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A scene from the Living Skies Come Alive fireworks show in 2019 at Moosomin Regional Park. The fireworks are back this year, with two shows planned for the August long weekend along with bands, food trucks, and a market.

Living Skies Come Alive fireworks show is back

Fireworks, bands, food trucks, market planned for August long weekend 2025

BY NICOLE TAYLOR
The Living Skies Come Alive fireworks weekend at Moosomin Regional Park is back.

Organizers are planning for fireworks shows on Saturday, August 2 and Sunday, August 3. There will also be bands both nights, food trucks, and a market that

weekend, as well as kids activities. For years, the Living Skies Come Alive fireworks competition attracted thousands of spectators to Moosomin Regional Park each August long weekend until it was cancelled in 2020 due to the pan-demic, followed by smaller shows and other events on the August long weekend

instead of fireworks. Kyle Jeannot, with the Moosomin Regional Park board, said the decision was made last week to bring the show back.

"We had a plan to eventually bring back the fireworks, but we made the fi-nal decision at the meeting last Tuesday

people missed the event. People would plan for it every year, and they were dis-appointed when it wasn't there. We are going to start planning further ahead, get some volunteers lined up, and get it done."

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Grand opening for new pharmacy

A grand opening and ribbon cutting was held for Kari's Pharmacy in Moosomin on Friday. There were lots of people out to show their support for the new pharmacy. Moosomin Mayor Murray Gray cut the ribbon. From left are Kayla Farquharson, Laurika Fourie, and Karla Bell with Kari's Pharmacy, mayor Murray Gray cutting the ribbon, owner Kari Meyers, John Glasser and Leanne Cook (in back), Oleksandr Kramarenko, and Julie Bell.







Mark O'Rourke, Wendy Ireland, Renee Dixon and Corie Wudrick-Mohrbutter with MNP making a \$25,000 donation to Terri Lowe and Samantha Campbell with Playfair Daycare for the construction of a second daycare building. The donation was made at the site of the new daycare south of

makes \$25,000 donation to daycare MNP

On Monday, November 18, MNP presented a \$25,000 donation to support the construction of a new daycare in Moosomin.

Playfair Daycare is fun-draising for the construc-tion of a second daycare in Moosomin. The current daycare has 71 spots, and Playfair Daycare has been

approved for an additional 90 spots.

The new building will be constructed on land donated by the Southeast Cor-nerstone School Division at the south end of the MacLeod School playground.

The team at MNP said they felt that the new daycare would be a beneficial project to donate towards.

"It's a very worthwhile cause. Daycares are important, especially when you are a progressive community like Moosomin," said Corie Wudrick-Mohrbut-ter with MNP. "You want to make sure you have op-portunities for young peo-ple, and as a business, we certainly appreciate hav-ing a daycare. It affects our team, and our recruiting opportunities. It's difficult to recruit people if you do

not have any daycare for young families."
Wudrick-Mohrbutter says that the local Moo-somin MNP branch col-lectively decides what lectively decides what projects they feel would be

most important to support.
"Ultimately when it comes to donations, it

starts at the ground level, at the local partner office. We discussed as a partner group the importance of having a new daycare fa-cility and it is certainly impacting our existing team members and future team-members."

She says the team at MNP feels fortunate to be able to provide such a sig-nificant donation to an im-

portant cause.
"We are thrilled that we are able to make a donation to the daycare, we are defi-nitely proud that we were

able to provide \$25,000," says Wudrick-Mohrbutter.

"This donation will make a tremendous difference." erence," said Samantha Campbell with Playfair ference.

"MNP is the first major sponsor for the new day-care, and we hope that their support will inspire other businesses, organiza-tions, and individuals to contribute, helping us to get the ball rolling."

The total fundraising goal for the daycare is \$3.5 million.

"We need more contributions to begin construc-tion," says Terri Lowe with Playfair Daycare. "While we have secured some sponsors, we are counting on many more donations We aim to start construc-tion in the spring. Every penny counts."

The committee is en-

couraging people to sup-port the daycare's ongoing fundraising efforts.

"Our main fundraiser—

the Win and Wander trip of the month lottery—is currently underway," said

Campbell. "If you haven't purchased a ticket yet, we encourage you to support the project. We're trying to

early bird special ends on Dec. 20, and so far, we've sold about 200 tickets.



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Khrystine at 306-861-1504 or Tina 306-533-1356

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All lids must be removed prior to donation





Living Skies Come Alive fireworks show is back

Jeannot said the 2025 show will be similar to previous year's Living Skies Come Alive events, featuring food trucks, fireworks, vendors, kids activities and more.

"I think it will be as big as previous year's competitions," said Jeannot.

Archangel Fireworks inc, a company based out of Winnipeg, will be managing the 2025 Living Skies Come Alive firework competition.

"Archangel is going to bring two dif-

"Archangel is going to bring two dif-ferent crews in for the competition. They are who we had do the fireworks last July. Last year we had the smaller fireworks but we are going back to the big one," said

Jeannot explained how once pandemic restrictions had cancelled the annual event in 2020, it became more difficult to

event in 2020, it became more difficult to get the ball rolling again.

"I think it came down to volunteers. I didn't get on the park board myself until last March, and when I got on the board I found out it wasn't happening. I know it's a huge fundraiser and we definitely noticed it made a difference to the park not doing it."

Jeannot said he knows a lot of people will be excited to hear that the big fire-

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work competition is back this year.

"I think the reaction will be positive. We have seen so many people drive from hours away only to be disappointed when they arrived and heard that the competition was not happening in previous vears."

Jeannot says that their goal is to have at least 3,000 to 4,000 people each night come to watch the competition.

"We want to sell as many tickets as we can. The profits go back into the park upgrades. This past year we did a bunch

upgrades. This past year we did a bunch of updates to the store. We put all new fridges and freezers in the kitchen and reinsulated and heated the back room for storage during the winter.

"We would like to upgrade the marina eventually, and we are looking at expanding the water treatment plant as well. We need another holding tank, we are going through so much water because there's through so much water because there's more people out there, so that's the game



A scene from the Living Skies Come Alive fireworks show in 2019 at Moosomin Regional Park. The fireworks are back this year, with two shows planned for the August long weekend along with bands, food trucks, and a market.

Jeannot says that people can show their community support by buying tick-ets, coming and spending the day at the lake, camping there for the weekend, and spreading the word. "I feel like if people think about it now, they'll start booking their holidays around

the August long weekend."

The lake board is also seeking sponsorships for the event.

