



Davidson playing pro hockey in Denmark

BY ASHLEY BOCHER

Dawson Davidson from Moosomin has dedicated his life to hockey and after four years of playing for the University of Alberta Golden Bears, he has decided to move across the ocean to play for Rungsted Seier in Denmark.

"I have been playing hockey for a while now. I played junior in Western Canada then played for the Golden Bears at the University of Alberta for four years," he said. "After that, I made the decision that I wanted to pursue hockey professionally, at least for the next year. The process starts with an agent, he reaches out to teams, and they reach out to him. I had a couple different opportunities in different countries here, but ultimately, I chose Denmark for a variety of reasons, and it has been good so far."

Dawson says it took some time getting used to many adjustments living in Denmark.

"It is like Canada in a lot of ways, but it also is different. The climate is a lot different but not as cold, a lot more rain and not as much sun. The grocery store was an adjustment. The language is sometimes a little bit of an adjustment, but the Danish people's English can be very good so that was easy to get used to."

"Hockeywise, it is a bigger ice surface than in Canada and is a lot more skating. It isn't as physical as Canadian hockey and lower scoring games."

Dawson is the only Western Canadian player on his team, and his coach is from Medicine Hat. He says the team is mostly made up of Danish players.

"I am the only Western Canadian player, but our coach is from Medicine Hat, Alberta. We only have an Ontario and U.S. player and other imports, like five Swedish players, and then the rest are Danes. We don't have too many North Americans."

"The league is called the Metal Ligaen. (Dansk Metal) is a sponsor. All the team names and logos are all sponsors, and it looks kind of crazy."

Dawson didn't ever think of playing internationally for professional hockey until attending university and hearing about other guys pursuing a career overseas.

"Not initially, not growing up, and not in junior hockey, but in university a lot of guys I knew played over here when they were done," he said. "As my university career was coming to an end, I knew it was a possibility playing here and if I wanted to pursue that route. My fiancé, Abby, is over here right now with me and sometimes we're just like 'what are we doing here?' We just ended up in a random country across the world and it is like 'how did we end up here?' It is a really good experience, and there have been a lot of lessons learned. I always joke, I will be very excited to get my feet back in Canada at the end of the season."

Dawson says the schedule is demanding.

"We usually are at the rink six days a week with one off day. Practice days are short, about four hours in the morning so it is not too bad. We usually train every practice day so we will train and then be on the ice for 10:30. Game days it depends, home games are seven o'clock, but tomorrow we have an away game. We play in Frederikshavn, it is very north, like the north tip of Denmark, and where I play is just on the outskirts of Copenhagen. That away game will be about a seven-hour road trip tomorrow and it is one of the longest ones. The nice part about this league is Denmark is pretty small, not even half the size of Saskatchewan, so the travelling for games is shorter and it is nice."

He said the hockey season starts early in Denmark.

"It is a little different. We start very early here. My first game was September 1 and usually back home in Canada the season starts around October 1. It starts a month earlier and it ends on March 1, so quite early. The regular season ends March 1 and then three rounds of playoffs, depending on how far you go. The latest you could play is mid-April. It is kind of the same as North America except everything is shifted forward by one month."

The transition from student athlete to professional athlete was a change for Dawson, as well as the game style



Moosomin's Dawson Davidson spent four years playing with the University of Alberta Golden Bears and is now playing with Rungsted Seier in Denmark. Above and below, Dawson playing with the U of A, and left, playing with Rungsted Seier.



compared to North America hockey.

"It was different in a couple ways. I went from being a student athlete to just being an athlete," he says. "I can focus a little more on that aspect without schooling involved. The game styles are different. At U of A it is North American ice, and it is a more physical game and here it is a little bit more of a skill game. Obviously, being in Canada and in Edmonton and being comfortable there was nice. Here in the dressing room sometimes not much English is being spoken, so you feel like a foreigner and an import, but it is something I have gotten more and more used to over time. There are a lot of differences, but it is still hockey so there are a lot of similarities too."

Dawson has a one-year contract with the association and plans to see how the year goes before determining his hockey career for next season.

"This is my first year in Denmark. Right now, I am just taking it year by year. I am on a one-year contract. Abby and I are looking to experience Europe while we are here. We were just in Portugal for a little bit and then at the end of the year the team gives us a little bit of time, three weeks or so, to do some more travelling. I don't know what will happen next year, I will wait and see. I love playing hockey a lot, but a part of me does miss home a

lot—Canada and all my family. I don't know exactly how long I will play here, but this year has been great so far and is a great experience."

Dawson encourages other North American players to pursue professional hockey in Europe for the life experiences, if given the opportunity.

"If you have the opportunity to play professional hockey and you have options to play in North America and in Europe, the best part about Europe that I have seen this year is it just such a good life experience."

"For myself, this is my first time coming to Europe. I have only been to the States a couple of times, Mexico and Canada, so you come here and one thing for me—it kind of opens your mind to a lot of cultures in the world and you realize the world is a big place."

"You kind of forget there is another world going on, on the other side of the Atlantic. I think for myself, I don't want to put too much pressure on myself thinking I have to play five or eight years here. I am taking it a year at a time and it is a great experience, so I definitely recommend for other players who have the opportunity to come over here and play. It is a great way to make some money, especially while you are living here and get some expenses paid for."

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BY SGT. DAMIEN GROUCHY

Moosomin RCMP Report

Meet our new member

I would like to take this time to introduce the newest member to The Moosomin RCMP Detachment, Cst. Timothy Buzinski. Cst. Buzinski's first shift was on November 11.

Complaint of fraud in RM of Maryfield

On November 10, members received a complaint of fraud from the RM of Maryfield. The victim was defrauded of a substantial amount of money. Moosomin RCMP are still investigating the incident.

Protection from scams

Scammers evolve and new frauds and scams are always appearing. Some safe tips to protect yourself.

- Don't be afraid to say no.
- Do your research.
- Don't give out personal information.
- Beware of up front fees.
- Protect your computer.
- Be careful who you share images with.
- Protect your online accounts.
- Recognize spoofing.

For a full list of steps to take in protecting yourself and to become familiar with past and present frauds/scams visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre website.

Collision in Moosomin

On November 10, members responded to a complaint of a collision in Moosomin. The complainant reported they were rear ended and the other vehicle drove off. Members located the driver and they were issued two provincial tickets.

Remember, all crashes involving injury or death, hit and run, an impaired driver, an out-of-province vehicle or where a vehicle must be towed from the scene must be immediately reported to police.

One example:

If you hit another vehicle and there is no damage but don't exchange information with the other driver, then drive away, that is a hit and run.

911 hang up call

On November 10, members received a 911 hang up call from a business located in Moosomin. Members concluded there

was no emergency.

Females yelling at passing cars

On November 11, members received a complaint of two suspicious females on Highway 48 near Wawota yelling at passing motorists and forcing motorists off to the side of the road. Members were dealing with higher priority matters and were unable to attend. No further calls were received.

