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Moosomin places first in Smile Cookie sales in Sask.

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
 Moosomin had the highest Smile Cookie sales ever for the community and the highest in the entire province, bringing in a total of \$34,335 during Tim Hortons Smile Cookie week from May 1 to 7.

The community placed first in Saskatchewan and eighth across Canada.

All of the proceeds raised will be going to support the MacLeod Elementary School Playground Fund, to create a new inclusive playground at the north side of the school.

"It was pretty amazing to find out we placed first," said Greg Crisanti owner of Moosomin Tim Hortons. "We were pretty excited and pretty happy. I always give credit firstly to our guests who are the ones purchasing the cookies."

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Proud moment

Sergeant-Major Scott Williamson, at right, Riding Master for the RCMP Musical Ride, was part of the delegation that presented Noble, an RCMP-trained mare raised in Saskatchewan, to King Charles.

Turn to page 21 for more on Williamson and the Coronation.

Most revised counts in Sask., Manitoba, were too low, in Quebec, Newfoundland too high Census numbers were too low in many local communities

Stats Can missed two-thirds of people in Carievale in the original census count, and reported the village lost 65 per cent of its population

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Moosomin isn't the only community in southeast Saskatchewan to have its census numbers revised upwards by Statistics Canada in the wake of questions about the accuracy of the 2021 census.

Following reporting by the World-Spectator on inaccurate census numbers in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, many communities in southeast Saskatchewan and across both provinces appealed their numbers.

Statistics Canada has revised the census numbers for more communities in Saskatchewan than in any other province. There have been 37 census revisions from the original 2021 census in Saskatchewan, 20 in Manitoba, 16 in Newfoundland, 10 in Alberta, 9 in each of British Columbia and Nova Scotia, 8 in Quebec, 2 in Ontario, and one in each of New Brunswick and PEI.

The 57 revisions in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, where the World-Spectator originally found issues with the census

numbers, compares with 56 in the entire rest of the country.

Around 70 per cent of the revisions in Saskatchewan and Manitoba resulted in higher census numbers than originally reported, but that wasn't the case across the country.

In Quebec, Statistics Canada seemed to have the opposite problem to Saskatchewan, overcounting residents rather than undercounting them.

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Many communities in southeast Saskatchewan undercounted in 2021 census

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

Within the province of Saskatchewan there were 37 communities that received a revision for their 2021 Population and dwelling count amendments Census.

The majority were revised upwards because of undercounts.

Within the southeast region, communities such as the RM of Martin, the Town of Wapella, the Town of Moosomin, the village of Fairlight and the village of Carievale had their official 2021 census revised.

RM of Martin population count revised upward by 25 per cent after review

In the original census count, the population of the RM of Martin was reported as 254 residents. After it was reviewed, the count was revised to 319 residents.

CAO Cheryl Barrett said she knew immediately that the number reported for the RM of Martin in the original census count was incorrect.

"As soon as I saw our numbers from the census I knew that they were too low. I then went through my list of where I know people live, and I did an estimate of how many people live there," she said.

"I also talked to a few people who said they never even got the census to fill out so it wasn't surprising that our numbers were low. That's why I asked them to relook at them."

The households counted for the RM of Martin went from 101 households to 125 households after the revision.

Barrett said having the census of a municipality's population being precise helps make a difference to the RM's income and expenses.

"More accurate numbers are important because we receive money based on our population for different government programs," she said.

"We also pay into different programs based on our population, for instance the RCMP, the library, there's lots of things we are billed and receive money for based on our population."

"Having a more accurate number is important. Also if there was an emergency, knowing how many people you have in your RM if you had to evacuate is important, although the chances of that happening here are very slim. It's mostly for the programs that we pay for or funding that we receive based on population, is why those census numbers are important."

Carievale's official population count triples after census revision

Assistant Administrator for the Village of Carievale Lynda Minshull said Car-

ievale will be receiving \$60,951 in revenue sharing for 2023 compared to the \$20,104 they received last year, based on StatsCan's original 2021 census of the village.

Revenue sharing is tripling because the official population count tripled after it was reviewed.

After the population was revised from 85 people to 244 people, and revised from 34 households to 103 households within Carievale, the municipality received their correct revenue sharing from the government for 2023, but will not recover the revenue sharing it lost in 2022 because of Statistics Canada's error.

"This year we're getting \$60,951 versus the \$20,104 we got last year. It's about a \$40,000 difference that we don't have to come up with," Minshull said.

"That's the revenue sharing we get, without it we basically would have to start taxing the municipality's ratepayers to make up for that."

Minshull said the village had a very tight budget in 2022 because of the drastic drop in revenue sharing due to Statistics Canada undercounting the community by two-thirds.

"We kept the budget as tight as we could," she said.

"We were purchasing a tractor and actually pulled out of our savings to put the down payment on the tractor. That's something we wouldn't have done, and we didn't put anything into reserves."

"Last year we tried to set up a reserve so we would have a bit of safety net for big fixes or anything like that. Last year we definitely weren't able to do that."

"We actually pulled a little bit from our reserve as well to try and get the budget balanced out by itself."

Minshull said she knew something was wrong when they received their revenue sharing in 2022.

"We had an email come through with our municipal revenue sharing from the provincial programming we get every year and it was considerably lower than what I was anticipating," she said.

"We went looking to see why and it was because the census was out of line."

Minshull explained the process she went through in order to get the village's census numbers corrected.

"When we got our census report, it said if you don't agree with it you would have to have a formal review," said Minshull.

"I initiated the formal review. They asked me to show proof, and it's not like you know exactly how many people live in your town, but when your kids go to school in Carievale, your kid plays hockey in Carievale, and you grew up in Car-

ievale, you know how many people live there."

"Initially we sent how many water bills there are in the village, and how many tax notices go out. I can probably name almost every household of who lives there. Then they went back and did the formal review which went from 85 people to 244 people."

Fairlight population count revised up by 60 per cent

The village of Fairlight was one of the many communities in Saskatchewan that received a revised census by StatsCan.

In the original census count, Fairlight's population was 25 people and it has been corrected to 40 residents—an increase of 60 per cent.

Mayor Barry Metz said the village's council knew right away the original reported census was incorrect.

"As soon as the census numbers came out we could just tell," said Metz.

"We're in a small town so you can tell right away when something like that is wrong, because you know how many people live around you. It was a bad miscount."

He said the CAO of Fairlight worked hard on getting the census corrected.

"Our administrator spent a lot of time on the phone with the government trying to get it all straightened out," said Metz.

"She finally did, but it took her quite a while, but there's been a lot that were miscounted."

Metz said the revised census count represents Fairlight's population more accurately now.

"This helps when you get into your revenue sharing grants. Every person helps," he said.

"It doesn't make a huge difference in terms of dollars, just because our numbers are small, so it's not big dollars, but in a little town every dollar counts."

"The cost of running a town or municipality, everything has gotten expensive so every dollar that we can get from the gov-

ernment is a dollar that we don't have to get out of the taxpayers."

Wapella census review adds 45 more residents to count, up 16 per cent

The Town of Wapella's revised census numbers showed their area having a total of 323 residents, with 133 dwellings, compared to the original census count for the town being 278 residents and 117 dwellings.

Mayor of Wapella Sandy Hintz said the town sent in documents reflecting the number of residents in the town to get the census count revised by Stats Can.

"We knew that was wrong like everyone else so we did our count and sent it in to the department," Hintz said. "It's a small community so we knew roughly who lives here and provided the information."

He explained why the town felt it was important to follow up with StatsCan and get their 2021 census corrected.

"The numbers weren't right and we receive less for our grants and revenue sharing," said Hintz. "I think it was almost a \$20,000 difference. If you lose that you have to make it up somewhere else."

Hintz said he was surprised to see 37 communities in Saskatchewan receive a revised census count for 2021.

"Whatever the process of how the census was done isn't working, and the government has to do a better job on getting it right."

Esterhazy waiting to hear back about census review

The Town of Esterhazy contacted StatsCan shortly after the 2021 Census came out to have their numbers be reviewed.

Although the town and StatsCan exchanged emails back and forth about receiving a revised census count for the community, the town had never received a formal review from StatsCan.

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Corrected numbers have not replaced incorrect counts, but are posted separately Incorrect census numbers remain on StatsCan website

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

While Statistics Canada has corrected census numbers for many communities across the country, the incorrect numbers remain on the census profile online for each affected community.

Communities with revised numbers were told by Statistics Canada that the information would be corrected. "Statistics Canada has undertaken a detailed investigation and confirmed that the population and private dwelling counts were incorrect," Lise Rivais of Statistics Canada wrote to the town of Moosomin.

"The investigation found that 74 private dwellings were missed by census enumerators, 70 of which are estimated to be occupied by 117 usual residents. Those 74 private dwellings will be added to the total dwelling counts for Moosomin and 117 additional persons will be added to the population count."

But rather than replace the incorrect information on each municipality's community profile, Statistics Canada still has the incorrect population and household counts, with a footnote at the bottom of the page, after hundreds of lines of incorrect information, stating "use with caution," with a link to a page where the user can scroll down and find the correct information for the community.

"How is the average person supposed to know what that E is for?" asked Moosomin Mayor Larry Tomlinson.

"It looks like they don't care about people getting the right information, they just did this to appease us, telling us they would correct the information, and then not really correcting it."

"What's the point of keeping the wrong information there on their website? They already admitted they were wrong. It's just ridiculous. I don't know what to think about it. It certainly doesn't fix the problem."

The World-Spectator requested an interview with François-Philippe Champagne, the federal minister responsible for Statistics Canada, on the agency website continuing to display incorrect census information, and on other issues with the 2021 census, but the request was declined.

"Thank you for sharing your request with us. After consideration, the Minister's office has respectfully declined your request to interview Minister François-Philippe Champagne at this time," a media relations officer wrote.

If you look up on Statistics Canada's website the 2021 census population of Carievale, or any other community that has had its census population revised, you will find incorrect information. For Carievale, StatsCan shows a population of 85, which is about a third of what StatsCan admits is the actual population of Carievale, 244. The small E beside the 2021 population and the line claiming a 64.6 per cent decrease in population since the last census is meant to take readers to a footnote hundreds of lines down.