"The board is going to go back to when we had sponsorships for this event. I think we are going to reach out and start doing that again and get some corporate adver-

tising and support," said Jeannot.

tising and support," said Jeannot.
Jeannot played a part in organizing last
year's smaller firework show, but this
years will be much larger scale. Jeanot
said there's a whole team behind this
event making it happen.
"I helped with the one last year and it
went pretty smooth, there's lots of good
people on the board that have done it for
years so they have the experience Every.

years so they have the experience. Every-one is willing to help and get it done," said Jeannot. "Layne McFarlane, Rob Hanson, Garry Bonkowski, and Karen Hebert are on the entertainment committee, and we also are planning to reach out to more vol-unteers and recruit a few other people we know are interested in helping out."

Jeannot has also discussed the possi-

bility of hosting a ball tournament that weekend.

Jeannot says that the demand for the competition played a big role in bringing it back this year.

"People keep asking for it, and we want to do these upgrades at the lake store, we need to fundraise somehow. Little fun-draising events are good but it's hard to find volunteers to do something every single weekend then people are hurnt out. So if we can put on one big event, and then maybe a couple smaller events this summer, we are going do that," said Jean-

"The impact is huge on the community, you get people staying in the hotels, and coming into town to eat. I think it helps

out the community big time."

Jeannot and the Moosomin Regional
Park Board are eager to start organizing
the next Living Skies Come Alive fire-

me next Living Skies Come Alive fire-work competition.

"We've got to get it back, and if we don't, we are going to lose it and some-one else is going to capitalize on the fun-draiser. It's good for the community and the lake," said Jeannot.

Jeannot also says that Moosomin Re-gional Park is hosting its Winter Wooder.

giantiot also says that Moosoniin Re-gional Park is hosting its Winter Wonder-land event in February. "We are doing the Winter Wonderland this February, which will have an ice fish-ing derby, sleigh rides, and more fun stuff like that. Right now it's tentatively booked for February 2."



Bands both nights • Food trucks • Market For more information or to book a spot in the market call Kyle Jeannot at 306-434-9112

Conexus, Cornerstone, and Synergy **Credit Unions exploring merger**

Trio could form largest credit union in province

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Three credit unions Three credit unions are exploring a merger which would create the province's largest credit union if it were to go ahead. On Nov. 20, Conexus Credit Union, Cornerstone Credit Union, and Synergy Credit Union made public their proposed partnership, using the vision statement 'Together for a Thriving Saskatchewan.'
"We envision a Credit "We envision a Credit"

"We envision a Credit Union that's really more Union that's really more than a financial institution, and we hope that we can be a catalyst for Saskatchewan prosperity," said Conexus Board Chair Ken Kosolofski. "We're going to have an unwavering commitment to our men commitment to our mem-bers—both current and future—and we're going to drive economic growth, to drive economic growth, empower communities, and support the dreams of individuals, farmers, and businesses across the province. That's why our tagline is 'Together for a Thriving Saskatchewan.'"

Should the merger hap-pen, the new credit union would serve more than 198,000 members, employ 1,404 people, and manage around \$15 billion in assets. While too early for a sets. While too early for a name—that will likely be selected from the existing credit unions, then finalized as part of their business case development—the resulting credit union would cover the entire province.

"Bu keing able to core."

"By being able to cap-ture both on the west side of the province through Synergy and on the east Cornerstone. through Cornerstone, they'll just be an extension of our already pretty vast network," explained Con-exus CEO, Celina Philpot. "We're used to that envi-ronment, and we're looking forward to being able to serve all of our members across the province—from north, south, east, and west

Now that the merger announcement has been made public, a due dili-gence business case pro-

Ducks Unlimited



The Conexus Credit Union Moosomin Branch at the corner of Main Street and Broadway Avenue.

cess will occur, which will take several months. After that, the individual boards would need to vote on the idea, then if the boards are in favour, the membership in tayour, the membership will have their chance to vote. That membership vote could happen in June 2025, with the merger pos-sibly taking effect by Janu-ary 1,2026

ary 1, 2026. "In Saskatchewan, we have a continuous dialogue among our credit unions, and that dialogue continued with the board and management of Conexus, Cornerstone and Synergy, and the align-ment of these three credit unions really became evident," Kosolofski said became "We believe the potential partnership is going to benefit all of our stakeholders, members, ployees and communities. which was why we decid-

which was why we decided to move ahead with the business case."

As Philpot noted, the three entities work well together, and she's excited about the future prospect

of a merger.
"We're really excited to partner with Cornerstone and Synergy, based on our experience within the province," Philpot said. "We worked together in

the past, so this isn't new for us, and we get to know each other very well."

Credit unions are no strangers to mergers, and Philpot believes with the dawn of digital banking, the apprehension around banks joining together does not exist.

"I think as more digitization has come into the sphere, members are used to that and know that they can transact in many ways," she said. "So still

supportive of local, but understand service deliv-ery can be done in many different ways

Kosolofski also stressed that an unwavering commitment throughout the

merger process.

"We continue to support the communities that we operate in, and that's the nice thing about a Credit Union," he said. "We're a local base, and we support those communities, so this can only expand that community support and empowerment that we actually have as a base value of our business.

Philpot described Sas-katchewan as "a cradle of Credit Unions." "Saskatchewan is really

"Saskatchewan is really supportive of a collabora-tive, co-operative environ-ment," she said. "Under-standing it's a very big province, and the people needing to work together in order to make things come to life."

The Rural Municipality of Fertile Belt No.183

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Dated at Stockholm, Saskatchewan this 25th day of November, A.D. 2024

Lorie Jackson - Treasurer

Lucky Lottery raises \$55,000 for rec facilities in Rocanville

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER
After paying all the bills, the Rocanville Lucky Lottery
will have \$55,000 to distribute to local recreation groups. Organizers are pleased with the response to this year's campaign, which netted around \$20,000 more than last

"There were some tight times there where we were wondering if it was worthwhile, but when you start seeing those final numbers come in and realize what you've done, it's definitely worth it," said board chair Kirby

The purpose of the fundraiser is to support recreation facilities in Rocanville, ensuring that programs and infrastructure remains for residents now and in the future.

structure remains for residents now and in the future. Now that the Lucky Lottery board knows how much they can share, it's a matter of local groups sending in their funding applications.

"When the January community newsletter goes out, it will have the application in it," Fowler explained. "We'll start accepting applications in January, we'll make those decisions quick and early and hopefully start getting stuff paid out quick."

Since resurrecting the Rocanville Lucky Lottery in 2022

Since resurrecting the Rocanville Lucky Lottery in 2022, it has drawn supporters from across Saskatchewan and into Manitoba. In its initial year, the fundraiser was able

"It was an a nice surprise," said Fowler of learning the final number this year. "The support that we've got from the communities and provincially—we get the support from everywhere, and it's so great to see."



The Lucky Lottery grand prize draw being made.

Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

Pickle BallTuesday nights from 7:00-9:00 at the Rocanville Rec Centre.
\$5/person

Rocanville Noble Construction

Skating Rink
Friendly reminder! For all questions or requests related to activities at the Rocanville Noble Construction Arena,

please reach out to the Rec Office during our open hours: Monday - Thursday, 7:30 am - 4 pm. You can find the rink schedule posted on Facebook, on our town website www.rocanville.ca, and in the November Community Calendar.

Please note: Our caretakers won't be available to open the rink for extra shinny or public skate, and additional sessions can't be arranged on short notice. Thank you for

sessions can the attended understanding.

Public skate and shinny can be bumped to accommodate hockey games and tournaments. Check the online schedule to avoid disappointment.

Mondays: Public Skate – 3:30-4:45 pm

Public Skate – 3:30-4:45 pm Adult/preschool skate – 1:30-3:30 pm Shinny – 3:30-4:45 pm Shinny – 3:30-4:45 pm Adult/preschool skate – 1:30-3:30 pm Public Skate - 3:30-4:45 pm 3:30 – 4:45 pm Public Skate 1-3 pm Shinny – 3-5 pm

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays: Thursdays:

Fridays:

Sundays:

Late Night Shopping will be held on December 4

Santa Pictures - 6-7 pm – hosted by Conexus Tree Lighting – 6:30 pm Chili and a Bun Supper – Hosted by the RAC Fundrais-

ing Committee, located at the Rocanville Fire Hall. *Craft and Bake Sale fundraiser* – hosted by the Graduating

Class of 2025. Located at the HOPE Church. In Store Specials - Stores open until 7 pm

Rocanville Dance Club's

Annual Christmas ShowcaseOn December 12 at 6 pm at the Nutrien Hall. Entry by

Rocanville LibraryExplore everything the library has to offer, from books and digital resources to hands-on programs for all ages!

Open Hours:

• Wednesday: 9 am – 12 pm and 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

• Thursday and Friday: 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

November Programming Highlights

- Marble Run Makerspace Kit Available all month.
 Snow Globe Take 'n' Makes Create your own snow globe! Kits available throughout November while sup-
- plies last.

 Kids Crafternoon A fun crafting afternoon for kids!

Join us on November 27 from 2-4 pm. Did you know? We have a variety of board games avail-

able to borrow!

Kids Club

Need a fun activity for your little ones? The Kids Club is perfect for both kids and parents looking to socialize and play. Join us every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 to 10 am, at the Rec Centre for access to Plazma cars, foam blocks, bouncy toys, and plenty of space to run around. Best of all—Kids Club is free!

Rocanville Community Centre

All events held here are open to the public (except rentals). All ages welcome!

Community Potluck Supper and Dance Performance! Join us for an evening of great food and lively entertainment at the Rocanville Community Centrel Date: Monday, November 25, 2024 Supper: 6 pm. Entertainment by the Rocanville Dance Club at 7:15 pm (following supper). Bring a dish to share and enjoy a delicious potluck supper with friends and neighbors. Then stick around for an exciting performance by the talented Rocanville Dance Club! No charge – Everyone is welcome! Can't make it for supper but want to catch the show? No problem! Join us at 7:15 for the entertainment. The more, the merrier! We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Celebrate the holidays
with Seattle Kraken Spirit
This holiday season, let's come together and show our
support for Jessica Campbell and her incredible role with Already have Christmas decorations? That's great! But

why not add a little flair by incorporating a Seattle Kraken flag, banner, or even some Kraken-colored lights?

Let's get creative and festive, blending the spirit of the eason with our support for Jessica and her journey with

Rocanville Community Thrift StoreThe Rocanville Community Thrift Store is run by a group of local volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time at the Thrift Store, please, contact Marilyn at 306-645-4553.

Thrift Store Hours:
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 1-4 pm
Thursdays 6-8 pm
Visit us during our open hours to explore a diverse
range of items, from clothing and household goods to
unique treasures. Your purchases at the Thrift Store support local initiatives and contribute to the well-being of our community

Rocanville Food Share

Please keep in mind the needs of those less fortunate

and give them to your local Food Bank. Monetary dona-

and give them to your local root bank, Monetary dona-tions are gratefully accepted.

Cheques made payable to the Town of Rocanville can be mailed to Box 265, Rocanville, SK S0A 3L0. An income tax receipt can be provided for donations of \$20 or more.

If you know anyone in the area in need of food, please ontact: Pastor Paul Bunz 434-5375

Roseanne Kelly 306-434-9484 Faith Buchanan Iean Howie Barbara Wilkins Jane Fahlman

Walking Club

As the weather cools down, the Walking Club is back! Join us for a warm, indoor walk at the Rec Centre, running Monday through Thursday, from 10 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 3 pm. It's a great way to stay active and so-cialize—with no fee to attend. Bring a friend and enjoy some exercise, no matter the weather outside.

Puzzle Swap
Calling all puzzle enthusiasts! The Rec Centre will be open from Monday to Thursday, 8 am to 3 pm for a Puzzle Swap. Swap an old puzzle for a new one and dive into a fresh challenge. Please ensure all puzzle pieces are included in the sets you bring and remember to only leave a handful of puzzles at a time to keep our shelves organized.

Rocanville Dial-A-Van Service Need a ride? The Rocanville Dial-A-Van is here to help! Call 306-434-6644 between 8 am to 12 pm to book your ride. Available November 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

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 Monday service available with advance notice!

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Lots of support for Holiday Smile Cookies

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Heading into the week-end, numbers for the anend, numbers for the annual Holiday Smile Cookie
campaign at the Moosomin
Tim Horton's were still going strong, even with the
first major blast of winter
stopping some people from
getting to Moosomin last
week.

"We are almost the same
versus last year." said Moo-

versus last year," said Moo-somin Tim Horton's manager Cherrie Caliwag. "It should be more, but since the highway was closed Tuesday and Wednesday the whole day, that affects une whole day, that affects the Smile Cookies. Other than that, the Moosomin community is very sup-portive!"

As of 4 pm on Thursday, Nov. 21, the Moosomin location had sold 4,097 of the special cookies, translating special cookies, translating to roughly \$6,200 raised for charity. Those numbers are sure to climb as Caliwag noted her staff was preparing for a 64-dozen Holiday Smile Cookie order for the following day.

"The busiest day will be Friday—tomorrow," she said. "And I have a big order tomorrow!"

der tomorrow!

All funds raised from the sale of the cookies will be split between McNaughton split between McNaughton High School for upgrades and the Tim's Camps. Moosomin has gained a reputation for their strong support of the Smile Cook-ie campaign, with last year's edition of the holi-day cookie campaign rais-ing \$12,400—the most sales in Saskatchewan.