Abandoned car on Highway 308

On November 12, members received a complaint of an abandoned vehicle on the Highway 308. The vehicle was police taped and the registered owner was placing reflectors around the vehicle until they could get it towed.

Erratic driver

On November 12, members received a complaint of an SUV pulling a trailer driving erratically all over the road on Highway 1. Members were not in a position to intercept as the vehicle was near the Manitoba border. Information was passed on to Virden Detachment to follow-up.

Stolen license plate

On November 13, members received a complaint of a stolen license plate from Moosomin. Members were later contacted by Brandon Police service advising the licence plate had been located on a burnt vehicle in their area.

911 hang up call

On November 15, member responded to a 911 hang-up from a business located on Wright Road. Members concluded it was not an emergency.

Suspicious person

On November 15, members responded to a suspicious person at a business located on Main Street in Moosomin. Mem-



Attending Local Remembrance Day Services

On November 11, Moosomin RCMP members attended the Local Remembrance Day Ceremonies. Cst. Brace and Cst. Buzinski attended the Maryfield Ceremony. Cst. Pomeroy and Cst. Morissette attend the Rocanville Ceremony and Sgt. Grouchy attended the Moosomin Ceremony.

bers arrived and through our investigation learned the individual had a warrant. The individual was arrested and when searched members found the person in possession of stolen property and drugs. The individual was held in custody and is appearing before Yorkton court.

Collision on Highway 1

On November 16, members were called out to a collision on Highway 1 near Wapella. The driver reported they were stuck in the ditch. During this time another motorist stopped to assist and their vehicle was struck by another vehicle. No one sustained any serious injuries.

End the stigma

As we all work together to end the stigma surrounding mental illness, now more than ever, every action counts. Whether you take the time to listen to a loved one, encourage a friend to ask for help, or educate yourself about mental health challenges. Be the solution. Be kind. Educate yourself. Listen and ask. Talk about it. Let's change the way we view mental illness. If you or someone you know is struggling, Reach out. If you or someone

you know is in crisis or has thoughts of self harm, take action.

- Call 9-1-1
- Go to the nearest hospital or emergency department
- Call Crisis Services Canada at 1-833-456-4566.

Protect yourself when consuming illicit drugs

Moosomin RCMP is urging the public who consumes illicit drugs to take special precautions when using:

- Never use alone,
- Let someone you trust know of your plans to use,
- Always carry a Naloxone kit. They are available free of charge at many locations in the province,

Joke of the week

A pair of cows were talking in the field. One says, "Have you heard about the mad cow disease that's going around?" The other cow replies, "yeah, makes me glad I'm a penguin."

Have a safe week and take care, from your friendly Moosomin RCMP.

Looking Back

Five years ago, 2018:

Creative Vision Productions held a Salute To Our Soldiers concert. The concert came on the heels of Remembrance Day and paid tribute to Canada's soldiers. It featured a number of guests, including the McNaughton High School Choir, the MacLeod Elementary School Grade 5 Choir, and Moosomin Community Band.

The Moosomin Elks made a \$2,500 donation to the Pipestone Hills Golf Club's new clubhouse project, as support continued to build for the project. The golf club purchased the former Tourism Saskatchewan Visitor Reception Centre, and moved it to the golf club, nestled in the Pipestone Valley south of Moosomin.

Ten years ago, 2013:

On November 8, Typhoon Haiyan ripped through the central Philippines, killing an estimated 2,357 people and affecting some 11.5 million people across the country, according to the UN. Moosomin residents rallied behind the Filipino community in the town to provide support to family members and friends back home in the Philippines.

Fifteen years ago, 2008:

After more than three decades in business, Fredy McDougall said that leaving Moosomin Rad and Glass was definitely "quite a transition." The former Moosomin businessman sold the local shop to Clyde Garrett, giving up a business he had owned since June of 1975.

Twenty years ago, 2003:

Nick Hudym was presented with an award for ten years of service as an auxiliary constable with the Moosomin RCMP. Assistant Commissioner Earl Moulton,

Commanding Officer of the "F" Division in Saskatchewan presented it to him.

One hundred years ago, 1923

"Only toy dogs admitted." In November of 1923, only toy dogs were to be admitted to Canada from the United Kingdom. "Real dogs" had to remain outside of the boundaries of the dominion.

A ministerial order, issued by the Department of Agriculture, excluded poultry and dogs "with the exception of toy dogs" coming from the United Kingdom. The order was issued under the authority of the Animal Contagious Disease Act and was designed to protect Canadian dogs and poultry from imported diseases.



This was the front page of The World-Spectator five years ago on November 19, 2018.

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Esterhazy High School hosted their Remembrance Day program on November 9. At right, the Esterhazy High School band provided music for the program and below right, the Grade 6 class recited Dr. John McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields."

Shayna Zubko photos



Esterhazy Legion Remembrance Day Service

BY SHAYNA ZUBKO

The Esterhazy Legion Branch hosted their annual Remembrance Day program on Remembrance Day again this year.

The program began at the cenotaph with the marching of the colours and the Last Post and Reveille.

The program continued at the Legion Hall with special music from the EHS band as well as bagpipes played by

Nicole Cripps.

A special message was provided by Delvin Szumutku on remembrance and the importance of carrying forward the lessons from the past to our present day.



Above: Delvin Szumutku gave a special message on remembrance.

Above right: Community members laid wreaths and paid their respects.

Right: Colour Guard members standing to attention.

Above: The wreaths laid on the Esterhazy Cenotaph.

Right: Nicole Cripps played bagpipes at the service.





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DEC 18


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Homes south of
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NOV 27 &
DEC 11

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QUALIFICATIONS:

1) Applicants must have a minimum Class 3A driver's license and it will be considered an asset if you have skills in Heavy Equipment Operation and Mechanical Repair.

RESUMES COMPLETE WITH REFERENCES/ CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK:

Applications/resumes complete with references, will be received until November 30th, 2023, @ 4:00 p.m., however, this deadline may be extended until a suitable applicant is chosen. Applicants who advance to an interview stage, will be required to provide a Criminal Records check from the RCMP. The Town wishes to thank all persons who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Sportsplex HOURS / Promotions

Shelly (Sportsplex Manager) has a ton planned for the 2023 / 2024 season. Here is a close up look at hours and promotions each day!

Monday – Closed | Tuesday – Closed

Wednesday Open 10am to 10pm

- Snowbirds Golf 1pm Tee Off
- Wing Night 5pm to 10pm
- Kim Setrum's Bowling League at 7pm
- 1/2 Price Rentals

Thursday Open 10am to 10pm

- Golf Night 4pm & 6:15pm Tee Off

Friday Open 10am to 10pm

- Snowbird Golf 1pm Tee Off
- 1/2 Price Bowling

Saturday Open 9am to 10pm

- Pitcher Drink Specials
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Pipe Si Cana Winter Games & Festival!

Moosomin Parks and Recreation are excited as we begin plans to once again host our Pipe Si Cana Winter Games and Festival.