Carievale, Village (V) ID Saskatchewan [Census subdivision]			
Counts			
Characteristic	Total	Men	Women
Population and dwellings			
Population, 2021 ⁽¹⁾	85	...	...
Population, 2016 ⁽²⁾	240	...	...
Population percentage change, 2016 to 2021	-64.6	...	...
Total private dwellings ⁽³⁾	37	...	...
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents ⁽⁴⁾	34	...	...

Rather than indicate the numbers are actually false, the footnote simply tells readers to "use with caution" then links to another webpage with revised numbers.

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 † use with caution. Refer to the 2021 population and dwelling count amendments or the 2016 population and dwelling count amendments for further information.

On that page, you can scroll down to find Saskatchewan, and to find the numbers for Carievale, corrected from 85 to 244, along with corrected household counts.

Borden, V (2021A00054718011)	CSD	281	312	120	133	131	147
Carievale, V (2021A0005471006)	CSD	85	244	34	103	37	113
Creighton, T (2021A00054718051)	CSD	1,208	1,254	552	560	610	610



Littlest ball fan

One-year-old Parks Weidenhamer isn't old enough to play with the Moosomin Badgers just yet, but he was on the sidelines on Tuesday night watching his dad Jake play at Bradley Park. The Badgers senior men's baseball team held an exhibition game against Elkhorn Tuesday.

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Local liquor store permits up for auction again

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Retail liquor store permits for Moosomin, Esterhazy, Estevan, Yorkton, and six other locations around the province will be going to auction a second time.

The province took in \$45 million in sales of retail liquor permits earlier this year.

The auctions for the permits began on Feb. 6 and closed on Feb. 24, and were conducted online.

"There was a lot of interest leading up to the auction. We saw that continue on once we started. I think we had over 5,600 bids made on the 35 different auctions," said SLGA spokesperson David Morris at the time.

The total revenue from the auction amounted to \$45,077,800, with bids ranging from \$450,000 to \$3,270,000.

The average permit sold for \$1.2 million. The top bids were \$3.2 million for the rights to open a liquor store in La Ronge, followed by \$1.7 million for Fort Qu'Appelle.

Licenses in the \$1.6 million range sold in Saskatoon, Meadow Lake and Prince Albert. Regina permits went for about \$1.5 million each.

Between Moosomin and Esterhazy alone, the province took in a combined \$1,315,000 from selling the liquor store permits that had been used by the previous provincial liquor stores in the two communities.

The Esterhazy permit sold for \$685,000, while the Moosomin permit sold for \$630,000.

The auctions include the permit only, there is no physical building or assets included.

However there are strict regulations around liquor licensing and some successful bidders are not proceedign with licensing.

"Ten of the 35 successful bidders in the February retail store permit auctions decided not to proceed with the permitting process so those permits are being re-auctioned" Morris said.

The permits will be up for auction May 29 to June 7. Successful bidders will need to meet SLGA's licensing requirements before being issued a permit.



The town of Moosomin has completed site prep for the new Eastside Playground being installed at 310 Henry Street on May 26. A committee has spent the last year fundraising for the new playground because they felt there was a need for a play structure in that area of town. Above is the prepped site, and below are some of the schematics for the play structure.



Correction:

From the May 15 paper, in the **Esterhazy Council: Motion passed for replacing lights at arena** story it stated, "council passed a motion to hire TOPA Contracting for \$73,250 to replace some of the lighting at the Dana Antal Arena." This is incorrect. Council hired TOPA Contracting for \$7,302.50.

We apologize for the error.

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Moosomin RCMP Report

BY SGT. DAMIEN GROUCHY

Driving impaired and driving distracted is illegal and dangerous

People continue to get behind the wheel impaired. This is illegal. Aside from this, another serious matter is distracted driving. When operating a conveyance, you're in charge, abide by the law.

Cannabis-impaired driving

- Cannabis is now legal to use, but it's not legal or safe for anyone on the road to drive while impaired by it.
- Did you know more Saskatchewan RCMP officers than ever have access to roadside oral fluid devices? These small, handheld machines can tell officers in as little as four minutes whether a driver has smoked, vaped or ingested cannabis recently.

- If an officer detects that a driver has recently used cannabis (THC)—regardless if it has impaired them or not—their driver's license will be suspended and the vehicle they are driving impounded for 72 hours.

- If an RCMP officer has reasonable grounds to believe that cannabis (or any type of drug) is a factor in an impaired driving investigation they can demand the driver get a blood test or call out a drug recognition evaluator to assess the driver. These officers are specially trained to use a 12-step process which determines whether a driver is impaired and if so, by what category of drug.

- If someone is convicted of driving while impaired by drug, they will have a criminal record, pay a minimum fine of \$1,000 and have their licence suspended for a minimum of one year. Fines are higher and suspensions are longer for subsequent offences.

- If you plan to use alcohol, cannabis or any other kind of drug, don't drive. Stay home, or plan ahead to take transit or a taxi or get a ride from a sober driver.

Distracted driving

- Keep your phone out of reach and minimize potential distractions before you leave. In Saskatchewan, using a hand-held cellphone while driving is prohibited for making or receiving phone calls, sending, receiving or reading text messages and emails, surfing the internet and using "push-to-talk" technology.

- Other common distractions include eating and drinking, talking to passengers, grooming, reading, using navigation systems, adjusting the radio, smoking and pets.

- There are no messages or conversations that are so important that you need to endanger yourself or others.

- Roadways are very dynamic environments with situations and circumstances that can change quickly. By taking your eyes off of the road for even a moment you increase the chance of a collision.

- Drowsiness can lead to distracted driving. If you find yourself feeling fatigued, get off the road, find a rest area to have a nap, or switch drivers if you have others in the vehicle.

Impaired driving

- If you—or guests—will be consuming products which result in impairment, such as alcohol or cannabis, have a designated driver assigned or plan to take a cab or transit. If no safe ride is available, stay the night and drive only when sober.

- Don't take a chance. If you question whether you're "too impaired to drive or not," you likely are.

- Don't let loved ones drive while impaired. If you have concerns about someone's ability to drive safely, share them calmly and rationally and offer alternative options.

- If you see a suspected impaired driver, pull over and immediately call 911. Signs of a possible impaired driver include: lane drifting; driving too fast, slow or at an inconsistent speed; not using proper signals; making very wide turns; approaching and leaving intersections too slowly or quickly; and driving without headlights or leaving high beams or turn signals on.

911 hang up from phone line

On May 13, members received a 911 hang up from a phone line located in the RM of Moosomin. Members concluded there was no emergency and it was caused by heavy rain in the area.

Erratic blue Subaru driving through Moosomin

On May 13 members received a call of an erratic driver. A blue Subaru was speeding through Moosomin. Members completed patrols but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Abandoned vehicle on Hwy 709

On May 14, members received a complaint of an abandoned vehicle on

Highway 709. Members contacted the registered owner and confirmed the vehicle was not stolen.

Cow loose on Highway 1

On May 14, members received a call of a cow on Highway 1 near the weigh scales. Members attended the location and spoke with the owner and the cow was moved back into the pasture.

Fraud on Facebook

On May 15, members received a fraud complaint over Facebook. The complainant was trying to purchase a trailer. The complainant sent the money and then went to pick up the trailer. It turned out the location was incorrect.

Please take steps to protect yourself from possible frauds.

Tips to protect yourself:

- Never give out personal information like your name, address, SIN or banking information over unsolicited calls or emails.

- Use strong passwords for online accounts.

- Do your research. If someone is asking you for money or payment, make sure they are who they say they are. Watch out for fraudsters that are spoofing companies or charities.

- When buying things from online sellers, try to inspect or test the item you are buying before purchase. If that's not possible, ask them for more pictures, receipts or other information.

- Don't be afraid to say no! Don't be intimidated by high-pressure sales tactics or requests to send money right away. Walk away or hang up the phone.

- Anyone can become a victim of fraud – you are not alone. Fraudsters can be very convincing, relentless in their achieving their goal and target people's emotions and kindness.

- If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report it to your local police detachment. If you receive a phone call you believe to be a scam or fraudulent, you can report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. You can report by phone (Toll free: 1-888-495-8501) or online here: <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm>

Motor collision in Moosomin

On May 15, members responded to a motor vehicle collision in Moosomin. Members attended the scene and concluded the collision was not reportable, the vehicles were plated in Saskatchewan, the vehicles were still driveable and there were no injuries.

Impaired driver not located

On May 17, Members responded to a complaint of an impaired driver in Moosomin. The complainant reported an intoxicated male drove away from a licenced liquor establishment located in Moosomin. Members patrolled the area but did not locate the driver.

End the Mental Health stigma

Members responded to a few mental health related files this week. 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.

Precautions for 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.



Tractor fire on Grid 703

On May 17, members responded to a complaint of a tractor fire on Grid 703. Members attended, there were no injuries and the fire was not suspicious.

Joke of the week

My wife told me I would never advance in my career because I procrastinate so much. "Just you wait and see," I replied. Have a safe week and take care, from your friendly Moosomin RCMP.

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Water Treat Plant Upgrades - OPEN HOUSE

The Town of Moosomin would like to invite any interested residents to attend an open house presentation relating to the upcoming water treatment plant upgrades.

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Chamber meeting set for May 30

The Moosomin Chamber of Commerce will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 30.

Edward DeVries of Anytime Fitness will attend the meeting to speak about his plans for a new gym in Moosomin—Anytime Fitness, which will be built on Main Street between Park Avenue and Lake Avenue. Construction will begin soon on the new gym.

The Moosomin Family Resource Centre will make a presentation at the May 30 Chamber of Commerce

meeting. For the first time in 15 years the Family Resource Centre has not received funding for summer students, so it will be fundraising to keep its summer program going.

Leo Ilustrisimo will speak about plans for Moosomin's Shrine-A-Rama coming up June 4. The event will feature two shows by Global FMX, Wet and Wild Activities, a food court made of local restaurants, a street hockey tournament, mechanical bulls, and more!