Holiday Smile Cookies

McNaughton High School students Madison Sebree and Olivia Lawrence were some of the volunteers who decorated Holiday Smile Cookies last week. Proceeds from this year's Holiday Smile Cookies are going toward upgrades at McNaughton High School.





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In our opinion:

Manitoba risks students' education by lowering new teacher standards

Judging by Manitoba's growing deficit, math doesn't appear to be the government's strong suit. Now the government seems to want all Manitobans to have equally poor math skills.

Last month, the province quietly removed all subject requirements for en-

try into a Bachelor of Education program.

No longer will prospective teachers need to complete a prescribed number of courses in "teachable" subjects; in fact, they won't even have to take a single math or English course.

This means that a candidate who took a three-year bachelor's degree in gender studies and then completed a two-year teacher education degree is considered just as qualified to become a teacher as a candidate who completed an honours degree in mathematics, physics, or chemistry. No wonder eople are worried.

For example, University of Winnipeg math professor Anna Stokke has long raised the alarm about the declining math skills of Manitoba students. In fact, Stokke played a key role in convincing the previous NDP government to increase the required number of math courses for prospective teachers from one to two in 2015.

Now, the current government is moving in the opposite direction by cutting the required math courses from two to zero. I'm no mathematician, but that looks like a decrease for me.

Sadly, some education professors are completely on board with this change. Martha Koch, an education professor at the University of Manitoba, publicly claimed that requiring students to complete more undergraduate courses in math "sometimes results in worse teachers in early and middle years mathematics."

This comment is a prime example of the anti-knowledge bias pervading North American education faculties.

The last thing faculties of education want is for teachers to be the primary source of knowledge in the classroom.

That is why we cannot trust education faculties. Having taken many un-

dergraduate and graduate education courses myself, I can safely say that most of them are worse than useless. In fact, you get stupider because of taking them.

Don't just take my word for it. Ask any teacher how they felt about their Bachelor of Education program. Chances are they will praise their teaching practicum, where they worked in real classrooms with real students, but they will dismiss most of their required education courses as useless theo-

I shudder to think about prospective teachers taking undergraduate degrees in narrow and esoteric fields such as gender studies and then completing a Bachelor of Education program with courses that promote all the

wrong ideas about how students learn.

While those teachers will be ready for social justice activism, they won't have a foggy clue about how to teach real subjects such as math, science, or

The reality is that teachers must know the subjects they teach well. Since there is a high probability that early and middle school teachers will teach math at some point, they should complete at least one or two math courses before they are admitted into a faculty of education.

As for high school teachers, it makes sense to expect them to complete

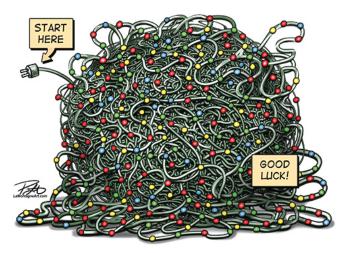
a major and a minor in subjects that are taught in Manitoba schools. This shouldn't be too much to ask.

Lowering teacher education standards might get more bodies into school classrooms, but it won't help raise student achievement.

Michael Zwaagstra is a public high school teacher and a senior fellow at the Frontier Centre for Public Policy.

Let us know what YOU think!

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Living Skies fireworks show back next summer!

When Kyle Jeannot called on Wednesday morning, with snow howling outside the front windows of the World-Spectator office in the first mighty blizzard of the winter, my thoughts went straight to summer. Kyle had news—the Living Skies Come Alive fireworks show at Moosomin Regional Park would be back this summer, with the committee backing two fireworks shows for

committee booking two fireworks shows for the August long weekend 2025 at the lake.

It was great news, and just what I needed to hear on a cold winter day. If you had never seen the Living Skies Come Alive fireworks shows then you may not understand just how big this news is. And if you have, then you

get it.

The fireworks shows on the August long at Moosomin Lake became so famous that in the end they drew tens of thousands of people through the gates at Moosomin Regional Park. People came from around Canada to see

Originally planned as a fundraiser for a new water treatment plant at the park, the shows evolved and got bigger and better every year. They started with some friendly competition between two fireworks compa-nies from Saskatchewan and Manitoba, then morphed into an international competition with the U.S., China and the Philippines all taking part to see who could launch the most jaw dropping fireworks off over the waters of Moosomin lake and wow the crowd the most.

I have been to other international fireworks competitions in major cities like Vancouver and Montreal, and I can tell you that nothing compared to the shows at Moosomin Lake. The event was so bir that the conventions The event was so big that the competitors wanted to do something special each time, and to this day I have not seen fireworks that good. From a flaming pirate ship on the beach to fireworks never before used in Canada, there were always things at the shows that were next level.

So what happened? Why did the shows fizzle out?

It was the pandemic in 2020 that dealt the first blow, and with a massive volunteer effort needed to keep the shows going each year, the shows fell by the wayside for a big. The lake tried a few other things—food truck wars, bands—but nothing could really replace the fireworks competitions. In fact the competi-tions were so popular that last summer, when the park board decided to hold an event with some bands on the July long weekend instead, people still showed up on the August long weekend, as it was such a habit.

So when I heard that the fireworks were



Kara Kinna

back, my heart leapt.
Why is it important? Because it was something special and it was something to be extremely proud of. These shows put our area on the map. They also drew thousands of people to the region over the course of the weekend, which is wonderful from both an economic and a tourism standpoint for our area. Could you really ask for better propoarea. Could you really ask for better promo-

It was also something that people enjoyed planning their summers around. Everyone knew that August long at Moosomin Lake was the place to be, myself included. I routinely had family over that weekend, camping in the area or staying with us, to take in the shows. It was an excuse for a big, fun get together, and my family always loved making the trip to Moosomin to hang out that weekend and enjoy some summer fur.

end and enjoy some summer fun.

That said, the Living Skies Come Alive weekend doesn't just happen with ease. It's a lot of work. And with tis return, he Mosomin region now needs to do what the Mosomin region has the said to the said min region does best and help the committee with the event. Volunteers will be needed that weekend to help man and organize the event, and the more people that step up to help out, the more smoothly the event runs.

As in years past, the fireworks will be com-bined with some other events that weekend to make it a full weekend of events. There will be bands both nights, and a market, and some

be balas both lights, and a litaket, and some kids events as well.

People have been pestering the regional park board for years to bring the event back, and now that its back, we need to show our

and now that its back, we need to show our support.

The regional park has an ad in this week's paper. If you can help out with this weekend in any way, be it as a volunteer, or if you want to be a vendor at the market, please contact them and let them know how you can help. A committee will be formed to help run the yeart and I'm sure any help on that commit.

event, and I'm sure any help on that commit-tee will be very much welcome. We are lucky to have an event like this hap-pening in our area. I'm sure the news of the

event being back will spread like wildfire. Let's give them a show they won't forget!