The date we are looking at is **Friday to Sunday, December 15,16,17th.**

Please check this week's Recreation Report for further information.



Japanese stars cream of free-agent crop

The baseball world knows that the No. 1 free agent during this off-season is the Japanese phenom, Shohei Ohtani, who might be the game's best hitter and its best pitcher. But according to a recent MLB.com story featuring the best free agents available, the No. 2 guy is also a Japanese star—25-year-old Yoshinobu Yamamoto.

While Ohtani's status carries a major asterisk—he recently underwent elbow surgery and will be available only to hit during the 2024 season—there are no such concerns about Yamamoto, who is coming off a spectacular two-year run in Japan's Pacific League. The right-hander, projected to be a No. 1 or No. 2 starter with whatever team is lucky enough to land him, has won the Pacific League's MVP award the past two seasons, and also its equivalent of the Cy Young award as best pitcher.

Ohtani slugged an American League-leading 44 home runs in 2023 and posted a 10-5 record as a pitcher with a 3.14 earned-run average and 167 strikeouts in 132 innings. The intriguing aspect to his free agency is the great unknown of his pitching future. If he can be expected to return to form on the mound, and can reliably be counted on for 40-plus home runs, his value is astronomical. If he's 'only' a 40-HR guy, his value is still great, but dramatically diminished. The leading contenders are reportedly Ohtani's former team, the Angels, along with two other West Coast clubs, the Dodgers and Giants, and the big-money Mets, who have never shied away from paying exorbitant fees to free agents (Brandon Nimmo, \$162 million for eight years; Justin Verlander, \$86 million for two years; Edwin Diaz, \$102 million for five years).

Two other free agents of note: Cy Young-calibre pitchers Aaron Nola and Blake Snell. In other off-season baseball news, Chicago Cubs signed manager Craig Counsell to the highest managerial contract in history after his contract with the Brewers expired. He is one of the most respected managers in baseball and the Cubs had to dump the popular David Ross to create a managerial void. The last time Chicago lured a big-name manager to the Windy City was in



Bruce Penton

2015 when Joe Maddon became available. Maddon went on to lead the Cubs to the World Series championship in 2016. Cubs' fans are hoping Counsell, who was offered \$5 million a year by Milwaukee but will earn \$40 million for five years with the Cubs, can perform some similar magic.

Meanwhile, Canada's best player, longtime Cincinnati Reds star Joey Votto, has been released by the Reds and is a free agent. Votto, 40, is almost a surefire Hall of Famer, with 366 career home runs, a .294 batting average and a career OPS (on-base average plus slugging percentage) of .920. That last figure is 52nd all-time. Wouldn't the National League's Most Valuable Player in 2020, a native of Toronto, look great

in a Blue Jays' uniform for one last sendoff season?

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "ESPN's Jackie McMullan said the NFL needs to address its concussion issues 'head-on.' Some jokes just write themselves."

• Super 70s Sports, on X, recalling the famous on-field fight between two MLB stars: "In 1987, Robin Ventura set an NCAA record by hitting in 57 straight games. Six years later, Nolan Ryan set an MLB record by hitting Robin Ventura 57 straight times in one game."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "How is Tyreek Hill sort of like Jim Harbaugh? One is the Cheetah and the other is the Cheater."

• Charles Robinson of yahooosports.com, on Josh McDaniels' coaching arc: "McDaniels' career coaching peaks have been Ever-estian with Tom (Brady), and a low-lying Taco Bell parking lot without him."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "Aaron Rodgers returning to play this season behind a pathetic Jets' offensive line would be like Janet Leigh getting back in the shower."

• New York Post columnist Phil Mushnick, after Mets' owner Steve Cohen announced he would be building a family recreation centre that includes a casino: "Rejoice, New York, soon you can lose your money to Cohen's House of Lousy Odds!"

• Mushnick again, taking issue with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell's league slogans, such as 'End Racism' and 'It takes all of us,' saying the commissioner should consider slogans such as 'Stop Beating Women!', 'Drive Sober and Legally,' 'Try To Be Home By 4:30 a.m.,' 'Avoid Felony Arrests' and 'The N-Word Is Racist Unless It's Rapped During the Super Bowl! Half-time Show By Commissioner Goodell's Invite.'"

Rocanville council deals with STARS request, flower baskets

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Rocanville held their regular meeting of Council on Nov. 15. While a light agenda, there were a few items discussed.

STARS donation request

As with many local councils, the Town of Rocanville received a letter from STARS with a donation request. Mayor Ron Reed noted the town had already donated to the much-needed non-profit.

Flower baskets

Town council is looking at establishing self-watering flower baskets along Ellice Street as a future option.

"We generally set out flower baskets yearly and it just gets to be very timely for town staff to maintain them and keeping the flowers look good," said Mayor Reed.

The Town plans to reach out to businesses to see if they would be interested in planting and maintaining the flowers throughout the year. The self-watering option would cut down on time town staff spend maintaining the flowers. Currently, it takes up to three hours every second day for one staff person to maintain the baskets.

"It adds up over the course of the summer," said Mayor Reed.

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Congratulations to Neila Dennis on the birth of her daughter. Proud grandparents are Grammy Barbara Dennis and the late Neil Dennis. The baby was born on November 4 which was the 5th anniversary of Neil's passing.

As a lead up to Remembrance Day, the Wawota Public Library hosted author, Marie Donais Calder, on Thursday. She wrote the series, *The Other Side*, a story of a WWII veteran, her father, Edmond Joseph Donais. The time frame was during the war, 1945-1946 and the years after the war.

The Wawota Legion #113 held their annual Remembrance Day Service at the Town Hall last Saturday. After the service and the laying of the wreaths at the Cenotaph, the public were invited to a noon luncheon. Ed James, a historian from Elkhorn, Manitoba, was the guest speaker. He showed several artifacts from WWI and gave a presentation on the history of the Canadian role with the British Armed Forces.

Sympathy to the family of Jason Linder who passed away in Regina on November 4. He was 54 years old and was the son of Val Linder and the late Reg Linder and

brother Kent. He leaves wife Karen and sons Michael and Brandon and their families. His funeral service was held at the Regina Funeral Home on November 12. Several family members from Wawota attended the service.

Word has been received of the passing of Sheri Haines of Collingwood, Ontario. She passed away on November 8 at the age of 60 years. She leaves a daughter Hailey. There will be no funeral at this time. Sheri lived in Wawota a few years ago and she worked at Deer View Lodge.

Justin Olson and Tamara Buckingham from Saskatoon visited in Wawota over the weekend. Stacey Heffernan, Kate and Sarah of Regina were also Wawota visitors for the Remembrance weekend.

Sympathy to the family of Therese Lamontagne on her passing. She passed away on November 4 in her 84th year. She was a resident of Deer View Lodge and was predeceased by her husband Ernie. She leaves her four sons: Brad, Murray, Jason, Darren, and their families. Her funeral Mass was held at the Wawota Town Hall on November 13. Interment was in the Dumas Cemetery.

