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A plaque featuring over 70 additional names of Moosomin and area veterans was unveiled during the rededication ceremony of the Moosomin Cenotaph on June 8. The plaque will be affixed to the monument, and the names will also be featured during Remembrance Day ceremonies from now on. Above is Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Russell Mirasty, left, and Brian Beckett, Zone Commander with the Moosomin Legion, unveiling the plaque.

Ryan Kiedrowski photo

## Moosomin council discussing residential development incentive

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The town of Moosomin has had a commercial development incentive in place since 2017, and there has been a boom in commercial development in town, but the town does not have a residential development incentive.

Town council is discussing a residential development incentive, and a policy was presented at Wednesday's council meeting, but was tabled to the next meeting after councillors raised some questions about the proposal.

The incentive has been discussed around the council table since last summer as a way to encourage people to build more housing of all types, from single family homes to apartment buildings.

The question council is grappling with now is whether to offer the incentive as a break on servicing costs and taxes for the first three years, spreading the benefit over four years, or providing an incentive up front once a project has been completed and an occupancy permit has been issued, and start collecting servicing fees during construction and taxes in the first year.

Originally the plan was to offer the incentive as a combination of servicing and tax breaks, and federal funding was applied for on that basis.

The plan was amended to an upfront payment, and that is the policy that was presented Wednesday, but Councillor Ron Fisk questioned whether the plan could be changed from the original grant application without putting funding in jeopardy.

"I have concerns," he said. "What we applied for was for servicing and property taxes. Now if we go and change it to a cash payment, I don't think we would be in compliance."

Economic Development Officer Casey McCormac worked on the proposal, but was away at an economic development conference last week, and council members decided to postpone a final decision until McCormac could be at a meeting to answer questions about the proposal.

McCormac said her discussions with federal officials have led her to believe the form of incentive can be adjusted.

"They don't really care as long as it's incentivizing people to build units. I have a meeting with them this week so I'll see if I can get that in writing for council and go to the next council meeting."

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# Moosomin discussing residential development incentive

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In addition to the incentive offered for new builds in the proposal there are several other initiatives to encourage housing

development including:

- Creating an inventory of lots available for sale and promoting that there are lots available;
- Zoning changes to speed up the development approval process; and

- Developing a marketing plan to market the incentive and available lots.

If it is passed, council hopes to use the program to solve the housing crisis in Moosomin as well as build a tax base for future services.



**New apartments under construction**

Ashley Bocek photo

Keller Developments is building two apartment buildings on South Front Street in Moosomin. The 24 apartment units between the two buildings will mostly be three-bedroom units.

## \$50,000 bequest going far at pool

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

A \$50,000 bequest is going a long way at the Borderland Co-op Aquaplex in Moosomin.

"We have \$50,000 to work with from the Alex Bruce bequest," Recreation Director Mike Schwan told council Wednesday.

"We have been able to do a multitude of great upgrades at the facility which provide functionality, aesthetics as well as some upgrades that would have been required to pass public health inspections."

The bequest has paid for pergolas for shade on the west pool deck, a gemstone

lighting system around the building, seven trees on the west boulevard, five sets of pool filters, three hot tub filters, sealing the parking lot, a hot tub heater, a new diving board, a hot tub cover, and a rain train to water the trees on the boulevard.

So far \$36,085.33 of the \$50,000 bequest has been spent on those improvements, and the remaining funds will be spent on new doors on the south side of the building and new office windows on the north side.

Schwan told council the bequest has made a big difference at the pool.

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Scenes from some previous Creative Vision productions: At left The Sound of Music and at right Beauty and the Beast.

## Auditions this week for fall production of Footloose

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Creative Vision Productions is planning a new production for this November—the musical Footloose—and auditions are coming up this week.

Sandra Poole and Sherrie Meredith are excited to get the play rolling with auditions and then the start of rehearsals soon after.

Meredith says they had hoped to perform Mamma Mia this fall. “We actually had hoped to have done Mamma Mia this time around, but we were unable to secure the rights to perform it because it is a touring production this year,” she said.

“Then, we looked at some backup options and we got to looking at our demographic and Sandra had a list of names, and I had a list of names, then Sandra had said, ‘What do you think about this one?’ I had only seen it done as a high school production, but it can be quite good. We love the music.”

Poole explains they will be performing the Broadway musical of Footloose based on the original movie.

“We are doing the Broadway Footloose. Broadway is always a little bit different than the movie. Usually the movie comes out after Broadway, but this time it is the other way around.”

Meredith adds, “The Broadway play is based on the original movie. There is a lot of original music from that soundtrack and then there is going to be some additional songs that won’t have been on the soundtrack either to build into the characterization of the play.”

Footloose is based on high school students, so the directors will be looking for high school students to fill many of the roles.

Poole says, “It is a high school play so we are capping at grade 7 and up. There is the minister, two mothers, gym teacher and his wife, and the uncle and his wife, so there will be other characters for adults.”

Poole says auditions will start this coming Wednesday and be held for three days.

“Auditions start Wednesday, the 19th, this week for three days.”

“We didn’t know that we were going to be doing Footloose until within the last 10 days,” Meredith explains. “Everyone I have talked to in terms of our Creative Visions Choir, and any crew members or cast are very excited for this new show.”

Meredith says they have contacted their previous performers about auditioning. “We let people know last week about auditioning so they have about a week to get ready. We don’t expect anyone to be polished. We can usually see the shine as they go, but it would be nice if they are familiar with the piece they are looking at and know the music somewhat.”

Poole says once they are finished auditions, practices will be twice a week initially.

“It will be twice a week for practice and sometimes three times a week when it gets intense and busy in terms of the rehearsal schedule.”

Meredith adds, “The audition itself is probably a 10-15 minute slot, but it’s quite a commitment to be part of the production. In the week of performing it gets quite busy.”

“Sandra and I run the auditions. We have invited the local dance teacher, Ayla Schwandt, to come and do some dance workshops as well so we can look at that angle, but it will be primarily Sandra and I that will do the casting.”

### Everyone welcome to audition

Poole says auditions are open to anyone in the surrounding communities.

“Anyone who is interested can come and audition. You just never know. I have sent out an email saying you don’t have to have had dance lessons because sometimes people just have natural rhythm. So, if you are a closet dancer in your room come on out.”

“The best part is the whole premise of the play is learning to dance so it doesn’t need to be polished because they are learning,” Meredith explains.

Poole adds, “That is what the author of the play wrote in his notes too, saying that is doesn’t have to be incredibly polished at the beginning.”

“Another thing is, Sandra and I are both teachers and so we will work with people and they will learn,” Meredith says. “Sandra works with people and their singing changes from the beginning to end—it is amazing to see. They can learn as they go.”

### Experienced and new performers welcome to audition

They say experienced performers and new people come to the auditions each time.

“There is always a mix between experienced and new performers,” Poole says. “There is always new people and this time they’re already calling—some that I have never talked to before.”

“We have had performers come from Rocanville, Watota, Maryfield, and Moosomin.”

Meredith says they pull from many local communities. “We have people as far as Whitewood come and audition, there is a young man from Redvers who is thinking of auditioning. Someone had mentioned that some people from Esterhazy might be interested. We just never know, that is the beauty of it all. There is always some recurring people that are good, and that have been with us since the beginning.”

Poole adds, “We always have our choir too so we have our people who are in harmony and tight. Then, everyone can come from there and learn from our tight group of singers that know what they are doing. They learn the

harmony very quickly that way.”

Poole and Meredith say they don’t have a number set for how many people will be cast for Footloose.

“Sherrie and I being educators it is hard to set a number and only have that many people,” Poole said.

Meredith explains, “Sometimes it depends on the auditions too. The script calls for so many—it is about a dozen main roles and then the chorus, the choir, and the dancers, as well. This cast can get quite big. Sometimes the talent blows us away, and we have made some decisions in the past to double cast certain roles” (have different performers take a role in different performances).

“It makes a bit of a challenge for rehearsals if you double cast and a challenge for our costume people. It has worked out though. It is just harder to navigate, but they always do a great job.”

Poole adds, “I’ve already started thinking if we have so many people then they don’t have to be all on the stage at the same time like Beauty and the Beast. That got to be big groups on the stage at one time.”

### Rehearsals will go all summer

Poole says they will be working on the play all summer in order to be ready to perform this November.

“We are going to be planning and organizing all summer. Then things change, we tweak, and have ideas. It is exciting that Ayla wants to join us and help with the choreography this year. She is really excited to be on board which is great.”

Meredith says, “It is a labour of love. It gives a different venue for us to use our creativity.”

Poole says Footloose will be a three day production in late November. “The performance will be November 22-24. We booked that long before we had this show in mind. There will be four shows.”

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# Auditions this week for fall production of Footloose

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Meredith says they have many great committees involved in the production.

"Lynn McGonigal and Rosanne Kelly are our leads for costumes, but they are a great committee. Also, Bernie Nosterud, Tammy Beckett, Rose Mullet, and Tammy Statz."

They both spend many hours planning, organizing, and rehearsing the performances before showtime.

Poole says, "I don't even know if we want to know how much time and work it is putting on these shows. As Sherrie says, it is a labour of love so you pick the play then, I spent the whole day getting the audition package ready and Sherrie will be spending all day with set people on the sets."

Meredith adds, "Terry Grant is usually the lead for sets, and Jen. Once we get it going we delegate few little areas and that works out well."

"Terry and Jen have said they have started looking at shows already and they have ideas on what they want to do," Poole states. "The costume people bring their sewing machines to the basement of the church so we are rehearsing upstairs in the CE building and they are working on the costumes downstairs."

Meredith says there are a lot of people involved in putting these productions on, and many hours rehearsing.

"The people, the hours, the time everyone that is involved puts into it—there will be about 100 people involved in this and they all put in a lot of time, it is amazing."

## Excited to see performers excel

Poole and Meredith say they plan the performances every two years because they love being involved with the talented people within our community.

"We love working with people, we love seeing people shine in the community," Poole explains. "There is so much talent out there and every time we put on a show someone new comes in and says, 'I want to try it,' and all of a sudden they're stars."

Meredith says she enjoys seeing everyone work together. "Just to have that opportunity to share your talent for the people involved, it is nice to have something where they can work together and have such an amazing performance."

## Working together

Poole explains, "We do have little communities, like the

sewing people are a community, the set people are, Sherrie and I are a community now with Ayla too, and the actors are a community. They just become such good friends and it is really wonderful to see."

## Standout moments

Poole and Meredith enjoy the stages of planning and rehearsing the production.

"My favourite part is a month or so into rehearsals when you can see their characters starting to grow and they are getting their numbers down," Poole says. "It is the journey that's enjoyable—the end product is the icing on the cake. To see the experience of these people growing."

Meredith adds, "There are highlights along the way. Auditions are a nice starting point and then, certain rehearsals in are highlights. I like when we first go to the MCC and they start seeing things like the sets and the props for the first time and their eyes go big—when the worlds come together. They can see what we can see in our heads. We have been daydreaming it, but they can visually see it. It is really amazing."

## TBC agrees to binding arbitration Sanctions set by STF cancelled

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

After consulting with members of the Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation via online town hall meeting attended by 5,700 teachers, member surveys, and meetings with internal advisory groups, binding arbitration is now looking quite favourable.

"The Teacher's Bargaining Committee has received written confirmation from the Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee that the agreed upon language for the joint submission for binding arbitration would request binding arbitration for wages and classroom complexity-accountability framework," said Samantha Becotte, STF president in a media conference Friday afternoon. "The overall feedback received through this consultation process showed significant support for the TBC participation in binding arbitration on these two issues. Following extensive feedback from members, the Teacher's Bargaining Committee has decided to participate in binding arbitration."

