easy to work with local businesses and the town.

"We did spend some time in the community talking to a few business owners a couple months back. Overall it's been all positive and dealing with the town has been good. I would say that it's a little easier doing business in Moosomin than let's say a city like Brandon. It definitely was a lot simpler that way. Smaller communities tend to be a little more that way—the council and mayors are a lot more receptive and more open to do business the old school way. You have a conversation, do what you say you're going to do, shake hands and move forward. I always like doing business that way. That's one of the perks of working with a growing centre like Moosomin that still has their rural roots."

So what else has to fall into place before the project proceeds?

"We still have some drawings to complete like home design, engineering and all that fun stuff. There will be a few reports we have to get done like environmental and geotechnical, those sort of things we still have in front of us. Those are the main things we have to get done before our spring start."

Construction should take about a year.

"I would say a year to be safe," said Keller. "We've certainly done it faster and depending on what the interest level is in the community. We are currently doing a little bit of research on that front too. We understand that there are some businesses here and the surrounding area that are looking for rentals themselves to secure for their staff, so once we have our head wrapped around that a little more clearly we'll probably adapt our timeline to match those needs."

those needs."

He said this is a good time to be investing in Moosomin.

"It seems like Moosomin is hitting a critical mass in terms of where it's located and what it's up to. I think doing business in Saskatchewan in general is a bit easier than Manitoba, I would say from what I've gathered so far. There's definitely more of a pro-business and pro-growth feel so it's kind of neat to see that."

"I definitely like what I'm seeing in Moosomin. We all ways take it step-by-step."

"I think Moosomin has a lot of potential and I think if everything lines up here the way we hope and we get going, then as soon as we get this one locked in place then we'll start looking for something else there, I would think, right away."

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Family visits gravesite of Victoria Cross recipient, George Harry Mullin

BY DONNA BEUTLER

Susan Fisher never knew Harry Mullin nor did her husband, Tyler Dawson, who is Mullin's great-grandson but the stories of this Victoria Cross recipient have come alive to her through both her husband and her father-in-law Bob Dawson (91).

"I have heard about Harry many times," Fisher told the World-Spectator in a Remembrance Day interview when she passed through Moosomin and visited Mullin's gravesite there, paying their respects for family and bravery.

"My father-in-law's grandmother, May (Mary) married Mullin when Bob (Dawson) was 12 years old," Fisher explained, adding that Dawson knew Mullin for about 20 years before Mullin passed away. And so for Fisher, the stories Dawson has told her about Harry Mullin have really brought Mullin's story and his exceptional bravery during World War I to life for her.

Mullin was born in the United States but at age two moved (1890s) with his family to the Moosomin area. When his parents moved further west, Mullin stayed on the farm northeast of Moosomin with his uncles, learning to shoot at an early age. In fact, as soon as he could carry a rifle, Mullin was shooting prairie chickens.

It wasn't long after World War I broke out that Mullin's service for his country began and his marksmanship resulted in him officially becoming one of 70 of the bravest Canadians who served in that war. He became a skilled scout and sniper and took part in the famous Canadian attack on Vimy Ridge in April 1917, earning the Military Medal for his bravery during that battle. Six months later, during the battle of Passchendaele, he earned an even greater honour by winning the Victoria Cross—the highest honour available to British Commonwealth troops, and one that only 70 Canadians

earned during the war.

Mullin earned his VC on October 30, a day that found his unit under fire by a German 'pillbox' fortification that had stopped the Canadian advance and inflicted heavy casualties. Moving out from behind cover, Mullin crept toward the German position while under heavy fire, stopping to take out an enemy sniper position along the way. Reaching the pillbox, he climbed on top, shot the two machine gunners inside with his revolver, then rushed to another entrance and forced the remaining ten occupants to surrender. By the time he'd seized the pillbox, Mullin's clothes were riddled with bullets, but he was unharmed.

In 1934, Mullin started a position in Regina as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Saskatchewan Legislature, responsible for both the security of the Legislative Building and the ceremonial handling of the Mace, which symbolizes the authority of the House Speaker. Mullin left the position in 1941 to sign on with the Veterans Guard of Canada, where he stayed until 1947, guarding German prisoners of war—many of whom would salute him as he passed in recognition of his prestigious medal. In 1947, he resumed his role as Sergeant-at-Arms, and settled at 1262 Garnet street in Regina, remaining at the same address and job for the rest of his life.

In the last ceremony before the provincial legislature ended its spring session in 1963, Mullin was awarded a plaque announcing that, in honour of his military service, a lake in the province's far north would be named after him. Just a few hours later, in the early morning of April 6, he passed away at his Garnet Street home.

Fisher, who lives in Vancouver, happened to be passing through Moosomin with her niece Allison on Remembrance Day on their way to Ontario where Fisher will be visiting her parents. The eight-day



Pictured above is Susan Fisher, great-granddaughter of Harry Mullin by marriage, at Harry's gravesite in Moosomin on Remembrance Day 2022.

drive across five provinces included a planned stop in Moosomin to not only visit the cemetery and pay their respects, but to attend the Remembrance Day supper at the Moosomin Legion.

"I just wanted to honour the incredible sacrifice Harry made," Fisher said of her stop in Moosomin, "and to do some visiting." Though Fisher and her niece didn't know anyone in Moosomin, they knew they would be warmly welcomed by those attending the local Legion Remembrance Day supper.

"We're paying tribute to very brave people," Fisher went on to say. "They are why we have the freedoms we have today. What I feel wonderful about is that we are connected to our past."

Fisher and her niece continued on their journey eastward the following



Ryan Bender played guitar and sang at the Legion dinner.

day recounting the "lovely warm folks at the Legion dinner."

Correction

There was an error in the Esterhazy Town Council news in the November 14 World-Spectator. In the report, it states that business owner Heather Gorecki recently purchased the two lots behind her businesses building to create a parking space for customers. That is incorrect. The parking lots are for staff.

Also in the paragraph that reads "Council discussed

possibly charging Gorecki property tax for just two lots if she were to combine the two lots behind her business into one lot, so that she would be paying tax on her building and the one lot behind her business if they were tied together into one title," it should say minimum tax instead of property tax.

We apologize for the error.

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Hometown Christmas concert in Moosomin with Eli Barsi and Lizzy Hoyt

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

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Award winning songwriters, vocalists, and musicians Eli Barsi and Lizzy Hoyt will be performing a hometown Christmas concert this year at the Moosomin Community Theatre on Thursday, Dec. 1.

They will also be performing at the Kipling Community Centre on Dec. 4.

"I've been performing Christmas shows in many areas of Canada and in the U.S.A. for the last 38 years. This time of year is my favorite season and holiday," said Barsi.

"Sharing Christmas music with various communities has always been so enjoyable for everyone in my band that we all agreed it would be very fun for us, and the audience, to present our Christmas show in Moosomin."

The two talented artists will be playing various styles of Christmas music including Western Roots, Bluegrass, Folk, Celtic and Country.

They will also be performing recognizable Christmas favorites, along with a good mix of original Christmas songs.

Barsi spoke about why she decided to partner with Hoyt for the show.

"Lizzy Hoyt and I are long time friends, music colleagues and like minded when it comes to sharing live music," said Barsi.

"We have worked together on stage before, however it's been many years.

"Lizzy was recently in the Moosomin community for her latest CD release concert in June and she was so well received.

"Myself, along with my husband John, were discussing doing a Christmas show here in town this year and thought it would be great to invite Lizzy to join in.

"This show is about bringing high quality live music to this community in hopes of entertaining, lifting hearts, and enlightening everyone with the spirit and joy of Christmas."

John Cunningham will also be joining the ladies at the Christmas show with his rhythmic upright bass playing, harmonica,



Musicians (left) Eli Barsi and Lizzy Hoyt are excited to perform their Christmas concert in Moosomin on Thursday, Dec. 1.

lead and harmony vocals.

Barsi said she looks forward to performing with Hoyt as she's a very talented person.

"By the time of our show on Dec. 1, Lizzy will be just finishing wrapping up her debut Opera performance as the lead in Rossini's Cinderella for The Manitoba Opera," Barsi said.

"This is a huge deal! Lizzy is so diverse, as her performance in Moosomin will be at the complete opposite end of her usual music spectrum, which is Folk and Celtic."

Barsi also comes from a background of many talents. Recently it was announced that she will be a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for Community Service in the Arts.

Although this is Barsi's 14th annual Christmas show, this will be the first time her and Hoyt will be performing together.

Hoyt spoke about why the two of them decided to perform a joint concert together.

"We just wanted to play music together," Hoyt smiled. "Eli's a long time friend of mine and the idea came up that it would

be fun to do a project together because as solo artists we love to go around and share our music, but it's really nice when you get to collaborate with someone else. To sort of get out of your comfort zone and play someone else's music and just join forces, it's really fun."

Hoyt said she enjoys performing during the holiday season.

"This is our first time sort of sharing a Christmas show together. It's fun to get to play music with people that you like and just be able to reconnect musically," said Hoyt.

"It's been a while since we shared the stage together. I always joke that I'm the

perfect person to do a Christmas show because I really love Christmas. I happen to be interested in a lot of the older Christmas carols, but ancient carols are the ones that have always spoken to me.

"I get really excited to work on some arrangements and playing these ancient melodies, and finding new ways to do them. For me, it's an honest pleasure."

Hoyt said she is just as excited to be back in Moosomin.

"It's nice to be able to come back. Often you don't return to some places so quickly, if you're doing a concert series or something they often like to have a couple years in between before inviting people back to the same place," she said.

"It's nice to have a return visit so soon, and of course it's going to be a completely different repertoire. I still feel comfortable and confident returning because it will be a completely different show."