Jury finds Kennedy woman's death accidental

Coroner's inquest held at Kenosee Lake

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER A coroner's inquest into the 2021 death of a Kennedy woman was held at Kenosee Lake last week. Over Nov. 18 and 19,

a six-person jury heard from witnesses involved with events that occurred three years prior, ultimately concluding where, when and by what manner the woman died, and compiling a list of six suggestions to two agencies in the inter-

est of preventing future deaths.
On Nov. 8, 2021, Kristin Lee Grant called Broadview RCMP with a complaint about people in her house, just be-fore 9 pm. When police arrived, members found Grant to be agitated, and noticed some injuries on her body. Members attending tried to calm Grant, but she was only becoming more agitated. RCMP felt Grant was becoming a danger to herself, handcuffed her, then placed Grant in the back seat of an RCMP cruiser while waiting for EMS to arrive on scene.

When a first responder did arrive,

When a first responder did arrive, Grant became unresponsive and lifesav-ing measures began. Once EMS came on scene, they decided to transport Grant to the Kipling Integrated Health Cen-tre, and continued with resuscitation attempts while en route.

Unfortunately, attempts to revive Grant were not successful and an attending physician pronounced her deceased at the hospital.

An inquest is held by the Chief Coro-

ner whenever a person dies while in custody, unless the coroner is satisfied that

the person's death was due entirely to natural causes and was not preventable. After hearing two days of testimony, the jury established that Grant had died on Nov. 9, 2021 at 2:27 am at the Kipling Integrated Health Centre due to accidental acute methamphetamine toxicity.

They did provide four recommendations to the Saskatchewan Health Au-

thority, being as follows:

1. First responders be allowed to drive the ambulance if they hold a valid drivers license, even if it is not a Class 4.

2. Incentives for first responders/EMS

2. Incentives for first responders/EMS to recruit staff and retain staff in rural areas, i.e. paying for schooling, training and more hours/money for staffing.

3. Ensuring communities with first responders have access to and are supplied with equipment that is required.

4. LUCAS (Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System) devices for rural/remote ambulance services dealing with staffing issues

ing with staffing issues.

The jury also had a pair of recommendations for the RCMP, being:

1. Daily inspections of police cruisers,

along with the audio and video checked at the beginning of shifts.

2. More access to body cameras for po-lice officers to wear in the field and when responding to calls, to protect both parties involved.



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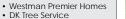
























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Kari's Pharmacy Grand Opening

The grand opening for Kari's Pharmacy in Moosomin was held on Friday. There were lots of people on hand to show their support and enjoy the ribbon cutting, cake and Smile Cook-

Above left: Owner Kari Meyers talking to Bowenn Glasser who is enjoying his Smile Cookie.

Above: Owner Kari Meyers cutting the cake.

Left: Kari Meyers and her staff with the cake.

From left are Kari Meyers, Kayla Farquharson, Julie Bell, Laurika Fourie, Leanne Cook and Karla Bell.

Below: The grand opening cake.



Nicole Taylor photo:



Above: Owner Kari Meyers with some of the flowers she has received for her grand opening. **Above right:** Kari Meyers talking to people at the grand opening.







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RECYCLING CALENDAR

ROUTE A: Homes on Broadway Avenue and North DEC 2 & DEC 16

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Garry Towler

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Mike Schwean Arena

Remaining Special events already booked include: - U13 Tournament December 7,8 - U9 Female Carded Tournament..... December 14,15 - U11 Girls Tournament..... January 11,12 - U7 Tournament January 18,19 - U9 Tournament February 1,2 - U11 Carded Tournament February 15,16 - Skating Club Carnival March 16 - U9 Carded Tournament March 29,30 - 2025 Iron Man..... April 3,4,5



Moosomin Curling 2024/2025 Programs

- Skins Game Saturday, December 14th - Ladies Bonspiel..... Friday-Saturday, January 10th-11th - Farmers & Friends January 29th to February 2nd

Teams can register at the Club or contact the Rec Office at (306) 435-3622



Mike Schwean Arena - Winter Ice

Mike Schwean Arena is now open for the season and we are now accepting ice bookings for the 2024/2025 winter season! You can phone (306) 435-7578 or email msmn.rec. brd@sasktel.net to book



Nutrien Sportsplex - Employment Opportunities

Moosomin Nutrien Sportsplex is now accepting applications for the winter of 2024/2025. Sportsplex has been opened Thursday, October 24th, 2024 and close on April 13th,

Remaining Positions include: Full Time - Kitchen Supervisor / Cook

For further information or to apply please contact Angela at (306)435-3622 or (306)434-7579 or by email at a.thorntownofmoosomin@sasktel.net

Upgrades at the Nutrien Sportsplex

We are excited to add two Giant Screens Projectors to our Simulator Side of the Nutrien Sportsplex along with an in line sounnd system. Watching Winter Sports just got a lot more "real"

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Friday

Nutrien Sportsplex - Hours of Operation

We open for the winter season! Hours include:

Thursday 12 pm - 9 pm

Public Shinny 12nn to 2:30pm

MondayClosed Friday 10 am - Close TuesdayClosed Saturday 10 am - Close Wednesday12 pm - 9 pm Sunday 10 am - 8 pm

To book during hours of operations contact the staff at (306)435-2325 or after these hours you can try call Angela at (306)435-3622



Mike Schwean Arena - Public Skating / Shinny This Week

Parents and Tots.......10am to 12nn Thursday Parents and Tots......10am to 12nn Public Shinny 12nn to 1pm Public Shinny 12nn to 1pm Public Skating.....1pm to 3pm Public Skating..... 1pm to 3pm

Christmas Bookings at Nutrien Sportsplex

Early Bird pricing includes:

2 Simulators \$250	Bowling Alley Side Only\$300
4 Simulators\$500	Entire Building\$600
2 Simulators & 3 Bowling Lanes \$300	

If you are interested in getting in early and booking a great date for event, please give Angela a call at (306) 435-3622



Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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One final Congratulations to our 2024 Award Winners

On behalf of our Parks and Recreation Department I would like to extend one final thank you and congratulations to our amazing list of winners at our 12th Annual Parks and Recreation Awards last weekend.

Community Hero Award Mike Lowe and Quinn Glasser

Mayor's Award of Distinction Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation Lyndon Jacobs

Mayor's Award of Distinction Culture/Music and Performing Arts Dave Dahlgren

RM Award of Distinction Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation Peter McMullen

Community Councilor's Achievement Award Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation Dorothy Windsor

Corporate Community Builder Award Celebration Ford

Association/Team/Individual of the Year **Jamieson Plewes**

> Legends Award Tamala Olafson

Youth Award of Excellence Molly Martens

With that concludes another year of Parks and Rec Awards...and as one door closes another opens as we open nominations for our 13th Annual Awards in 2025!