There will be discussion of events on July 15, including the Bulls and Broncos, the Chamber of Commerce parade and the Filipino Community's cultural celebration.

There will also be discussion on the need for a CT Scanner for the Moosomin region, and on the Chamber's town map fundraiser.

The meeting is set for 11:45 am May 30 at the Canalta Hotel in Moosomin.

Lunch is served and everyone is welcome.

Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

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Puzzle Swap: Needing something to do? Come check out the puzzles at the Rec Office. Bring in a puzzle that you have already completed and swap it out for a new puzzle to take home.

ROCANVILLE COMMUNITY DAYS

June 24 has been set for Rocanville Community Days. We have lots of events planned so mark your calendars and save the date.

Events for the day (more details to follow):

- Pancake Breakfast
- Parade (please call the rec office 645-2164 to register your float)
- Sidewalk sales (vendors and crafters welcome. Please contact the rec office to register)
- Slow Pitch Tournament
- Beer gardens
- Kid Zone
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- Fireworks

ROCANVILLE GOLF COURSE

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- Thursday - Wing Night
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June 10 - Spring Swing

July 22 - Ladies Tournament
August 12 - Clubhouse Tournament
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Principal Tammy Cole and students from MacLeod Penny Jeannot, Billee Kosier, Jessa Thorn, Hadley Miller, Anika Thorn and Casey Caliwig thanked Moosomin Tim Hortons for their donation of \$34,335 from Smile Cookie Week, which will go towards supporting the school's playground project. **From left are,** Tammy Cole, Westman Tim Horton's Owner Greg Crisanti, Tanner Bell district manager, Cherie Caliwig store manager at Moosomin Tim Hortons, Nikki Romero and Jaspreet Kaur of Moosomin Tim Hortons.

Moosomin places first in Smile Cookie sales in all of Saskatchewan

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"As well as our hard working volunteers from our charity, as well as the hard work from the staff," Crisanti said.

"It's not easy getting those numbers, but it sure pays off when you see a number like that come up."

Local businesses such as Nutrien and Celebration Ford matched Smile Cookie sales for one of the days during Smile Cookie week.

In addition, businesses in town such as Moosomin Dairy Queen, the Red Barn, Kari's Kiosket, the World-Spectator, Jeannot Electric, Borderland Co-op and others in Moosomin bought dozens of cookies for their staff in support of the campaign.

Crisanti said it is because Moosomin has such a supportive community that sales went so well.

"We have such a strong community in Moosomin, to see a location in a community our size pull number one in a province as big as Saskatchewan just shows you how much the community really pulled together when we needed it the most," said Crisanti.

"Obviously last year with the funds raised for the hospital's CT Scanner and then again this year, we just really have the backing of the entire community, the businesses and organizations coming together. It's just amazing to see."

Crisanti said he is glad the Smile Cookie campaign could help kick-start the school's fundraiser.

"I hope they're happy with it, I think it's going to

be excellent," he said.

"Speaking with Principal Tammy (Cole), I think everyone's happy with the results. We couldn't picture a better outcome than that," he said.

"I feel that our staff has a great time, they meet some new people and build connections there. Again, working together to set your goal to sell as many cookies as possible."

"It starts to become some fun competition for a great cause, but really working together. As hard of work it is and as busy as it is in our kitchens, it really pays off. It's just a great community and team effort to make that happen."

The estimated cost for the project is \$150,000 for the initial phase of the playground, and up to \$250,000 if the project were to include a gazebo as well.

"Our total amount would be around the \$200,000 to \$250,000 mark," said Principal of MacLeod Elementary School Tammy Cole.

"The playground is about \$150,000, but we really would like to achieve the gathering gazebo as well because it's something we don't have in our community."

"I think that parents would really appreciate it and would want to come and bring their kids. I also think it will be well utilized if people wanted to do a picnic and have shade. The teachers at the high school and at MacLeod will use it as an outdoor classroom. I want to see how far we can go."

Smile Week brings people together

Aside from being able to help contribute to a local project, Crisanti was asked what are some of the other

benefits that come from Smile Cookie week.

"Just seeing people inside the restaurant, as far as the volunteers, it really pulls our community together," he said.

"I feel that our staff has a great time, they meet some new people and build connections there. Again, working together to set your goal to sell as many cookies as possible."

"It starts to become some fun competition for a great cause, but really working together. As hard of work it is and as busy as it is in our kitchens, it really pays off. It's just a great community and team effort to make that happen."

MacLeod School thankful for community's support

Principal Cole said she was ecstatic to hear how much the campaign raised. "I was shocked that it was that high and that it went over what we thought we could possibly raise," Cole said.

"That was crazy to make over that \$30,000 mark."

Cole was asked why she thinks Moosomin was able to raise \$34,335.

"As I said at the Chamber meeting, I feel that when our community gets behind a cause miracles happen and dreams come true and are achieved because they get behind something, our community just comes together."

"I look at all of the volunteers, we had volunteers from all parts of Moosomin, people that were retired, teachers to community members who signed

up just to help volunteer and make cookies and box them. That part was amazing."

"It's not just a fundraiser, it's a community event that inspires people to give, volunteer, be community minded, and make a difference."

"Our community should be so very proud of its volunteer force, the amazing dedicated employees of the Tim Hortons and their owner. It's a remarkable team effort and we are truly grateful to have been part of this inspirational movement."

During the week, students from MacLeod went to the Tim Hortons in town to cheer on customers and encourage them to buy Smile Cookies. They wore T-shirts representing the school and made signs.

"It was just an awesome week, and to have our students be actively involved in the whole process was just wonderful because it just makes everything more real for them," said Cole.

"They were so pumped and excited. They were helping, and making a difference, it was just amazing. I did not know what goes into a Smile Cookie Week, but I learned a lot and I think the kids did too."

"The students were proud and excited to try to inspire people, then when they would see someone buy a Smile Cookie they would just feel the happiness. It was really amazing."

Next steps for playground project

With the \$34,335 raised from Smile Cookie Week, Cole said the school is one step closer to their goal for the project now.

"Now, we're closer to \$50,000 from fundraising. Things have come along and we've also had some other people come forth and decide to donate," she said.

"The Moosomin School Alumni Association came and donated \$5,000 last Tuesday. Rocky Mountain is donating \$6,000 over the course of the next three years."

"The gifting keeps on coming, we're pretty excited."

"We're also going to do the Co-op Fuel Up if we can be one of the ones selected, and again, try to climb higher on our fundraising goal."

"As well, to try to access a few more grants is what my next plans are."

Cole spoke about what the school's next steps are for fundraising for the playground project.

"We're going to have the first ever track meet we've had here in years on June 15, and we'll be doing a

barbecue hot lunch where the proceeds will go to the playground as well" she said.

"We're just trying to do more fundraising types of things and keep the momentum building. The more we get, the closer we get to the goal. That's the plan."

Cole is thankful for everyone in the community who helped and donated towards the fundraiser.

"I just want to thank the community of Moosomin and the surrounding areas," she said.

"I would love to be able to thank our match day people of Nutrien and Celebration Ford. We had two anonymous donations on the Celebration Ford Day, and our SCC bought on that match day, Kari's Kiosket bought on a match day."

"We had lots of community support, and just out-reachings of great donations that really made the fundraiser achieve what it did."

"A great team of people all came together and look what we did. It was just amazing."

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In our opinion:

Geopolitical catastrophes in the making

How bad choices are leading to self-harm in the global arena

Cognitive science offers clues as to why national leaders sometimes make such awful choices in international relations. Professor Andy Clark of Sussex University argues in a new book, *The Experience Machine: How our minds predict and shape reality, that the human mind operates in mechanical 'perception-action loops'.*

While actions are based on the internal logic of one's own perceptions, they may lead to self-harm in the real world where opposing perceptions collide.

Could this theory of mind explain why Vladimir Putin took the demonstrably bad decision to invade Ukraine in February 2022? After all, he could have chosen to avoid all the trouble. Consider the rumour that he has a portrait of Czar Nicholas I hanging in the antechamber of his office in the Kremlin. Nicholas I was the Russian leader who, in an 1853-56 war, fought for and lost control of Crimea against Britain, France and the Ottoman Empire. The Czar himself died before his war ended in defeat.

Perhaps this historical baggage of 'righting a historical wrong' contributes to Putin's perceptions of reality. Reuniting parts of the collapsed former Soviet empire most assuredly does as well. He took Georgia with little resistance in 2008. Emboldened, he took Crimea in 2014, again with negligible pushback.

Conditioned to believe it would be easy, he invaded Ukraine itself last year. But this time, facing massive resistance, he persists despite the obvious self-harm. That harm includes not only the failure of the original mission to grab Kyiv and topple the Zelenskyy government, but also the economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. and NATO allies, the expansion of NATO to include Finland and soon Sweden and perhaps even Ukraine itself. And, most importantly, the pointless deaths of thousands of soldiers in the process.

Is this form of bad decision-making the preserve of authoritarian leaders who have the means to act out their delusions?

It would be nice if geopolitics could always be assessed in absolutes: right vs wrong, democracy vs dictatorship, and so on. Unfortunately, it's more complicated than that. Bad choices are made in democracies as well.

The U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, as justifiable as it seemed at the time, can now be viewed as a poor choice resulting from the emotional reaction to the 9/11 attacks, which were actually perpetrated mostly by Saudi nationals. The subsequent U.S. invasion of Iraq was justified on the mistaken perception—either naive or wilful—that Saddam Hussein was building weapons of mass destruction.

This brings us to another looming catastrophe. Chinese President Xi Jinping has reportedly set 2027 as the year China will take control of Taiwan. An island inhabited and contested for thousands of years, it was annexed in 1683 by the Qing dynasty of China but ceded to Japan in 1895. Chinese nationalist forces retreated to Taiwan in 1949 after being overthrown in Mao's communist revolution.

If these are the historical scores to be settled in Xi Jinping's thinking, he will almost certainly commit the same mistake as Putin.