The show is sponsored in part by MADC, Moosomin District Arts Council. The Cratehouse will also be serving some delicious hot beverages and treats for the audience to enjoy.

Barsi and Hoyt will also a Pop Up Store in the lobby of the theatre for anyone wanting to add some Christmas shopping to the evening.

Although this is how both artists make their living, a portion of the proceeds will be donated back to the community.

"I'm excited about the show," said Hoyt.

"I hope people can come and that we can get them excited about the Christmas spirit and kick off the season."



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In our opinion:

Consumers will foot the bill for Trudeau's digital services tax

Just another way of increasing the taxpayer burden

Earlier this year, the federal government announced its intention to add one more tax onto the pile already being paid by taxpayers, this one on digital services.

This new tax would be a three per cent levy on the total revenues of companies in the online services field. This means social media, online sales, online advertising, etc.

Behind the high-minded slogans about "fair shares" and "making multinationals pay" hide two other facts: that it is once again, as always, taxpayers who will foot the bill and that the hoped-for benefits will likely not materialize.

In introducing this tax, the Trudeau government took its inspiration from France, which adopted just such a three per cent tax on digital services in 2019.

The predictable result in France was a direct increase of two to three percent in the prices paid by consumers of these services, depending on the company. Instead of affecting their profits, these companies simply passed the bill along to their clients.

In Canada, such an increase would cost consumers several billion dollars—up to \$3.3 billion a year, at a time when they are already facing seven per cent inflation, a level not seen for decades.

These price increases, which every one of us would pay, would far outstrip the \$3.4 billion in revenue that the government expects to collect through such a tax over five years.

And that's if the gains materialize. The French government, for example, estimated that it would collect 400 million euros. Instead, it collected 277 million euros, or 30.75 per cent less than initially projected.

That's the biggest problem with the digital services tax: It overestimates the gains for the government and underestimates the costs consumers will have to pay.

We also need to consider the tax's impact on Canadian companies. In 2021, they brought in \$398 billion thanks to online sales, according to Statistics Canada. This same study found that one in five wants to permanently increase its online sales capacity after the pandemic.

Adding a new tax on revenues from online sales would therefore affect a large proportion of Canadian companies.

The government proposes imposing this tax on all companies with domestic revenues of \$20 million from online sales. This threshold is lower than it might seem, considering that large Canadian companies declared an average of \$79 million in revenues from online sales. This gives a good idea of the scope of this tax.

If it's adopted, many of our most successful companies would thus be overtaxed, which is to say penalized for having dared to innovate and improve access to their businesses. This is precisely what happened in France.

Yet there's no reason to adopt this tax. Currently, the proposed threshold of the global minimum tax agreement is 15 per cent. Over the past 10 years, large digital companies (Google, Amazon, Facebook, and Apple) have paid a tax rate of 24 percent on average.

It should come as no surprise that they actively support this agreement since they already pay more than the proposed minimum threshold!

When you scratch beneath the surface of slogans like "fair share" and "make the multinationals pay," it becomes clear that it's just a round-about way of increasing the taxpayer burden.

Federal government spin doctors can dress it up all they want, but at the end of the day, consumers always end up paying these taxes. Don't you pay enough already?

This editorial was written by Olivier Rancourt, an Economist at the Montreal Economic Institute.



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Moosomin area's history of very odd crimes

Southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba are not exactly hotbeds of crime, but there was a time, a few years back, when there were three very unusual bank robberies in the local area in the space of a couple of years.

There was the robbery of the Welwyn TD bank branch by a golf pro from Yorkton, the robbery of the credit union in McAuley by an individual from Russell, and the absolutely bizarre heist at the CIBC in Elkhorn.

Police were three for three in solving the crimes and laying charges, while the financial institutions did their part to reduce crime by closing all three of those branches...

CLOSET GOLF PRO

One of the three local bank robberies was committed by a Yorkton golf pro who hid in the closet and robbed the Welwyn bank when they locked up for lunch. It turns out he had become addicted to VLTs and started stealing money to feed his habit.

The Welwyn bank robbery led to more and more crimes—he was eventually arrested in Winnipeg.

He and his gang became known as the twist-tie robbers, as they would burst into businesses such as McDonalds locations, tie up the staff with twist ties and rob the tills.

SUITCASE FULL OF TINFOIL

Then there was the person from Russell who robbed the credit union in McAuley with a suitcase that he said contained a bomb. The bomb squad from Shilo used a robot to blow up the suitcase, which contained nothing but tinfoil.

Police knew who it was right away. He wore a mask when he went into the bank, but he was from Russell just down the road, and everyone recognized his truck, as they normally do in a small town.

I remember speaking with the sergeant at Virden who was investigating the crime. He suggested that I call him and ask if he did it. I remember the sergeant's words: "His lawyer told him not to talk to us, but he didn't tell him not to talk to you. He's not that smart, he might tell you everything."

Eventually he told the police everything, apparently against his lawyer's advice.

PICKING UP A HITCHHIKER TO DRIVE THE GETAWAY CAR
And then there was the bank robber who picked up a hitchhiker because he thought he needed someone to drive the getaway car. The



Kevin Weedmark

robber testified in court that he hadn't thought about robbing a bank until he heard a piece on the radio saying that it was very easy to rob a bank in a small town with no RCMP detachment, because of the time it takes the police to get there.

He testified that he decided then and there to rob the next bank in a town with no RCMP detachment, and picked up a hitchhiker so he could make a quick getaway.

As they sat in the car in front of the bank, the hitchhiker saw him write the note he would use to rob the bank in Elkhorn, and he asked the hitchhiker to drive, and to be ready to go as soon as he came out of the bank.

But the robber was very polite and waited for the ladies in line ahead of him inside the bank. When he finally got to the teller, got some cash, and left the bank, he found the hitchhiker had left with his car, as he was getting nervous because it was taking so long.

An older couple was parking in front of the Elkhorn Legion for the lunch after a funeral, and he wrestled with the man for the keys. He wrestled with him for about two minutes before his wife finally said "just let him have the keys."

The couple called the police and let them know there wasn't much gas in their car so the robber would be stopping soon. RCMP were waiting at the gas stations in Moosomin, and he spun around when he saw the cops waiting at the ESSO (which was on the Trans-Canada back then).

He got to the east side of town with Moosomin RCMP chasing him, and when he saw the Virden RCMP coming at him the other way he took to the ditch and was arrested.

We were there and got the pic as he was loaded into the Virden RCMP vehicle to be taken back to Virden to be charged, as the crime was committed in Manitoba.

As he got in the back seat of the police car he said "I'd like to report a crime. My car has been stolen..."

Sask Health numbers up across the region

Saskatchewan Health covered population numbers are up across the region for 2022.

The Saskatchewan Health Coverage Report is a count of persons who were eligible for Saskatchewan health insurance benefits as of June 30 of the year. Note: The Saskatchewan Health Coverage Report is not a population census and

should not be used as such.

Coverage for an individual begins on the first day of the third month following their arrival to Saskatchewan. Residents with at least one day of coverage in the month of June are counted. Residents leaving the province remain eligible for coverage for this same period. In the case of death, people

who had coverage any time in June are included. Coverage is available to residents temporarily living outside of the province (i.e. students, contract employees, etc.) For these cases, addresses from outside of Saskatchewan are acceptable. In the event that only the out-of-province address is available, the person is counted in the Out-of-Province category.

Saskatchewan Health covered population numbers, 2012 to 2022

TOWN	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	10 Year	%
Moosomin	2,961	3,065	3,159	3,109	3,236	3,307	3,211	3,252	3,308	3,236	3,303	342	11.55%
Fleming	91	88	87	95	88	86	91	95	96	99	102	11	12.09%
Wapella	474	466	464	446	462	480	476	460	465	458	470	-4	-0.84%
Whitewood	1,507	1,535	1,552	1,554	1,574	1,595	1,553	1,617	1,623	1,564	1,501	-6	-0.40%
Kipling	1,279	1,262	1,304	1,296	1,358	1,319	1,326	1,348	1,355	1,312	1,337	58	4.53%
Kennedy	318	335	338	321	325	333	332	332	331	335	335	17	5.35%
Wawota	752	756	780	760	752	745	757	756	745	740	742	-10	-1.33%
Fairlight	62	66	62	60	66	64	63	60	58	45	46	-16	-25.81%
Maryfield	413	408	443	425	450	457	404	409	425	423	440	27	6.54%
Redvers	1,354	1,412	1,414	1,393	1,403	1,404	1,369	1,394	1,415	1,378	1,393	39	2.88%
Welwyn	210	217	218	204	192	197	176	180	184	177	177	-33	-15.71%
Rocanville	1,274	1,273	1,249	1,222	1,293	1,306	1,267	1,293	1,281	1,249	1,284	10	0.78%
Spy Hill	280	285	280	269	273	269	271	272	272	250	248	-32	-11.43%
Tantallon	151	143	146	154	157	155	155	155	161	166	173	22	14.57%
Gerald	172	160	161	138	150	164	143	145	138	138	144	-28	-16.28%
Esterhazy	3,013	3,201	3,216	3,160	3,194	3,232	2,175	3,185	3,151	3,054	3,052	39	1.29%
RM of Moosomin	172	175	180	169	172	180	178	178	178	190	216	44	25.58%
RM of Martin	140	146	135	128	124	123	121	125	128	126	121	-19	-13.57%
RM of Silverwood	209	226	210	219	228	226	216	213	215	210	206	-3	-1.44%
RM of Willowdale	121	132	142	149	152	153	151	155	155	148	161	40	33.06%
RM of Spy Hill	135	141	148	134	132	129	120	123	126	141	142	7	5.19%
RM of Rocanville	206	219	226	222	238	243	243	248	253	262	271	65	31.55%
RM of Fertile Belt	313	321	341	346	352	361	358	367	366	369	370	57	18.21%
RM of Maryfield	277	270	259	255	253	261	251	250	248	247	247	-30	-10.83%
RM of Walpole	269	285	275	252	262	258	252	248	236	233	228	-41	-15.24%
RM of Wawken	180	183	193	195	211	203	206	208	210	215	216	36	20.00%
RM of Hazelwood	132	137	141	137	130	128	127	118	125	125	124	-8	-6.06%
RM of Kingsley	193	197	200	201	213	218	204	216	214	216	219	26	13.47%
RM of Antler	141	144	146	153	153	150	149	147	144	146	148	7	4.96%
TOTALS	16,799	17,248	17,469	17,166	17,593	17,746	16,345	17,549	17,606	17,252	17,416	617	3.67%

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Beryl Stewart, Nancy Apskrum, Wendy Longman, Karen Haggarty were some of the volunteers helping to make Smile Cookies at Tim Hortons in Moosomin in September.