Just three days after the impasse was declared by the TBC, the revised offer from the GTBC was presented, baking in class complexity and wages as part of the deal.

Back on June 5, a bargaining impasse was declared by the TBC, prompting work-to-rule action for teachers across Saskatchewan effective June 10. This included pulling all volunteer initiatives outside regular working hours, removing noon hour supervision, and abiding by strict work hours—arriving and departing no more than 15 minutes around the daily schedule.

With the decision to support binding arbitration, Becotte also announced that work-to-rule sanctions were to end as of 4 p.m. on June 14.

This isn't the first time binding arbitration has permeated the year-plus bargaining talks between the two committees. Back in March, the TBC proposed the idea to ensure classroom complexity would be part of an agreement, but the GTBC turned down the idea. When the impasse was declared on June 5, it was the TBC's turn to reject binding arbitration proposed to them as classroom complexity was not included; however, wages and an accountability framework were highlights.

Becotte confirmed last week that the issues of wages and classroom complexity would be the only items going to an arbitrator, not the entire deal.

"I am very confident in our ability to present a compelling case that represents the interests of teachers and can clearly explain why these are priority issues for teachers," Becotte said. "And the need to see improvements to both of those issues within our collective bargaining agreement."



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**Left:** Wreaths await placement at the Moosomin Cenotaph moments before dignitaries fill the grounds.

**Below:** The Yorkton & District Pipe Band was part of a procession from the Armoury to the Cenotaph on Saturday, June 8.

# Moosomin Cenotaph marks 100 years

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A bright, warm summer morning greeted those gathered to witness the rededication of the Moosomin Cenotaph on June 8. A parade comprised of Legion members, local Air Cadets, 2nd Battalion of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the Yorkton and District Pipe Band, and local service groups meandered its way from the Armoury to the Cenotaph as a crowd of approximately 200 gathered to observe the ceremony.

"Today, we are here to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Moosomin cenotaph and also to rededicate the Cenotaph with the addition of 73 names to the monument," said Brian Beckett, chair of the Cenotaph 100 Committee and emcee for the event. "We rededicate this cenotaph to the remembrance of those who gave their lives in World War One, World War Two, and Korea so that we can live the life that we have today. May we always remember their sacrifice."

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**Above:** Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Russell Mirasty (left) and Moosomin Mayor Larry Tomlinson plant a tree on the cenotaph grounds, marking the historic moment for future generations to also enjoy.

**Below:** Master Warrant Officer Matthew Shaw (left) and Major Colin Carswell salute after laying a wreath on behalf of 2PPCLI.





## Thank You

### from the Cenotaph 100 Committee!

<p>His Honour Russ Mirasty Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan</p> <p>MP Dr. Robert Kitchen</p> <p>MLA Steven Bonk</p> <p>Sask. Legion Command 1st V.P.</p> <p>Roberta Taylor</p> <p>Mayor Larry Tomlinson</p> <p>Town of Moosomin Council and Staff</p> <p>Moosomin RCMP Detachment</p> <p>2nd Division PPCLI</p> <p>802 Pipestone Air Cadet Squadron</p> <p>Moosomin Metis Association</p> <p>Joy Hamilton</p> <p>Moosomin Volunteer Fire Dept.</p>	<p>Moosomin Shriners</p> <p>Moosomin Masons</p> <p>Moosomin Elks</p> <p>Moosomin Kinsmen</p> <p>Knights of Columbus</p> <p>Moosomin Age Friendly Group</p> <p>The World-Spectator</p> <p>Borderland Co-op</p> <p>Red Barn</p> <p>Lee's Carpet</p> <p>Sharon &amp; Richard Hogarth</p> <p>Moosomin Armories</p> <p>Moosomin Legion Branch #81</p> <p>Tess Bolton</p>
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Special Thanks to the Yorkton District Pipe Band

Committee Members: Gary Towler, Greg Nosterud, Jack Thompson, Dennis Youngblut, Clay Leduc, Rob Austin and Brian Beckett



# Moosomin Cenotaph marks 100 years

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The ceremony opened with Tess Bolton leading O Canada, a land acknowledgment from Joy Hamilton-Flaman, and a prayer from the Legion Branch 81 Padre Mel Konkkel.

During his prayer, Konkkel spoke of the dedication in 1924 when around 3,000 people gathered in the same spot, officially unveiling the monument, honouring those who died in the Great War.

"Here we remember those who served in conflicts overseas and had local connections," Konkkel said, adding that the "sentinel who stands guard is a persistent reminder that we must remain constantly vigilant if we want to preserve the values of our democratic society, values of peace, freedom, fairness and justice for all. We recommit this monument to its original purposes."

Beckett then proceeded with the roll call - including the names recently discovered and placed on a new plaque that would be unveiled moments later.

"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down to the sun and in the morning, we will remember them," concluded Beckett after reading the names.

Dignitaries were then invited to lay wreaths at the foot of the cenotaph with Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Russ Mirasty representing King Charles III, Souris-Moosomin MP Dr. Robert Kitchen on behalf of the government of Canada, Moosomin MLA Steven Bonk representing the government of Saskatchewan, Ami Leduc placing a wreath on behalf of Indigenous and Métis groups, Major Colin Carswell and Master Warrant Officer Matthew Shaw from 2PPCL, First Vice-President of Saskatchewan Command Roberta Taylor presenting the Legion wreath, and Mayor Larry Tomlinson laying a wreath on behalf of the Town of Moosomin.

Dignitary speeches followed, with Mirasty initiating the messages of remembrance.

"Friends and relations, I extend my hand and greetings to each and every one of you who have gathered here today for this special ceremony," he said. "Donna and I are truly honoured to be here with you to mark the 100th anniversary of the Moosomin Cenotaph. It is truly an honour and a privilege to participate in this special occasion and to lay a wreath on behalf of His Majesty King Charles III."

Mirasty pointed toward how the special event in Moosomin coincides with commemorative events marking the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

"This is a particular point in time to remember and to rededicate the Moosomin cenotaph with its tributes to World War One, World War Two, and the Korean War and the veterans," he said. "Today, hearing those names being spoken aloud is both moving and humbling; again a stark reminder. I am grateful for the work the local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has done to ensure that the contributions of those who served continue to be remembered."

"The cenotaph is a reminder of the devastating price of the war and the sacrifices of those who served. I commend the Town of Moosomin and the Royal Canadian Legion, local service groups and the many community volunteers for their contributions to the Moosomin Cenotaph Centennial project and this rededication ceremony," Mirasty continued. "This is an initiative that all people from Moosomin and area can take great pride in. Thank you for continuing the 100-year legacy of honouring those who never made it home."

Reflecting on family members who served, Mirasty acknowledged his father-in-law, Pierre Carrière, who served and was wounded near Juno Beach in World War Two. He would go on to establish the Legion branch in Cumberland House after his return home. Both Donna and Russell Mirasty had uncles who served in that same war.

"Like many Indigenous indigenous veterans, they continued to contribute to their home communities when they returned—if they returned—and as in the case of Donna's father, starting the first branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Cumberland House," Mirasty said. "Today, we remember those who served, but we also take this opportunity to acknowledge those who continue to serve."

Dr. Kitchen urged those gathered to visit the Moosomin Armoury where they can find a particular image of the 1924 dedication.

"I want to say to everybody that's here, that if you get the chance, please go by the Armoury," he said. "There's a picture in the Armoury of this celebration 100 years ago; an aerial shot that shows close to 3,000 people. There were no trees, but some of the buildings are still here. I encourage you to go by to see that; to recognize the people that were there at that time, honouring the veterans of WW1 at that point in time. And now, as we look at WW2 and the Korean War, we need to be here to celebrate and honour what they've done, which is to give us the freedom that we have today."

Dr. Kitchen stressed how the freedoms we enjoy today came at a cost—paid by our predecessors in order to en-



A plaque featuring over 70 additional names of Moosomin and area veterans was unveiled during the rededication ceremony. The plaque will be affixed to the monument, and the names will also be featured during Remembrance Day ceremonies from now on.

sure a better life for future generations.

"Freedom doesn't come free, and it's thanks to those that served," he said. "It's thanks to those that still serve, and it is thanks to those who will serve in the future. The cenotaph is a unique monument that it gives everyone a place where we can pay tribute to those who paid the ultimate price, and we can't thank them enough."

Echoing those sentiments, Bonk added his brief but poignant remarks amongst the dignitaries in attendance.

"What a day to remember those who gave everything for us; who sacrificed everything—and particularly at such a young age—so that we might experience the freedoms that we all benefit from now," he said. "It's truly a humbling day."

In later conversation with the World-Spectator, Bonk again highlighted the importance of honouring those who served.

"What a beautiful day to remember those who gave everything, and it just brings it into perspective the sacrifice that they gave for the freedoms that we now enjoy," he said. "Coinciding with 80th anniversary of D-Day, it just really brings everything into a real true focus for us. It's important what they sacrificed for us for, for the freedoms that we now enjoy; and quite often take for granted. Hopefully, this will be a reminder that freedom isn't free."

Next to share her thoughts was Hamilton-Flaman, who focussed on the contributions of Indigenous veterans and their challenges both during and post-conflict.

"Today we gather to honour a remarkable group of heroes: our Indigenous war veterans," she began. "These brave men and women hailing from diverse Indigenous communities have stood as defenders of our freedoms; demonstrating immense courage, resilience, and sacrifice. For generations, Indigenous warriors have answered the call to serve, bringing a rich legacy of valour and deep connection to their ancestral lands. They fought in every major conflict, from the World Wars to recent engagements, embodying the spirit of their ancestors while forging new paths of honour and duty. Their stories are ones of extraordinary bravery. Despite facing discrimination and injustice, they enlisted with unwavering commitment, often returning home to continue their battles for recognition and rights within their own countries. Their perseverance in facing such challenges is a testament to their indomitable spirit."

She went on to note the contributions of Indigenous veterans after returning home from conflict, and the importance of not only recognizing but remembering those impactful endowments Indigenous veterans have made.

"Today, we recognize their military achievements and contributions to our broader society. Indigenous veterans have been leaders, advocates and role models—enriching our communities with their wisdom and strength," Hamilton-Flaman said. "This service has helped shape a more inclusive and just world, and we are profoundly grateful

for that. Let us remember and celebrate these heroes, ensuring their legacy is honoured and their sacrifices are not forgotten. We offer our most profound respect and heartfelt thanks to our Indigenous war veterans and all war veterans. Your courage and dedication inspires all and your stories will forever be etched in our nation's history."

Through her speech, Taylor focussed on the cenotaph's importance and the historical role the special place has played throughout the history of Moosomin.

"It is without a doubt, a great indication of the strength, resiliency and sense of community to see this one of a kind cenotaph stand so tall and vibrant," she said. "It took up an incredible amount of work to build it, then maintain it over time. After 100 years, this cenotaph has continued to represent remembrance of the fallen."

With a nod to then mayor Vincent McCurdy, Taylor compared his words during the 1924 dedication to present day and how they've thankfully come to fruition.

"When it was unveiled in 1924, his worship Mayor McCurdy stated that this spot was going to be made beautiful with trees, flowers and green grass. It was a location for reflection, not pleasure," she said. "As we can see, those words were a blueprint and guidance for where we are today. It is a beautiful space. There is something to be said about the growing trees, blooming flowers and the green grass. It represents life. Life given to this community and all of us here today because of the sacrifices of those who went abroad—many of whom made it home, far too many who did not. With those sacrifices and the continued sacrifices of our armed forces, we are able to live in this great province and great nation."