OBITUARIES



RICHARD PERREAULT
JANUARY 5, 1960 -
NOVEMBER 8, 2023

Richard Perreault of St. Lazare, Manitoba, passed away peacefully with family at his side, in Brandon General Hospital, on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

He was predeceased by his parents, Edmond and Blanche, and his brother-

in-law, Bob Downey.

Left to mourn are his siblings: Stephen, Betty Downey, Patricia (Nady) Said, Carol (Rick) Hille, many nieces and nephews, and cousins.

Ricky was born on January 5, 1960, in Russell, completing the family. He was a mischievous, fun-loving little boy.

At the age of 5, Ricky suffered an anoxic brain injury.

Following his mother's death in 1975, Ricky continued to live and work on the family farm until it was sold in 2015.

He enjoyed curling, driving his truck, and especially dancing.

Ricky was a big kid at heart, a kind-hearted, trusting man. He loved to socialize and always had a big smile.

Ricky enjoyed spending

time with family, especially his nieces and nephews. They fondly remember fun times spent with their uncle on the home farm, and how he loved to joke and tease.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at the St. Lazare Roman Catholic Church. A reception was held following the service at the church.

The interment of Ricky's ashes will be held at a later date this summer when family can gather.

If friends so desire, donations may be made to Expanding Community Cancer Care Russell.

Condolences may be shared with the family at www.braendlebruce.ca. Braendle-Bruce Funeral Service, Russell in care of arrangements (204) 773-2747.

Welwyn News

Phyllis Harper

306-733-2155

Last week's news:

Sympathy to the family of Norbert Van Den Bussche who passed away in the Moosomin hospital on November 4, 2023. The funeral service was held in Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church on Monday, November 13. Burial was at St. Marthe Cemetery with lunch and fellowship following at Welwyn Rink.

Tera Harper travelled to Vancouver to see Torny Harper and some of her college friends.

Congratulations to Riley Marsh and Catherine Riffel on the birth of their son, Mason Bruce on November 8 in the Yorkton hospital. Mason is the first grandchild

for Lorne Baily and Deb Marsh and first great-grandchild for Bruce and Sheila Marsh and Ormand and Irene Baily.

This week's news:

Sympathy to Vern and Amber Hamilton and family on the passing of her brother, Kyle Smyth, of Wawota, in the Regina hospital.

Get well wishes to Irene O'Reilly who is a patient in the Moosomin hospital.

A very meaningful November 11 Remembrance Day Service was held in the Welwyn Hall at 10:45 am with Legion President Orville Harper presiding and other legion members attending. Flag

bearers were Bill James and Ryan Byers. Pinning Poppies were Katie Cuthill and Brinley Townsend. The collection was taken by Cal Cuthill and Wyatt Townsend. The United Church choir led the singing, accompanied by pianist Marilyn Hickie. They sang a very suitable anthem, "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands." The United Church Sunday School children recited "In Flander's Fields." Rev. Barb Wilkins gave a very meaningful message. Following the service in the hall, the Legion led the procession to the cenotaph for the laying of the wreaths. Everyone enjoyed lunch and fellowship in the hall after the service.

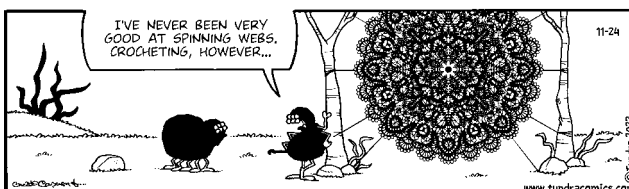
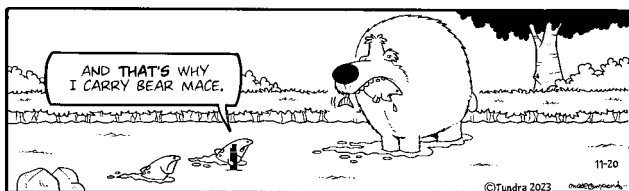
Sincere sympathy to mother Paula Temple (nee Baird); stepfather Douglas Temple; father David Webb; and stepmother Angela Webb of Carievale, Saskatchewan, on the sudden passing of their son, Tristen, age 27 years. He was the grandson of the late Florida Fafard, a former resident of Welwyn.

Donald and Margaret Karras motored to Winkler, Manitoba to visit Don and sister Bev Suderman.

Jacob Fowlie of Airdrie, Alberta (grandson of Joe and Pat Santer) went to Tampa Bay with a Sledge Hockey Team representing the Calgary Flames.

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LOT 6-BLK/PAR 10-PLAN 65R05083 EXT 0	131238301	\$1,049.16	\$408.00	\$1,457.16
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OBITUARIES



GAIL HARRISON
NOVEMBER 8, 1945 –
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Gail Harrison passed away on Monday, November 13, 2023, in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Born Patricia Gail Riddell to Lorne and Lois in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on November 8, 1945, Gail was the first and only child for nine years before her little sister Jane, and later brother David, joined the family.

Gail was an excellent student and excelled at mathematics. She was a cheerleader in high school and was always surrounded by a large group of friends.

She made friends easily, likely due to moving a lot when she was younger, living in Lethbridge, Calgary, Flin Flon, Manitoba, and

Winnipeg. This ease with meeting new people was a hallmark of Gail's personality her whole life.

Gail lost her mother to cancer at the age of 15 and spent the last of her teen years helping raise her younger siblings, Jane and David. Her dad's remarriage to Felicia gave Gail a mother figure again, and their love and friendship endured Gail through hard times in her young adulthood and gave her support to raise her own family.

Gail married young, and within five years found herself a single parent with four small children, Duncan, Robin, Tami and Stacie, living in Moosomin, Saskatchewan, a community that would embrace and keep her for the rest of her adult life.

It was there that she met a farmer named Sinclair Harrison, whose dogged persistence outlasted mom's own determination to never marry again, and they eloped in Las Vegas in March of 1975.

Paula was born in the winter of 1976, and Gail and Sinc raised their family on the farm outside of Moosomin for the next 45+ years.

Their kitchen was always filled with the smells of homemade buns, gin-

gersnaps and chocolate chippers, incredible lunches and suppers.

Gail loved to cook and bake and was equally talented at sewing and other crafts. She loved to teach the girls, and later her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and welcomed them into her kitchen or sewing table.

She had an amazing intellect, had an acuity for numbers and words, loved puzzles and thinking games. There was no better partner for trivial pursuit! She had such an incredible memory, and an unmatched wit, and was always fun to be around.

Gail was an organizer, running the household, the farm business, and had her own careers, working for Myers Norris Penny during tax season, owning her own business, working as a facility auditor for Good Life Fitness and running the office at Bethel United Church.

The kids were always busy with sports and music, and the Harrison van was often filled with a crew, off to a lesson, tournament, or competition.