The Eastside Playground Committee has been fundraising this year to build a new park and playground in Moosomin at 310 Henry Street. Above, is a blueprint for how the project will look like.

Holiday Smile Cookie proceeds will go to supporting new playground in Moosomin

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

For the first time ever, Tim Hortons will be selling Holiday Smile Cookie from Dec. 5 to 11, and will be donating all of the proceeds raised to local charities and community groups across Canada.

For the Moosomin Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie campaign, all proceeds raised will be donated to Moosomin's Eastside Playground Committee.

"We're really excited to support them. I saw their committee was fundraising and some of the women from the committee have come into the restaurant," said Greg Crisanti Owner of Tim Hortons in Moosomin.

"They're almost at that finish line for the completion of the playground. Hopefully with our support and with the community's backing, we can get that project finished for our community."

"It will be a great playground for the kids to play at this coming spring."

The Eastside Playground Committee has been fundraising to build a new park and playground in Moosomin since June of this year.

They are currently \$8,000 short from fully funding the project. The committee said they are hoping the Holiday Cookie Campaign will help bring them to the finish line.

"They approached us and it was really exciting to hear they had this idea. It's new, it's a different kind of cookie and hopefully it goes over really well," said Chelsea Dore of the Eastside Playground Committee.

"We've had good support from all across the community, from all sorts of different places, and it's nice to see support from one of the franchises in town."

"It was exciting that Greg approached us and that he was excited to support our cause for what we're doing."

"He and another manager came up with this idea, it was pretty neat that they wanted to do the pilot project on us and help us get to our final goal to get this playground up and paid for so it can be installed for next year."

Crisanti spoke about how Saskatchewan is the only province to have a Holiday Smile Cookie campaign.

"This is a new program started by the Saskatchewan owners. It's only running in Saskatchewan for this year only," said Crisanti.

"We're looking to spread some holiday cheer and kind

of switch up our promotions we do throughout the year. Going forward our regular Smile Cookie campaign will be in May, instead of normally being in September.

"We're looking to change up our calendar a little bit. This way we can touch more community organizations in Moosomin so it works out great because rather than just doing one, we can do two. We're really looking forward to testing it out and to see how it goes."

From the Smile Cookie Campaign in September, Tim Hortons in Moosomin raised \$29,249. All proceeds raised from that campaign went to the CT Scanner for the town's hospital.

Crisanti said it is always important to support community projects.

"No matter what it is in our community, those are our guests coming through our drive-thru and into our restaurant every day, every week and it's all about giving back," he said.

"This also plays a good role with the holiday season and that's what it's all about, giving back. Without the community support we wouldn't be able to have a Tim Hortons in Moosomin and we just really appreciate it."

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Support group for people helping loved ones with dementia and Alzheimer's

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

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A Caregiver Support Group in town is focused on providing an open space for people who care for someone close to them that has Alzheimer's or a related dementia, to offer any support they may need.

Organizers of the group, Claudia Grant and Dianne McLeod, said having a group to support caregivers is just as important as being the caregiver to a loved one.

The two spoke about why they decided to create a support group locally.

"My husband has dementia and I had been involved with the Alzheimer's group out of Regina before moving to Moosomin," said McLeod.

"When we moved to town they had a presentation here about the basics of dementia to the public to help inform them. At that time, we thought maybe it would be good to get something going here locally so that we didn't have to go to Regina for everything."

Before coming to Moosomin, Grant was involved with a support group while she was living in B.C. with her husband.

"When Gord was diagnosed with vascular dementia, it was overwhelming. We had no clue to the point where we said 'thank goodness it isn't Alzheimer's,' that's how little we knew about it," said Grant.

"We got into support groups there in B.C. at the advice of the Alzheimer's Society. I just remembered how extremely valuable they were because even though there can be lots of people around you, you can kind of feel alone sometimes. But, that's a group where everyone understands each other."

The group is intended to help give people in the community an opportunity to express how they are feeling about a loved one who suffers from dementia, and to help inform them about the different ways for assisting a loved one.

"We're not all couples, we do have one or two who are dealing with their parents (who have a form of dementia)," said McLeod.

"We support each other, but we also give out information. That's why I think the Alzheimer's Society is good because we have an educational component too, at our gatherings all the time."

"After we read about what the Alzheimer's Society says, we continue to talk about our experience and think, 'oh that's right, I wish I knew that,' because there's textbook ways of doing things, but when you're living the life it's not always the same."

"When you have someone who's living a similar life to you, you feel validated," added Grant.

"I can talk to Dianne and I don't need to explain myself. She knows I'm not complaining because she's been there and done that in some way."

"We didn't know each other before that," added McLeod.

"A friend introduced us two, and introduced my husband, Doug, to Gord too."

"That was probably the first conversation he had with someone who was like him."

"Maybe not really like him, but someone who has having some difficulties and could talk about it. That's what this group is to us."

Grant said they hope to reach out to people in the community who would benefit from a local caregiver support group.

"We have about six people who come to our meetings, but probably had about nine or ten that came before Covid," said Grant.

"A lot of people have lost their partners since then and they may feel like they don't have anything to offer at the meetings. Honestly, I think they still have a lot to offer, and I'm sure there are many people in Moosomin who could use the support of a support group."

Grant also added that she and McLeod moved to Moosomin not too long ago.

"We both moved here because of the dementia. We chose Moosomin, our families are in Elkhorn and around those areas, but there's a good hospital here and support systems," said Grant.

"When Gord had to retire, it wasn't a question of where do you want to live, it was a question of what makes the most sense. Even to the point of where you're going to retire, once you get a diagnosis of dementia, it dictates a lot of stuff moving forward."

"He always jokes about if we go to a small place and if he comes out of the post office and is not sure where to go, that someone will tell him. That's why we chose to come here."

Supporting a loved one with dementia

Grant described what her experience is like being with her husband who suffers from vascular dementia.

"My thoughts are that you are no longer living with the person you married," said Grant.

"That person changes and they change every different step of deterioration of the disease. It's almost learning to love a different person each time. Besides the complications of the disease, your relationship changes."

From attending the meetings, Grant and McLeod said it has helped offer the support they need, while also creating friendships.

"When we're in a group with people



From left are, Claudia Grant and Dianne McLeod, organizers of a Caregiver Support Group in Moosomin. The group focuses on providing a space for people who are supporting a loved one that has dementia, or Alzheimer's.

who are going through similar experiences, you're just better understood. Learning from other people's experiences also helps too," said Grant.

"We hope these meetings give people peace, hope and faith to carry on," said McLeod.

"As well as support, to let them know that others are struggling also, because quite often you feel like you're alone in that aspect," added Grant.

"The more information you have, the easier it is to cope and to understand. If you understand something, it helps allevi-

ate some of the fear."

They said the meetings are intended to give people the support and faith they need to help get through caring for a loved one with dementia, however it is not limited to just that and is open to whomever needs the support.

The group meets every second Tuesday of the month from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Bethel United Church. Their next meeting is on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

People can contact Claudia Grant at (306) 435 2244 or Dianne McLeod at (306) 435 7432 for more information.



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BY STAFF SERGEANT DALLYN HOLMSTROM

Broadview RCMP Report

Congratulations Damien Grouchy

First off, I want to congratulate Damien Grouchy on being promoted to Sergeant at the Moosomin RCMP Detachment. He has some pretty big shoes to fill in that spot but I have no doubt he will do a great job!

Tickets for speeding and unregistered vehicles

There were 31 traffic tickets in the Broadview Detachment area this week. The highest speeder of the week was travelling 116 km/hr in a Volkswagen Golf on Highway 1 near Whitewood in the 80 km/hr zone. The speedy driver, received a fine for \$538. Also, several people this week received \$580 fines for having unregistered vehicles. Please take the time to make sure your vehicle is registered as \$580 is a very expensive reminder.

Highly intoxicated man

On November 2, Broadview RCMP responded to a highly intoxicated male at a bar in Whitewood. The male had been refused service for over two hours prior to police being called. RCMP attended and removed the male and also found an open bottle of alcohol in the male's coat. The male sobered up at the Kings Hotel and was released the following morning.

Man escaped monitoring bracelet

On November 2, RCMP responded to a male that had cut off his electronic monitoring bracelet before fleeing the area. The male was later located trying to break into a residence and was arrested for numerous charges. The male suspect received a one-night stay at the Kings Hotel in Broadview before receiving a longer stay at a better accommodating resort in Regina.