Another important part of McCurdy's vision—as Taylor explained—was how future generations would maintain the memorial.

"Further to that, his wishes were that in future years, the sons and daughters would take it over to continue the symbol of sacrifice," she continued. "And that if he would lovingly treated, although I am paraphrasing his words, you can see that they hold true today. From the beginning, this was the purpose and your community has made it happen. For that, I congratulate you on this celebration. And I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your loyalty to the veterans community and for remembrance. We will remember them."

The attitudes of a past mayor flowed nicely into the musings of the current municipal leader, as Tomlinson remarked on how the monument has been a point of pride for the community.

"Standing here will bring many memories back to the people of our community," he said. "It's hard to believe that 100 years have passed by, leading up to this rededication. Now we add a large number of names to the Cenotaph to honour them. This rededication means a lot to the town and the surrounding area. As a town, we are very proud to have the Cenotaph in our town and be part of the rededication. It touches the hearts of many family members who have fought for our freedom. On behalf of the Town of Moosomin, a big thank you goes out to everybody, and everybody who made this possible today. Thank you very much from myself, the council, and the Town of Moosomin. We will remember."

In speaking with the World-Spectator after the event, Tomlinson shared how his father spent World War Two serving in Europe, describing the centennial event in three simple words—"it's just touching."

All through the speeches, an easel held the new plaque which will be installed on the cenotaph. A white sheet blanketed the piece, awaiting its unveiling by Mirasty and Beckett.

"We're about to unveil a commemorative plaque and plant a tree," Mirasty said during his speech. "Plaques help us remember the past, while the ceremonial tree will live on to honour veterans into the future."

In addition to the unveiling and tree planting activities, Hamilton-Flaman held a special smudging ceremony, wafting smoke towards the monument and those gathered in attendance.

Before the colour guard marched off, Bolton led those in attendance with God Save the King as Mirasty stood solemnly at the dais positioned in front of the cenotaph.

Perhaps the most telling moment was in this space after the parade left and the onlookers made their way back to their homes. The solitude of this quiet sentinel - once again standing silent guard as the Canada flag danced with the breeze. The pomp and praise concluded, wreaths seated precisely at the monument's base, and a shining bronze plaque reflecting mid-day sun.

Yes, true to Mayor McCurdy's dream, this is a place for solemn reflection as ancestors that served our country come to mind. A beautiful place that will confidently see future gatherings—at least annually on Nov. 11, but hopefully more than just that once a year memorial.

We will remember them.

# Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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## Provincial Baseball returns to Bradley Park

Always exciting . . . coming up on July 26-28, Moosomin Lloyd Bradley Park will host the U13 Provincial Baseball Championships. Should be a fantastic week at Bradley Park and for the community of Moosomin.

## League Tournaments return to Bradley Park

Last Sunday we were fortunate to host the U11 Softball Tournament. . . this Saturday it will be the U13 Boys Baseball Tournament. Make sure to catch some great young players. . . maybe enjoy a hotdog, a coke and some sun!

## Labyrinth News: Looking for Tree Sponsors

Carol Adair and her group of volunteers have really got things looking great at the Labyrinth. That said, they are currently looking for individuals interested in planting and caring for trees around the maze. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Carol at 434-8843.

## Swimming Lessons 2024

If you would like to register for swimming lessons you can now pop into the pool and speak with our staff.

We are busy making plans for another busy pool season in 2024! Lesson sets have been set, and registration has been busy!

You can visit either our Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Facebook site or our Parks and Rec Facebook site where you will find our registration form. Follow the instructions and you're set!

Dates include:

### Public Sets

Set # 2 – 1 week session from June 24 to June 28  
Set # 3 – 1 week session from July 2 to July 12  
Set # 4 – 1 week session from July 22 to July 26  
Set # 5 – 1 week session from August 5 to August 9  
Set # 6 – 2 week session from August 12 to August 23

### Private Sets (All 1-week sets)

Set # 1 from June 17 to June 21  
Set # 2 from July 15 to July 19  
Set # 3 from July 29 to August 2

## Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Public Swimming Hours

With school still in, and lessons taking place after school, public swim times/public lane swims etc. are reduced, however still lots of opportunity to take a refreshing June dip. Here is our June schedule:

**Monday**  
Aquacize 6:30 to 7 am  
Lane Swim 7 to 8 am  
School Swims 8 am to 3 pm  
Lessons 3:30 to 7 pm  
Public Swimming 7 to 8:30 pm

**Tuesday**  
Aquacize 6:30 to 7 am  
School Swims 8 am to 3 pm  
Lessons 3:30 to 7 pm  
Public Swimming 7 to 8:30 pm  
Aqua to size 8:30 to 9:30 pm

**Wednesday**  
Aquacize 6:30 to 7 am  
Lane Swim 7 to 8 am  
School Swims 8 am to 3 pm  
Lessons 3:30 to 7 pm  
Public Swimming 7 to 8:30 pm

**Thursday**  
Aquacize 6:30 to 7 am  
School Swims 8 am to 3 pm  
Lessons 3:30 to 7 pm  
Public Swimming 7 to 8:30 pm  
Aqua to size 8:30 to 9:30 pm

**Friday**  
Lane Swim 7 to 8 am  
School Swims 8 am to 3 pm  
Lessons 3:30 to 7 pm  
Public Swimming 7 to 8:30 pm

**Saturday**  
Public Swimming 1 to 5 pm  
Public Swimming 7 to 8:30 pm  
Pool Party Times Available

**Sunday**  
Public Swimming 1 to 5 pm  
Public Swimming 7 to 8:30 pm  
Pool Party Times Available

## Canada Day at the Borderland Co-op Aquaplex

We are excited again in 2024 to host our Canada Day event at the Aquaplex. Lots and lots going on including

a bbq, free swimming, kids games and more! Watch for details in the next week!

## Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Private Parties

If you are interested in booking in for a pool party we would love to have you! Our facility includes:

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Inflatables

If you are interested in details or bookings please contact a staff member at 435-2346.

## 2024 Mini British Open Charity Golf Tournament

Excited about the 2024 Mini Brit? This year's tournament goes Friday and Saturday, July 19-20 at the Pipestone Hills Golf Club. Proceeds from 2024 will be for an all new charity as funds will go towards a new outdoor Pickleball facility in Moosomin. Once again this will be an open event (guys or gals) with teams of six. To enter, you can call 435-3622 and speak to Mike or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

## Soccer at Bradley Park this week

Bradley Park comes alive Tuesday and Thursday with soccer on three fields at Bradley Park. Action includes:

**Tuesday**  
United Soccer Field U18  
United Soccer Field U15  
United Soccer Field U9  
Home Hardware Field East U13  
Home Hardware Field Central U11  
Home Hardware Field West U7  
Pharmasave Field U5  
Sharpe's Field U5

**Thursday**  
United Soccer Field U18  
United Soccer Field U15  
United Soccer Field U9  
Home Hardware Field East U13  
Home Hardware Field Central U11  
Home Hardware Field West U7  
Pharmasave Field U5  
Sharpe's Field U5

## Community Gardens Opportunity

Town of Moosomin is currently accepting bookings for their 2024 Community Garden Program.

### Prices include:

10x15 plots are \$30  
10x30 plots are \$60  
Garden boxes are \$20

If you are interested in booking a plot or would like further information please contact s.krygetownofmoosomin@sasktel.net

## Camping spots open for bookings

Those looking for camping spaces at Bradley Park in 2024 are reminded spots are open up online. To book please go online to Letscamp.ca and follow along with their instructions.

## Bradley Park Rodeo Grounds

Groups are reminded they are asked to pre-book the rodeo grounds for events. You can do so by phoning 435-3622 or by email to msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

## Minor Ball this week at Bradley Park

Lots of action this week at Bradley Park. As you will see below, Bradley Park is absolutely humming with activity. If you are looking to catch some great young athletes here is our listing:

**Monday**  
Co-op Field T Ball Practice  
Murray Newman Field U7 Practice  
Elks Field U7 Girls Fastball Game  
Guinness Field U11 Provincial Practice  
Kin Field Lady Predators Fastball Practice  
Sharpe's Field U9 Girls Fastball Practice  
Pharmasave Field U9 Girls Fastball Practice  
Legacy Field Rally Caps Practice

**Tuesday**  
Co-op Murray Newman Field Badgers Men's Baseball Game  
Elks Field Girls U13A Fastball Practice  
Guinness Field U13 Girls Fastball Game  
Kin Field U11 Boys Baseball Practice  
Kin Field – Lights U15 Provincial Baseball Practice

**Wednesday**  
Co-op Murray Newman Field Badgers Men's Baseball

### Game

Elks Field U7 Practice  
Guinness Field U13 Boys Baseball Practice  
Kin Field U9 Boys Baseball Game  
Pharmasave U15 Provincial Fastball Practice  
Legacy Field U11 Provincial Softball Practice

### Thursday

Co-op Field T Ball Practice  
Elks Field U13 Girls A Fastball Practice  
Guinness Field U13 Girls Fastball Practice  
Kin Field U11 Baseball Practice  
Kin Field Under Lights U15 Baseball Practice  
Sharpe's Field U9 Practice  
Pharmasave Field U9 Practice  
Legacy Field U9 Practice

### Friday

Co-op Field Friday Night Slo Pitch  
Elks Field Friday Night Slo Pitch  
Guinness Field Friday Night Slo Pitch  
Guinness Field – Dark Friday Night Slo Pitch  
Kin Field Friday Night Slo Pitch  
Kin Field – Dark Friday Night Slo Pitch  
Legacy Field Friday Night Slo Pitch

### Saturday

Co-op Field U11 Baseball Practice  
Elks Field U13 League Baseball Tournament  
Guinness Field U13 League Baseball Tournament  
Kin Field U13 League Baseball Tournament  
Legacy Field U15 Fastball Practice

### Sunday

Co-op Field U15 Baseball Practice  
Elks Field Lady Practice  
Guinness Field U11 Baseball Practice  
Kin Field U15 Provincial Fastball Practice

## Badgers Men's Baseball This Week

If you're looking to catch some fantastic men's baseball you're in luck this week as the Badgers a pair of games.

**Tuesday:** Carnduff versus Badgers 6:30 pm

**Wednesday:** Kenossee versus Badgers 6:30 pm

## Lady Predators Fastball

No games this week . . . but we will keep you in the loop when there is a game. They have a fantastic ball team that should once again challenge for the league championship!

## 2024 Friday Night

### Uptown Slo Pitch League

The 2024 Slo Pitch League will be the most participated in in years as 14 teams are set to take the field with action this Friday. Games on all diamonds including two each Friday night under the lights.

This week's schedule includes. . . Friday, June 21

- King and His Court versus Lepine's Roofing on the Murray Newman Co-op Field at 6:15 pm
- Snap Crackle Pop versus Red Hot Oompaloompas on the Elks Field at 6:15 pm
- Bat Attitude versus Flyer Electric on the Guinness Field at 6:15 pm
- Rasmussian Rippers versus Guzzlers on the Guinness Field at 8:15 pm
- Plattyussies versus Magic Mitts on the Kin Field at 6:15 pm
- Dusty Mitts versus McMashers on the Kin Field at 8:15 pm
- Kinsmen versus Booze Cannons on the Legacy Field at 6:15 pm

## Pickle Ball

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

Monday 1 pm  
Tuesday 6:30 pm  
Wednesday 1 pm

## Outdoor Pickle Ball Court Committee

If you would be interested in joining a fundraising committee with the intention of building outdoor pickleball courts at Bradley Park, then we would love to hear from you. We do have a few fundraisers lined up and a few potential grant opportunities.