And the results will be similarly catastrophic. Any attempt to capture the capital, Taipei, will face enormous resistance. With its island geography and heavy defences, Taiwan will not submit to China's pressure as Hong Kong did. Nor will a strategy of choking the island into submission through a naval and aerial blockade go off without hitches.

Dominoes would quickly fall. The U.S. Pacific fleet, forward-positioned in Japan, Korea, the Philippines and elsewhere, would advance with allies in support. They would likely stage a retaliatory blockade of energy and other critical supplies to China, seeking co-operation from Saudi Arabia, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei, and others along the supply routes.

China would target rival carrier groups with hypersonic missiles. Russia would come to China's aid. North Korea might move to take the entire Korean peninsula. It might also lob missiles at Japan. Deployment of troops on the ground couldn't be ruled out. Nor could Nuclear escalation.

So what exactly would motivate and justify such self-harm to China's own interests? The West cannot absolve itself of some responsibility for shaping China's perceptions. Former U.S. President Richard Nixon conceded a one-China policy when he opened relations with Beijing in 1972. This policy, adopted by the U.N. and most member countries, would have been a very clear signal if it hadn't been combined with the U.S. policy of "strategic ambiguity" over the defence of Taiwan.

In the meantime, the island has emerged as a thriving democracy in recent years. It resists the idea of unification with the mainland but dares not declare independence. It also happens to have risen in geopolitical importance because it supplies 90 per cent of the world's most advanced semiconductors. U.S. President Joe Biden has said that the U.S. would defend Taiwan, and countering China's rise is a rare issue garnering bipartisan support in Congress.

Though Xi Jinping will find justifications in his own mind, any challenge to the status quo through the use of force will result in predictably violent reactions. Bad choices from conflicting feedback loops will again lead to self-harm for the aggressor and widespread death and destruction for others.

The peculiarity of human cognition seems to ensure that we will remain our own worst enemies. Sadly, excluding a miracle, this seemingly endless cycle of bad choices will continue to yield catastrophic consequences for global peace and stability.

This editorial was written by Randolph Mank is a former Canadian diplomat and business executive. He currently heads MankGlobal consulting, serves on several boards of directors, and is a Fellow of the Canadian Global Affairs Institute and the Balsillie School of International Affairs.

STUFF THAT RUINS A GOOD SUMMER



Statistics Canada very poor at correcting errors, and there are a lot of errors

Statistics Canada made errors in many communities census population counts in the 2021 census, and its approach to correcting those errors does not engender any confidence that the agency we trust with our statistics has a commitment to being forthright and transparent with the facts.

When the community population numbers from the 2021 census were first published in 2022, it was clear to us that the numbers for many of our local communities just didn't add up.

The number of households reported by StatsCan was lower than what we found to be the number of households local municipalities had on record, and in many towns, sometimes hundreds of the reported houses in various communities were reported to be empty.

I will credit our newspaper's reporting for the fact that many communities across our region questioned and appealed their census numbers, to the point that the majority of revisions across the entire country are in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, with the largest number in Saskatchewan and the second largest number in Manitoba.

And while Statistics Canada has admitted the original census data it published was wrong, rather than put the correct information in its database and on its main website where everyone can find it, it has chosen to keep the wrong information along with a pointer to a footnote. If you scroll down through a thousand lines of details about Moosomin's census numbers, you come to the line that is I guess meant to tell you that the reported number is actually wrong, and the right number is somewhere else. Despite its admission that its original number was wrong, StatsCan can't quite bring itself to say that, so it says "use with caution. Refer to the 2021 population and dwelling count amendments or the 2016 population and dwelling count amendments for further information." Then there is a link to take you to the population and dwelling count amendments, where the revised numbers can be found, after scrolling through dozens of other revised numbers.

So there are three different issues with the 2021 census:

1) A large number of communities in the region have had revisions to their census numbers, such as the village of Carleton Place, where Statistics Canada missed two-thirds of the residents.

2) Rather than correcting the information in the census community profiles online, Statistics Canada is keeping all the incorrect information posted, with no indication that it is incorrect, just an indication that the data should be "used with caution" and a link to the correct information, buried on a page



Kevin Weedmark

with every other revision from the census.

3) While about 70 per cent of revisions in Saskatchewan and Manitoba are upward revisions because of undercounts, the situation in other parts of the country was reversed, notably Quebec and Newfoundland, where the majority of the revisions were downward revisions because of overcounts, which looks, to say the least, odd.

There are a lot of questions around the census, and Statistics Canada doesn't want to answer them. We requested an interview with the federal minister responsible for Statistics Canada to try to get some answers and he declined the request. That's unfortunate, and in stark contrast to our provincial government's responsiveness—cabinet ministers always make themselves available to answer questions. As a matter of fact I was on the phone with Addictions and Mental Health Minister Everett Hindley Thursday when Energy and Resources Minister Jim Reiter called—we had an interview with him scheduled later in the afternoon but he had a few minutes free earlier and thought he would give us a call.

We're certainly not going to get any answers from Statistics Canada itself. The agency acts with impunity and with no accountability. When we first raised issues with the census numbers for Moosomin, pointing out some figures from the Saskatchewan Health covered population, such as the number of people in Moosomin 100 years and over—people we know—while the census showed zero people in that age group, StatsCan responded that the health numbers can't be trusted because they have no base date. That is false, those numbers are as of June 30 each year. So StatsCan defended its figures, which it later admitted were wrong, by outright lying. After revising the numbers for Moosomin once and being told the town still thought they were low, StatsCan simply said it wasn't going to review the numbers again. It didn't refute the evidence the town provided that the StatsCan numbers are impossible, it didn't answer that evidence in any way, it simply said it wasn't going to review the numbers again, and there is nothing anyone can do about that.

Their refusal to look at the evidence and the minister's refusal to answer questions tells you everything you need to know.

Competing at international Brick Tournament: Oaklan Hockley picked for Sask. Junior Pats team

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
Nine-year-old Oaklan Hockley of Moosomin was picked as one of the 16 players for this year's Saskatchewan Junior Pats team.

The Saskatchewan Junior Pats team will be attending the international 2023 Brick Invitational Hockey Tournament in Edmonton, AB this year in July.

Until then, Hockley will be practicing with his teammates from the Saskatchewan Junior Pats, and will be attending two tournaments prior to the Brick Hockey Tournament.

"The main tournament the team will be at is the West Edmonton Mall," said Alyssa Hockley, Oaklan's mom.

"He'll play in two other tournaments prior to that too, the Regina Spring Classic on June 1 to 4, and the Winnipeg North American Hockey Classic Elite Tournament from June 15 to 18. The main Brick Tournament will be from July 3 to 9."

She said Oaklan being scouted to play for the Saskatchewan Junior Pats team is significant.

"The Saskatchewan Junior Pats team is only for nine and ten-year olds," said Hockley.

"Each year the Brick International Invitational Hockey Tournament showcases the talents of nine and ten year-olds from across North America. To date, close to 300

NHL players in the past have been participants in the tournament."

Hockley explained how Oaklan was picked to be on the team.

"He was invited in November to come to a tryout over Christmas," she said.

"Then we got asked to come back in April," added Oaklan.

"They had a tryout in December, there were scouts and coaches watching and attending these tournaments such as the one in Regina he went to.

"They were watching him throughout the year, and then asked him to come back for a second tryout in April. Then the following week we got a letter that he made the team.

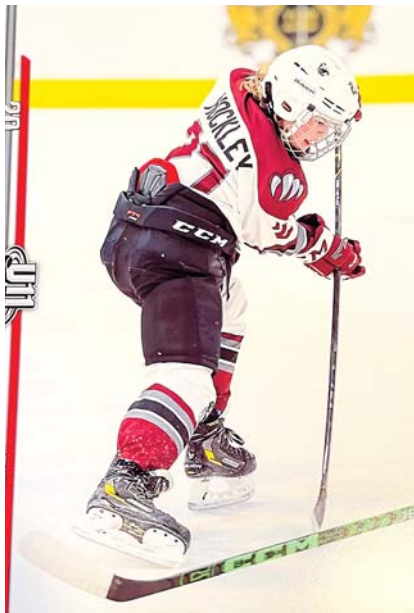
"His position will be defense, that's what he played with the Moosomin AA Ice Badgers."

Oaklan has been playing hockey since he was two and a half years old. He has played for the Moosomin Rangers, as well as the Wheatland Wild AAA Hockey and Junior Maulers during spring hockey.

Oaklan was asked what his reaction was when he first heard the news about making the Saskatchewan Junior Pats team.

"I was happy," he said. "I'm excited to meet new people."

"We've been to Calgary, Winnipeg, Regina for spring hockey in the summer, that they have teams and tryouts for, so this is a



Oaklan Hockley of Moosomin was selected to be part of this year's Saskatchewan Junior Pats team, where he will be attending the 2023 Brick Invitational Hockey Tournament in Edmonton, AB. **Above:** Oaklan playing at the George Watson U11 Classic Hockey Tournament in Regina for the U11 Moosomin Ice Badgers in April 2023.

pretty big honor," said Oaklan's mom.

"My husband and I are super proud of him. He's worked hard and has never given up.

"If he has a goal for something he will make

sure he gets it.

"He definitely worked hard to get to where he is that's for sure."

Oaklan said he is thankful for all of the support from his parents, grandparents and family mem-

bers, and that he is excited to play for the 2023 Saskatchewan Junior Pats team.

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Congratulations Graduates!



The Town of Moosomin will be participating in this year's Communities in Bloom contest. The competition focuses on the quality of municipalities' green spaces, diversity and originality of its landscape, as well community projects that highlight environmental awareness and heritage within the area. **Photo:** Editor Kevin Weedmark took a drone shot of a sunrise in Moosomin last summer.

Communities in Bloom starts to beautify Moosomin in preparation for summer contest

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

The town, local businesses and groups in Moosomin are all working hard in preparation for the community's participation in this year's Communities in Bloom competition.

"It's a national program, but communities take part in it to beautify our community and get civic pride, and bragging rights too, if you win," said Jasmine Davidson, Communities in Bloom Project Manager.

The competition is a national and provincial program that recognizes communities participation in projects involving beautification, heritage, and environmental awareness.