Break and enter on Zagime

On November 3, RCMP responded to a break and enter at Zagime Anishinbek. The break and enter took place between October 31 and November 2. Two iPads, a .308 rifle, and some elk meat was stolen from the residence. RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this incident to contact the Broadview RCMP by calling 306-696-5200. Please help us identify the person responsible. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com

Intoxicated woman at Co-op

On November 5, RCMP members responded to an intoxicated female at the Co-op gas station in Whitewood. Members responded and arrested the female for being intoxicated in public and she stayed at the Kings Hotel until she was sober. The female was released with no charges.

Icy roads on Highway 1

On November 6, roads again turned icy in the area, especially on the Highway 1. One multiple semi collision took place in the westbound lane near Percival which required the highway to be closed while the collision was cleaned up and the semis were towed. Several other locations between Wapella and Grenfell has semis jackknifed across the highways as well, which also required tow trucks.



Vehicle rollover east of Grenfell

On November 8, RCMP responded to a vehicle rollover on Highway 1 east of Grenfell. The vehicle was located



Break and enters in Grenfell and Whitewood

On November 13, RCMP received complaints of break and enters at Redline Collision and Auto in Grenfell and OK Tire in Whitewood. A 2021 grey Honda CRV with Saskatchewan licence plate 976 LDQ was stolen from inside the garage in Grenfell. A 2008 Red Dodge Ram with a push bar and Saskatchewan licence plate 653 KTI was stolen from OK Tire. Please call the RCMP immediately if you spot either of these vehicles.

abandoned and was never reported to police. The vehicle was also unregistered. At some point I'm thinking the owner might show up and wonder where their vehicle is.

Ram truck crashed into ditch

On November 11, RCMP observed a Ram truck that had crashed in the ditch. The driver of the truck was arrested for impaired driving and provided samples of his breath of 70 mg% which is just under the legal limit of 80 mg%. The driver was then released with only a three-day driving suspension instead of the one-year driving prohibition and criminal charge that would have taken place if he would have blown 80 mg%.



Thousands in cigarettes and lottery tickets stolen

In the early morning on November 13, RCMP responded to a break and enter at the Kahkewistahaw Gas Station. Several thousand dollars of cigarettes and lottery tickets were stolen. The suspects were driving a red Dodge Ram with a push bar that was most likely the same truck that was stolen from OK Tire in Whitewood. Attached are two photos of the suspects responsible.

Collision with three cows

On November 13, RCMP responded to a collision between three cows and an SUV near Burrows. Luckily the driver of the SUV was okay, but both the cows and the SUV were write-offs.

Mental health calls this week

Broadview RCMP responded to several mental health calls this week. The mental health calls varied from people with dementia, people suffering from drug and alcohol psychosis, to people suffering from depression. We want to encourage everyone to reach out for help and talk to someone if they can. No matter how bad things may seem, remember that they will always get better. Life can be very difficult to say the least.

Please reach out and check in with friends, coworkers, and family to see how they are doing. It's a perfectly normal question to ask people how they are doing. Don't let people suffer in silence.

If you see someone that you believe needs some help but won't accept help from you, please let the police or their family know. Help is also available 24 hours a day at Canada's Suicide Prevention Service at 1-833-456-4566.



Grenfell break and enter update

On March 17, the Co-op Service Centre in Grenfell was broken into and two bottles of alcohol were stolen. The suspects were driving a black Honda Civic but it had a stolen licence plate on it. We have just received a photo of the suspect involved. Please contact the RCMP if you can identify the person in the attached photo.

Scam of the week

This is a popular scam with Christmas time fast approaching. Due to the financial stress and strain put on people during Christmas, a scammer offers a reduced interest rate on a credit card or loan. They request personal information from you, such as your:

- Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Mother's maiden name
- Date of birth
- Credit card information

In most instances, the scammers will also request a one-time fee for the service. The scammers do not have the ability to lower interest rates. They're stealing your personal information and/or money.

Police joke

What do police officers and DJs have in common?
They both tell drunk people to put their hands up!

Have a great week and Stay Safe!

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Moosomin Remembrance Day Reflection

by Rev. Dr. Mel Konkell

The following Remembrance Day Reflection was read out at the Moosomin Legion during the Remembrance Day Service on November 11. The reflection was written by Rev. Dr. Mel Konkell.

The mission statement of the Legion states "The Royal Canadian Legion cares for all those who have served our nation. As members, we show our thanks by supporting and advocating for Veterans, by remembering their sacrifices, and by continuing the tradition of service in helping our communities."

We live in a great country where we enjoy a level of freedom, fairness and justice that I believe is unprecedented in history. But it is not without a cost.

One of our local heroes, Bill Dennstedt, was a fighter pilot in the Second World War. His fighter jet was shot down over Germany, yet he survived and escaped. He told his story and experience in a book called "A Journey Into the Unknown." It is in our library and is worth reading.

He writes: "To count the cost, in terms of human suffering, a task too great for common, mortal man. But could it be, their sacrifice and trials brought lasting peace?"

We must never forget the brutality of war and we must do all in our power to work for peace. Sadly, since February, our TV screens have again been filled with the ravages of war. The challenges we face today are probably greater than ever in history. Global warming is cause for alarm. Many of us here remember 'the cold war.' In school we went through drills of what to do in case of a nuclear war. It seems to me, today, the threats of the use of weapons of mass destruction are at an all time high.

On the other hand, I feel greatly blessed and privileged to be a Canadian citizen. I have no clue what it is like to live under oppression and fear. I do know, I don't ever want to experience it or desire that anyone would have to.

Our family lived two years in Ukraine, 1997 and 1998. I was asked to try and establish a seminary to train men and women for pastoral ministry. Under communism all religious literature was destroyed. You could spend up to 10 years in a concentration camp for possessing a Bible. For a Thanksgiving service at our International Church, I asked individuals to tell us about things they were thankful for. The response was, 'Mel, we never offer an opinion in public.'

I can't imagine living under that kind of oppression and fear. When you walked down the street, you would never look anyone in the face. You never wanted to draw attention to yourself for fear of those in authority.

Serhy Yekelchuk wrote an excellent article for the



Cst Trina Brace of the Moosomin RCMP at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Moosomin on Nov. 11.

Legion magazine entitled, "Understanding Ukraine." The author talks about how Ukrainian people have been oppressed throughout history and why Putin denies Ukraine's legitimacy as a nation or culture. For example, he describes what is called 'murder of starvation' under Stalin. About 30 million people were starved off the land in the Soviet Union at that time in the 1930s. We heard first hand stories of that atrocity. The article concludes, 'as Russia crept back towards authoritarianism, they viewed Ukraine as chaotic.' But it was really democratic. "This is, perhaps, the most under appreciated reason behind the Russian invasion."

I am deeply appreciative of the support our community and our country has offered Ukraine, both military and humanitarian aid. The last I heard we have 12 Ukrainian refugee families in our community and it is continuing to grow. We need to keep praying for Ukraine. I am deeply appreciative of Canada's military role in seeking to alleviate oppression and their peace keeping role in areas of tension. Some of you here have served in very dangerous countries like Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia, Kosovo and other places. I can't list them all. Some have paid the ultimate price. I thank you and I thank God for you and your willingness to put yourself in harm's way for others and for our security. All of you are willing to serve our country at any cost. That includes our law enforcement officers. We need a strong army. We need those who look out for our interests if we want to preserve the values of freedom and fairness for all.

I have often wondered, how do despots gain the power and control they desperately seek? How do

they keep it? I suppose it is always through deceit and deceit is pernicious. Deceit gradually erodes our conscience from knowing what is right. It is also accomplished through controlling the media. We desperately must preserve freedom of the press while controlling hate literature. There will be things we disagree about. Iron sharpens iron. I firmly believe we are all capable of making good decisions if we have the right information. We must honestly seek objectivity so decisions and judgments are fair and not influenced by personal feelings or beliefs. In psychology I was told true communication has not happened until I understand the intent behind another person's words. That is true in a marriage. And it is true in any public forum. How can we ever discern intent unless there is open, honest communication.

Sadly, it seems to me there will always be those among us who love power. Their only desire is to feed their ego. For them, the lives of others have no meaning. They are deceptive and deceitful. How do we protect ourselves? Edmund Burke was a member of the British Parliament in the late 1700s. He was known for promoting moral stability and the good of the state. He said, "all that is needed for evil to succeed is good people do nothing."

There is a story about two brothers who were exceptionally mischievous. They were constantly getting into trouble and were despairing. They didn't know just how to control them. They heard about a priest who had good success in helping delinquent young people and decided to ask him for help. He agreed and said he wanted to talk to them separately. The parents brought the boys to the parish and the priest saw the oldest first.

He asked him, 'where is God?' No answer. He asked louder, 'where is God?' Still, no answer. He asked still louder, 'where is God?'

At that, the boy bolted out of the office and headed for home. The younger boy followed and found him hiding in the office. He asked, what did the priest say. 'Oh,' the boy said, 'we are in big trouble. God is missing and they think we did it!'

God is not missing, I believe we will need enabling power, grace and strength that comes from beyond ourselves. I would encourage us all to reach for the warm hand of God. What we must do is embrace the values that built our country and made it great. We must determine to live by the principles of integrity and honesty in everything we do. I know education is valuable and important. But I am not convinced education alone has the power to create peace. In an interview on CNN Bill Clinton said, "Democracies are hard to preserve, there are always those who take advantage of freedoms a democratic society provides and pulls the ladder up behind them."

There is an article in the Legion magazine on former Prime Minister, Lester Pearson. At the age of 18 he joined the Canadian Army Medical Corps. The article states that one of the things that made him so effective in his endeavors is he learned not to see things in black and white. He disappointed people because he refused to take firmly one side of an issue which has many sides. He always looked for common ground. I think we can learn from that. NATO was founded in August 1949 by Canada, the United States, Britain and nine European nations. Pearson was a major force behind its formation. In his words, 'the treaty is not a pact for

war but a pledge for peace and progress.'