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## In our opinion:

### Capital gains tax hike a blow to democratic principles

Trudeau sidesteps parliamentary approval to implement his increase in the capital gains tax

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has every intention of ramming through the capital gains tax hike without a vote in Parliament.

The capital gains tax hike is scheduled to take effect on June 25, but the legislation to impose it hasn't even been introduced and the House of Commons is scheduled to break for summer June 21.

"The government says that even if a bill has not yet passed, the change will take effect on June 25," reported the Canadian Press.

That means the tax hike will occur before being passed by elected members of Parliament.

Essentially, Trudeau is getting unelected bureaucrats to impose tax hikes on Canadians.

That's wrong and fundamentally undemocratic. If a couple of cabinet ministers want to take more money from you, they should at least have the spine to give elected representatives the chance to vote on the tax hike first.

Our elected representatives aren't voting on the tax hike. And Canadians didn't vote for it either.

The last Liberal platform included a bunch of new taxes, including taxes on banks and insurance companies, a so-called anti-flipping home tax, and higher taxes on tobacco and vaping.

But there wasn't a single mention of a capital gains tax hike in the 2021 Liberal election platform.

Simply put, this government has no mandate to hike capital gains taxes.

The reason MPs won't vote on the tax hike is because of the incompetence of Trudeau and Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland.

First, the government tabled a late budget, more than two weeks after the start of its fiscal year.

Then the government decided to separate the capital gains tax hike from its budget implementation legislation.

If Trudeau and Freeland left the tax hike in the budget bill, MPs would have had the chance to hash out the details in committee.

And this isn't the first time Trudeau has hammered Canadians with tax hikes without letting MPs vote.

Since 2017, the feds have increased alcohol taxes every year without a vote in Parliament.

These automatic alcohol tax hikes are also undemocratic and wrong. However, while those hikes cost Canadians tens of millions of dollars annually, the capital gains tax hike will cost Canadians \$6.9 billion this year alone.

With Trudeau spending \$535 billion this year, he will blow through that extra capital gains tax cash in less than a week.

The capital gains tax hike also has serious implications for professional tax planners and Canadians preparing for retirement. At a minimum, they deserve to know how the tax hike will affect them before it's implemented.

"Since [the federal budget], tax practitioners have fielded an unending number of questions from people wondering what they should do," said Kim Moody, a tax policy expert.

Unfortunately, tax practitioners and their clients are planning in the dark."

And the tax hike will have real-life implications for countless Canadians.

For example, the Canadian Medical Association explained that many doctors rely on "professional corporations as a means of saving for retirement since most do not have access to employer retirement plans."

The CMA warns that the capital gains tax hike "will have adverse effects on physician recruitment and retention across the country."

The government doesn't deserve a penny more from Canadians. And it shouldn't be increasing taxation without representation.

Trudeau must do away with his democracy-free capital gains tax hike.

*This editorial was written by Franco Terrazzano, the Federal Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.*

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### Housing incentive plan is exactly what Moosomin needs right now

Moosomin Town Council has been working on a housing incentive plan for a long time, and the sooner the town can move forward with the plan the better.

The plan came together with the help of different people adding their knowledge and expertise.

The Community Builders Alliance was involved in originally coming up with the plan, and Jay Hamilton of the CBA was instrumental in putting it together.

Economic Development Officer Casey McCormac worked on the proposal, and it was submitted by the town for federal funding last summer.

At a recent meeting members of the CBA, town council, and the economic development committee hammered out some of the details of the plan.

There were some questions at the town council meeting Wednesday, however, and a decision on exactly what form the incentive plan will take has been delayed until the June 26 council meeting.

Council is behind the plan, but the one question council is deciding on is whether the incentive will be delivered upfront once people have completed a new home, or if it will take the form of a tax break over three years.

The town originally based its plans on an incentive program that would involve servicing the property at no cost and cancelling the first three years of taxes, but is debating an option of paying the incentive upfront rather than spreading the incentive over four years. The question is whether the town can make the change to the plan at this point.

In addition to the incentive offered for new builds, there are several other initiatives to encourage housing development in the proposed plan, including:

- Creating an inventory of lots available for sale and promoting that there are lots available;
- Zoning changes to speed up the development approval process; and
- Developing a marketing plan to market the incentive and available lots.

The plan has been under discussion since last summer, when the town applied for a federal grant to help with the cost of the program.

The town has a very good plan, whichever way it decides to go, with an upfront payment or a multi-year tax break.

And it comes at a good time. There has been a lot of commercial development over the last



**Kevin Weedmark**

few years, but residential development has not kept up.

As a matter of fact, commercial development in Moosomin has taken off in the last few years, since a commercial building incentive was established in 2017.

There have been two things keeping Moosomin from developing as quickly as it should. One is the lack of child care spaces, and the provincial government helped solve that problem by approving 90 new spaces for Play Fair Daycare.

A committee is hard at work putting together a plan for a second daycare building to accommodate the new spaces, land has been secured at the south end of the MacLeod School grounds and the new daycare building will go from the planning stage to the construction stage over the next year.

With 37 kids who would be in daycare tomorrow if there was the space, there is no doubt the new daycare building will fill a real need, and will make it easier for people to move to Moosomin or go to work by removing one obstacle.

The last hurdle is housing, because Moosomin has grown and its housing stock has not kept pace.

This plan by the town, with input from the Community Builders Alliance and the Economic Development Committee, is a serious attempt to overcome that final hurdle, to create new housing in Moosomin so that the people who want to live in the community can find places to live.

Moosomin saw 42 new housing units with Cobblestone House last year, and will soon see 24 new units with the Keller Developments apartments, but that doesn't start to address the housing shortage.

The proposed incentive should make a difference, and of course that will lead to further development, as a larger population will require more services.

It's great to see council addressing this issue, and whichever format it decides to follow for the incentive plan, the important thing is getting it in place as quickly as possible.



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Mayor Larry Tomlinson



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## Banquet follows Cenotaph rededication

BY ED JAMES

A gathering of about 60 people were on hand at the MCC Centre to take part in Moosomin's rededication of their Cenotaph after 100 years.

Before the supper there was a happy hour where the guest mingled and talked about the events of the morning. The meal was catered by The Red Barn Restaurant.

Following dinner, zone commander Brian Beckett, May-

or Larry Tomlinson, and Legion president Jack Thompson all made short speeches about the morning events, how very pleased they were with them, and thanked the many people who volunteered so much of their time to make the day a success.

Then Brian Beckett introduced the after dinner guest speaker, Ed James of Elkhorn, a retired educator and military historian. James gave a talk on the role of the WWI

Canadian stretcher bearer on the frontline trenches during the war. He was dressed in period Canadian WWI uniform and explained the type of work a SB would do. He also had on display many of the artifacts that they used at that time. The presentation was meant to complement the WWI cenotaph events of the morning about the losses and suffering of war. At the conclusion of the presentation he was given a standing ovation.

Lillian Jackson photos



Artifacts that they used at the time of WWI.



Ed James giving his talk on WWI.

### Correction

There was an error in the June 10 issue of the World-Spectator, in a report on Rocanville Community Days held on June 1. It said that Elder Norman Fleury attended an event by Métis Local #135 at the museum that day, however Elder Norman Fleury was not in attendance. We apologize for the error.

### Daryl Harrison

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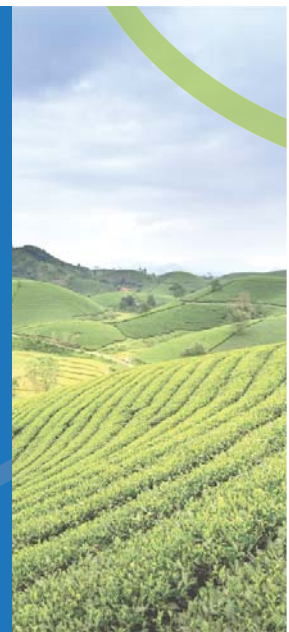
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## About National Indigenous Peoples Day

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National Aboriginal Day, now National Indigenous Peoples Day, was announced in 1996 by then Governor General of Canada, Roméo LeBlanc, through the Proclamation Declaring June 21 of Each Year as National Aboriginal Day. This was the result of consultations and statements of support for such a day made by various Indigenous groups:

- In 1982, the National Indian Brotherhood, now the Assembly of First Nations, called for the creation of National Aboriginal Solidarity Day

- In 1995, the Sacred Assembly, a national conference of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people chaired by Elijah Harper, called for a national holiday to celebrate the contributions of Indigenous

Peoples

- Also in 1995, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples recommended the designation of a National First Peoples Day

- On June 21, 2017, the Prime Minister is-

sued a statement announcing the intention to rename this day National Indigenous Peoples Day.

National Indigenous Peoples Day is part of the Celebrate Canada program, which also

includes Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day on June 24, Canadian Multiculturalism Day on June 27 and Canada Day on July 1.

On June 21, for National Indigenous Peoples Day, we recognize and celebrate the history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis across Canada.

### Celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day!

June 21st

A day to recognize and celebrate the history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people.



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## Lee Price's journey from railway track to Nutrien brought positive change, fostering economic and social benefits for Indigenous communities in Saskatchewan

It was a railway track that led Lee Price to creating positive change through his work at Nutrien, providing positive economic and social benefits for Indigenous people in Saskatchewan. Read on to find out more about Lee's work driving Nutrien's Indigenous Supply Chain Strategy, and as an...accidental inventor.

### What does a "Manager, Indigenous Supply Chain for Potash" do?

I work with a collaborative and dedicated team of procurement professionals who create and drive opportunities for positive impact for Saskatchewan's Indigenous communities. By utilizing and leveraging our local supply chain spend, my position is responsible for implementing and supporting our Indigenous Supply Chain Strategy, which involves our Potash business unit's continued commitment to sourcing goods and services from local Indigenous businesses.

The Indigenous Supply Chain Strategy also includes supporting our network of non-Indigenous suppliers and their commitments to become engaged with Indigenous communities and businesses, creating employment and economic development opportunities that benefit those communities and, in turn, the larger Saskatchewan economy—this is the focus of my role, as well as building processes which allow for a consistent approach to implementing and evaluating Indigenous impact within our supply chain.

### What is the most rewarding part of your job?

I'm from Big River First Nation in Central Saskatchewan. My children are First Nation. So, I'm deeply invested in seeing Nutrien continue to succeed in creating positive change in our province. I get to play a role in a much larger process providing positive economic and social benefits for Indigenous people in Saskatchewan. I find that extremely rewarding.

More specifically, when I see our suppliers becoming enablers of change who create intentional opportunities within their businesses for Indigenous people and then I get to see how those opportunities translate to real benefits for Indigenous people, it's an exciting thing to witness.



Lee Price

### How did your career path lead you to Nutrien?

The initial route that led me to Nutrien was a railway track. I worked in rail operations management for 15 years with several large class 1 railroads in Canada and the U.S. My career with the railroads was both exciting and rewarding, however at times, it did present challenges in maintaining a healthy work-life balance. So, when an advertisement for a rail position at Nutrien was shared with me, I jumped on it and since then my family and I could not have been happier. Joining Nutrien allowed me to succeed in my field, drawing on my skills and experience—and I get to enjoy the benefits of a much healthier work-life balance.

### What other roles have you had at Nutrien?

Before joining the Potash procurement team, I was in Transportation, Distribution and Logistics as a



The Nutrien Rocanville mine site.

