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The Borderland Co-op Aquaplex in Moosomin has been a busy place so far this summer.

Above, Zlata Volokh jumps into the pool on opening day

At left, two aerial views of students from Whitewood School enjoying the pool Wednesday morning.

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DEBORAH ANN
WILLIAMSON

With a heavy heart, we announce the passing of Deborah Ann Williamson on June 4, 2024 at the age of 69 years.

Debbie was predeceased by her beloved son Jarvis Williamson, her mother Sena Crawford, her birth father Donald Currie and her adoptive father George Crawford.

Debbie has left behind her daughter Denise (Mark) Kruppi, her grandchildren Brooklyn and Nolan Kruppi, ex-husband Gary Williamson, her sisters Darlene (Glen) Crellyn, Jona (Vernon) Palmer,

and her brother Geoffrey Crawford. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Debbie was a Saskatchewan girl, growing up in Wapella, Regina, and Rocanville...later making her home in Winnipeg.

Her friends and family always said that Debbie was strong willed and stubborn at times, but she had this enormous heart and was constantly helping people in need through her countless hours of volunteering. She had always told us that others were there for her during her life's struggles and by helping out at Foodbanks, MCC and Arts Junction, it was her way of paying it forward. Debbie also volunteered as program-coordinator for her apartment block.

During the five years that Debbie lived at Lion's Place, Deb worked tirelessly to bring entertainment and celebrations to the residents. Her new friends at Lion's Place were a blessing in all aspects of her life.

Crafting was Debbie's

saviour. Her hobbies helped to fill her days. Every one of her beautiful cross stitch pictures and unique handmade quilts were such a source of pride for her. They were perfect in every way and totally made with love.

Debbie donated many of her quilts to Manitoba CancerCare Children's Unit, with hopes that they could bring comfort to a child's struggles.

Debbie will be remembered fondly for the huge heart she shared with her friends, family and even total strangers. She will be forever missed. Till we meet again.

At Debbie's request, a private family service will be held at a later date.

Very special thanks to the staff and volunteers of Jocelyn House Hospice. Your love and compassion was second to none. We so appreciate all you did for Debbie during her end of life journey.

For those wishing to pay tribute to Debbie, donations can be made to Jocelyn House Hospice, Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Airport paving complete

Paving on Moosomin's Airport Expansion Project is complete. The finished runway is the longest runway in Saskatchewan outside of Regina and Saskatoon.

Ashley Bocek photo

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Ray Boutin (left) presents the Moose Mountain Knights of Columbus bursary to Sourabh Saini at the recent Southeast College awards ceremony. Saini is a Continuing Care Assistant who just completed his certificate program in Whitewood.



Nelda Lumabi spoke to the graduates, dignitaries and guests at the Southeast College graduation and awards ceremony recently. Lumabi received her Continuing Care Assistant Certification.

Southeast College Graduation and Awards Ceremony held in Whitewood

BY DONNA BEUTLER

June 6, 2024 was a big day for graduates of the Adult 12, the Continuing Care Assistant (CCA), the Early Childhood Education and the Electrician Applied Certificate programs of the Southeast College.

The Legion Hall in Whitewood was full as college VIPs, guests, graduates and speakers gathered to mark the occasion and to celebrate the milestones of the many students who have been studying hard this past year to obtain their certificates and awards.

Barry Sparvier led the dignitaries and graduates into the auditorium and to their respective seats at the start of the program as the Ochapowace singers/drummers played and sang. Audrey Isaac thanked the college for including Ochapowace Nation from which many of the students are from, saying how important it is to see them succeed. She closed with a prayer asking the Creator to surround the graduates with His grace and that they would put the knowledge they have gained from their education to the good of all humankind.

Also speaking to the crowd gathered that day was Warren Kaeding, MLA for Melville-Saltcoats. He told graduates that Saskatchewan offers many opportunities for them to work here in the province and acknowledged the work of the college faculty and staff.

"Saskatchewan is the best place to study, live and raise a family," Kaeding went on to say. "Graduates, your dedication has brought you to this milestone. I wish you all the best. With your skills and determination, you will make your mark."

Southeast College CEO Dr. Vicky Roy then spoke about how the college is making education more accessible. As she is completing two years with the college, she said the communities and the Indigenous people of southeast Saskatchewan will stay in her heart as she moves back to her home province of Quebec.

"You are courageous and resilient," Dr. Roy said, adding that "the sky is the limit."



Barry Sparvier of Ochapowace First Nation leads dignitaries and graduates into the auditorium during the Southeast College's graduation and awards ceremonies in Whitewood on June 6.

Don't be afraid—take the challenge."

"Don't forget about your roots," Roy went on to say. "Take care of each other. Take care of your community. Treat people right." She closed by telling the graduates that when they face challenges, to focus on solutions. "Congratulations Southeast College graduates of 2024."

Southeast College's Sheena Onrait also spoke to the graduates, saying that acting with honesty and integrity are crucial as students navigate their personal and work life.

"Stay curious, be open to lifelong learning, lead with integrity," Onrait told them.

"Value your community and you will make a positive, lasting impact."