As I see it, NATO is a threat to no one, it is there to protect smaller nations from the aggressor. We need NATO. In 1956 he proposed the formation of the United Nations to calm situations in a world that lived under the threat of nuclear war. Some of you, like me, will remember the cold war and the drills we had in school in case of nuclear war. Pearson was instrumental in the formation of some of our social programs like medical care and the Canada Pension Plan. His aide, Kent, said, 'in no other five years was so much done to improve the circumstances of life for Canadians with average and lower incomes.' In 1957 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. At this stage of life, I am deeply grateful to men like Lester B. Pearson and his successors and all they did to build Canada into the country it is today.

In the Scriptures which were read, Jesus said, 'blessed are the peace makers.'

Back in 1936 Olympic games were being held in Berlin. One participant was a man by the name of Jesse Owens, a black man. He was on course to win the long jump. He set three world records the previous year. In running broad jump he set a record of 28 feet eight and 1/4 inches. He was fully aware of Nazi desire to prove Aryan superiority. He saw a German competitor, taking jumps in the 26 foot range. Fumbling under pressure he made his first jump well beyond take off range, a foul. His second was beyond as well. One more he would be disqualified from the event.

The German came over and suggested he start several inches before the take off board to avoid a fatal third foul. Taking the advice he went on to earn the

second of four gold medals during the Olympics. The first person to congratulate him was Luz Long, the German, in full view of Hitler and all German spectators. Owens never saw Luz again because Luz was killed in WWII. He wrote of that experience, "When someone goes out of their way regardless of what others may think or say, to put our interests above his or her own, that person is sure to earn our affection and loyalty."

If we desire to live in a country where freedom of belief is valued and protected, a country which seeks to treat all equally with justice and fairness, we must remain constantly vigilant. At minimum use your freedom to vote. Further, let's seek by God's enabling grace to be the right kind of person ourselves, embracing values that enable democracy to flourish. We need a strong military to protect our interests and our values as a country. We need law enforcement officers to protect the vulnerable and ensure fairness and justice for all. Let's go, if possible, above the call of duty to encourage them, bless them and support them. Again, thank you all for coming.

To put this into its context, I do not think Jesus is talking to the Roman Government about how they should govern the nation. He is talking to ordinary people. I suggest the qualities we desire to see at government level, we ought to model ourselves. To understand what it means to be a peacemaker, it is helpful to see that the beatitudes that were read are related to each other.

Jesus begins by saying blessed are the poor in spirit, the humble people. Humble people recognize they don't always say or do the right thing, the God honouring thing. They understand their need for daily cleansing and come to God to receive forgiveness.

When we recognize our need and that we don't always treat others the way we ought, we are sorry, we mourn because of how we may have hurt others. Seeing our own need, we become gentle in how we treat others. We hunger and thirst to do what is right. Just as we are not filled with one meal, we keep coming back to God and his word to grow in our understanding of His will for us. Because we are recipients of God's grace, we become forgiving people. We may hold people accountable for their evil deeds, but we will not hold grudges or seek revenge. We seek to do all that we do with a single motive. I believe God is much more interested in what kind of person we are becoming than with anything we might say or do. Personally I believe if we want to become the right kind of person, we ought to reach for that warm hand of God. We do need to try to accomplish this by sheer will power alone.



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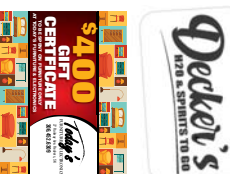
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Chief Cadmus Delorme, Premier Scott Moe, and PM Justin Trudeau sign agreement at Cowessess

Chief Cadmus Delorme, Premier Scott Moe, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau signed a historic agreement at Cowessess First Nation on Monday, November 14, 2022. The agreement, known as the Cowessess First Nation Agreement, marks a significant step in the reconciliation process between the federal government and Indigenous peoples.

The agreement addresses a range of issues, including land rights, self-governance, and economic development. It is a landmark achievement for the Cowessess First Nation, which has been fighting for its rights for decades.

Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Moe, and Chief Delorme all expressed their pride in the agreement. They noted that it represents a new chapter in the relationship between the federal government and Indigenous peoples.

The agreement is expected to be signed by all parties in the coming weeks. It will be a significant step towards achieving the goals of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



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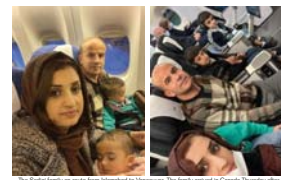


Harvest 2021

Low yields but good quality: Rain causes delays

The 2021 harvest season has been challenging for many farmers due to heavy rain. While yields are lower than in previous years, the quality of the crops is generally good. Farmers are working to get the crops in as quickly as possible to avoid further damage from the weather.

Kevin Weedmark, a local farmer, notes that the rain has caused significant delays in the harvest. He says that the crops are in good shape, but the weather has made it difficult to get them in.



The Weedmark family in Canada. Kevin Weedmark is a local farmer who has been in Canada for several years. He and his family are enjoying their new life in Canada.

Arrival in Canada the end of a long journey, the start of a new life

For many immigrants, arriving in Canada is the end of a long journey and the start of a new life. Kevin Weedmark, a local farmer, shares his story of how he and his family arrived in Canada and how they are settling in.

Kevin and his family arrived in Canada several years ago. They have since established a successful farming business and are now thriving in their new home. Kevin says that the arrival in Canada was a challenging but rewarding experience.

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Kihew Fabco a step on the road to economic independence

Kihew Fabco is a step on the road to economic independence for the Kihew First Nation. The company, which is owned and operated by the First Nation, is producing high-quality products that are in demand in the market.

The Kihew First Nation has been working to develop its economy for many years. Kihew Fabco is a key part of this effort. It provides jobs for many of the First Nation's residents and is a source of pride for the community.

The company is producing a variety of products, including furniture and home goods. These products are sold in local and international markets. Kihew Fabco is a success story for the Kihew First Nation.

The Kihew First Nation is a proud and resilient community. Kihew Fabco is a testament to the First Nation's ability to develop its economy and achieve economic independence.

The company is a source of pride for the Kihew First Nation and its residents. It is a step on the road to a better future for the community.



Closure of original shafts moved forward by nine months

K1, K2 potash shafts closed as brine flow increases

The closure of the original K1 and K2 potash shafts at Mosaic Esterhazy has been moved forward by nine months. This decision was made due to an increase in brine flow, which is a safety concern.

Mosaic Esterhazy is a major potash producer in Canada. The K1 and K2 shafts have been in operation for many years. However, the increase in brine flow has made it necessary to close them.

The company is working to ensure that the closure is done safely and efficiently. It is also working to find alternative ways to produce potash.

The closure of the shafts is a significant event for Mosaic Esterhazy. It marks a new chapter in the company's history.

The company is committed to safety and environmental protection. It will continue to work to improve its operations and produce high-quality products.

Mosaic Esterhazy: Questions and answers on K1, K2 closures

Here are some questions and answers regarding the closure of the K1 and K2 shafts at Mosaic Esterhazy.

Q: Why are the shafts being closed?
A: The shafts are being closed due to an increase in brine flow, which is a safety concern.

Q: How long will the closure last?
A: The closure is expected to last for several months.

Q: What will happen to the jobs of the workers?
A: The company is working to ensure that all workers are provided with alternative employment opportunities.

Six national awards for the World-Spectator

The World-Spectator has recently won six national newspaper awards as well as a provincial award.

Provincial Award

The Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association named the World-Spectator **Best Overall Newspaper** in our circulation class

National awards

In the Canadian Community Newspaper Awards the World-Spectator was competing against hundreds of newspapers across the country, including many much larger publications.

In the CCNAwards, the World-Spectator won:

First for Outstanding Reporter Initiative for the World-Spectator's efforts over the course of several months to highlight the case of Qasem Sedighi, who had worked with Editor Kevin Weedmark in Afghanistan. As a result of the World-Spectator's efforts, Qasem and his family arrived safely in Canada earlier this year.

First for Best Photo Essay for a centrespread on the visit of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Premier Scott Moe to Cowessess First Nation and the signing of an agreement allowing the First Nation to take responsibility for child services.

Third for Outstanding Community Service for the World-Spectator's efforts to assist Qasem Sedighi, who had worked with Kevin Weedmark in Afghanistan, and his family, to come to Canada from Afghanistan.

First for Best Business Writing for Kevin Weedmark's article on the closure of the K1 and K2 shafts at Mosaic Esterhazy due to brine inflow

Second for Best Business Writing for Kevin Weedmark's article on Kahkewistahaw First Nation's metal fabricating business, Kihew Fabco.

Third for Best Agriculture Publication for Ag News.

We salute all of our staff on their efforts that have brought us a record-breaking six national awards. There are over 830 member newspapers in our national association, and only a handful of award categories. For one publication to win six national awards reflects the commitment and dedication of our staff, and we thank them for that!!

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Award winning staff

The World-Spectator has been named Best Overall Newspaper in its class by the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association, and has won a record-setting six national awards this year. The awards are a tribute to our hard-working staff. Standing, from left, are Olha Volokh, Sierra D'Souza Butts, Felicité Mailloux, Ella Ferguson, Kevin Weedmark, and Kara Kinna. Seated, from left, are Jen McMillan, Sunnette Kamffer, Ashley Bochek, and Jacqui Harrison.

Twin Valley Riding Club Report

by Laurie Cooper

BY LAURIE COOPER

The members of Twin Valley Riding Club resurfaced in 2022 to bring equine activities back to the community.