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I'll add another quote. This time from one of our suppliers, "This (Indigenous inclusion) is not just about the bottom line or best value for Nutrien, it's also about the best value for our communities, the best value for our province,

as well as the best value for our supply chain."

### What is a fun fact about you that people may not know?

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The newly erected tipi at Bradley Park in Moosomin during sunset. The tipi is a permanent structure at Bradley Park, erected by MN-S Local 44. A dedication for the new tipi was held on June 10 last year. The tipi includes photos of local Métis family history, beautiful painted benches, and a cedar floor.



Kahkewistahaw's Powwow is coming up June 21-23 at Kahkewistahaw. Leading up to it is Chief Kahkewistahaw Days through the week.

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## Chief Kahkewistahaw Days, Kahkewistahaw Powwow this week

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Kahkewistahaw First Nation will come alive with traditional culture and a lot of fun events this week.

Vida McArthur, the Director of Operations for Kahkewistahaw First Nation, says this will be a busy week, with Chief Kahkewistahaw Days through the week and the Kahkewistahaw Powwow on the weekend.

"We are calling it our Chief Kahkewistahaw Days. We want the community to be involved," she said.

"We are going to start on June 17 with a pancake breakfast from 8 am - 10 am provided by our elders, then we are organizing a parade—we have never had a parade here before—from 11 am - 1 pm. At 1 o'clock we start all of our events for our children and community, like scavenger hunts, family relay races, bouncy castles, and face painting. Then, at 5 pm we are having a barbecue at the powwow grounds. Then evening entertainment. We will have bouncy castles, face painting and then later we are having hypnotist and comedian, Scott Ward, from BC. We also have land-based learning during these days as well.

"On Tuesday we'll have Go Kart Racing, where they will build their own Go-Karts. We are giving them certain items they have to use to build their own Go

Kart and race around the Governance Centre. We will also have a youth fashion show, a poker tournament, and entertainment in the evening.

"On Wednesday, at 4 pm we will have Fill a Car challenge, so you have to get as many people you can stuffed into an old car, then we have a radio car bingo over at the Powwow grounds.

"On Thursday, we'll have bouncy castles and face painting, and from 5 pm - 7 pm we have a feast. It is the sharing and giving of food and anybody is welcome and we sit on the ground and share this food as part of our offerings we give to our people who have passed on and to our people that are currently with us. Then, we have entertainment starting at 7 until about 9 pm. We have a hip-hop guy coming in to perform. Food booths will come in and set up and we will have the stage set up inside the powwow

grounds.

"Then Friday, we have a community golf day. Everyone goes and does nine holes. Then we determine a winner, but it is just to get the community out.

"Then, that leads up to the powwow that will start at 7 pm Friday until about midnight.

"Same thing on Saturday, we have family baseball. Then, we have our Powwow scheduled and that happens every year. People come from all over too. It goes through to Sunday.

We can get a good crowd for that. It all depends, but sometimes we will get 500-700 dancers—and that is just the dancers, not the people coming to watch.

"Everyone sets up their campers as well.

"We will get visitors from New Mexico, California, from that far away, and also just surrounding communities. The powwow will wrap up on Sunday. It should be a very good week."







## Distinct heritage, language, culture, and beliefs

National Indigenous Peoples Day is an annual reminder for people across Canada to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations people, Inuit and Métis. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Indigenous peoples.

Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs.

June 21, the summer solstice, holds great spiritual significance to First Nations people, Inuit and Métis alike. For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day because of the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year. In Canada, we dedicate the longest day of the year to showing our appreciation of Indigenous peoples and the ways they enrich our culture.

Indigenous people represent one of the youngest populations in Canada.

On average, Indigenous people were 8.8 years younger than the non-Indigenous population in 2016. Indigenous youth, those aged 15 to 24 years, made up one-sixth of the entire Indigenous population (16.9%), a larger proportion than among the non-Indigenous population (12%). It is also expected that the Indigenous population will remain younger, but that youth will make up a smaller share of the Indigenous population in the coming decades.

In 2016, 6.7% of all youth aged 15 to 24 in Canada were Indigenous. However, there was significant regional variation:

2.8% in Québec,  
3.7% in Ontario  
23.6% in Saskatchewan  
24% in Manitoba  
32.4% in the Yukon  
67.7% in the Northwest Territories

93.8% in Nunavut

More than 80% of First Nations (82.4%) and Métis youth (83.8%) lived in either Ontario or the western provinces, compared with 71.1% of the total non-Indigenous youth population in Canada.

From coast to coast, the majority of First Nations (91%), Métis (93%) and Inuit youth (97%) reported that they felt good about their Indigenous identity. Most also reported making an effort to learn more about their history, traditions and culture—71.4% of First Nations youth, 64.6% of Métis youth, and 74.4% of Inuit youth.

Indigenous languages in Canada have been evolving over generations and reflect rich and diverse histories, landscapes, cultures and knowledge. More than 70 Indigenous languages were reported in the 2016 Census, and 36 had at least 500 speakers.

Indigenous youth highly value Indigenous languages, identity and culture. Half of Indigenous youth reported that speaking an Indigenous language was important or very important to them. In 2016, 13% of Indigenous youth could speak an Indigenous language well enough to conduct a conversation. This figure was 16.5% for First Nations youth, 0.8% for Métis youth, and 64.4% for Inuit youth.

Indigenous youth also contribute significantly to the labour market. In 2016, there were over 111,000 Indigenous workers aged 15 to 24 years in Canada, representing 5.1% of total youth employment in the country. Among the provinces, the proportion was highest in Manitoba (15.1%) and Saskatchewan (13.6%). In the Northwest Territories, close to half (48.1%) of all young workers were Indigenous, while in Yukon, the proportion was 22.8%. In Nunavut, the vast majority (87.8%) of young workers were Inuit.



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# Chief Evan Taypotat has big goals for Kahkewistahaw First Nation

BY ASHLEY BOCHER

Kahkewistahaw First Nation is growing and developing, and Chief Evan Taypotat believes that economic development is the key to further growth and ultimately, sovereignty.

"I was raised on Kahkewistahaw as a young guy in the '80s," he says. "It was just dusty roads. A lot of us were poor at the time, but we didn't know we were poor. We would go to town once a month for pizza or the odd time we would get some chicken. We would go to town with mushum and kokum every so often on payday, but we just thought that was normal, when in hindsight we were poor. I went to school in Broadview and was bussed in every day."

Taypotat became a teacher, then joined the Canadian army, fought in Afghanistan, and eventually returned to Kahkewistahaw.

"I left the reserve when I was 18. I enlisted in the army and went to university. I came home to be a teacher in 2005 when I graduated with my BEd from U of S. I taught for two years and then I went to the military for five years. I was all over—in Montreal, Quebec, Camp Gagetown, New Brunswick for my battle school training. Then, I was posted to 1 PPCLI (Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry) after in Edmonton. Then I went to Afghanistan. Once I realized Afghanistan was over—and I say that in respect to the 158 soldiers who lost their lives in Afghanistan and the people who were injured—but once that war was over I just thought there was no need to be in the army anymore. I came home and was our principal at Chief Kahkewistahaw Community School and I was there for four and a half years. Then, I took this job as chief in May of 2017. I just passed my seven year anniversary of this job. I have been here since May 12, 2017."

The chief and council work together on improving life in Kahkewistahaw.

"I work with four elected councillors. They make the decisions and I am the spokesperson for them. Together we help govern Kahkewistahaw First Nation. There are 2,333 members worldwide. There is about 750 on the reserve and there are 210 units of housing. Together we make the decisions for Kahkewistahaw and I chair the meetings. Essentially, the four councillors have an agenda and we go over each topic and I will ask for discussion and anyone in favour or opposed. The roles and duties of a chief, in my opinion, should be moving their people toward sovereignty, meaning that we don't depend on anyone else. Obviously, we depend on the government right now for funding. We depend on a lot of people, the pharmacist in Broadview, the dentist in Melville, the grocery store in Moosomin.

## Path to sovereignty

"The path to sovereignty is economic development. You have to make the money. If your economic ventures are good then money is coming in and then you can build more things and do more for your people. You can afford a doctor, you can afford tribal police, you can afford a dentist, but right now we can't because treaty gives us the bare minimum. It is not covered in treaty to make sure that Kahkewistahaw First Nation or other First Nations have their own doctor or dentist. We know that sovereignty is over there, we see it, we know what it looks like, it means independence. When you think about the community of Moosomin for example, you think that is a good place to live and for Kahkewistahaw that is where we are aiming because our people deserve that. We deserve to be healthy and wealthy, just like the people of Moosomin.

"We are very progressive right now. If I was to put 74 First Nations of Saskatchewan and rank us, Kahkewistahaw would be in the top five because of the economic ventures we have going and the team we have here. We have a great workforce, we have strong program managers, a strong council. We do a good job together guiding Kahkewistahaw in the right direction."

Kahkewistahaw is developing land in Saskatoon that Taypotat says should pay dividends for decades.

"Right now, we are developing land in Saskatoon. We bought 60 acres in 2017 right by the airport. We have a gas station there. We are developing more commercial rental units starting in June, four of them. We are also developing the Mamawi Business Centre which will have RBC, lawyers offices, and Indigenous Gaming Regulators (IGRs) main offices will be there. That is the next phase.

"The next phase beyond that is a hotel and convention centre, a hockey rink, and a fast food restaurant. What we want from there is if those businesses are on our property, there is money coming to the First Nation and then we can start providing those services back here."

## Chief Clarence Louie a role model

Taypotat takes inspiration from a BC chief who has led economic development in his nation.

"Chief Clarence Louie, he is a famous chief in Osoyoos BC, and he says, 'the economic horse will pull the social cart' so if we can bring money in economically we can start tackling the Residential school effect which is very much alive on our First Nation. There is a lot of trauma here and a lot of drug and alcohol abuse, and some domestic abuse. Our people are hurting and the only way we are going to address those is through programs and services, speaking to psychiatrists, doctors, the things treaty doesn't cover for us. So, we have to make sure we bring that money in to address those problems."

"The path to sovereignty is economic development."

—Chief Evan Taypotat



Chief Evan Taypotat looks over a new housing development under construction on Kahkewistahaw First Nation.

## Hope for a better future

Taypotat says both the financial benefits of economic development, and the fact that development gives people hope for a brighter future are important.

"I think both are equally important—the money coming in for our people and the people knowing there is more money coming in the future. What I have been telling my people right now, is in 100 years from now when that land in Saskatoon has made us millionaires, no one is going to remember the things we do today, but we still have to make economically sound decisions that are for the greater good of Kahkewistahaw financially, so we are not breaking the bank today because we are trying to plan for the future.

"It took us seven generations to get to where we are today. We are trying to plan for seven generations from today so when I am long gone and my little daughter is a kokum 50 years from now, that her kids and grandkids

have the opportunity that we planned for today. That is the goal."


He said Kahkewistahaw is looking at opportunities in other centres as well.

"We are looking at Regina and Moose Jaw as centres we want to be involved with because those mayors and councillors in those cities see us doing good things in Saskatoon and they want us to be a part of their plan going forward.

"The land in Saskatoon stood for sale since the 1940s because there was no infrastructure there. There was no water lines, power lines, sewer lines, so we have done all of that now and we have shown people that we can get things done.

"Obviously, other cities have mandates to have an Indigenous footprint in their city so they want to pick winners. We have a proven track record in Saskatoon that is enticing to other urban areas."