Nutrien Sportsplex Open for the 2024/2025 Season

If you are looking to book in you can call 435-2325 during work hours or call Angela at 435-3622 weekdays 8 am

Nutrien Sportsplex Hours

We are open for the winter season this coming Thursday! Hours include:

Monday Closed Tuesday Closed Wednesday 12 to 9 pm Thursday Friday 12 to 9 pm 10 am to close Saturday 10 am to close

To book during hours of operation, contact the staff at 435-2325 or after these hours you can try Angela at 435-3622.

Upgrades at the Nutrien SportsplexWe are excited to add two giant screen projectors to our simulator side of the Nutrien Sportsplex. The screens will give us not only one but two massive big screens to watch all your favorite sports on all winter long. Tagged along will be a new sound system tied to our programming to give locals the ultimate sporting event. Just imagine . . . hot wings, cold drinks, a round of golf and an Edmonton Oiler/Calgary Flames showdown all in the dead of winter!

Nutrien Sportsplex Winter Programs

Moosomin Nutrien Sportsplex offer a wide range of programming opportunities over the winter season. Some of

Golf Leagues Men's Ladies Skins - Wednesday and Thursday nights Snowbirders Golf - Wednesday and Friday afternoons Fantasy Golf - Friday nights

Bowling - Thury day nights
Senior Programs - multiple weekly events
For information on any of our programs please feel free
to contact the Recreation Office at 435-3622.

Moosomin Rangers Schedule

KW Oil Kings @ Moosomin Rangers Friday, December 6 at 8 pm Oxbow Huskies@ Moosomin Rangers Friday, December 20 at 8 pm Carlyle Cougars @ Moosomin Rangers Friday, January 3 at 8 pm Redvers Rockets @ Moosomin Rangers Friday, January 10 at 8 pm Wawota Flyers @ Moosomin Rangers Friday, January 17 at 8 pm Carnduff Red Devils @ Moosomin Rangers Friday, January 24 at 8 pm

Moosomin Rangers @ Carlyle Cougars Friday, November 29 at 8 pm Moosomin Rangers @ Oxbow Huskies Saturday, December 7 at 8 pm Saturday, December 7 at 8 pm Moosomin Rangers @ Wawota Flyers Saturday, December 14 at 8 pm Moosomin Rangers @ KW Oil Kings Sunday, December 15 at 5 pm Moosomin Rangers @ Midale Mustangs Saturday, January 4 at 8 pm Moosomin Rangers @ KW Oil Kings Sunday, January 12 at 6 pm Moosomin Rangers @ Oxbow Huskies Saturday, January 18 at 8 pm

Moosomin Seniors Club 2024 Winter Programs

Moosomin Senior Club meet at the Sportsplex Multi times weekly for a wide range of activities from cards to bowling to shuffleboard and more! If you would like more information on all their programs and services please contact Orey at 435-6788.

Moosomin Curling Club 2024/2025 Programs

Curling this week:

Monday Night Super League Curling (Until Christmas) 6:30 pm

Tuesday Night Red Barn Men's Curling Team Stewart vs Team Meredith Sheet 1 6:30 pm Team McMullen vs Team Turpie Sheet 2 6:30 pm Team Stanhope vs Team Rambold Sheet 3 6:30 pm Team O Frape vs Team Glasser Sheet 4 6:30 pm Team Sully vs Team R Frape Sheet 4 9 pm

Wednesday Afternoon Borderland

Co-op Farmers League Team Thorn vs Team Lee Sheet 1 1 pm Team Turpie vs Team McMullen Sheet 4 1 pm

Thursday Night Celebration Ford League Team Bender vs Team Hebert Sheet 1 7 pm Team Yeske vs Team Wallin Sheet 2 7 pm Team Woods vs Team Lindsay Sheet 4 7 pm

Walking Track

The walking track at the Nutrien Sportsplex is available for use. The track is a 360-foot indoor rubber walking track. For information please contact 435-3622.

Moosomin Curling Club 2024/2025 Spares

We are also taking names for spares for the upcoming curling season. If you are interested please email me at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net with your name, contact information and which league(s) you are interested in sparing

Moosomin Curling Club 2024/2025 Schedule!

Moosomin Curling Club has scheduled three of their Annual Bonspiels for this Upcoming season.

Dates include: Skins Game: Saturday on December 14

Ladies Bonspiel: Friday-Saturday on January 10 and 11 Farmers & Friends: January 29 to February 2 Teams can register at the Club or contract the Rec Office

at 435-3622 **Moosomin Senior Rangers**

looking for Equipment Manager
Moosomin Rangers Sr. Hockey Team are currently looking for an Equipment Manager for the 2024/2025 season...
this is a volunteer position. If you would be interested please contact Mike at 435-7578.

Moosomin Senior Rangers Alumni **Christmas Weekend**

Coming up on Friday, December 20, the Rangers will hold their Annual Christmas Alumni Weekend. Tons and tons of stuff planned for the event including;
• Pre-Game Rangers Hall of Fame Inductions
• Pre-Game Minor Hockey Awards
• Big Six Hockey at 8 pm

- Our 2nd Annual Live Rockfest above the Zamboni

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 In Game Sin Bin Fundraiser

 Post-Game Players Shootout

 Post-Game Cabby in the MCC featuring DJ Megan Sparkle
 Watch for details in the near future on all our social me-

Moosomin U9 Carded Tournament

Moosomin Rangers will be hosting their 2nd Annual Carded Hockey Tournament coming up on March 28 to 30.

Entry fee for the first eight teams is set at \$800. Teams registered to date include:

Young Guns Weyburn SE Kraken East Central Canora

To register or for further information please contact the Recreation Office at 435-3622.