Graduating from the Adult 12 class were Vadym Barnas, Cole Behr, Lesi Cordoza Hernandez, Kaleeha Cappel-ironstar, Jade Dustyhorn, Honey Kequahtoway, Harvey Jr. Littlechief, Tyra Lonechild, Trevor Obey, Amber Pelletier, Raymond Pewean, Brianna Redwood, Kelly Reid, Devon Restau, Wilny Salteaux, Jasmine Standing Ready, Chelsea St. Germain, Trentin Watetch and Teneka Yanyu.

The valedictorian for the Adult 12 class was Kaleeha Cappel-ironstar who told the audience that she and her fellow

classmates made the choice to chase their dreams.

"Thanks for your support," she said as she gave her address. "Let us carry the lessons we have learned. Our journey does not end here. It is only the beginning." In closing she said, "Go forth with confidence," and then thanked their families and the college staff.

Continuing Care Assistant graduates included Lorenzo Cruz, Sharmain Hottain, Manvir Kaur, Sandeep Kaur, Nelda Lumabi, Anniela McLean, John Monterey, Sourabh Saini and Noemi Sun.

CCA valedictorian Nelda Lumabi spoke about the great experience she and her peers had had and that no matter how old one may be, learning never stops.

Graduating with their Early Childhood Education certificate were Kyla Aisaican, Shayna Hordos, Delilah Littlechief, Teal Littlechief, Sheena McArthur, Kimberly Williamson and Augustine Tokohopie.

Receiving their Electrician Applied Certificate were Vadym Barnas, William Gill, Marvex Martinex, Michael Rambold and Thomas Scharff.

Scholarship and Bursary award recipients were: Sandeep Kaur and Sourabh Saini who both received the Moose Mountain Knights of Columbus Bursary; Marvex Martinex and Michael Rambold who received the Moosomin Pharmasave Scholarship; Vadym Barnas and Cadence Pewapisconias with the Southeast College Post-Secondary Saskatchewan Opportunity Scholarship; Michael Rambold with the Steel Reef - Enhancing the Energy Community Bursary; Marvex Martinex with the Town of Moosomin Bursary; Sandeep Kaur and Sourabh Saini with the Town of Whitewood Scholarship, and Vadym Barnas with the Vermillion Energy Bursary.

Student Recognition Awards were given to: (Board of Governors) Vadym Barnas, Amber Pelletier and Noemi Sun; (Community Contributions) Lorenzo Cruz and Lesi Cordoza Hernandez; (Presidents Award) Nelda Lumabi.



Southeast College CEO Vicky Roy presents Amber Pelletier with her Adult 12 Education Certificate at the June 6 graduation program in Whitewood.



Dr. Vicky Roy, CEO of Southeast College (left) presents Kaleeha Cappel-ironstar with her Grade 12 Adult Education Certificate. Ironstar was the Valedictorian of her class.



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Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

Rocanville Summer Program

Are you looking for something for your kids to do this summer? Look no further than our Summer Program. Open for registrations now! Program details below.

Dates: July and August
(Monday-Thursday)

Age Group: Children ages 5-12

Location: Rocanville Recreation Centre

Our dedicated and creative Summer Program staff have planned a lineup of exciting activities that your kids will love. From arts and crafts to outdoor games and sports, there is something for everyone.

For more information or to request a registration package, please contact the Recreation Office at rocانville.rec@sasktel.net

Rocanville Town and Country Golf Course

Rocanville Town and Country Golf Club has an exciting lineup of tournaments and events for golf enthusiasts. Here are the key dates to mark on your calendars:

- Youth Golf Lessons – July 10 for ages 10+ (all skill levels welcome) \$20 per golfer.

- Glow Golf – Enjoy and evening of glow golf on July 27

- Ladies Tournament – Ladies, get ready for some friendly competition on August 24.

- Clubhouse Fundraiser – Join us for a great cause on August 31.

In addition to these tournaments, there are regular themed nights at the golf course:

- Men's Night – Every Monday evening.

- Ladies Night – Every Thursday evening.

- Couples' Night – The second Friday of each month.

For more details and to participate, feel free to reach out to the clubhouse at 306-645-2640.

Rocanville Rec Centre

The Rocanville Recreation Centre is buzzing with activities for all ages. Here's

what you can look forward to:

Pickle Ball

Join in the fun of Pickleball every Tuesday evening from 7-9 pm. It's a great way to stay active and enjoy some friendly competition.

Rental Opportunities

Looking for a venue for birthdays, reunions, Christmas parties, or other events? The Rocanville Rec Centre is available for rent. Contact 306-645-2164 or email rocانville.rec@sasktel.net to book your event and make lasting memories.

Rocanville Minor Ball

Home games schedule

June 17 U9B versus Langenburg

Rocanville Library

The Rocanville Library provides convenient access to the library's resources, including books, and digital materials.

Open Hours:

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

Thursday: 1:30–5:30 pm

Friday: 1:30–5:30 pm

Programming Highlights:

• Cubelets Makerspace Kit – Month of June

• Canada Day Take 'n' Make – Month of June (while supplies last)

• Kids Crafternoon: Bring your kiddos out for an afternoon of crafting at the library on June 26 at 2-4 pm.