After being inactive for a couple of years it was a slow process, but we managed to stay on track.

In March there was the annual toboggan party at Donald and Marcy Helmecki's farm. It was well attended and great fun was had by all.

A couple of ride days were organized and attended by a few members.

The rodeo grounds were in disarray after not being used for a couple of years so the members spend a lot of time there this summer getting it back into shape.

Another successful annual Rodeo and Bull-o-Rama was held on September long weekend. It was well attended by contestants and spectators. The weather was great and the food was fabulous. Lots of

fun and visiting was had by young and old. We look forward to another show next year!

The members that were going to the Saskatchewan Riding Clubs Association Finals event in Saskatoon this year were busy practising their events all summer. Ruby and Georgia Oxtoby and Robin Dodd attended the finals. Ruby won the Youth Western Hi Point Buckle. Congratulations Ruby!

Georgia Oxtoby competed SRCA Queen this year for our club. She fundraised with a lemonade stand and performed 12 hours of volunteer work in the local care homes and various other areas. Thank you Georgia. Georgia came in second place. That's quite an accomplishment! Georgia did well in her events as well. Robin Dodd ended up not riding as she had to

take over the Ring Steward position at the finals. It was a great weekend and all attending had fun.

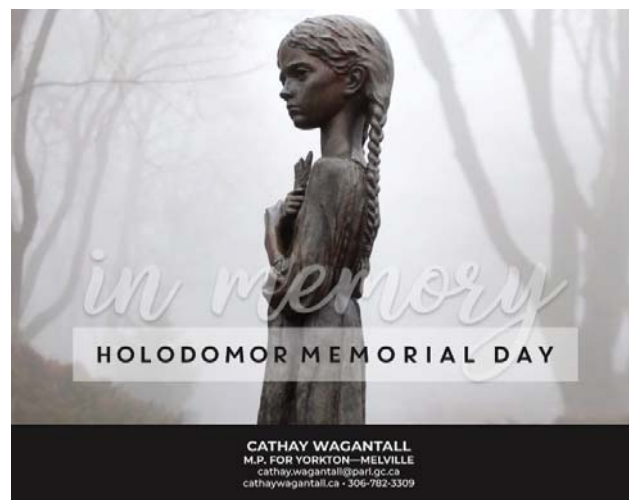
Unfortunately a long-time member, Lynn Lee, lost her home to fire in November and the club was happy to present her with a cheque for \$1,000 to assist with the immediate expenses.

The club ended the year with an appreciation supper for all members and volunteers November 19. It was catered by Crystal Rankin. Food was great as usual! It was an evening of fun and visiting with activities for the young and old. A Chinese auction was enjoyed by all attending. Without the help of the members and volunteers, it would be very difficult to stay active.

We look forward to another year of equine activities in 2023.



President of the Twin Valley Riding Club, Michael Tomolak, presenting Lynn Lee with a cheque for \$1,000 to help with immediate expenses after she lost her home in a fire.





The Moosomin Generals held their annual awards banquet on Friday, November 11. Awards were given out to the U18 RMFL team, the U18 Girls team, as well as the U-15 team.

U18 RMFL Generals Awards

Presenting the U18 RMFL Generals awards were Dexter Mondor, Ace Brown, Dana Rookes, Nathan Cugnet, and Dan Clark (#67 with the Saskatchewan Roughriders).



Sven Nosterud received the award for Most Outstanding Player Special Teams



Evan Coleman received the award for Most Outstanding Player O-Line and also received the RMFL Parker Guy Award



Xavier Mowbray received the award for Most Outstanding Offensive Player and also received an RMFL league award for Most Outstanding Offensive Player



Keaton Ireland received the award for Most Outstanding Player D-Line



Ryder Miller and TJ Schenn received the Most Outstanding Defensive Players Award

U15 Generals Awards

The U15 awards were presented by Tanner Easton, Chris Anderson, and Dan Clark (#67 with the Saskatchewan Roughriders)



Ethan Anderson received the Rookie of the Year Award



Jacob Ulrich and Liam Thompson (missing) received the Most Outstanding Offensive Players Award



Randy Gueret received the Most Outstanding Player D-Line Award



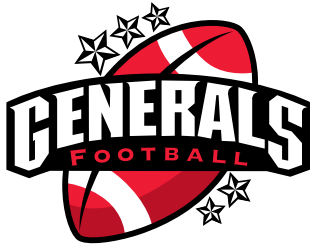
Wyatt Coutts received the award for Most Dedicated Player



Ryan Finkle received the Rookie of the Year Award



Jethro Deramas received the Most Outstanding Player Special Teams Award



U18 Generals Girls Awards

The U18 Generals Girls awards were presented by Jason Schenn, Dexter Mondor, Telisa McGonigal, and Dan Clark (#67 with the Saskatchewan Roughriders).



Lacey Cameron received the Most Outstanding Player Special Teams Award



Emmalee Flannery received the Rookie of the Year Award



Tayva Simon received the Most Dedicated Award.

U15 Generals Awards

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Skylyn Demas received the Most Outstanding Player D-Line Award



Reese Kyle received the Most Outstanding Offensive Player Award



Ethan Anderson received the Most Outstanding Defensive Player Award



Alayna Boardman received the Most Outstanding Player O-Line Award



Damien Coutts received the Most Dedicated Player Award



Monroe Mondor and Madison Judd received the Most Outstanding Defensive Players Award



Josh Flaman received the Most Outstanding Player O-Line Award

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Kipling Town Council

RES updates town on wind farm construction starting this spring

BY KARA KINNA

Kipling town council received a delegation from Renewable Energy Systems Canada (RES) on November 14, the company building the Bekevar wind project, to talk about the construction process of the wind farm.

Jessica Coffey, the Project Manager with RES, met with Kipling town council to explain the step-by-step process of building the wind farm, which will be constructed starting this spring.

The wind farm will be located south and east of Kipling.

She said the project will consist of a number of steps, including building access roads and a lay-down yard, temporary intersection improvements and widening for the delivery of the components, foundation construction, installation of an underground collection system, building a substation, turbine delivery and installation, and then reclamation. SaskPower will also be building an overhead line for the project.

There will be 19 kilometers of access road built for the project, 36 foundations built for the 36 Nordex wind turbines coming in, 106 kilometers of underground collection system, and one project substation that is 230 KB.

"A transmission line will connect our project substation to the existing Kennedy substation and that work will be done by SaskPower—it's about 10 kilometers," said Coffey. "We will also be building an operations and maintenance building."

Coffey also went over manpower estimates for the project with the council.

"For our civil group we will have about 25 people on that crew. For the collection system will see an ad-

ditional 30 people for that crew. For the foundation another 30. For turbine installation, that's where we really see it bump up, we'll have around 100 people on that crew. And then for the substation about 20 people. The Nordex team will be about another 20 people. And then for management we'll have 25 between RES and the owner of the project," she said.

Coffey said the turbines will all be Nordex 5.7 MW turbines, with a 108 meter hub height, blades that are 76 meters long, and a rotor diameter of 155 meters. Total turbine height will be 184 meters.

For the delivery route for the project, Coffey said there will be four main entrances, all off of Highway 48, with the main delivery point being Inchkeith at 2042 and Bekevar Road.

Coffey then walked council through the step-by-step process once construction begins.

"We'll have a temporary laydown yard that's approximately seven to ten acres. It's temporary and comes back out. This is where we will have our material and equipment storage and our temporary offices," she said.

"Once we have the lay-down yard in place, we will start with our civil work, and that's the access roads, moving the access roads to the turbines off the RM roads to the turbine locations. We'll strip and stockpile the topsoil. Typically you'll see about 30 meters wide for that stripped area. We'll work on our cut and fill and subgrade prep once we have compaction there, and then we'll move into aggregate installation, and that aggregate will be about five meters wide."

"Then we move into excavation of our foundations. They are a pretty good size. They are about 3.3 meters under the



There will be 36 turbines installed as part of the Bekevar wind project south and east of Kipling.

ground, they have a diameter of 24.5 meters, and then you'll see rebar is 89.5 tons, and then concrete about 789 cubic meters.

"Once we get the excavation bottom ready for concrete, we start with a mud mat, and that's about 27 cubic meters. Then we will install the anchor bolt cage, and it's about 4.5 half meters those anchor bolts in depth, and then we'll start with the rebar cages."

sure we compact it as we come up, and once we're at the top and we do that final test, it's ready for the crane pad to be installed.

"And then we are ready for turbine delivery. We will have five section towers on this project—a base, three mids, a top, and then the blades.

"Once we have things offloaded, we do our turbine installation and that's in two phases as well—base and mid installation."

"Once you have your towers up that's when you start with your nacelle, and then we move into blade installation."

"One important part of the project is getting the underground cable in. That is a medium voltage cable that connects all the towers together and then to the substation where it then connects to the overhead line that takes it to the grid. On this project we are going to be plowing in the underground cable."

"And then we have junction boxes that connect those cable sections together. On this project we have eight circuits and 30 junction boxes that will be placed throughout the project."

"For substation construction, this will bring the collection system circuits in where they will be terminated on the risers. We'll have one main power transformer at 230 KB, and it will connect with the SaskPower line. And then there will be one control building that will provide remote capabilities for the wind farm."

"And then we'll have an operations and maintenance building. Typically the O&M buildings are 3,500 to 5,000 square feet on a three-acre yard and that will house 10 to 14 technicians and management, and that's where the

wind farm control centre will be.

"And then we move into reclamation. Once everything is constructed we'll start removing the materials. We'll bring in the shoulders of the roads so that all you're left with is a five-meter-wide gravelled area."