Iron Man 2025
Scheduled for April 3 to 5 of 2025. Back for another season will be the regular favorites...hockey, golf, whiffle ball...but take note we have some new games planned that we think teams are going to love!! To register or for further information please contact the Recreation Office at 435.3422

Mike Schwean Arena Dublic Skating/Shinny this week

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Thursday:	Parents and Tots	10 am to 12 pm
	Public Shinny	12 pm to 1 pm
	Public Skating	1 pm to 3 pm
Friday:	Public Shinny	12 pm to 2:30 pm

This week at the MS Arena

We are now officially into the "game time" of our new season. This week will see a couple Rec Games and 12 Mi-

season. This week will see a couple rec Games and I nor Hockey Games spread over four days!! Monday: Mustangs Rec Hockey Game 9:40 pm Tuesday: Leafs Rec Hockey Game 9:30 pm Esterhazy Flyers @ U13 Tridaron 7:15 pm Friday: 4 Nations @ U13 Celebration Ford 7:30 pm

Saturday: A Nations & U13 Celebration Front 7-50 pm Saturday: Rocanville Tigers @ U9 Jeannot Electric 9 am Weyburn @ U11 Female B&B 11 am SS Renegades @ U15 Female Canalta 3 pm Weyburn @ U11 Female B&B 5 pm Weyburn @ U11 Ice Badgers 7 pm Sunday: U11 NAPA Rangers Exhibition Hockey Game-

time 9 am

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Mike Schwean ArenaWe are taking weekend bookings. If you are interested in booking a weekend or a special event please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Special events already booked include:

U13 Tournament December 7,8 U9 Female Carded Tournament December 14,15 U11 Girls Tournament January 11,12 U7 Tournament U9 Tournament January 18,19 February 1.2 U11 Carded Tournament Skating Club Carnival U9 Carded Tournament February 15,16 March 16 March 29.30 2025 Iron Man April 3,4,5

Conexus Convention Centre Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events

Lots of great events planned for the winter of 2024. Here is a sample of what is coming up!

November 29 Borderland Co-op Christmas Party
December 7 Cabaret – Details TBA
December 20 Sr. Rangers Christmas Cabaret
If you would like to help us fill up our winter schedule we would love to hear from you. Just give us a call at 435-4323 or ky many like a bloom type from power in a call at 435-4323 or ky many like a bloom type from power in a call at 435-4324 or ky many like a bloom type from power in a call at 435-4324 or ky many like a bloom type from power in a call at 435-4324 or ky many like a bloom type from power in a call at 435-4324 or ky many like a bloom type from power in a call at 435-4324 or ky many like a bloom type from power in a call at 435-4324 or ky many like a bloom type from the first fr 3622 or by email to a.thorntownofmoosomin@sasktel.net.

Mike Schwean Arena Winter Ice
The Mike Schwean Arena is now open for the season and
we are accepting ice bookings for the 2024/2025 winter
season. You can phone 435-7578 or email msmn.rec.brd@
sasktel.net to book.

Conexus Convention Centre Fall/Winter Regulars

With the winter season, we have our regular users at the

Convention Centre. Those include: Cadets: Monday

Gadets: Monday Pickleball: Monday/Tuesday/Thursday Gymnastics: Tuesday/Wednesday Philippine Community: Friday/Sundays

Moosomin **Pickleball Club**

Moosomin is now in the process of forming a formal Pickleball Club registered with Pickleball Saskatchewan and Pickleball Canada. Membership will come will multiple benefits both locally and beyond.

If you are interested in becoming a founding member of the club please give the Recreation Office at call at 435-

Canada Summer Jobs funding applications open Deadline is December 19

Cathay Wagantall, Member of Parliament for Yorkton-Melville, would like to advise organizations and businesses that applications for Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) funding are being accepted until Dec. 19, 2024—Dec. 19 is a much earlier deadline than in previous years. Canada Summer Jobs is an initiative of the Government of Canada's Youth Employment and Skills Strategy, which aims to help all young Canadians develop the skills and gain paid work experience to successfully transi-tion into the

labour market.
"In 2024, the were 40 CSJ grant recipients in Yorkton-Melville, and many, many more employers that were approved for fund-ing, but there weren't enough funds to go around," explained Wagantall. "To provide some context, in Yorkton-Melville in 2024, 136 eligible employers applied for \$2.3 million in funding to create 404 jobs. The

actual distributed amount was \$457,000 to 40 employers, which created 116 jobs.

CSJ provides wage subsidies to employers from notfor-profit organizations, the public sector, and private sector organizations with 50 or fewer full-time employees, to create summer work experiences for young people aged 15 to 30 years. Public and private sector employers are eligible to receive funding for up to 50% of the provincial or territorial minimum hourly wage. As in previous years, not-for-profit employers are eligible to receive up to 100% of the provincial territorial minimum hourly wage for each employee.

Job placements will occur during the summer of 2025, with jobs starting as early as April 21, 2025 and ending no later than Aug. 30, 2025. The jobs will need to be full time with a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 40 hours per

week, and a duration of six to 16 weeks.

Employers interested in applying for CSJ 2025 funding can submit their applications electronically using either can submit their application or the Grants and Contribu-tions Online Service. The online fillable application is the fastest way for employers to submit an application on line, while the Grants and Contributions Online Service requires the user to create an account before submitting an application for CSJ.

"The deadline for applications for funding is earlier than it was in 2024," said Wagantall. "I urge those who want to apply to ensure that they do so as soon as pos-

Additional information about the program and application information can be found at www.canada.ca/



Westman RCMP Report

50 calls for service

During the week of November 10 to November 16 Westman RCMP received a total of 50 calls for service. Of the 50 calls, 10 were traffic related including three traffic collisions. Also included in the calls for service were three suspicious person/vehicle/property files, three assault files, three wellbeing checks, three false alarms, five Mental Health Act files, and three mischief files.

Tickets and vehicle impounded

On November 10, during a routine traffic patrol in the RM Wallace-Woodworth, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 132 km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was issued a traffic offence notice for speeding, which carries a fine of \$469. The driver was also issued a traffic offence notice for driving while disqualified, which carries a fine of \$672 and the vehicle was impounded for a minimum of 30 days.

Woman assaults two victims

On November 10 RCMP were dispatched to an assault at a residence in Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. Police at-tended and spoke with two victims who had been as-saulted by a 49-year-old female. The female was arrested and will attend court in February for two counts of adult

Man outside of house with a machete

On November 14, RCMP were dispatched to an assault a residence in Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. Police attended and located a 47-year-old male outside his resi-dence with a machete beside him. The male was placed under arrest and will attend court in February for adult ssion of weapon for dangerous purpose and adult resist/obstruct peace officer.

Unregistered vehicle

On November 16, during a routine traffic patrol in the

town of Virden, RCMP conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was not registered. The driver was issued a traffic offence notice for driving an unregistered vehicle which carries a fine of \$298

Numbers to call

To report a complaint or non-emergent incident to RCMP please call 204-748-2135. For general inquires or administrative requests including criminal record checks please call the administration line at 204-748-2046 Ext. 3. If you are reporting an emergency please call 911.

Crime Stoppers is anonymous

If you witness a crime and wish to remain anonymous please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Crime stoppers is entirely confidential and completely anonymous. The tip line is not traceable and they do dot subscribe to caller ID or call display.

Looking Back

Five years ago, 2019:

Restoration work was well under way on the original Mc-Naughton Building in Moo-somin, the oldest commercial building in Saskatchewan, constructed in 1882. The original McNaughton Building is on Carlton Street in Mooso-min, across the street from the brick and stone McNaughton building that was built once the company grew. At the time, volunteers were lifting new windows into place on the

building.