Gail also worked to support her husband's political aspirations, traveling with dad to many conventions and events, or hold-

ing down the fort at home while he was at one of many committee or board meetings.

It seemed mom could accomplish anything, and still make time for her own friends and interests.

Gail curled, was on the UCW, the nursing home board, and had a large group of friends.

She always stepped up to volunteer for fowl suppers, funeral lunches, and other community events.

As kids we were so lucky to travel in our van on wonderful ski trips in the winter, and "down east" every summer to visit her family in Strathroy, Ontario.

Gail would load all five kids in the van at the end of the school year and leave Sinc seeding to join for a bit later, or Sinc would drive with the family down and leave early, having Gail do the return trip.

Gail loved to travel, and she had so many amazing holidays with Sinc and with her sister Jane. Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Ireland, Napa Valley, California, Antarctica to see Emperor penguins, Churchill to see the polar bears and beluga whales, Italy, France, and a boat through the Northwest Passage to Greenland were a few of her many adven-

tures.

One of Gail's favorite roles was "Nana" (Sinc "Papa") and trips to the farm were highlights for all their grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Everyone felt the warm welcome of the farm, and Nana somehow made each grandchild feel extra special.

The past five years presented some big challenges for both Sinc and Gail, meaning the sale of the farm and a move to The Williston Retirement Community in Regina. Here they met an incredible new group of friends. Again, Gail joined in the fun, busy life there, and felt so fortunate to have found such a special place to live.

Gail was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2021 and thought she had it beat in January of this year, but when she was experiencing great fatigue, she discovered that she had a recurrence in September. After a courageous battle, she passed away peacefully on November 13, 2023, five days after we celebrated her 78th birthday, her children, sister, and husband at her side.

Gail is survived by her sister Jane; brother David; and husband Sinclair; as well as their five children

and their families:

Duncan (Joyce) Harrison, their children, Mark (Megan), Lindsay (Cole) and Jennifer.

Robin (Ken) Brough, her children and grandchildren, Evan (Melanie) and Karina, Christopher (Cheryl) and Victor and Iris, Nadja (Jacob).

Tami (Terry) Weber, her children and grandchildren, Kyle (Danelle) Moffatt, Bailey, Felix and Maisie. Hillary (Marcus) Czemes, Adally, Octavia, Tobias and Rosalie.

Stacie (Rob) Donovan, their children, Brayden, Brando, Brynn, Braila, and Brielle.

Paula (Carlin) Potter, their children, Caleb and Zachary.

A Celebration of Gail's Life was held at Speers Family Center, 2333 Cornwall Street (behind Speers Funeral Chapel) on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

In lieu of flowers, mom has requested donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, 1910 McIntyre St, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 2R3, in support of breast cancer research.

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Kipling, Rocanville girls move on to volleyball provincials

Both the Kipling Senior Girls and Rocanville Senior Girls Volleyball Teams had top place finishes at Regionals on the weekend of November 11 to move on to Provincials, which were held on November 17-18. Rocanville took gold at 2A Regionals and Kipling took silver at 3A Regionals. 2A provincials were held at St. Walburg and Turtleford on the weekend and 3A provincials were held at Indian Head on the weekend. At left is the Kipling Senior Girls team and at right is the Rocanville Senior Girls team.



Rocanville, Esterhazy, Kipling boys move on to volleyball regionals

Three local Senior Boys volleyball teams—Rocanville, Esterhazy and Kipling—advanced to Regional playoffs on the weekend after doing well at Conferences on the weekend of November 11. The Rocanville boys took second in 2A Conferences in Langenburg and hosted Regionals on the November 17 weekend. The Esterhazy boys finished first at 3A Conferences and hosted Regionals on November 17. The Kipling boys took second at 3A Conferences to move on to Regionals in Esterhazy on November 17.

Top left: The Rocanville senior boys

Top right: The Esterhazy senior boys

Above: The Kipling senior boys

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Marlene Penny, a Wawota Legion member, salutes after laying her wreath.



Morley Hamilton, Wawota Legion Sergeant at Arms, spoke as community members laid their wreaths.

Wawota: A community that remembers

BY ED JAMES

All over Canada on the Remembrance Day weekend, thousands of communities big and small held ceremonies to remember and honor those Canadian men and women who gave their all in the defense of Canada and for the cause of freedom.

The town of Wawota took time to remember its lost sons and daughters at its legion hall, with a good turnout of community members and veterans from the surrounding area.

The event started with the arrival of the veterans and Legion members. There was the singing of "O Canada," the reciting of the Act of Remembrance and also "The Last Post," the lighting of the Candle of Remembrance, the two minutes of silence and the reading of the Roll of Honor which was followed by Reveille. The last part of the ceremony was when the Sergeant at Arms put out the flame of the memory candle.

The veterans started the process of the laying the wreaths and as they saluted, their bodies straightened with respect.

In attendance there were village officials, church groups, families of the fallen and most especially several young people. For the young the day might be hard to un-

derstand, but it our job to help them remember the men and women who gave their all for their freedom.

Legion Chaplain Roy Bortolotto led the call to worship with other prayers, and a selection of hymns were sung and readings from various church groups in the community. Padre Bortolotto delivered an informative talk on a group of Canadian artillery men and their service during the war.

Following the Benediction and "God Save The King," some of the veterans and officials went outside to lay wreaths at the town cenotaph. There was a covering of snow on the ground but the sky was bright with sunshine. When they returned to the hall, the parade was dismissed and the event over.

The Legion organizers had made arrangements for a buffet lunch to be served before the afternoon programs at the legion hall.

Following a delicious lunch and a thank you to The Mountney Ladies Club who catered it, a toast was offered to the King and to the members of Wawota Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113.

Branch President Ross Corkish introduced the afternoon guest speaker, Ed James, a Canadian military historian from Elkhorn, Manitoba. The presentation he gave

was in two parts and he was dressed in the Canadian WWI uniform of the First Canadian Mounted Rifles, a regiment that was raised in the western Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan area in WWI.

The first part of the presentation was called, "A Canadian Soldier at Vimy Ridge" that featured a talk as well as a display of many of the everyday items a Canadian soldier would have used during WWI.

It included such items as the weapons, mail from home, food rations and medical services. It would also include time spent on the mud of the battlefield and the problems of rats.

The second part of the program was a slideshow of photos of Vimy Ridge today and what it was like in 1917. Both presentations sparked a lot of interest in the audience. After, the audience came forward to examine the artifacts and ask questions.

Legion President Ross Corkish said, "It was a very successful day and we were happy with the community's turnout. Our thanks goes out to the many volunteers that made this day possible and to our remaining veterans."

"The afternoon presentations were very interesting and helpful in understanding our soldiers in time of war. All around it was a good day. Lest We Forget."



Above: Military historian, Ed James, giving a talk on Vimy Ridge and the equipment used at the time.

Below: Some Wawota Legion Branch members and RCMP during the service.



Above: Sergeant at Arms, Morley Hamilton, and Branch President Ross Corkish, giving a toast to the King at the service.