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## ABE INFORMATION SESSION

**June 12**  
Assiniboia Campus - 4-7 p.m.

**June 13**  
Coronach Library - 3-5 p.m.

**June 18**  
White City Library - 4-4:30 p.m./5-7 p.m.

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"If you look at the richest First Nations in Canada they're geographically gifted. They're in or around cities. Out here if I were to build a hotel and casino in Kahkewistahaw there isn't a lot of traffic out here, but if you build that in Saskatoon by the airport where there is a lot of traffic coming in and out, it's going to be more successful. That is why we do the urban reserves. It is to make money that we couldn't make out here."

He said the first nation does face barriers to development, including racism.

"The number one challenge is racism. My late uncle Denton George, he raised me. He wasn't allowed at a lot of corporate tables and he was very vocal against the Enbridge, CN rails, the Saskatchewan government, and the Canadian federal government because we weren't at those tables. Fast forward 2024, now we are at some of those tables, but not all of those tables."

"With Enbridge we sit at the table and they say 'what do you want for your people, Chief and how can we help protect the environment?' that is what you want. With The province of Saskatchewan we don't sit at those tables. In Saskatchewan, some are non-Indigenous and I am Indigenous."

"We are going to be neighbours forever, I think we should get to know each other and understand each other better, but that divide is there still. You see all of these companies getting super rich with all the natural resources that we don't really have a say in, that's racism because we are going to be neighbours forever so why wouldn't we want to be rich and healthy together because health is directly related to wealth and the Non-Indigenous people are richer than my people and in the long-term they are going to be healthier than my people and they are going to live a longer life than we are and that is not right. Our people are treated like second class citizens and live in third-world conditions in some places in a first-world province. That is wrong and that is racism."

"I am optimistic, but there are some people that think if they tweet something nice one day a year that they're reconciled and they are not, it is just letting the problem fester. We live with Whitedoom,



The planned fire hall and operations and maintenance building on Kahkewistahaw First Nation.

Broadview, and Grenfell right here, but we don't really know each other."

## Optimistic for better understanding

He is optimistic, however.

"We had a school powwow and we saw Broadview School there so it is amazing to see that and it has taken this long to take that happen. So I am optimistic. I think there is an effort by some people to change it, but we need the greater population of Saskatchewan to want to change it because we are going to be neighbours forever and we depend on each other."

"We are going to win some claims coming up in the next 12 months when our people get those dollars we don't rent a spaceship and go to Mars, we spend our dollars in Moosomin, Kipling, Melville, Churchbridge, Regina, Saskatoon, and I just think that is just being good neighbours and good Saskatchewanites."

"All our opportunities are based on our economic ventures. If our economic ventures go really well then we can go above and beyond. We have a young boy who just made the Team Saskatchewan training team for softball. His name is Spencer MacKay and he is going to have a really good opportunity to be a high-caliber successful player, so we have dollars in our budget now for elite athletes where most First Nations don't have that though be-

cause their economic ventures may not be as great. We are fortunate enough where our economic ventures are doing pretty good so Spencer is going to have a bit of dollars at his disposal."

## Growth in Kahkewistahaw

Taypotat says there are many examples of growth on Kahkewistahaw.

"The governance building is an example of the growth on Kahkewistahaw. This building cost us \$20 million in 2020. Right now, we are building 15 housing units for families. We are planning to own Maintenance and Operations building and Firehall and then after that we are going to build our hockey arena and our community centre. Next fall we are going to start our own minor hockey program. That is the growth right now. Covid made us think really strong about sustainability. This summer we've started a community garden in the middle of the village and next year we are starting our own greenhouse. The plan is in place it is just a matter of making sure we have the dollars, the funding, and capacity."

"I think why we would be developed less than say Moosomin, that's just a lack of opportunities."

"We don't worry about the mortgages out here because the reserve owns the houses, but we never were really sup-

posed to be doctors, NHL players, the residential school effect was supposed to squash all of that and get rid of the Indian in the Indian. We are still battling that effect today. The opportunity offered to the non-Indigenous person growing up in Saskatchewan in the 1900s was a lot better than the Indigenous man or woman growing up on a reserve."

## Goals as chief

Taypotat says his goals are sovereignty, and for Kahkewistahaw to be a self-sufficient community.

"As chief, I want to achieve sovereignty. Like all of the surrounding communities who don't have to go far for different services. In Moosomin, you can pretty much do everything there at home, we want that here in Kahkewistahaw. The goal is to have a sustainable healthy community on Kahkewistahaw First Nation."

"When I was growing up, I graduated in the 90s then, my mushum and kokum said 'you have to get your grade 12 because you can get a good job,' it was right around that time it started changing. It then became you needed to get a university degree through the early 2000s, and then it became you needed to get your masters degree and now, we are at the point where Indigenous people are saying, 'get your doctorate.' That's what changing, the Indigenous animal is awakening in us and part of it is Canada is starting to accept that we are here now and that we are going to be here, and we are powerful people."

"We are powerful Cree people that our elders and ancestors fought long for us to stay here. With all the development we are seeing, the education we are achieving, and all the cultural awakening. I think where we will be in the next 20 years will be sovereignty and it will be a beautiful place."

"My mushum and kokum were affected by the residential schools. They were very tough love, but they always just wanted the best for us grandkids and I think if they could see their people and their family today, they would be really proud. We were just raised to be a good people and have good hearts."



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# Wildfires already above average in Sask

By RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE

Along with the warm spring days leading into summer comes wildfire season. All may seem rather quiet on that front right now, but according to numbers from the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency, we're already well above the five-year average. At press time, there have been 167 fires so far in 2024 with 113 listed as the five-year average. The vast majority of those blazes have been started by people and not natural causes such as lightning strikes.

"Unfortunately, probably 90 to 95 per cent of the fires we've had so far were caused by humans, and we've only had a couple of lightning strike fires at this time," said Brad Chartrand, Executive Director of Land Operations with the SPSA. "It's not nice to see, when human fires are all preventable."

Last year set a record for total area burned from wildfires in a single season at more than 1.9 million hectares through 494 fires, with some of those conditions overlapping into 2024.

"Coming into the early spring, we didn't have that snow load that we usu-



People milling around this CL-215T air tanker give reference to how large these firefighting planes actually are.

ally do and it being so dry out last year, those conditions carried on to the spring," Chartrand explained. "That's where the

majority of our stats have climbed."

Recent rains throughout Saskatchewan have helped, especially in some northern areas that noted more than two inches of water. Currently, crews have one wildfire contained and another ongoing assessment.

"We also have more rain in the forecast here coming later on in the week that'll be hitting the far north and then potentially down into mid-province level as well," Chartrand said. "So in the near future, it's looking like it's going to be fairly wet, but we'll see what June brings and how warm and dry it gets."

There are only two causes for wildfires, being lightning and humans. Chartrand noted that every year, almost half of all Saskatchewan wildfires are caused by human activity through unattended campfires, industrial activity, arson, vehicle and ATV use, and even cleanup projects that get out

of hand.

"Simple actions like not driving a vehicle on dry grass, drowning campfires until embers are cool and talking to young children about fire safety can impact on the numbers of fires within Saskatchewan," Chartrand advised.

He also stressed the importance of fire ban awareness, welcoming residents to find more information on the [saskpublicsafety.ca](http://saskpublicsafety.ca) website. At this time, only two areas are affected by fire bans, being Pleasantdale and North Battleford. The RM of Eldon near Lloydminster also has a fire restriction in place advising against burning brush piles.

"There are simple and often cost-free tasks such as pruning dead trees and branches in the yard and keeping the yard free of debris—especially materials that are easily combustible like leaves," he said of measures homeowners can take to minimize fire risk.

Chartrand also reminded that any wildfire activity noticed should be called in to 911 immediately.



A CL-215T water scooping air tanker—one of six in the province's fleet—takes flight. Also part of the Saskatchewan aerial resources are four Convair 580A land-based tankers and seven smaller bird-dog aircraft.

## Looking Back

### Five years ago, 2019:

Melinda's Family Hair Care and Styles on Main offered buzz cuts for charity with their Swing in for a Buzz fundraiser, offering buzz cuts for a donation to the Kinability wheelchair swing.

The Moosomin Kinsmen Club made a \$5,000 donation to Moosomin Regional Park. The money was to be used to help the park continue to develop a recreational area known as "the Circle."

### Ten years ago, 2014:

Work was underway on the new three-storey Best Western Hotel, complete with pool, between the Motel 6 and the Canalta Hotel in Moosomin.

Two donations marked the final fundraising push for upgrades to the Rocanville rink. Conex Credit Union and Borderland Co-op each donated \$10,000 to the project,

bringing the fundraising total to \$60,000 since fundraising began a year-and-a-half earlier. PotashCorp Rocanville matched the donations to bring the total to \$120,000, helping to cover the cost of the upgrades, which were more than \$100,000.

### Fifteen years ago, 2009:

The movie industry was changing, and the Moosomin Community Theatre prepared to change along with it. The theatre committee embarked on a fundraising campaign to fund the purchase of a new digital projector. The digital projector was estimated to cost about \$120,000. The committee already had a substantial amount of \$70,000 set aside for the projector replacement that was raised from proceeds of movies and the concession stand.

The Town of Moosomin excavated about 36 fully-serviced trailer parking sites for Waschuk Pipeline employ-

ees at a site along Lake Avenue between Moose and Ogilvie Streets.

### Twenty years ago, 2004:

Archeologist Tim Jones and a group of local people looked over a mound near Moosomin that some believed was in the shape of a turtle. The site was believed to be ceremonial for the Indigenous people of the northern plains; Mayor Don Bradley cut the ribbon to officially open Sasco Appliance Centre in Moosomin.

### One hundred years ago, 1924:

Jugo-Slavs, Czechoslovaks, Poles, Belgians, and Hebrews were included in batches of immigrant parties that arrived in Alberta. All were able-bodied men, willing to work on farms until they gained knowledge and saved money—enough to start them on the land for themselves.



## Westman RCMP Report

During the week of June 2-8, Westman RCMP received a total of 61 calls for service. Of the 61, 11 were traffic related including six moving traffic—speeding violations, six mischief, and five assault files.

### Speeding fine

On June 4 during a routine traffic patrol on Highway 1 in the RM of Wallace-Woodworth, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 148 km/hr in a 110 km/hr zone. RCMP conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle and the driver was issued a Traffic Offence Notice for speeding which carries a fine of \$548.

### Theft at PetroCan

On June 5 RCMP received a report of a theft at the Petro Canada gas station at Highway 21 and Highway 1. It was learned that a male had entered the Petro Canada and began grabbing items off displays and taking items from behind the counter and putting them into his pockets. The male then instructed the employee to open the till and took the money. The suspect was located and arrested for Theft, and Resist/Obstruct Peace Officer.

### Suspect flees, is tracked and arrested, and faces multiple charges

On June 6 RCMP received a report of stolen vehicle from in the Town of Virden. A short time later, a report was received of a theft from the Valleyview Co-op Food Store in Oak Lake where a male had attempted to try and purchase items using two debit cards which were both declined. He then took the items and left the store without paying.

Shortly after, a further report was received that this vehicle was now spotted at the Petro Canada located at Highway 21 and Highway 1 where the driver was attempting to fill the vehicle was fuel. The vehicle departed the gas station and was then spotted by Blue Hills RCMP in the Town of Alexander.

When RCMP attempted to stop the vehicle, the vehicle did not pull over but instead accelerated past police. The vehicle then came to a stop where a male passenger was taken into custody. The driver of the vehicle fled on foot, eventually giving himself up to police after Brandon City Police Dog Services were deployed to track the suspect.