Participants are judged on the quality of the municipality's green spaces, diversity and originality of its landscaping, general tidiness, environmental awareness, heritage, and the level of community involvement.

"It's good for economic development too because it promotes our community on a national stage," said Casey McCormac, Economic Development Officer.

"You can go through—on the Communities in Bloom website—all of the packages submitted in the past years from all of the different communities, so it's really good promotion for Moosomin."

Judges for the Communities in Bloom contest will be coming to Moosomin in the end of July or the beginning of August.

There have been 23 spots picked in the Moosomin area for the judges to view for the contest, however, not all of the spots in Moosomin will be viewed on the day, due to a limited amount of time.

"There's a total of 1,000 points that we're judged on," said Davidson.

"The judges will get here earliest at 9 a.m., then we take them around town. They go for lunch, then we show them around a little bit more, but we don't have lots of time because they need to have supper. Then they need to go back and evaluate their notes."

Davidson is currently working on an information package that will showcase all of the spots and highlight what each place in Moosomin has to offer to the community.

"When showing them around, you really don't spend a lot of time at each place," added Amber Campbell, Assistant Recreation Director.

"Being that we have 23 spots and two of them are at the regional park and golf course, we're not sure how that's going to work yet."

The group was asked if they believe Moosomin has a chance of winning in the competition.

"I think we have an awesome community. I was in Brandon for school and I missed home so much. It's just

the feeling a small town has," said McCormac.

"We are a small town, but we still have so much more to offer and we just continue to grow."

"It does seem like people in Moosomin get on board with things as a group so that helps," Campbell added.

If the town wins the Communities in Bloom provincial contest, then they move forward to the national level in the following year.

Business Sunflower Contest, and more contests to come

McCormac said the group has been coming up with contest ideas within the community to motivate people to participate in beautifying and freshening up Moosomin.

"I think it's really good for getting people to work together. We're doing different contests too to get people into it," said McCormac.

One of the many contests the committee for Communities in Bloom have started is the Business Sunflower Growing Competition.

Each business has the chance to grow the tallest sunflower and the winner will receive a Christmas party at Nutrien Sportsplex, valued at \$1,000.

"We're doing a sunflower contest. We'll post pictures of them and whoever has the most likes wins \$1,000 Christmas party at the Sportsplex," said McCormac.

Other upcoming contests with prize packages for people and businesses to win are:

- Front Yards in Bloom
- Community Blocks in Bloom
- Festival of Flags – Countries in Bloom (corresponding with the flag garden)
- Mock Wedding – Yard of the Year
- Mini British Open – Best Dressed to Bloom Team
- Summer of Sunflowers

McCormac said more details about the different competitions will be sent out throughout May to July.

What will the judges be looking for in Moosomin?

The organizers for Communities in Bloom said one of the main aspects the judges will be focusing on is the heritage and environmental sectors within the community.

"There's a big focus on environmental so that's another aspect of it, and on history. It's not just planting flowers, but history and environmental as well," said Campbell.

"They really focus on groups working together and get-

ting everyone involved from all different groups in the community, like from students to seniors."

Davidson plans on gathering information to emphasize the number of historic buildings Moosomin has in the community.

"I've been collecting a lot of pictures and information, as well as research," said Davidson.

"Out of the six evaluations, one of them is Heritage Conservation. I've been focusing on the Cenotaph, the Moosomin Armoury, the McNaughton Building is also a big one of the heritages we have here."

There is a sub-committee for each of the designated locations in Moosomin picked for the contest, where each committee is responsible for maintaining and beautifying their spot, in preparation for the judges arrival.

How can people in town help?

Davidson said people can help contribute to beautifying the community in different ways.

"Anything small can help, like keeping your yard clean. The little stuff makes the difference in the end," she said.

"Just keeping the town clean too, picking up a piece of trash just anything. You don't even have to spend lots of money, keeping your place looking clean helps."

"Tidy up or paint that fence you've been wanting to paint for the last five years, this year would be a great year to do it," added Campbell.

"Those sort of things, being tidy, cleaning up, flowers are awesome, greenery is awesome, lend a hand if you know someone needs a hand, volunteer at one of our spots."

The 23 different locations in the Moosomin area that were chosen to represent the community for the contest are: REMAX Court, Bradley Park, Tim Hortons Eventplex, Mike Schwan Arena, teepee project, East Side Playground, Borderland Coop Aquaplex, Kin Park, South Cemetery, downtown Moosomin, Community Homes, the labyrinth, MacLeod Elementary School and McNaughton High School, Dr. Davidson Park, Dorchester Place Park, community boulevards, town entrance from Highway 1, town entrance from Highway 8, landfill site, community heritage walking paths, the cenotaph, the Moosomin Legion Club, South East Integrated Health Facility, East Gate Park, McNaughton Building, the Moosomin & District Regional Park, and the Pipestone Hills Golf Course.

People can reach out to Jasmine Davidson if they are interested in helping around town in preparation for the contest at: jazzyaddie@gmail.com



Grade 8 students Korbin McCarrol, Brady Davidson, Jack Robinson, Cooper Bratton, Dana Marshall, and Gabe Fingas were helping pick up garbage on Wright Road.



Students from MacLeod Elementary School were picking up branches and sticks at the Cenotaph to help with Moosomin Community Clean Up Day.



Moosomin Community Clean Up Day

Last Thursday on Community Clean Up Day, volunteers, town employees, teachers and students went around Moosomin to help pick up garbage and clean up the town. People went to the town's Cenotaph, the Southeast Integrated Care Centre, as well as the streets between homes and along Highway 1 to help clean up.

Left: Students from McNaughton High School were helping pick up garbage on Wright Road.



Above: Rizvan Ramadhan was excited to help clean up the community on Moosomin Community Clean Up Day.

Left: MacLeod students were helping clean up Moosomin's Cenotaph Park by sweeping leaves and picking up branches.



On Community Clean Up Day in Moosomin last Thursday, students were walking to the Cenotaph to help clean up the park.



Students at McNaughton High School were getting ready at the school in preparation for Moosomin Community Clean Up Day.



Michelle Shaw, left, and Marg Tomlinson, right, donating \$5,000 from the Moosomin School Alumni Association to Terry Lynd Basketball Court. Accepting the donation is Leo Ilustrisimo with the fundraising committee for the basketball court.



Michelle Shaw, left, and Marg Tomlinson, right, donating \$5,000 from the Moosomin School Alumni Association to MacLeod Elementary School for a new playground. Accepting is MacLeod Elementary School Principal Tammy Cole.

Moosomin School Alumni Association disbands, donates \$10,000

BY KARA KINNA

On Tuesday, May 9, the Moosomin School Alumni Association voted to disband and donate \$10,000 to the community with the funds left in their bank account.

The group made a donation of \$5,000 to MacLeod Elementary School to go towards new playground equipment, and a donation of \$5,000 to the Town of Moosomin to go toward the new Terry Lynd Basketball Court being built by the pool.

They will also be spending \$1,500 to create a memorial bench which will be placed on the playground at MacLeod Elementary School.

Michelle Shaw and Marg Tomlinson with the reunion committee made the donations on Tuesday, May 16.

The Alumni Association was formed around 1967 and in that time has hosted a number of school reunions, including a huge reunion when Moosomin turned 100 years old in 1982. Since then reunions have also been hosted in 1992, 2000, 2005, and 2017.

"The big reunion was when Moosomin turned 100 in 1982," says Shaw.

"It was huge," says Tomlinson. "In 1982 Brenda Ireland and I spent two years compiling the list of students who had attended here. The school burnt down around 1945

so Roy Jorgensen and some of them remembered who was in their classes and they supplied names."

"The first couple of reunions when I took over technology wasn't what it was like now. Bruce Johnson and John Meen and Keith Turpie and I would be sitting and sending out letters. We spent a ton of money sending out letters back then," says Shaw.

"Since 1982 have had four other reunions that I have been involved in. We have a time capsule in the high school that is to be opened in 2025, because in 2005, for Saskatchewan's birthday, at that reunion we made a time capsule and put it in there. Our reunions have always coincided with some special time, like Canada's 150th or Moosomin's or Saskatchewan's birthday."

The last reunion was held in 2017. The group decided that it was time to disband, and if someone wants to host a reunion in the future, a new committee can be struck.

"I've been doing this job for 33 years so I want to pass it off to someone else, and we hoped there would be enough interest," says Shaw. "But young people aren't interested in those big reunions, and there are many groups where their class gets together and has a little reunion."

"Marg and I talked about it and decided it would be best to disband. There was not a very active alumni group in 1982 either, they kind of reformed in 82 when they got started, and a group could do that again."

Shaw says she will be finding a safe place for the association's records to be kept, and the bench they place at the playground will be engraved with Moosomin School Alumni Association in memory of the group's work over the years.

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Elkhorn Homecoming & Western Weekend happening on August 4 to 7

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

On the August long weekend, the community of Elkhorn will be hosting their annual Western Weekend event in addition to this year's Elkhorn Homecoming.

The last homecoming the community held was almost 15 years ago. In preparation for the huge event, various clubs and organizations in Elkhorn have been working together to help with the long list of events happening from August 4 to 7.

"We have a really good itinerary for the weekend," said Wenda Paton, president of the Elkhorn Homecoming Committee.

"It's going to be the same weekend the Elks are having the Western Weekend so they'll have the chuckwagon and chariots going for the Saturday and Sunday. That's really helped us, every organization has been really good jumping in and helping out."

"On the Friday night, we have a street carnival hosted by the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce. They'll have games and music, as well as street vendors that night too."

"We also have a Historical Tour of the Graveyard, Lisa Bartley is putting that on. It's just going to be a walk through the graveyard to talk about the people who started Elkhorn from the beginning. That's happening on Friday and Saturday."

"The fire department is hosting the pancake breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning. We'll have opening ceremonies on Main Street too."

"We have Kendra Kay, one of our own, doing a concert and dance on the Saturday night. We're really excited about having Kendra."

"We're having the street dance and fireworks on Main Street on Sunday as the closing of our homecoming."