Wawota children laying a wreath at the ceremony.

Moosomin's Remembrance Day Reflection

Rev Mel Konkel read the Remembrance Day reflection at the Moosomin Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11 at the Moosomin Legion Hall. Following is his reflection.

I count it an absolute privilege to have this opportunity to share a few thoughts on Remembrance. In 1897 Rudyard Kipling composed a poem entitled "Recessional" which contains the phrase "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget - Lest we forget." The Legion has adopted this phrase. We ought to always remember the service and sacrifice of people who have served in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. But on this day we do so deliberately and consciously across the country. By remembering, we pay tribute to members of the Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP who served to defend our values and freedoms. We also honour those who continue to serve our country today.

We truly appreciate representatives from Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry here today. And we appreciate representation from our local RCMP department. Thank you all for coming. It means a lot to us.

Someone posted on facebook a definition of a veteran. They said, "A veteran, whether on active duty, discharged, retired or reserve, is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'the country of Canada' for an amount up to and including their life." Folks, that is honour.

A post by the Harrow, Ontario Legion stated, "We must never lose sight of where our true freedom came from."

Another post stated, "Canada, home of the free because of the brave."

Today and every day on the news, we observe just a little bit of how oppressive dictatorship regimes operate. Somehow, it seems to me, they feel threatened by democratic societies that value justice and freedom for all. Despots like Putin do not value individual freedom and the sacredness of human life.

For example, Ukraine's former Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov observed, "Russia does not recognize the existence of Ukraine and its people; its goal is the annihilation of the Ukrainian state and the assimilation of Ukrainians." I am very grateful for Canadian support and military assistance to Ukraine. Military organizations like Hamas absolutely reject any two state solution to the Israel. Their stated goal is to wipe Israel as a nation off the face of the earth. So Israel has stated a Palestinian state must be demilitarized so as not to threaten its security. I know it is a complicated situation. To make things worse, religion is playing a role in division and hatred. Former prime minister Brian Mulroney speaking at the World Jewish Congress award gala in New York said, "Hamas knew full well the reaction its murderous rampage against innocents would provoke, they knew and didn't care. Indeed, it is the reaction they sought." I am grateful that our government on the one hand supports Israel's right to assure its own security, but also on the other hand, provides emergency relief funding for the innocent Palestinian civilians.

In our recent history, Hitler, it is estimated, sent six million Jews to the gas chambers. Under Stalin, at least 30 million landowners were starved off the land in Russia and modern Ukraine. Genocide has continued to the present day. All of us here hopefully are aware of the genocide in Sudan (2003). Many of us have seen the movie, Hotel Rwanda, based on the real life situation in that country. You may not be aware that Canada played a key peace keeping role in Bosnia formerly, Afghanistan.

You can read about it in the September/October 2023 issue of the Legion magazine. Sergeant Sanheim was recognized for his courageous and professional execution of duty. He said, "Nobody joins the army for medals. You join the army because you want to serve, and you want to do some good, and you want to help protect those that can't protect themselves." Their thorough documentation of genocide was used to set an international standard for United Nations peacekeepers on how evidence for war crime trials is recorded and documented. Even more important, their work on the concept of post-traumatic stress disorder and veteran mental health spurred a mental health awareness campaign that continues to grow.

About 15 years ago, I met a man by the name of



Jessa Thorn lays a poppy on the Moosomin cenotaph after the laying of the wreaths and cenotaph service on November 11.

Sokreaksa Himm. He was a survivor of the killing fields in Cambodia where an attempt to form a communist government resulted in the deaths of 25 per cent of the population. In his book, Tears of My Soul, he tells of how he was left for dead in a mass grave with the bodies of his family members. In his second book entitled, "After the Heavy Rain," he wrote, "I can never forget but I have chosen to forgive." He talks about how he has chosen to return to the area in which his family was killed to establish schools.

Earlier we listened to the honour roll, the name of sailors, soldiers or airmen. You know that behind each of those names is a story. A few years ago, Kevin Weedmark uncovered some of those stories and published them in The World-Spectator.

Among others, there was the story of John Robert Osborne. Osborne farmed near Napella, was awarded the Victoria Cross for sacrificing his life to save his comrades. The enemy had thrown a grenade which landed in a position where it was impossible to pick it up and return it in time. Shouting a warning to the others Sergeant Major Osborn threw himself on the live grenade, which exploded, killing him instantly. There were 17 Victoria Cross winners in all of Saskatchewan. Three of them were local winners. The sacrifice made by prairie youth in the two world wars is beyond comprehension.

We must never forget the sacrifice men and women have made and continue to make to ensure our safety and our freedom. But as a Legion we also recognize that constant vigilance is the price we must pay to protect a democratic society that values freedom and fairness for all.

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 are threats to the democratic process that are not only out there, there are those that come from within a nation. Lord Acton, an Englishman of the 19th century, became known for his concise and insightful statements. His great contribution was his life long study of the history of freedom. He observed that "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely." That is why we need integrity and honesty at every level. Any political leader or news agency that compromises those values must be held accountable or we will lose our freedom and the values of fairness and justice for all that we cherish. I believe we are all capable of making good decisions if we have the right information. The democratic system is the only system I know that values the sacredness of the individual and respects the rights of the individual.

I remember being in the Ukraine for the first time in 1995. I was speaking at a youth rally where there were between 300 and 400 young people present. I was talking about how we as individuals are unique and have a unique contribution to make to those around us and to society. I looked around and suddenly I noticed that everyone in the auditorium were in tears. They were weeping. I turned to my translator and said 'Slava, what did I say, what's happened, why are they weeping?' 'Oh,' he

said, 'Mel, this is the very first time they have heard a message like that.' The democratic society says you as an individual are important and your voice matters.

Today we honour those who have worked and continue to work to preserve our safety and our freedom. I would like to conclude with some things we can do personally for the preservation of our values. First, I suggest we keep ourselves informed, seeking the most reliable information possible.

The Legion magazine not only has powerful stories about Canadian history and the difference we have made, I believe it is also a most reliable source of information. For example, an article in the July/August issue asks, can Canada really rely on the Americans to defend the country if it doesn't prioritize military spending itself? The article does point out that many feel "the United States will defend Canada because it is in its own national interest." But I would ask, is that fair? Should we not be pulling our own weight, especially in the light of the present day attacks against all democracies? We must at minimum vote for the political party we feel best fights for our values.

Second, let's pray individually and corporately for the preservation of peace in areas of conflict. I don't know if you remember M*A*S*H, the sitcom that ran from 1972 through 1983. It featured the life of the staff in an army hospital in Korea during the Korean war. In one episode Hawkeye says to Father Mulcahy, "War isn't Hell. War is war, and Hell is Hell. And of the two, war is a lot worse." Father Mulcahy replies, "How do you figure that, Hawkeye?" Hawkeye, "Easy, Father. Tell me, who goes to Hell?" Father Mulcahy says, "Sinners, I believe." Hawkeye: "Exactly. There are no innocent bystanders in Hell. War is chock full of them—little kids, cripples, old ladies. In fact, except for some of the brass, almost everybody involved is an innocent bystander." Pray for the cessation of conflict.