A 25-year old male was arrested and charged with multiple Criminal Code charges including Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5,000, Failure to Comply with Undertaking Condition, Flight from Police Of-

ficer, Resist/Obstruct Police Officer, Theft Under \$5,000, Uttering Threats Against a Person, as well as additional charges by Blue Hills RCMP for offences committed outside of the Westman Area. He remains in custody at this time. This incident is related to the gas station theft that occurred the day prior.

### Domestic assault leads to arrest

On June 8 RCMP were dispatched to a call of a domestic assault that had taken place in the community of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. It was reported that a male had been punched and kicked by his girlfriend. Through investigation it was discovered that the subject of complaint had an outstanding Warrant for Arrest for failing to attend court. A 43-year-old female was arrested for Assault, Failure to Comply with Undertaking Condition, and Failing to Attend Court. She remains in custody at this time.

### Numbers to call

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

## Kipling Town Council

## Kipling ball shelter quote amended

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

An amended quote for the proposed ball diamond shelter was received and passed by Kipling Town Council during their June 10 regular meeting. While the money was raised through the annual Bobby Vargo Memorial Slo-Pitch tournament and a generous donation from Kingston Midstream, the Town of Kipling owns the land. As such, the quote would need to pass by council before any work is approved.

"With that donation, they have accumulated enough funds to put up a shelter," Administrator Andrew Rygh explained.

Previously, a large tent was utilized for a beverage area, but the desire for a permanent structure prompted the direction of fundraising efforts.

"The last two tournaments, our group was able to put away \$80,000, and then Kingston Midstream this spring donated \$45,000 to this building," explained Glen Vargo, father of the late Bobby Vargo and a driving force behind the memorial tournament. "That is what has enabled us to be able to build it."

The amendment occurred due to the size of the proposed shelter being reduced, now coming in at \$123,543.

"We will be using it for the tournament this year," Vargo said of the shelter. "I don't know if it's going to be quite finished, but it's definitely going to be able to be used."

He added that one big feature of the shelter will be a cooler room that will keep beverages cold.

"This building is owned by the Town of Kipling," Vargo went on to explain. "We just raised the money to build it. So the town would be able to use it for any function that anybody wants to use it for. That's what it's there for."

## Fly in fundraiser date change

From her report, Mayor Pat Jackson noted a date change in the date the Estevan Flying School will be coming to Kipling. Initially set for July 6, the fundraiser introducing people to flying will be now held July 13.

"Since they're doing it to raise money for our airport we should have some council representation," Jackson said, noting that she will be regrettably unavailable for the event.

The fundraising barbecue has a special component for the Kipling Airport, Rygh told the World-Spectator.

"There is a project that we have lined up to resurface the airstrip at the airport," he said, adding that organizers

are still accepting food donations for the fundraiser.

Admission to the event is \$10 for adults, kids 12 and under free, with "Sunrise Aviation offering introductory flights for aspiring pilots."

"It should be a lot of fun, so hopefully we get a lot of people out there," said Rygh.

## Motions

A motion was made designating Mayor Pat Jackson, deputy mayor Colby Sproat, acting Administrator Andrew Rygh, and associate administrator Christina Weeding on all banking accounts, authorizing those positions to sign agreements once approved by council.

Rygh was further officially authorized as a purchaser on town accounts, and designated as Kipling's SaskAlert administrator.

## Trees to be assessed

The town is hoping to save five spruce trees near the pool, which the town plans to have assessed. Council approved Living Tree Environmental's quote of \$710 to take a look at the trees in question, then present their findings for consideration.

"It's a precautionary measure to have the inspection done to determine if and what type of remediation is required to make sure we don't lose those spruce trees," Rygh said.

The extremely dry summer of 2021 may have impacted the trees, and the inspection will determine whether they are worth saving, or ought to be removed for safety concerns.

"We want to make sure that we don't lose them," Rygh said. "There's 25 in total, and because they provide a windbreak on the west side of the town pool, they're important to us. That's why we want to make sure that we look after them."

## Sewage lift station contract approved

Presented with four options from Municipal Utilities, Council decided to enter into a three-year contract allowing for assessment, service work, and cleaning at the sewage lift station.

The first option included assessment and cleaning for one year at \$14,050, while the second option locked in a contract for the same rate.

"If we accept the three-year contract, the price is a bit higher than it was before," noted Jackson of the estimated \$2,000 cost increase.

The other two options were for assessment only at one

year and a three-year contract coming in at \$9,900.

Councillor Devin Draper wanted to ensure the contract would include any additional costs, pointing to fuel surcharges as an example. This has been an issue in the past where fuel surcharges have popped up as an additional cost during a contract.

"Seems like this recommendation is pretty solid, based on what he provided," remarked Sproat.

## Town to purchase water plant compressors

A motion to purchase two compressors for the Town's water plant was discussed after receiving pricing information from Atlas Copco. After years of service, the town is down to one compressor without a backup system should the operational one also go down.

"There is one that's failed," Rygh told council. "You need these compressors—if the compressors fail completely, the water plant's shut down. Right now, we're working on one compressor, the second compressor died, the motor's seized."

Rygh's recommendation was to purchase two compressors, giving the ability to transfer between both in the event one would fail.

"With the purchase, you get a one-year warranty, so the need for that service plan doesn't exist anymore for that one year," he said.

The current compressors at the water plant are two years past their rated life expectancy, and deputy mayor Sproat made a motion to purchase the new units, which was approved unanimously by council.

## Addition to billboard fee schedule

Council approved an update to the portable billboard fee schedule after being approached about future signage coming next month.

"We were approached by SaskTel with Infinet coming to town, they wanted to put up a portable billboard," Rygh explained. "They'll move it in, they just asked us for a spot and if we had a fee that we charged."

Typically, signage such as the 5x10' item proposed by SaskTel is charged \$100 per month, but staff noticed this was not officially on the fee schedule posted in Town Office.

"All this motion is looking to do is to add that to this schedule," Rygh said.

Council approved the addition, with anything 10x5' or smaller being charged \$100 per month. Fees for larger advertising would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## Increase to nurse practitioner positions in Sask

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

More Nurse Practitioners will be going to work throughout the province, after a funding announcement last week from the provincial government. The plan is to place 27 new NP positions in various rural and remote areas across Saskatchewan, part of a \$4.5 million commitment from this year's budget.

"Nurse Practitioners play a vital role in the Saskatchewan health care system, and adding positions in rural and remote areas will help residents find the care they need closer to home," Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health Minister Tim McLeod said. "We look forward to seeing more Nurse Practitioners providing quality care in Saskatchewan communities."

While the application deadline for the positions had originally been set to expire on June 10, Jacqui Kennett-Peppler, Executive Director of Primary Health Care for the southeast corner of the province, confirmed the posting is still active.

"Our posting for the Nurse Practitioner is still up," she said. "We will keep that posting up until we have a successful candidate through that process. We've been really lucky in quite a few of our communities to have some really stable Nurse Practitioners. It'll be great to see these positions get filled to add to our teams. But, it's just a waiting game to have all the positions filled and stabilized, and nurse practitioners are absolutely a key component to rural stabilization with health care."

One of the communities on the list is Esterhazy with nobody hired for the position yet, although the interview process is pending. Esterhazy already has one NP on their health care team, and the addition of a second will no doubt be a welcome one.

"We have a lot of our smaller rural communities that are working with us to try to create some incentives to

## Province to add 27 more spaces

attract in health care professionals and nurse practitioners would certainly fall within that category," Kennett-Peppler remarked on attracting healthcare professionals in general. "The communities see how difficult it is at times to recruit into some of our smaller areas. Definitely, those areas that are more remote in the province are a little bit harder to recruit into. It's so important that we have that collaboration with our communities and their support in trying to help us recruit to the area."

Nurse Practitioners are registered nurses whose training supports a higher scope of practice. Through working with a primary care team, NPs offer many of the same services that family physicians also deliver, such as advanced assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of acute and chronic illness; ordering diagnostic tests; admitting and discharging patients; prescribing medication; performing medical procedures; and giving referrals to specialist services.

"The Saskatchewan Association of Nurse Practitioners is pleased to see the creation of 27 new positions for Nurse Practitioners across the province," SANP President Elect Michelle O'Keefe said. "These positions will assist with the stabilization of primary health care services in these communities whilst creating employment opportunities for NPs who may have been previously under-utilized."

Figuring out where to assign these new positions was done in partnership with the Saskatchewan Health Authority and SANP, prioritizing communities that need the additional NO services.

"We support the integration of more Nurse Practitioners into primary health care teams across Saskatchewan, working alongside physicians and other health care professionals to deliver high quality care," Saskatchewan Health Authority Vice-President for Integrated Northern Health and Chief Nursing Officer Andrew McLetchie said.

"We remain committed to enhancing access to health care for all residents of the province and stabilizing services in rural and remote communities to achieve our vision to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone, every day."

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Wapella intends to adopt Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 20-2024 (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw No. 21-2024 under The Planning and Development Act, 2007.

## Intent

The proposed OCP and Zoning Bylaw will establish a policy and regulatory framework for guiding land use, economic, environmental, social, and cultural development as well as the delivery of infrastructure, services, and utilities in the Town. The purpose of the new bylaws is to comply with Provincial legislation and to ensure future development aligns with Town priorities.

## Affected Land

All land within the Town boundaries. The OCP also includes inter-municipal policies for collaborating with neighbouring municipalities and other partners in the region.

## Public Inspection

Any person may inspect the bylaws at the Town office during regular office hours Monday to Thursday from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

## Public Hearing

Council will hold a public hearing on July 16, 2024 at 5:30pm to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. Council will also consider any comments that are received in writing at the office or emailed to townofwapella@sasktel.net in advance of the hearing.

Issued in the Town of Wapella this 24th day of May, 2024.

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# Hudym, Johnston bring home provincial pickleball hardware

BY KARA KINNA

Trevor Hudym and Cathy Johnston from Rocanville are provincial pickleball champions, earning two gold medals and three silver medals at the 2024 Pickleball Saskatchewan Provincial Tournament hosted in Regina from June 7-9.

Hudym earned gold in the Men's Doubles 3.5 ages 50-59 division with his partner Terry Spilchen from Churchbridge. He also won gold in the Men's Singles 3.5 age 50+ division.

Johnston earned silver in the Women's Doubles 3.0 ages 10-59 division with her partner Hannah Nguyen-Lowe from Regina.

Both Hudym and Johnston also competed in the Mixed 3.0 ages 50-59 division together, earning silver.

With pickleball becoming an increasingly competitive sport, and with more and more people of different ages becoming involved, Hudym and Johnston are extremely proud of their provincial showing, and said it was a gruelling weekend that saw them play back-to-back games all day long, leaving them tired but victorious.

There were 312 players registered in the tournament—17 teams in mixed doubles, 13 teams in ladies doubles, six teams in men's doubles, and three teams in men's singles. Hudym played close to 30 games in three days and Johnston played close to 30 games in two days.

"I played 14 matches on Saturday and 13 matches on Sunday. It was gruelling," says Johnston.

"There were a few younger teams, and they went right down to ages 10-59. So in the end we got taken out by a 25 year old and 35 year old in the (women's doubles) final. And we are in our 50s."

"And there were some 14 year old kids there that got medals. I think the thing about pickleball is that anybody can play and it is extremely competitive. As long as you continue to win you keep playing best of threes, so multiple times we had to fight right through to the third set to



Cathy Johnston and Trevor Hudym with their provincial pickleball medals. Hudym earned gold in the Men's Doubles 3.5 ages 50-59 division. He also won gold in the Men's Singles 3.5 age 50+ division. Johnston earned silver in the Women's Doubles 3.0 ages 10-59 division. Both Hudym and Johnston also competed in the Mixed 3.0 ages 50-59 division together, earning silver.

keep going. And then you might get 15 minutes off between your game and then you are on again.