"We've got Teddy Bear picnics, we've got laser tag, we've got strawberry socials. For Western Weekend, the Elks also

have slow pitch going on for family teams and anyone else that wants to play. They'll have a food booth and entertainment down there too."

"We have a jam packed weekend combined with the Western Weekend. We're really excited about it."

Around 1,500 people came out during the last homecoming Elkhorn held. Paton said all of the volunteers and groups in the community have been working hard in support of the weekend event.

"There's 15 people on the committee and each person helps with their own group for the event," said Paton.

"For instance, Kim Mitchell of the EDCC, they're putting on the dance so she goes to the meetings and tells us what's going on, and what they need."

"It's been good that way because it just hasn't been the core committee trying to do everything. We're responsible for the street dance and the fireworks, the beer gardens and some of that stuff, but the Elks are doing the Western Weekend, the EDC is doing the Kendra Kay dance, the Chamber is doing the carnival."

"Each group has taken something on. The graduating class of 2024 is doing Cold Plate Supper on the Saturday night, then we're bringing in Merv's Pitchfork Fondue for supper on Sunday. He's doing that because we wanted to give our volunteers a break."

"Everyone's involved in two or three different committees, hats off to all of them, they've really worked. We called a meeting, everyone came out and everyone just jumped right in so it's been really good."

Challenges for contacting people for homecoming

Paton said it has been hard for the Elkhorn Homecoming Committee to track down people who are from the commu-

nity, but no longer live in Elkhorn.

"The biggest problem the homecoming committee is having is getting in touch with people," she said.

"From the last time we had homecoming to this time, people have gotten rid of their landlines so we can't get in contact with them or they've changed addresses. Some people are not on Facebook or social media so it's hard to contact them."

"That's our biggest problem right now. We're still trying to reach out to try and let people know that this is going on, but it's been very difficult. That's been the hardest part about organizing this whole homecoming."

She said the committee has tried to come up with different strategies on how to get a hold of people and get the word out about the upcoming event.

"We've asked people to contact people. What we have done is anyone who we have emails for, we emailed them," said Paton.

"Anyone that we have phone addresses of, we mailed information out, I think I got 250 back that didn't reach people. Some of them may be deceased too because it has been at least 15 years since the first big homecoming we had so things have happened in those years."

"I think the biggest thing is that people have downsized or moved, and some people aren't on social media so it's just word of mouth and that's why we decided to do advertising to try to get the word out so people can pass that on."

"That's been the hardest part is trying to let people know because it's not just a class reunion where you're getting 20 people, you're dealing with people that lived in Elkhorn years ago. Some of these people are 93 years old or 100 years old, down to the young ones who were just born."

Paton spoke about why the homecoming committee decided to host the event

in partnership with the Elks during Western Weekend.

"The Elks have always had that weekend for Western Weekend, and it just worked out that way to have homecoming then," she said.

"One other time we did have it with Western Weekend too. It just gives people more things to do, but it is really hard on the small committee because everyone's a member of more than one group."

"There's people that are involved in the Western Weekend with the Elks who may also be involved with the Chamber or the Elkhorn District Community Centre (EDCC). It's really hard on our volunteers, but they've all been really super good about jumping in and doing what they can."

Registering for the event helps planning stages, says committee

People interested in attending the event can fill out registration forms available on the committee's Facebook page: Elkhorn Homecoming 2023.

The homecoming committee said the registration fees help them have an estimate of how much food to provide during the Homecoming and Western Weekend, as well as how many washroom facilities.

"The registration is just so we know how many washrooms to get, to know how many people we are feeding, how much food we'll need in Elkhorn," said Paton.

"Because we are a small community it does help if our committee has some numbers to work off of."

People can contact members from the Elkhorn Homecoming Committee at: elkhornhomecoming2023@gmail.com if they have any further questions about the events.

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Most revised counts in Sask., Manitoba, were too low, in Quebec, Newfoundland too high

Census numbers were too low in many local communities

Stats Can missed two-thirds of people in Carievale in the original census count, and reported the village lost 65 per cent of its population

Continued from front

Sixty-two per cent of communities in Quebec that were reviewed were revised downward, including the Eeyou Istchee Baie James census subdivision, where the population was initially counted as 2,628 and was revised to 1,261, so the initial population count was more than twice as high as the revised figure. In another subdivision in Quebec, the revised figure was one third of the original reported figure.

In Nova Scotia, there were some major revisions downward. The Annapolis Valley First Nation was originally reported to have a population of 743 people in 322 households. The revised count is 200 people in 78 households, so the original incorrect count was 3.7 times the actual count. And in Indian River, Nova Scotia, the original population count of 2,739 is almost two and a half times the revised count of 1,119.

In Newfoundland, 56 per cent of the revisions were

downward including Division 9, Subdivision G, reduced almost 50 per cent, from 96 to 50.

In southeast Saskatchewan, every revised number is higher than the original count.

The village of Carievale had an original population count of 85 in the 2021 census, which was revised to 244, meaning Statistics Canada missed two-thirds of the population of the village in the original count. The census also missed almost exactly two-thirds of the households in Carievale, counting 37 and later revising that to 103.

In Fairlight, StatsCan originally counted 25 people in 12 households in the 2021 census, and has revised that to 40 people in 18 households, increasing the official population count by 60 per cent.

In the RM of Martin, StatsCan originally counted 354 people in 101 households in the 2021 census, and has revised that to 319 people in 125 households, increasing

the official population count by 25 per cent.

In the Town of Moosomin, StatsCan originally counted 2,657 people in 1,102 occupied dwellings. It has revised that to 2,774 people in 1,172 occupied dwellings, but the town still doesn't believe the figure is accurate. According to StatsCan, even with the revised numbers, there are 74 unoccupied dwellings in Moosomin.

In the Town of Wapella, StatsCan originally counted 278 people in 117 occupied dwellings, meaning that by StatsCan's count there were 44 empty houses in Wapella. It has revised that to 323 people in 133 households, increasing the population count by 16 per cent.

One community in Saskatchewan was revised to a population more than five times higher than originally reported. Amiskosakahikan First Nation was originally reported to have a population of 20 people in four households, which was corrected to 102 people in 23 households.

MP, Mayor find census revelations shocking

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Souris-Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen, and Moosomin Mayor Larry Tomlinson, say they find revelations about the 2021 census uncovered by the World-Spectator shocking.

The World-Spectator found three things:

1) A large number of communities in the region have had revisions to their census numbers, such as the village of Carievale, where Statistics Canada missed two-thirds of the residents

2) Rather than correcting the information in the census community profiles online, Statistics Canada is keeping all the incorrect information posted, with no indication that it is incorrect, just an indication that the data should be "used with caution" and a link to the correct information

3) While about 70 per cent of revisions in Saskatchewan and Manitoba are upward revisions because of undercounts, the situation in other parts of the country was reversed, notably Quebec and Newfoundland, where the majority of the revisions were downward revisions because of overcounts.

"My eyes are just looking at these numbers and I just can't get my head around it," said MP Kitchen.

"When my staff told me about this, I was thinking 'okay there's a number here or a number there, but what you've uncovered

'My eyes are just looking at these numbers and I just can't get my head around it.'

—MP Dr. Robert Kitchen

'How could they be that wrong? How could it be screwed up that bad?'

—Moosomin Mayor Larry Tomlinson

here, this is unbelievable. We're paying hundreds of millions of dollars to this organization, to Statistics Canada, to do such an inferior job.

"I'm just shocked to see these numbers. Not only, as you indicated, for our local communities and the impact, because that is a huge impact on them. Some of them lost a lot of funding because Statistics Canada got it so wrong. But you look around the country at where they've overestimated. It's like, so what are the parameters that they're using to have numbers that are so farfetched, that are so far from reality? How can they possibly do such a bad job? I just can't get my head around it."

Kitchen said he has a lot of questions about why the majority of revisions in Saskatchewan were upward revisions because of undercounts, while in

some provinces the opposite was true, and most revised counts were revised downward because of overcounts.

"I have a lot of questions and I can tell you based on what you've sent me here, I've already sat and talked to my Chief of Staff and we're looking at ways to address the issue.

"First we're going to go to the Library of Parliament and then from there we're going to see what's out there publicly and then we're going to try and progress from that to get a better answer as to the accountability here and what steps StatsCan is taking to correct this."

What did Kitchen find most surprising about the revelations?

"I think the most surprising is that in certain parts of the country, you had one problem, counting too few people, and in other parts

of the country you had the other problem, counting too many.

"To me, that's shocking. You have to ask why that is. You have to ask, how could that be.

"I look at it and in Saskatchewan, one of the arguments was that the weather was terrible at the time of the census, so there were big challenges when that happened when they were doing it. But when they have numbers that are so far out across the country did everyone have a bad weather day that day? I mean how can it be? Is it the process? It can't be bad weather all across the country."

Kitchen said he hopes Statistics Canada can fix the issues.

"I want to have some accountability, to be honest with you. When you have the mayor of Moosomin sending letters to StatsCan and getting a response and getting a revised number, then, again, contesting the response that they got saying, 'You're still undercounting what we have, there's still a problem,' and then StatsCan turning around and saying, 'We're not changing it. We're not doing anything else to it.' Well how are they accountable for that? How do they make their decisions when they will review numbers or not? How can they just say to some towns, sorry, we're not looking at it.

"How can it be when

all of a sudden you have population counts up over 2,000 that they supposedly counted and yet it was actually only 1,200. You're talking 1,400 extra people—how do you count 1,400 people that aren't there? How is that possible?

"It's not possible if you're doing what you're supposed to be doing, which is going out to the communities and basically having some form of recognition of population. Something is very, very wrong here. Something is not right with StatsCan."

"We knew the numbers were wrong for Moosomin from the start and we still think they're too low, but I look at those numbers for Carievale and think how can that be? How is that possible?" says Moosomin Mayor Larry Tomlinson. "How could they be that wrong? How could it be screwed up that bad. I look at some of the other towns, too, and it's just mind-boggling.