Third, we live in a great community. Do you know what makes a community a great place to live? We genuinely care about one another and support one another. Lewis Smedes, an ethics professor wrote a book entitled, "Caring and Commitment, learning to live the love we promise." He asks, "what would life be like if no one ever made a promise to you and kept it? There are people we count on, we need to be able to trust to make commitments and keep them—our parents, our spouse and our friends. We would go insane with uncertainty if no one ever made a commitment to us and kept it." Smedes writes, "The final truth about us—the truth that matters most—is our power to keep our human relationships alive, our power to make and keep commitments. If we trade in this power for the quick fixes of the uncommitted life, we threaten our own future. Hell is a forever without commitment. We cannot survive, cannot preserve our humanity, without enduring relationships of caring love."

In the Scriptures which were read, Jesus said, "blessed are the peace makers." In the context, peace makers are humble people. They know they don't always say or do the right things themselves. They are humble and therefore willing to listen to all points of view. They are also merciful or forgiving. They will do all in their power to hold abusive oppressors accountable, but they will not hold a grudge, they will not seek revenge. They have a deep, deep desire to treat all justly, fairly. They will seek to do all they do from a pure, single motive, desiring to treat others the way they themselves would want others to treat them. That is the kind of community I have come to know and love here in Moosomin. We can be a light when there is darkness. We can demonstrate by the way we conduct our lives, how to live so that there is freedom, respect and dignity for all.

Again, thank you all for coming. Your presence here speaks volumes to your values and commitments. A special thank you to representatives and local law enforcement officers. You are willing, if necessary, to give up your your life for our safety, freedom and wellbeing. We owe a great debt of gratitude to you.

We live in a world with weapons of mass destruction that threaten our very existence. How to protect our values in this kind of a world, I don't know. I do know we need to pray for our government and military. My prayer is that our children and grandchildren can enjoy the same measure of safety, freedom and fairness for all, that my generation has enjoyed living in Canada.

Spy Hill News

Linda Gander
306-534-2021

The Remembrance Day Service was well attended at our Spy Hill Hall with around 65 people showing up. Dawn Wilson from Rocanville led the service giving a brief message about bringing peace to the world and how our veterans gave up their lives for our country. Laying of the wreaths from our various busi-

ness places in town was done indoors, making it much more pleasant weather wise. Poppies were pinned on the cross by some young local girls and posters had also been made to outline how our youth wanted to express themselves on this special day. I played a couple of songs on the organ, closing with God

Save the King. Lunch followed the service.

Lunches have started up again in our Spy Hill Hall every Monday, as well as coffee being available both on Sunday and Monday mornings. The lunch served on November 13 had a great turnout. Lots of people came to enjoy the Full

Meal Deal for only \$12. A different menu is planned for each week, giving people the option of just having a burger, soup or a full meal

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Pinoy Tournament wraps up with Green Team as champs

The Pinoy Moosomin Community wrapped up its winter basketball tournament on Sunday, November 12 with the Green Team taking the championship. The tournament consisted of teams from Moosomin, Rocanville, Esterhazy, with games running on weekends, starting on September 24.

At left are the Green Team with their championship trophy, and Michael Vantomme at right, chair of the Pinoy Moosomin Community.



Above left: The White Team were First Runner Up in the tournament.

Above: The Yellow Team were Second Runner Up in the tournament.

Left: James Forrester was named the tournament MVP.



Mythical 10

The following top scorers were recognized as the Mythical 10:

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| 1. Arvie Valdez | 6. Leo Ilustrisimo |
| 2. Armie Visperas | 7. Fajardo |
| 3. Norman Tolentino | 8. Stephen Berangga |
| 4. Michael Sia | 9. Mikee Catacutan |
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Seniors Tournament

At left: The Black Team were the winners of the Seniors Tournament. **At right:** Arnold Sia was names the Seniors MVP.

The Mythical 5 top scoring seniors were as follows:

1. Leo Ilustrisimo; 2. Mike Catacutan; 3. Michael Vantomme; 4. Marlon Rodriguez; 5. Francis Ramos



Ron Potter, on the left, congratulating Riley Brennand who is the new leader of the Elkhorn Elks Club.



From left are, Ron Potter, former national leader of the Elk's Club of Canada, Tawna McLean and Dean Sherritt. Tawna McLean is the Elkhorn Elks' new Lecturing Knight (Dame).

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New leadership for Elkhorn Elks #381

BY ED JAMES

There was a good turnout of Elks #381 club members for its regular monthly meeting and the installation of new officers for open terms of service.

The meeting opened with its usual club ceremonies followed by several reports of the club's recent activities.

The reports covered the recent success of the local meat draw, Chase the Ace, the Halloween Howl children's costume event and the hand out of Halloween treat bags donated by seniors in the village.

New business included a club Grey Cup event, the community Christmas Lite Up Event and the club's always popular Christmas party for its members and families.

All during the reports, it was a lively mixture of humor and questions from the club members.

When it came time for the installation of new office members, it was taken over by former National Elks Head, Ron Potter of Moosomin, assisted by Provincial Elks Leader Dean Sherritt of Souris, Manitoba. Present ruler Sister Wanda Rhodes was succeeded by Brother Riley Brennand with Sister Rhodes becoming past Exalted Ruler.

Other positions were as followed: Brother Blaine Rhodes will continue to be Leading Knight, Brother Mac Shackel as Leading Knight, Sister Tawna McLean will now be the Lecturing Knight, Brother Rick Tesselar becomes Esquire, Brother Chance Toder will continue as Chaplin and the Membership Director Office will be held by Sister Veronica Fisher. The offices of Lodge Secretary will stay with Sister Helene Nolan and Club Treasurer will continue with Brother Ken Shackle.

In closing, comments from visiting members praised the Elkhorn Lodge for its many activities and community involvement as a model for their clubs, while the new Exalted Ruler, Riley Brennand, said that he "hopes in the future to make the club stronger with new members, more community projects, more fundraising events to help other community projects, and in general to be a club that is a strong community supporter and member."

After the meeting, refreshments included freshly made popcorn and hot dogs.

However there was one more event for the evening, it was a surprise birthday cake for Riley Brennand for his 31st birthday. After the cake was served, he took on the task of cleaning up all the mess of cutting and serving the cake and put it all away. That action to him showed the qualities of a leader who is not afraid to share the workload at any level.

No room at the inn: Room shortage a concern for sports teams

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Sports teams visiting Moosomin for tournaments are having a tough time finding a place to stay in town, leading to frustration for event organizers.

Jamie McMullan, president of Moosomin Minor Hockey, doesn't recall having such a struggle to book rooms as this season seems to present.

"I understand that the hotels are busy, too," he said. "Hotels are busy with work going on with the mine and stuff, but I know that's not the only factor."