Zaylie Furniture and Appliance donated a stove to McNaughton High School for use in the school's kitchen where home ec classes take place.

Ten years ago, 2014:

A large gymnastics demonstration was held at the Conexus Convention Centre in Moo-

somin with 144 gymnasts from three different communities showcasing their skills in artistic and rhythmic gymnastics. Children from ages four to 17 demonstrated their skills. The students—from Moosomin, Maryfield, and Wawota—were all part of the Ross Gym and Fit gymnastics club taught by Jodie Dunham.

Fifteen years ago, 2009:

Paige Lawrence and Rudi Swiegers' trip to Japan for their first International Skat-ing Union Senior Grand Prix of Figure Skating event was a learning experience. The pairs figure skaters finished seventh in the short and long programs and seventh overall out of the eight pairs at the event.

The driver of a semi trailer lost control after hitting the shoulder of the Trans-

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Canada Highway near Red Jacket. The driver was not iniured, but the collision caused ars of pickles to break, filling

jars of pickles to break, filling the floor of the trailer and part of the ditch with pickle juice. Twenty years ago, 2004: Work continued on the "Building for Health Care" home on Heritage Place in Moosomin; The Spy Hill mu-seum celebrated its 50th anniversary; The Rocanville senior girls volleyball team headed to provincials after going unde feated in regionals

One hundred years ago, 1924:

The Medicine Hat Clay Products Company received a contract for some thousands of tons of tile for use in the recon-struction of the Lake Louise



Moosomin clears way for rideshare services

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Virtual physician program temporary solution for Redvers Health Centre

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER As of Nov. 4, the virtual physician program has been added to the Redvers Health Centre. The program is a temporary solution to help ensure stable emergency health services are available to resi-

"Currently, they are supplementing the two physicians that are full time," explained Joni Wielgoz of the Saskatchewan Health Authority, who added that there are efforts to gain some locum support for the health centre. "We have been successful with that over the last few months, here and there, and then we supplement the

and there, and then we supplement the rest with the virtual physician, which has been actually working out pretty well."

To have a full complement of doctors, the Redvers facility needs three full-time physicians, with the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment program as one portion of the recruitment

"That's currently where we were able to recruit our two physicians that are there currently is through the SIPPA program, and we have requested another seat for SIPPA," Wielgoz said. "We're quite hopeful that we will be able to recruit through that program once again to fill that third

Wielgoz said that SIPPA is a great program for recruitment, especially for rural and remote areas, but there are some chal-

lenges that accompany it as well.
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"We only have the three years to make that physician feel welcomed and integrated into the community," she said.

Through SIPPA, there are 307 doctors currently practicing in the province, an estimated 74 per cent of whom have a practice in rural communities. After their three-year contract comes due, the option to stay or move on becomes a touch tion to stay or move on becomes a tough decision for those physicians. Ultimately, work/life balance often becomes the deciding factor whether or not to remain in a community.

"Our physician's work life balance is in-credibly important to consider," Wielgoz said. "I think having that virtual physician option in our back pocket is very impor-



Redvers Health Centre

The virtual physician program not only assists doctors, but all levels of healthcare

"The nurses also undergo a lot of extra training in order to support an emergency department utilizing virtual physician," Wielgoz said. "It's important to continue on with their skills, the additional skills that they have found to be a support of the skills. that they have for supporting those types of environments. It's important to keep it as part of a regular practice in some of our smaller sites where services are a little bit more difficult to keep consistent. Our goal is to keep the emergency departments open at all times, making sure we have all the tools to do so.'

Feedback in Redvers has been positive,

with some praising the level of care and timeliness of being seen.
"Some of them have wondered why we didn't do this a long time ago," Wielgoz said. "People didn't know what to expect,

but the buy-in now from the staff there is good. They're quite happy to be working with the virtual physicians and being able to continue to provide that emergency department support to our community.

How a virtual physician visit works

Wielgoz walked through how the exerience of seeing a virtual physician unfolds. As with an in-person visit, a patient is assessed by a registered nurse using the Canadian Triage Assessment Scale upon arriving to the Emergency Department.

"From the nurses' assessment, they will then consult the virtual physician," Wielgoz explained. "The virtual physician could be anywhere in the province, and from there, the virtual physician will will be a province and from there, the virtual physician will be a province and p make a decision if the patient requires an immediate transport to another site with a physician there, and they will go by EMS,

or the other option would be treatment on site by the RN."

A possible third option in the case of a less-urgent situation would be to come back to the clinic on the following day. For non-emergent health-related questions, people can call the 24/7 HealthLine service by dialling 811.

"Our 811 supports are really good in this province," Wielgoz said. "When a patient does call 811, they are speaking with a regties that of a large are speaking with a legistered nurse. That registered nurse does also have access to a physician that she can consult on the phone. So they are getting some really good advice over 811. The end result might be a recommendation for these translations are commendation for them to seek emergency department support, but they may be able to be guided on

the phone also."

Virtual physician services were also introduced in Éroadview and Kipling earlier this year.



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Above are photos of the annual ladies night at the New Fortune Family Restaurant in Rocanville.

Rocanville ladies night marks 20 years

New Fortune ladies night Nov. 29 and 30

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LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER
A ladies night in Rocanville is marking 20 years of great food, fellowship, and giving back to the community. The idea is simple—a group of ladies getting together to share a meal and a few laughs.

"We do a Chinese supper, and then we have a gift exchange," explained Joan Tse of the New Fortune Family Restaurant, who has hosted the event since 2016. "And then we have a cardy bar and a hot devolate of fee

then we have a candy bar and a hot chocolate coffee

bar."

There are also various raffle prizes, which in the past have included brand-name purses, watches, and neck"The money that we make on our raffle, we donate it back into the community," Tse explained. Last year, money raised from the raffle tickets helped a new family to town during their cancer journey. Over the years, the fundraiser has helped people who lost their home, were struggling with food security, or in need of a hotel stay. "We do it to have fun at the restaurant, make a little bit of money for ourselves, but also to help the communication."

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It's also not uncommon to see the event draw 65 participants, making for a warm evening as the winter weather looms. The annual ladies night draws women from communities surrounding Rocanville as well, and women of all ages

"We've had ones that are in their '70s and '80s come, and we've had the youngest ones that come in their 20's," she said.

The event has even been known to form lasting friendships, as Tse recounted.

"I met a lady from Houston a couple years ago, her husband had worked at the mine," she recalled. "I got to know her just ordering food, and I invited her for the evening and I got a friend from that."

This year's ladies night happens at the New Fortune Family Restaurant on Nov. 29 and 30 with doors opening at 5 pm, supper at 6:30 pm, and a gift exchange item with a suggested value between \$25-30. For more information, contact Joan at (306) 435-7369.



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