SaskPower has awarded the wind facility project to RES Canada and Awasis Nehiyawewini Energy Development, a wholly owned Cowessess First Nation entity.

The wind farm is set to be constructed north of Moose Mountain Provincial Park in the RM of Hazelwood, the RM of Kingsley and on Cowessess First Nation reserve land. The Bekevar Wind Energy Project will supply 200 megawatts (MW) of zero-emissions power, enough to serve up to 100,000 homes.

SaskPower selected RES and Awasis Nehiyawewini Energy Development's project as part of an open competition. Evaluation of the proposals included best-value criteria such as energy price, environmental site characteristics, Indigenous participation and community engagement plans. Electricity generated at Bekevar will be purchased by SaskPower at an industry leading rate over the 25-year term of the agreement and sets a new low benchmark price for renewable energy in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan currently has six wind facilities producing a total of 241 MW to the provincial grid.

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NE-19-12-30-1	105951517	\$771.74	\$40.50	\$812.24

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Kipling Town Council Council meets with Sgt. Dallyn Holmstrom

BY KARA KINNA

Council also met with Broadview RCMP Sgt. Dallyn Holmstrom at their meeting on November 14. Holmstrom has been the sergeant in Broadview since August, and said he wanted to sit down with council to introduce himself and chat about any concerns the town may have, while extending an invitation to council members to also keep in touch with him.

Holmstrom told council he grew up in Whitewood, has moved around with the RCMP over the last 19 years, but now is settled in Wapella, where he plans to stay.

He said he wants to have a more consistent relationship with the town of Kipling. "My first order was getting the detachment open four days a week again, and it is open four days a week now," he said.

"Your Corporal will be living in Broadview and he will be in Kipling every shift that he can."

Holmstrom said it is also important for their detachment to have a consistent relationship with Kipling School. He said the detachment's school liaison has been in Kipling approximately once a week so far.

"We really missed that. During Covid we weren't allowed in the school to do talks on drugs, bullying, internet safety, and that kind of thing," said Holmstrom.

"If an issue ever comes up, please let me know, I want to have an open relationship with you guys, I'm very easy to get ahold of."

Mayor Pat Jackson said she was pleased to see the RCMP put more of a focus on their town and also have a relationship with the school again.

She asked if the council could be updated with a delegation every three months, and Holmstrom said that should not be a problem.

Arena upgrades to start in February

CAO Gail Dakue reported to council that Phase 2 of the arena upgrades will start in February and take about four months.

The town received an ICIP grant for the upgrades, which consist of fixing a failing retaining wall, and replacing the porch with a wheelchair accessible entryway. The town will also be cladding the whole building and doing some lighting upgrades outside.

Construction starts in February with the cladding and at the end of March when the rink closes, work will start on the retaining wall and entryway.

Town will review policy for animals on handivan

Council received a request from a resident asking if she can take her pets on the town's handivan for things like veterinary appointments.

Council expressed concern about having animals on the handivan on a regular

basis, unless they are service animals, and will review their policy for the van in order to clarify who can and can't bring animals on the vehicle.

Sanding truck purchased

Council passed a motion to purchase a 2016 one-ton truck for the public works department to replace an old truck that is no longer in good shape. The truck is used for sanding. The vehicle is being purchased from McMillan Motor Products for \$57,000, and some additional money will be spent with the dealership in order to have the truck wired for the town's sander.

Library open two extra hours a week

Council passed a motion to approve the library being open for an extra two hours a week. The extra hours come at no cost to the town. The library asked if they could redirect some funds from their materials budget into extra hours.

Town will donate hall for PARTY program

Council received a request from the PARTY program asking for the town hall and two meeting rooms for a full day on May 3.

PARTY stands for Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth. The program aims to educate youth on the risks of drinking and driving, lack of seat belt use, and other dangerous activities while driving. The program uses actors in a number of scenarios to bring home what the consequences are of dangerous actions on the road.

Councillor Makyla Stender made a motion to donate the facilities for free for the program.

Stender said she remembers the program from when she was in high school, and it made a significant impact on her. She said she's glad the program is back.

"If there is something we can do to make this happen, I think we should do it, because I feel it's important."

"You don't think about some of your choices until you are put in a scenario where you see it unfold. It impacted me."

Enbridge Line 3 decommissioning complete

Council received a letter from Shane Nightingale with Enbridge notifying them that Enbridge Line 3 Decommissioning has been completed. Part of the Enbridge right of way runs through Kipling, and Enbridge has been providing regular updates to Kipling.

"On behalf of Enbridge I'm pleased to share that all decommissioning field activities in Canada have been completed," wrote Nightingale.

"On October 20, 2022 we finished the

final reclamation work in Segment 2. Segments 1 and 3 had wrapped up earlier in October along with the Segment 4 continuity bonding."

"This is an important milestone that we couldn't have reached without the support and guidance gained through engaging with all the communities along the Line 3 corridor and for that we wanted to extend a sincere thank you."

"While this brings a close to the field activities on decommissioning it doesn't bring an end to our engagement. Going forward, we will shift the focus of our engagement to operations as opposed to specific Line 3 decommissioning updates."

2023 committee appointments set

The town set their council committee and public committee appointments for 2023.

Following is the list of committee appointments:

Environmental health and welfare
Health Foundation Rep: Councillor Colby Sproat

General Government
Budget Committee: Council as a Whole
Joint Community Centre Committee: Councillor Devin Draper
SE Library Rep: Councillor Makyla Stender
Veterinary Board: Councillor James Gallagher

Human Resources
Mayor Jackson, Councillors Makyla Stender, Colby Sproat, James Gallagher

Leisure Services
Leisure Services Committee: Councillors James Gallagher, Tyler Vargo, Colby Sproat
Communities Lotteries Grant: Councillors James Gallagher, Tyler Vargo, Colby Sproat, Makyla Stender

Kidsport Committee: Mayor Patricia Jackson, Councillors Don Johnson, Makyla Stender, and James Gallagher.

Joint Leisure Services Committee: Councillors Tyler Vargo and James Gallagher

Planning and Development Committee
Mayor Jackson, Councillors Don Johnson, Devin Draper and Colby Sproat

Protective Services
Police Commissioner: Mayor Jackson
Joint Fire Committee Reps: Councillors Devin Draper and Colby Sproat

School Community Council
Councillor Makyla Stender

Transportation
Joint Airport Committee Rep: Councillor Tyler Vargo
South East Transportation Committee (SETPC) Rep: Councillor Don Johnson
Joint Road Committee Reps: Councillors James Gallagher and Colby Sproat

Utilities (Water plant, lagoon, water mains)
Councillors Devin Draper, James Gallagher, and Tyler Vargo
Moose Mountain Pipestone Creek Watershed Association (MMPSCWA): Councillors Devin Draper and Colby Sproat

Public Committee Appointments
Auditor: Dudley & Company
EMO Coordinator: Bruce Dash
Fire Chief: Ken Nordal
Pound Keeper: Public Works Department
Pest Control Officer: Vacant
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Rangers win home opener

The Moosomin Rangers won their first game of the season and their home opener 7-2 against the Midale Mustangs on Friday, November 11 at the Mike Schwan Arena.

It was a lopsided game that saw the Rangers take a 6-0 lead until the Mustangs scored two goals in the second period. The Rangers added one more goal in the third period.

Kim Poole photos

Above: The Rangers putting pressure on the Midale net.

Right: The Rangers celebrate their win.

Below: The teams standing for the national anthem at the start of the game. There was a malfunction in the audio system, so the Midale bench began to sing, and everyone else in the rink joined in.



Details coming together for Moosomin Christmas events

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Christmas events are being planned for Moosomin, with many events taking place in the first few days of December, from December 1-5.

Thursday, December 1 Moonlight Madness and tree lighting

The Chamber of Commerce Moonlight Madness is set for Thursday, December 1.

Stores will be open late and people can enter to win \$500, \$250 or \$100 in Moosomin Bucks.

There will be a Christmas Tree lighting on Rolna Pranke's Community Corner at Main Street and South Front Street.

"It was actually Dana Crosson's idea to have a tree up in town," said Councillor Kyla Fingas.

"She wondered about the lot so we checked with Rolna and Rolna was on board with the idea, and I thought we could turn it into a little more than just having a Christmas tree there. I know we've had tree lightings in the past so I thought it would be an opportunity to hopefully gather some people and perhaps some carolers and make it a town event" said Fingas.

"My hope is to have a group of carolers for the tree lighting. I'm going to see if we have any people from Creative Visions who are interested."

TREE NEEDED

Fingas is working on finding a spruce tree for the tree lighting. If anyone has a tree they are willing to donate they can contact Fingas at 306-434-8656. The town crew will remove the tree and install it at the Community Corner.

Fingas is also finalizing a community group to help with the tree lighting and be the beneficiary of fund-raising at the event.

Fingas is also working on new decorations for the downtown area.

Saturday, December 3 Santa Day and free movie matinee

Santa Day, featuring photos with Santa and a free Christmas matinee movie for the kids at the Moosomin Community Theatre, will be Saturday, December 3.

The Moosomin Kinettes will organize Santa Day photos on the morning of December 3. Santa photos will be taken at the Conexus MCC Center/Mike Schween arena from 9 am to 1 pm.

Photos will be taken on a first come first served basis. No appointment is necessary.

The cost for photos with Santa is one for \$10 or three for \$25. Photography is being graciously donated by Debra Mavin.

The photo backdrop is being donated by Right at Home Decor.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a free matinee of The Grinch at the Moosomin Community

Theatre that afternoon.

Monday, December 5 CP Holiday Train in Moosomin

The Holiday Train will then visit Moosomin Monday, December 5.