He also noted running into issues with trying to reserve a block of rooms.

"I know that we have called about blocking rooms from a hotel and they've told us no," McMullan said. "We've gone and called about individual rooms and people are able to get rooms."

Even with advance planning, reserving blocks of rooms just doesn't seem to work.

"We've had our U11 Badgers tournaments, which we did lots of pre-planning for and tried to get in. It was going to be an end of season tournament in March, and then we tried to book hotel rooms they told us no," he explained.

The seeming inability to secure rooms in advance has meant missing out on hosting large tournaments in other sports as well.

"When we apply, there's an expected level of hotel rooms," said Mike Schween, Director of Parks and Recreation with the Town of Moosomin regarding making applications to host large-scale events. If the rooms aren't available, applying to host such functions just isn't in the cards.

With recreation facilities that are the envy of many other communities—in part due to strong corporate contributions—a certain onus to host larger events is felt.

"We made a very definitive point to become a destination place where we would host events," Schween said.

An economic impact study conducted during COVID found the return to the community from recreation facilities and events was in the neighbourhood of \$18 million. Attracting teams and their following entourage from hours away translates to longer-term stays plus more money spent in local businesses.

"We understand the value that those weekends play in the community," Schween said. "But we can't host them without the hotel space."

Others say there are rooms available, however schedules don't always align for when events take place.

"In general, there is not a shortage of hotel rooms," said Kim Hogg, General Manager at the Moosomin Motel 6. "Right now, with all the work crews that are in town, then yes, it does cause an issue with with hockey tournament season."

She said the local hotels are busy and full at the moment but doesn't know if that will continue.

"Right now, the three hotels are busy and they're full, but what happens when it slows down? We do get a lot of transient workers in town, so when that goes down, or if the construction stops, then do we need those extra rooms?"

Nutrien has said the current level of capital spending at Nutrien Rocanville should continue for the next five years.

Poll finds most Canadians want carbon tax off home heating

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Recent polls have shown most Canadians want the carbon tax removed from home heating.

A recent poll from Leger found that 57 per cent of Canadians would like to see the federal government axe the carbon tax from their heating bills.

Saskatchewan and Manitoba were among the strongest voices to support such a move according to that poll, with 60 per cent of poll respondents in both provinces in favour of removing the tax from home heating.

A subsequent poll by Angus Reid Institute found even stronger support for a home heating exemption, with 65 per cent of respondents saying they support an exemption on home heating, 57 per cent saying they support an exemption for agriculture, 56 per cent supporting an exemption on gas and diesel for vehicles used by individuals, 56 per cent supporting an exemption on gas and diesel for vehicles used by businesses, and only 20 per cent supporting the federal government's position that there should be no more exemptions to the carbon tax.

"The majority of Canadians don't think the government should be taxing people for heating their homes," said Franco Terrazzano, CTF Federal Director. "The numbers from every region show Canadians know it's unfair to give some people a break on their home heating bills, but not everyone. The federal government needs to listen to the people and take the carbon tax off of home heating bills."

The Leger poll commissioned by the CTF posed the question to Canadians if they supported removing the tax from all forms of home heating. Current carbon tax relief initiated by the government assisted an estimated three per cent of homes across the country, those who heat their homes with heating oil.

The highest amount of support discovered in the poll—66 per cent—came from the Atlantic provinces, which is a region that noted a doubling of the Climate Action Incentive Payment from 10 to 20 per cent of the baseline effective in April.

"They have been given a gift in a way, but they're saying, 'look, no, this isn't

right—66 per cent already are saying this should apply across the board.' And we're talking heating, we're talking about a necessity as we're headed into our winter," said Yorkton-Melville MP Cathay Wagan-tall.

Brandon-Souris MP Larry Maguire noted that such inequity in different parts of the country does nothing to promote unity.

"When you put a policy in place like this for one part of the country without considering the rest of it for something as essential in Canada, in a cold country, a cold climate as heating your house for the winter, it really divides the country even further," he said.

Senator Denise Batters recently questioned why the home heating change is only pertinent to those who still heat with oil.

"In the early 1980s, Progressive Conservative premier Grant Devine changed our province's heat source from heating oil to natural gas at a then cost of about \$150 million — a huge investment for our small province," she said during Question Period on Nov. 9 in the Senate. "Now only about 0.3% of Saskatchewan homes still heat with oil."

SaskEnergy to stop collecting carbon tax

SaskEnergy will stop collecting carbon tax in the new year.

According to the provincial government, the removal of the federal carbon tax from SaskEnergy bills will save the average Saskatchewan family approximately \$400 in 2024.

"Our government is taking the necessary steps to protect Saskatchewan families' ability to afford to heat their homes this winter by removing the federal carbon tax from the natural gas bills of residential customers," SaskEnergy minister Duncan said. "This legislation will give our government, and me as Minister, the sole authority and responsibility for decisions regarding the collection and remittance of the federal carbon tax on SaskEnergy bills while also providing protection for SaskEnergy employees and board members."

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Original artwork being auctioned on Moonlight Madness

Three pieces of original artwork will be auctioned off at a silent auction being held on Moonlight Madness in Moosomin. The pieces will be on display and open for bids at the Arts and Craft Market that night at the Moosomin Legion Hall. Proceeds from the silent auction will go toward the new Moosomin Visual Arts Centre being set up in Moosomin. The three paintings were donated by local artists Jacqui Harrison, Doug Brölund, and Jacqui Beckett.

Sask introduces Carbon Tax Fairness for Families Act

On Thursday, Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Dustin Duncan introduced The SaskEnergy (Carbon Tax Fairness for Families) Amendment Act, saying it is to protect Saskatchewan families from the unfair and unaffordable federal carbon tax.

On October 30, Premier Scott Moe announced that SaskEnergy will stop collecting the carbon tax on January 1, 2024, in response to the federal government's decision to stop charging the carbon tax on home heating oil, which primarily benefits families in Atlantic Canada. Moe said the federal government should extend the exemption to all forms of home heating, but if they refused to do that, the province would stop collecting the carbon tax on SaskEnergy bills.

The removal of the federal carbon tax from SaskEnergy bills, effective January 1, 2024, will save the average Saskatchewan family approximately \$400 in 2024.

The bill amends The SaskEnergy Act to designate the Crown as the sole registered distributor of natural gas in Saskatchewan, and invests all powers, rights, authorities, responsibilities and obligations for the purposes of Part 1 of the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (Canada), to the Government of Saskatchewan. These authorities include providing the Minister with the sole decision-making authority to pay, or withhold payment, of any charge, tax, levy, remittance or other payment required by Part 1 of the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (Canada).

Under this legislation, the Crown will indemnify SaskEnergy and all current and former directors, officers, employees, agents, members, affiliates, and other representatives from all damages, costs, charges and expenses, including legal fees, that the corporation or individual incurs with respect to any civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or other matter in which the corporation or individual is implicated in relation to the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (Canada).

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