"For me, playing it feels no different than playing sports in high school. You want to take your opponent down and they want to take you down. When you get hit with the ball, they celebrate on the other side. You're playing as hard as you can."

"If a person has that drive to play, they can go right to nationals with this," adds Hudym.

"There were lots of players there. It's not just for older people and I think that's the thing—sure we might be older, but there

are a lot of younger players who compete."

"People in the city have the advantage of playing those tougher teams all the time, so for us to get in there and play those tougher teams, it takes a lot," says Johnston. "I was thrilled."

"It's phenomenal," adds Hudym.

"It took a few days just to sink in," says Johnston. "Fifteen other teams went home with nothing and I came home with a silver medal. I was disappointed when we lost in the mixed doubles final, because we had beat the team in the round robin, but it went to

three so it was very tough."

"And then in the final it was the best of three, and if they won that two out of three, it went to a game four, and they beat us there, so they were a very good team," says Hudym. "He had medals in two other divisions too. It was a very good team that we lost to and I think the competition this year was unbelievable."

"Every game you were fighting tooth and nail to get through. Even to get to the gold medal for the ladies doubles, we played one game to 15 and we sided out at 12 three times. That means that it took 12 serves before we

actually scored the point to move on, and then once we did that it kind of broke the other team and we scored the last two points but we had to fight hard," says Johnston.

Hudym has been playing pickleball for about six years, and Johnston for four years. They say the sport is exploding. Tournaments are held regularly now not just in cities but in smaller communities such as Moosomin. Those tournaments draw people from far and wide.

"It's progressing and you see a lot more young people getting into it. It's on Facebook all the time, there are tournaments now on TV, it is really taking over," says Johnston.

"I think over the last year there are a lot of other places other than the cities that are hosting tournaments," adds Hudym.

"We played a tournament in Brandon and they were coming from Weyburn, Yorkton, and Regina to play," says Johnston.

"I think because everyone can play at some level and you don't have to have the skill level to start like volleyball or tennis. You can start by just hitting the ball over the net. And then you can advance to the level you want," says Johnston.

"I like the racquet sport part of it, I like the competition, I love being able to play against my own peers. Playing against 25-year-olds is tough, but playing against my own peers, I like that."

"You can have less physical ability and still play strategically and competitively and I think that's why older people like it because if they have a few mobility issues they can still stay in it."

"I think when you get to the competitive side, there is way more strategy to it," says Hudym.

"I am sure Trevor was one of the only guys who came out of there with three medals. So in all of Saskatchewan that's pretty impressive," says Johnston.

"The exposure for us to get medals in the Rocanville area, I think it's just huge," says Hudym.

## Two Potashville performers chosen for Provincial Music Festival

The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association held their Provincial Finals on the University of Saskatchewan campus in Saskatoon from May 30 to June 2.

At the Potashville Music Festival, hosted by Esterhazy at the end of March, two of our competitors were selected by our adjudicators to compete at Provincials. Adjudicators can recommend students whose performances were exceptional and of a high enough quality to be able to compete at a provincial level against the

best musicians from around the province.

Ashalee Talbot of Esterhazy played in the Piano Sonata Class and the Canadian/Saskatchewan Piano Class, and Anthony Gritz of Churchbridge played in the Woodwind Class (Alto Saxophone).

The PMF committee along with our communities congratulate Ashalee and Anthony for representing us with fine performances, and we hope that the experience was a great motivator to them in their future musical aspirations.



Ashalee Talbot of Esterhazy.



Anthony Gritz of Churchbridge.



# Canada Day long weekend full of activities

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

With so many options of how to kick off this first long weekend of summer, we decided to feature a few places in and around Moosomin to help readers figure out which celebration best suits their needs.

Or perhaps create further confusion!

Whatever the case, and wherever you land this Canada Day long weekend, you won't be bored.

First off, the Moosomin & District Regional Park is "Waving in Canada Day" with a full slate of events on June 29 and 30. For the Entertainment Committee hosting the event, it's a shift from traditional festivities usually held over the August long weekend, and they're seeing the move as filling a gap.

"Honestly, people were always looking for something to do on Canada Day, there's been nothing going on," said Kyle Jeannot. "This year, we thought we'd give it a bit of a change and try it; try this time of year and see how it goes over with everybody."

Some of the activities featured on Saturday include a kids' sandcastle building competition, pontoon boat rides, and a kids three-on-three road hockey tournament. The Blu Beach Band will bring live entertainment in the evening, taking the stage at 8 p.m. As for Sunday's line up, there's a pair of scavenger hunts for kids and adults, a beach volleyball tournament, and even more pontoon boat rides. Odd Man Out will be the live band for the evening with Archangel Fireworks lighting up the skies at 10:30 p.m.

Jeannot says they're preparing for anywhere between 1,600 and 2,000 people to make their way through the gates of Moosomin Regional Park, and the event is a fundraiser that helps keep the recreation area beautiful.

There's about 20 volunteers onboard to ensure the event's success, and more are always welcome to join the fun.

"We're still looking for people—whether it's helping with the hockey, or the sandcastle, or the volleyball, we're still looking for people to come," Jeannot said.

After last winter's work on the Moosomin Dam, it seems as though the fish are even biting more frequently—another added bonus.

"Fishing has been great—I've heard a lot of good compliments about that," said Jeannot, confirming from personal experience after a recent outing getting the lines wet. "I don't think we caught as many fish as fast as we have during the weekend!"

## Slowpitch action in Kipling

If your adventures take you in a westerly direction, consider stopping in Kipling for the infamous Bobby Vargo Memorial Slowpitch Tournament running June 28-30. Now in its twelfth year, the tournament has become an institution in Kipling, growing to be the prime event of the summer circled on calendars near and far.

"It's turned into something that we really didn't know it would when we started," said Glen Vargo, father of the late Bobby Vargo. "It was just our family and few of Bobby's friends that got together and we had a little bit of a slowpitch tournament, and it's just kind of grown since then to be a three-day deal."

Has it ever grown.

Vargo confirmed 17 teams have signed up, which is generally about average for the event.

"We use four diamonds," he explained. "We'll start off on Friday night with four games at 6 p.m., then we'll have a couple of later games, one under the lights. On Saturday, our last game starts at 4:30 p.m., and then on Saturday evening, we have our opening ceremonies and our home run derby."



**Above:** The Blu Beach Band performing at Moosomin Regional Park. **Above right:** Slow pitch at the Bobby Vargo Tournament in Kipling. **Right:** The Elkhorn Canada Day pancake breakfast.



There's a tremendous outpouring of support for the weekend tournament with sponsorships coming from Kipling and beyond.

"The people that walk through the gate, everybody contributes," explained a grateful Vargo. "Some of these folks whose parents live here, and they moved away after graduating high school, it's a reason for them to come home every year and get together with friends and family. That's what we had hoped it would turn into—a family reunion every year."

Local groups also participate, such as the Lion's Club operating the food booth; the daycare in charge of the cabaret; and the local firefighters serving up the pancake breakfast. Money raised from those services also stays with the individual groups.

"The tournament itself, we profit from entry fees, the beer gardens, the homerun derby and calcutta," explained Vargo. We also have a silent auction as well on the Saturday and Sunday. In 11 years, we've raised about a little over \$250,000 for the community."

Funds raised from the tournament go back to maintain and improve the town's ball diamonds.

"We've had tremendous sponsorship support from basically from Redvers to Rocanville to Regina," Vargo said. "I mean, it's amazing—I can't tell you how much we do appreciate it all. It's very humbling."

With a laugh, Vargo explained how many people have grown up with the tournament as a big part of their lives.

"When we started this tournament, those were the kids that were playing in the sand pile and watching their parents play," he said. "Now, they're coming to play because they've grown up with this tournament."

## Small town charm in Elkhorn

Now should your travels take you east, meander over to the Manitoba Antique Automobile Museum in Elkhorn on July 1.

"We're really curious to see what this year will bring with it being on a Monday after at the end of the long weekend," said Tawna McLean, LUD of Elkhorn manager.

Visitor numbers tend to fluctuate each year for Canada Day activities, but a decent amount do spend the day in the centre just across the border.

"It just depends on the event," McLean said. "The pancake breakfast, some years we have 200; some years we have 300. Then we have the parade through Main Street, and then we go up to the fairgrounds and we have a barbecue there. Two years ago, we had 400 people come through the gate, so it just depends."

The pancake breakfast runs from 8 to 10:30 a.m. with the parade at noon. Over at the museum, visitors can enjoy a barbecue from 1-3 p.m. and take in kids activities, a threshing display, museum tours, and a sawmill display. Enjoy the melodies of the Old Bones Buffalo Band starting at 1:30 p.m., and be sure to take in the marshmallow roast in the evening.

"We have over 100 cars dating back to the early 1900s," McLean said when asked about some of the features at the museum. "There's also a schoolhouse and a pioneer home and restored church. There's farming equipment, tractors."

Oh, and Kliever Katering will be cooking up supper starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Elkhorn RM office with a deadline of June 26 for purchase. Capping off the festivities will be a spark show and fireworks at dusk.

Wherever you find yourself celebrating Canada's 157th birthday, don't forget to take some pictures of the fun—and plenty of sunscreen!

## Free swimming and activities at Moosomin Pool

The town of Moosomin is planning a fun day for Canada Day at the Borderland Co-op Aquaplex. The day will consist of a barbecue, free swimming, kids games and more! Watch for more details in the coming week!

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# A large crowd enjoyed Esterhazy's second annual Hazy Dayz event

Esterhazy brought in a large crowd with their second annual Hazy Dayz event that was held on June 8. The day started off with a pancake breakfast and then everyone enjoyed the day's events which included a Show n' Shine, kids' games, bouncy houses, slo pitch, face painting, food trucks, beer gardens, a local DJ, as well as live music by Route 605. There was also a community market which occurred.

Many individual groups worked together for many varied causes within the community to be supported and fundraised for. Some of the groups included the Save the Trail Campaign with the Esterhazy Super Sledgers, fundraising for the Kaposvar Church renovations, and the Free Little Pantry to be restocked with the fill-the-truck efforts.

Shayna Zubko photos



Vehicles lined up for the Esterhazy Super Sledgers 3rd Annual Car Show.



**Above left:** Mini golf sponsored by Royal Lepage Real Estate's Sarah Robleski.

**Above middle:** Fireworks that were sponsored by Esterhazy Ford.

**Above right:** The local market saw many local small businesses setting up tables for the day.

**Left:** There were several food vendors on site at the hall parking lot as well as at the ball diamonds.



Many people enjoyed slo pitch during the day.



Route 605 closed out the night at the Esterhazy Super Sledgers beer gardens.



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**SATURDAY**

10 am BALL GAMES begin

7:00-11:00am **KIPLING FIREFIGHTERS**  
(TBD where) **Pancake Breakfast**



12 noon - 3 pm  
**KID'S  
ACTIVITIES**



Bouncers, Joy-filled Face Paint-  
ing, Curbside Games, Dunk Tank,  
Sand Pile Dig, Paw Patrol  
(Chase) and Kenosee Lake Bible  
Camp Rock Climbing Wall  
courtesy of Parkland Bible  
Church.

**SUNDAY**

10 am  
BALL  
GAMES  
begin



Kipling Kid Care  
**CABARET**

with DJ Dumo  
KIPLING ARENA  
10 pm to 2 am



July 1st  
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**FIRE  
WORKS**



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