This will be the holiday train's first cross-continent tour in three years, following virtual concerts in the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021. Tenille Townes and Aysanabee are slated for the Moosomin show.

Holiday Train shows are free to attend. People are asked to bring a cash or non-perishable food donation if they're able for the Moosomin Food Share.

Hot chili and hot chocolate will be provided at the Holiday Train concert. Local businesses will be providing the chili.

"The Moosomin Food Share is planning to get businesses involved to do a chili cook-off the same as we did the previous year that the train was here," said Samantha Campbell of the Food Share.

"We're asking all businesses and organizations if they'd like to put in a pot of chili, they'd name it and we're going to have two types of draws. We're going to have some judges come down prior to the Holiday Train. They'll come about 10:30 am to the Food Share, sample the chili and vote on which one they think is the best. Then we're going to have the community vote on the best name for the chili. There will be on-line voting on the World-Spectator website.

"With that they're going to get bragging rights, obviously, and some sort of little, tacky gift from the Moosomin Thrift Store that we'll find that has to do with Christmas. Then the Moosomin Thrift Store is going to donate \$250 to a charity of their choice. So



A scene from a previous visit of the CP Holiday Train to Moosomin. This year it will be here December 5.

the winner will pick an organization and we'll make a donation to them."

Campbell said she is hoping for strong participation from businesses.

"The last time we hosted this we had 15 chilies and we're hoping to get even more than that. We did run out the previous year, we had no chili leftover. We're asking businesses if they can participate by making chili, or if they don't want or can't make a pot of chili, if they'd be willing to donate in other ways such as helping us serve at the event, collecting donations or even donating towards cups and stuff that we'll need for it.

"We've asked the high school students to help serve. Conexus Credit Union and Tim Hortons have both donated hot chocolate. We will have a

couple of trailers set up so we will be there collecting food bank donations as well as monetary donations for the food bank. We'll be serving the chili and hot chocolate out of the trailer and I believe we're going to start serving the chili at about 11 am at the tracks before the Holiday Train. That way it gives everyone a chance to enjoy the performances on the train."

She's hoping everyone brings food donations to the Holiday Train performance.

"The Holiday Train is asking that everyone brings a non-perishable food item for the food bank and their promotion is heart-healthy foods, so food items that support health. Also I'm letting people know that if they want to be extra generous, that instead of doing a non-perishable item, we do have the space to hold freezer items as well."

She said the Holiday Train food collection is important to the Food Share. "It is so important," she said. "This is one of our

biggest donation drives of the year. The Christmas season is when we see the biggest rise in our food and monetary donations, so just bringing awareness to the food banks helps a great deal. I believe in 2018 we filled the trailer with food donations. We had stacks and stacks of food back at the Food Bank and it was awesome."

People can sign up for the chili cookoff by phoning 306-435-2633 or emailing sehas2018@sasktel.net by November 24.



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Politicians need to re-focus on working together

It would seem reasonable for any government today to support an examination of why consumers are getting hammered by inflationary food costs.

And in a rural-based, agricultural province like Saskatchewan, it would seem especially reasonable to support any such an exercise where there's further questions like why farmers and ranchers aren't seeing any benefit from an estimated 30- to 50-per-cent increase in the grocery shelf price of beef.

Yet we watched in the Saskatchewan legislature last week a rural-based Saskatchewan Party government reject an NDP motion to examine food pricing that would have included exploration of factors related to supply chains, manufacturing, transportation and anti-competitive corporate practices and "meat processing and packaging that increase prices for consumers and decrease prices paid to livestock producers."

Of course, there's a natural penchant for a government to reject anything coming from the opposition—especially during a legislative sitting in which a duly elected government is trying to pass its own agenda.

But one might think the rising cost of everything is what every politician is hearing about these days. This should make this issue a priority.

The problem, however, is that the food cost story didn't completely and neatly fit the government's current political narrative.

While Agriculture Minister David Marit in the assembly last week didn't dispute that both consumers and farmers are struggling right now, his response followed



Murray Mandryk

the patented line that the real problem for farmers and everyone in the province is the price of the carbon tax.

Marit is not completely wrong. The carbon tax does add to inflationary costs at both the producer and consumer levels. And any fair-minded examination of the issue like the one proposed by the NDP should have made that a key point of discussion if it wanted a thorough review.

But that's not how we doing things in politics these days.

Even when politicians mostly agree on things, they tend to make the issue in which they disagree the most.

It's really why we seem to be spinning our wheels these days, producing more and more anger but fewer and fewer solutions.

Consider the recent visit by federal Natural Resources Minister Jonathan Wilkinson to Saskatchewan.

There to celebrate the opening of Cowessess First Nation's 21 megawatt Awasis Solar Energy project on the outskirts of Regina, Wilkinson was asked about the Saskatchewan government's Saskatchewan First Act and push for

constitutional changes.

Wilkinson—who worked in Saskatchewan's Ministry of Justice 30 years ago and was part of the team that worked on the Charlottetown Accord—was quick to agree Saskatchewan should assert provincial rights over resource development as Allan Blakeney and Roy Romanow did when they were Saskatchewan premiers.

And while the current provincial government's own agenda is pushing for things like the end of coal-fired electrical generation, the federal minister insisted we can sit down and work out a better plan.

"Let me be clear: Nobody—nobody—is going to let (Saskatchewan) people freeze in the dark," said Wilkinson, who talked about using natural gas as a bridging option and met with SaskPower Minister Don Morgan earlier to talk about developing small modular reactors.

If you found Wilkinson's co-operative tone surprising, then consider what we later heard from Premier Scott Moe.

"We're all Canadians first," Moe told reporters later that day. "We need to come back together as Canadians to support one another and to reinvent the great nation I believe we once were and most certainly can still be."

It's the kind of approach political leadership should always take, but, of late, are not taking.

Yes, there are policy matters where politician won't agree. But what has always worked best in Canada is addressing the issues most important and immediate and finding agreement where we can.

We need to get back to that in this country.

Rocanville Town Council

Town receives 2023 paving estimates

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER
At the Rocanville Town Council meeting on Wednesday, council received the 2023 paving estimates from Southwest Paving. The streets that were listed on the 2023 estimate were:

- Qu'Appelle Avenue from Edmonston Street to Pitt Street, and Pitt Street to Carlton Street
- Selkirk Avenue from Pitt Street to Carlton Street, and from Carlton Street to Ellice Street
- Garry Street from Selkirk Avenue to Qu'Appelle Avenue, and from Qu'Appelle Avenue to Railway Avenue
- Alexander Street from Railway Avenue to Qu'Appelle Avenue, and from Qu'Appelle Avenue to Selkirk Avenue, as well as from Selkirk Avenue to Francis Avenue

Each street and block varied in price, ranging from \$29,857 being the lowest cost for one street and \$65,352 being the highest cost for another street.

Southwest Paving told council that Garry Street to Selkirk Avenue and to Qu'Appelle Avenue, as well as Alexander Street from Railway Avenue to Qu'Appelle Avenue are the worse streets and recommended they should be done first.

Council has not made any decisions on which roads will be repaved. They will discuss their options for their next fiscal year budget.

Options for new building inspector

The town is looking into options for hiring a new building inspector due to receiving multiple complaints about their current inspector.

Aside from receiving a letter of concern from Borderland Co-op about the town's current building inspector, Municode, other people in town have raised their concerns to council as well.

Council is currently looking into options for hiring a different building inspector for the town.

Trees to plant as shelter belts

Intern Administrator Tanya Strandlund informed council that she had placed an order of trees from the SaskPower Shand Greenhouse, in order to plant a shelter belt south of Cameron Crescent in the spring of 2023.

Possible new showers at skating rink

Rec Director Andrea Logan told council she received a quote for shower upgrades at the town's skating rink.

Logan also stated possibly putting up a new sign at the outdoor skating rink, as well as a new logo.

In regards to the town's new recreation centre, a walking club in the community has been putting the centre to good use, as well as a puzzle swap group.

Quote for lights at outdoor rink

Council received a quote from Jeannot Electric of just under \$5,000 for installing lights at the town's outdoor rink.

Council discussed revising the quote before finalizing anything, as they will be receiving donated electrical wires and other materials from the town's museum.

They asked for a revised quote and will decide at their next meeting.

Letter to Minister of Highways

Intern Administrator Tanya Strandlund told council that she wrote a follow up letter to the Minister of Highways Jeremy Cockrill asking about the repaving of Highway 8 from Moosomin to the Nutrien Rocanville mine site.

The highway was discussed at a Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting with Cockrill, which Strandlund attended.

Both Moosomin and Rocanville would like to see that stretch of Highway 8 be resurfaced.



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I started playing Minor Hockey in Moosomin at five years old up until I was finished Peewee.

During my time in Moosomin some of the best achievements came in my last year playing on the Rangers team—picking up the league championship, the provincial "C" championship, as well as a few other tournaments.

This was definitely the most exciting team to have played on before taking off to play "AA" Bantam Hockey in Melville.

After a year in Melville I decided to leave home and begin my second year of

Bantam at Notre Dame.

I began my first year on the Bantam "AA" team as Assistant Captain, while also making it onto the "AAA" team after Christmas.

During this season I earned the MVP award of the "AA" team.

The following years I played "AAA" Midget for the Notre Dame Argos, Swift Current Legionnaires and the Notre Dame Hounds.

After Midget I decided to continue to follow the Notre Dame path and play for the Jr. A Hounds for two seasons while wearing an "A" in my final season.

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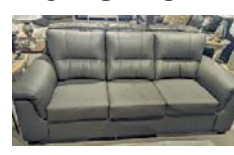


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