"I see in some towns in Quebec they counted way more people than were there, more than twice as many. I just can't get it through my head. How can it be that bad? How can they not do their jobs and count people right. I see those numbers and I don't understand it.

"I honestly don't know how they could have screwed it up so bad. Whoever was in charge should

be taken to task.

"We knew our numbers were wrong from the start, but at first they wouldn't even talk to us. Then when you wrote some stories they started to look. And now that everybody's appealing they don't want to look at the numbers any more.

"I think there are so many problems they need to do a whole recount."

(Tomlinson also had questions about incorrect information remaining on StatsCan's website—see article on page 3.)

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VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Regarding Sylvain Charlebois' column on owning farmland which was printed on Feb. 27

Dear Editor: Regarding Sylvain Charlebois on owning farmland versus renting land.

I feel that tenant and share cropping is ancient history since even though they get paid, farmers will never own their own

place.

For the sake of argument, how would he like to live his whole life in a place that he will never own?

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Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

Bradley Park Exploding with activity!

I had the opportunity to pop down to Bradley Park last Tuesday night for some Badgers Mens Baseball action. It was a really good game and if you enjoy baseball, you should treat yourself and catch a few games.

But what really caught my eye was the action at Bradley Park. Without question this year is the busiest I have ever seen the park in my 35 years in Moosomin.

We have 150 kids registered in Minor Soccer and they use the fields every Tuesday/Thursday. Moosomin Minor Ball has 203 kids registered including 82 in baseball and 121 in Fastball. Minor Football has 120 kids registered, so in total 473 kids!

Not done there—Mens Baseball returns for the first time in over a decade while Ladies Fastball fields a team for the first time in my 35 years in Moosomin. Not done yet! An amazing 12 Slo Pitch teams are set to hit the field this Friday bringing the adult team total to 14!

That total will around 750 users at the park this summer—that ladies and gentlemen is a record!

I think Covid just took a gut punch!

Dogs at Bradley Park

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I love dogs. I grew up on the farm with dogs all my life, but please if you have a dog and choose to bring it to Bradley Park, please take note it is your responsibility to clean up after your dog and failure to do so could result in fines if caught. The amount of dog droppings at Bradley Park this spring is not acceptable and will not be continued to be permitted.

Please adhere to a few rules:

- Please keep all dogs off all sports fields as a courtesy to our athletes. There are lots of other spots to run your pet.

- All pets must be on owners' leash and within distance of owner.

- Please clean up after your pets—this is your legal responsibility.

Should these rules not be followed our next step would be to ban pets from Bradley Park, which I promise you we do not want to do.

Moosomin's first Mock Wedding

Congratulations to our happy couples—Jody Boutin/Sherri Toms and Jory Schwean/Carly Beutler.

The wedding itself will be held on Saturday, June 17 at the Conexus Convention Centre with a pre-wedding social held at the Nutrien Sportsplex deck. Our dueling Ministers will be Reverend McDonald and Mr. Mel Konkel with the Master of Ceremonies being the one and only Murray Gray.

A pre-social will be held at the Nutrien Sportsplex deck and then closing out the night will be our summer kickoff bash as we have the fantastic Blu Beach Band booked in, and they are pumped!

Tickets will be available at the Rec Office for just \$20. This will be the best bang for your buck you will ever get!

Keep in mind that all proceeds from the event go towards the Virtual Trophy Case at the MS Arena.

Communities in Bloom Contests

We have so many exciting plans with regards to Communities in Bloom. Included in those are local contests which will culminate with great prizes.

Our contests will include:

- Business in Bloom
- Front Yards in Bloom
- Community Blocks in Bloom
- Festival of Flags – Countries in Bloom

(corresponding with our flag garden)

- Mock Wedding – Yard of the Year
- Mini British Open – Best Dressed to Bloom Team

Borderland Co-op Aquaplex

Pool season is just around the corner as our plan is to be open Monday, June 5 for the summer season. Forecast is for a hot, hot summer and we can't wait!

Borderland Co-op Aquaplex 2023 Registration

We are taking registration for the 2023 Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Season. As of last week, registrations were at around 350! If you missed out you can log onto our Facebook account or check this week's town ad but I do encourage you to act quickly as we are approaching sell-outs in various sets. If you have questions, we encourage you to speak to someone in person. Your best option is to contact Amber at 435-3622 or Ava, Kyrie or Abby at the Borderland Aquaplex (435-2346).

Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Lesson

Dates

- Set 1: June 5-16 (Two weeks)
- Set 2: June 26-30 (One week)
- Set 3: July 3-14 (Two weeks)
- Set 4: July 24-28 (One week)
- Set 5: August 7-18 (Two weeks)

Private lessons

June 19-23

July 17-21
July 31-August 4

Borderland Co-op Aquaplex 2023 Staff

We are excited to welcome staff back to the Borderland Aquaplex. Our staff include:

Manager	Ava Metzger
Assistant Manager	Kyrie Meredith
Assistant Manager	Abby Boutin
Water Technician	Jory Schwean

Pickle Ball

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

Monday	1 pm
Wednesday	7 pm
Thursday	1 pm

Camping Bookings now online!

We are expecting a busy summer at our various camping locations at Bradley Park. We have three options to choose from:

Main parking Lot: 12 Sites

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In Park Camping (by Home Hardware Field) 6 Sites

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Secondary Parking Lot: 6 Sites

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With that we are now taking bookings online at Let's Camp. If you would like to book a site please go online to letscamp.ca

Moosomin Badgers Men's

Baseball Team Schedule

I know there is a lot of excitement surrounding the Badgers Men's team. Not sure if there is a better place to catch a game than on the Outdoor Eventplex Oilman's deck. Expect the team to be all set up selling fresh park dogs and a cold drink to wash it down with some great baseball. All games start at 6:30 pm at Co-op Field

Their 2023 home schedule includes:

Tuesday, May 30	Carlyle at Moosomin
Tuesday, June 6	Kipling at Moosomin
Thursday, June 15	Estevan at Moosomin
Thursday, June 22	Weyburn at Moosomin
Thursday, June 29	Arco at Moosomin
Thursday, June 6	Redvers at Moosomin
Thursday, June 18	Kenossee at Moosomin

(all games 6:30 pm starts Co-op Field)

Badgers Men's Baseball Team

needs Volunteers

Always a big job kick starting a program like the Men's Baseball team. They will need a lot of help along the way. If you are willing and interested to help out in any way please give Kyle Nagy a call at 435-6720.

2023 Friday Night Co-ed Slo Pitch

It is almost that time of year again! The 2023 Uptown Hotel Friday Night Slo Pitch league kicks off this Friday night at Bradley Park.

If you would like to register a team please let us know at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net. The deadline is this Wednesday.

Teams registered to date:

- Booze Cannons
- Dusty Mitts
- Lepine's Roofing
- Red Hot Oompaloompas
- The King and His Court
- McMashers
- Knismen
- Snap, Crackle, Pop
- Rasmusian Rippers
- T & H Holdings
- Platypusses
- McNaughton Hi-ballers

Pipestone Hills Golf Club is open

Going to be a busy season at the Golf Course. You can book Tee Times online or contact the Clubhouse direct!

Senior Ranger Alumni

Annual Golf Tournament

Boy oh boy, the Senior Rangers Alumni have a doozy planned for their 2023 Alumni Golf Tournament. This year the tournament will kick off the July long weekend as the tournament will be held on Friday, June 30. But this will be much, much more than just a golf tournament.

We will be taking entries for teams of six (co-ed). The cost is just \$20 per player which includes supper. The 2022/23 Ranger players are free and those committed to the 2023/24 team are also free. Tournament will run a shotgun start at 11 am and run to around 6 pm.

Then it will be back to Moosomin for a fantastic night at the Nutrien Sportsplex. Supper will be served at around 6:30 pm with golf presentations at 7 pm.

Then on the outdoor stage at the Tim Hortons Eventplex we will present "Rex Unplugged." This three-man

show will blow your socks off. The lead guitarist is a former member of Rock and Roll Hall of Famer "Santana." All golfers are admitted free of charge...making your \$20 golf investment an off the charts deal, getting you golf, supper and a hall of fame musician.

We also have Slo Pitch and a Men's Badgers Baseball game that night, and all those are more than welcome as well. Cost for admission to those individuals will be \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door. Watch for further details in the next few weeks. This one will fill up fast!

Teams registered to date:

Team Scott Sully
Team Pat McDonald
Team Chevy Schwean

2023 Mini British Open Charity Golf

Following on the heels of the Rangers tournament will be the 2023 Mini British Open Charity Golf Tournament. Mini Brit will go Friday, Saturday July 21-22. Once again this will be teams of six. You can register at anytime at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Funds this year will go towards deck work at the Course in time for Communities in Bloom judging!

Team have already started to enter:

Team Megan Davidson
Team Tannis Schwean
Team Dave Renneberg

Nutrien Mine Sportsplex Deck

Residents and passers by alike are reminded we have a beautiful Sportsplex deck available for public use through the summer complete with tables, chairs, umbrellas and covered area. Also keep in mind we do rent the area out (close off to public) for those interested. Those rentals come complete with washrooms and BBQ's. To book you can contact Amber at 435-3622.

Teepee Project

What an amazing project the local Metis Association has undertaken at Bradley Park. This will cement in our community a piece of our history!

A while back the Poles were put in place for an over 30 feet Teepee structure. What comes next is just as exciting!

- Tarp Structure will go over the Teepee...on the way
- Cedar decking will go in place...work bee last weekend

- Traditional trees and shrubs will be planted...on order

- A historical "Red River" Wagon will go in place...being built

- A Kiosk will be installed with traditional language recordings along with

- Information on the historical trees, shrubs...in storage

- Mapping installed on the kiosk...complete

- Once complete this will become an instant attraction as, to our knowledge, it is the only enclosed Teepee located on Municipal land.

I can tell you our local Metis Nation has invested countless hours to this project and it is now just months from coming to fruition with a Grand Opening scheduled for June 10!

MS Arena - Indoor Practice Times!!

Lots of calls from Minor Ball, Lacrosse etc. looking to book space indoors at the MS Arena. If you are interested in booking time you must pre-book through the Recreation Office. You can call us at 435-3622 and we will try to get you set up!!

2024 National Fireman's Bonspiel

One of the biggest events to come our way in history arrives in March of 2024 we will host the 2024 National Firefighters Curling Bonspiel. Event will run March 15-24!

This is a major event requiring many, many, many volunteers. If you would be willing to help out in some capacity please let us know at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or by phone to 435-3622.

Parks and Recreation Awards

Moosomin Parks and Recreation are currently accepting nominations for the 2023 Parks and Recreation Awards program. Categories include:

- Mayor's Award of Distinction - Sport / Recreation
- Mayor's Award of Distinction - Culture / Music and Performing Arts
- RM Award of Distinction - Sport / Culture / Recreation

- Community Councilors Achievement Award
- Corporate Community Builders Award

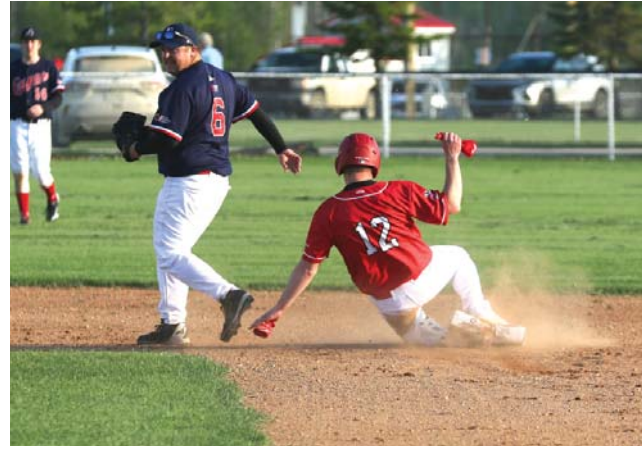
- Sporting Association / Team or Individual of the Year
- Legends Award

- Youth Award of Excellence

To make a nomination please email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or feel free to mail to:

Moosomin Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box 430
Moosomin, Saskatchewan
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If you would like to further discuss a nomination please feel free to contact Mike at 435-3622.



The Badgers during an exhibition game Tuesday with the Elkhorn Expos. At left is Dylan Fredlund pitching. At right is Jake Weidenhamer sliding into second base.

Badgers senior men's ball team starting season with May 30 home game

BY KARA KINNA

Moosomin's newly-formed Badgers senior men's baseball team will be starting their season next week, on May 30, and hit the field last week, playing two exhibition games against Elkhorn.

The Badgers are the first senior men's baseball team in Moosomin in decades. The team will play in the Saskota Baseball League against other teams in South-east Saskatchewan, including Redvers, Kipling, Carnduff, Kenosee, Carlyle, Arcola, Oxbow, Estevan, and Weyburn.

The team will play their first league home game against Carlyle on Tuesday, May 30 at 6:30 pm. Carlyle are the defending champions.

Team president and player Jake Weidenhamer says the team is in good shape, but could always use more players and board members.

"Right now we have somewhere in the neighbourhood of 15-18 players. There are always going to be nights when people are busy and if there are still players out there, we're looking for players," he says. "We've had a couple people that are new to town reach out and say that they've played ball somewhere else and a couple of people that haven't played ball for a couple of years that are interested. Then we have a big group of young kids that have just graduated from the minor ball system that are going to keep playing ball, fortunately."

"The roster deadline is not until the start of June so we have some time and we're still looking for volunteers as well. So anyone that's interested in being a board member or volunteering in any way can reach out to myself or Kyle Nagy."

Weidenhamer says it's tough to know how competitive the new team will be until they get a few league games under their belt.

"It's kind of tough to know right now because we haven't seen anyone in this league play. From what I've heard, this is kind of an older guys' league and we have a pretty young core with some older, more seasoned players in there, but we really don't know until we play that first game," he says. "We've got a tough match-up for the first game with the defending league champs. I think they lost maybe two or three games last year so I think that's going to be a tough test but hopefully within the first couple weeks we should have an idea. We have lots of good, young players so we'll see if we can put it altogether."

Weidenhamer says people seem excited about having a senior baseball team in Moosomin.

"I think people are excited that the big ball field right at the corner is going to have a team playing on it more than just a couple of times a year or once a week," he says. "The plan is to get a liquor license and serve drinks on the patio there. So we're hoping that it will be a good source of entertainment throughout the summer-time and an opportunity to use the facility that we have here in Moosomin."

"It's pretty exciting because we just got our hats and our jerseys in a few weeks ago, so now we're starting to look like a ball team. It's a lot of work to get everything established but it will be nice once we get playing baseball finally next week."

"It's the opportunity to use the infrastructure that we have—we have a ball field but we didn't have a senior ball team. We have what could be one of the coolest ball fields in Saskatchewan with the patio and the bar behind it. And for me as a teacher and a former minor sports coach, I think it's great to give these young kids and these old guys the opportunity to keep playing ball past Grade 12. For so many sports, people's playing career ends when they

graduate and it doesn't have to—we have the opportunity to keep playing."

Weidenhamer says he's just looking forward to being out on the ball field.

"I'm looking forward to just playing ball when it's nice—a nice summer evening out there on the grass, buddies having a good time, hopefully playing well and hopefully winning some ball games," he says.

The team will be coached by Kyle Nagy and Greg McEwen, and Weidenhamer and Daryl McKay are involved as board members as well.

"We're still looking for people to get involved," says Weidenhamer. "We do have a couple of guys between Kyle, Greg, my-

self, and Daryl McKay, but we're looking for more board members. So anyone that's interested, please reach out."

Where does Weidenhamer hope to see the team five years from now?

"Hopefully exactly where it is, continuing with this core of young players that we have and bringing up young players and just having a competitive senior baseball team in town. I think it would be fantastic," he says.

"The Grade 10, 11 and 12 boys now are playing hardball, so this gives them the chance to bring them up and keep them interested. Hopefully they're coming back for the summer and they've got time to play ball."



Zach Price at bat for the Badgers.



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Garage sale treasures

With 35 garage sales to choose from, there were lots of great finds at Moosomin's Town-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 13, and lots of people out that day taking advantage of the sales. **Above left** is George Chopping from Whitewood with a radio, glass bowl, and antique chair that he purchased. **Above right** is Don Niebergall with a clock he purchased. **Below** are crowds of people browsing at two garage sales.



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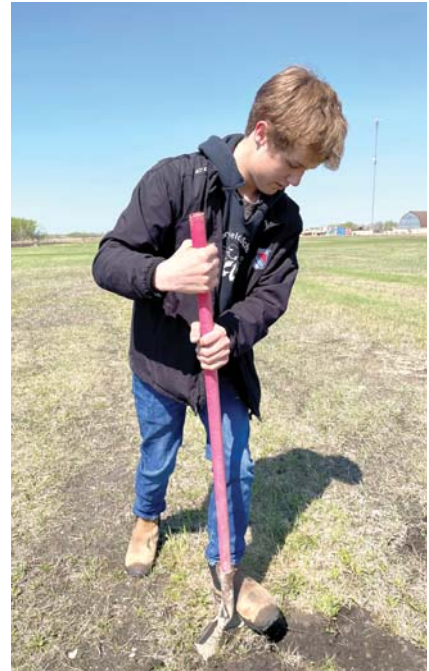


Above: McNaughton Grade 10 students (left) Nayte Jones, Trae Stephen and Drew Leeds helped dig and plant trees at the labyrinth as part of their Environmental Science class at McNaughton High School.

Volunteers plant trees at the labyrinth in Moosomin

On May 14, volunteers and students from McNaughton High School helped dig and plant trees at the labyrinth in Moosomin. Aside from the labyrinth being one of the 23 spots picked for the judges in Communities in Bloom competition, Carol Adair said the 10 trees planted at the labyrinth were this year's addition to the area. People in the community sponsored each of the trees in memory of a loved one.

Adair also said she encourages people who are walking past the trees at the labyrinth to water them if they are looking dry, and that there are pails and feed tubes full of water at the site.



Above: Grade 10 student Trae Stephen digging the soil to plant one of the 10 trees at the labyrinth.



Volunteers Rob Austin and Ruth Oliver helping plant one of the 10 trees at the labyrinth on May 14. The trees are planted in memory of a loved one by people from the community.



Above: Volunteers Jim Adair, Rob Austin and Ruth Oliver.

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There truly are so many people we need to thank! Anita DuPont from Nutrien worked her magic in a short amount of time and really made our Nutrien Match Day Marvellous! As well as, Celebration Ford's Friday Match Day was Fantastic!!! Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Week is not just a fund-raiser, it's a community event that inspires people to give, volunteer, be community minded and make a difference. Our community should be so proud of its volunteer force, the amazing dedicated employees at Tim Hortons and their owner. It's a remarkable team efforts and we are truly grateful for all the support from The Moosomin Chamber of Commerce, The World-Spectator and all of the businesses in Moosomin and surrounding area. We have been blessed to have been a part of this inspirational fundraiser.



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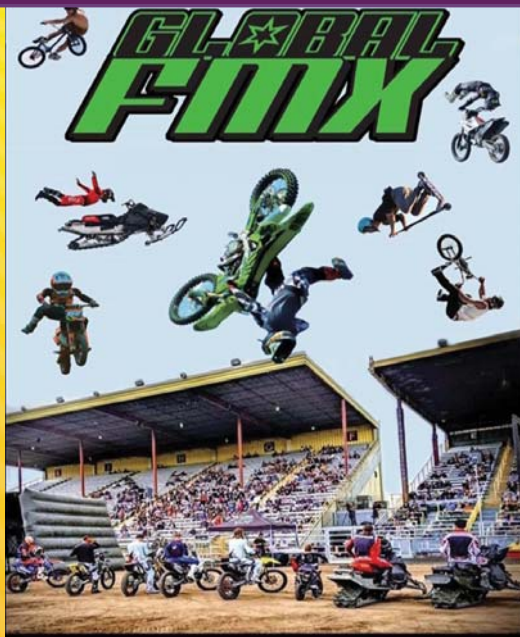
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