• Stitch 'n' chat Night: Come out for an evening of knitting, crocheting, drawing, embroidery, or any project you would like to work on. June 20 at 7 pm.

Rocanville Community Centre

Formerly the Senior Centre

219 Ellice Street, Rocanville

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

Coffee – Rise and shine. Start your day right with a cup of coffee and friendly conversations at the Rise and Shine coffee mornings, held Monday to Friday from 8-9:30 am.

Cards

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

Rental Opportunity

The Rocanville Community Centre also offers its space for rentals at affordable rates:

4-hour rental or less \$50, daily rental \$100

For bookings contact:

Mel Strong at 306-645-4412 or text 306-434-5511

Nora Ferguson at 306-645-2617 or text 306-434-7580

Whether you're looking for a morning coffee, an afternoon of cards, a shared meal, or a venue for your event, the Rocanville Community Centre is a welcoming place for all ages to connect and enjoy.

Rocanville Community Thrift Store

The Rocanville Community Thrift Store is run by a group of local volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time at the Thrift Store please, contact Marilyn at 306-645-4553. The Thrift Store is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 1-4

pm and Thursdays 6-8 pm

Rocanville Food Share

Please keep in mind the needs of those less fortunate and give them to your local Food Bank. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted. Cheques made payable to the Town of Rocanville and can be mailed to Box 265, Rocanville, SK S0A 3L0. An income tax receipt can be provided for donations of \$20 or more.

If you know anyone in the area in need of food, please contact: Pastor Paul Bunz 434-5375; Roseanne Kelly 306-434-9484; Faith Buchanan; Jean Howie; Barbara Wilkins; Jane Fahlman.

Community Calendar

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Full Page—\$80

Businesses and Churches will be charged for ads in the Community Calendar. Rec and culture groups will be charged for ads that intend to make money.

No charge for thank you ads, sizing will be at the discretion of the Rec Office.

A new edition of the Rocanville Community Calendar is printed each month. If you wish to advertise in the Community Calendar, please contact the Rec office at 645-2164 or email your ad to rocانville.rec@sasktel.net

Spy Hill News

Linda Gander

306-534-2021

The Spy Hill United Church had their last service on June 9 until fall, giving everyone a good break for summer.

In Esterhazy the Golden Jets held their wind-up party before summer holidays begin on Monday, June 5. Charlotte Nedley and her two friends entertained everyone with some good old songs from a few years back. Charlotte is a very talented lady and makes a fine job of playing the bass guitar. It reminds me of my mom playing her Fender Bass in our dance band many moons ago. The music started at 2 o'clock and shut down at 4 o'clock. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs, watermelon and ice cream about halfway through the music program. It was a most enjoyable afternoon for all who attended. The Jets will get back to their usual cards and pool

starting up in September. They even plan to have some dances in their centre, so this will be something to look forward to.

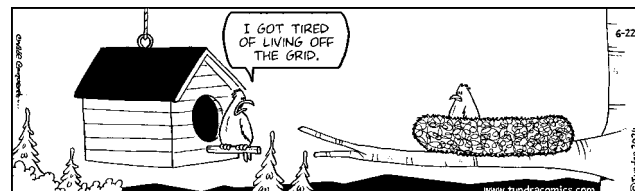
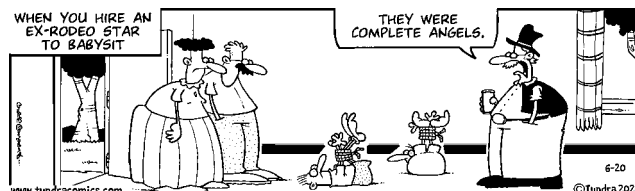
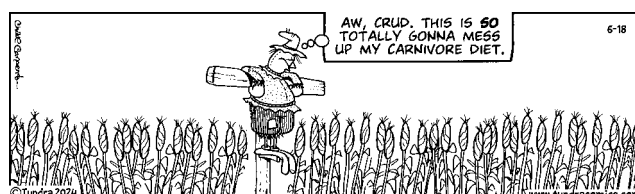
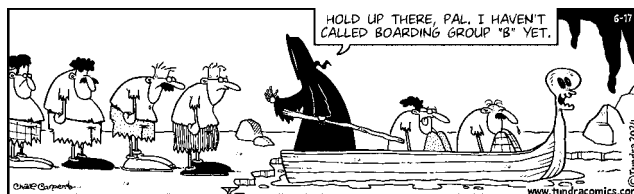
Our quilting group will quilt until the end of June on Thursdays in the basement of the Golden Jets and will then take a two month break. We will start up again in September.

I am really glad that I got my maple trees all trimmed up by Charlie Fafard of Rocanville at the end of May—he did a terrific job and I hate to think of what my yard would look like if this job had not been done, due to all those fierce winds we have had to endure. Every day you hope that the wind will let up just a little bit, but to no avail. It just keeps on blowing everything to bits.

The World-Spectator's deadline is Noon Thursdays

Tundra

Chad Carpenter



Alouettes show 2023 Grey Cup win was no fluke

The Canadian Football League started June 6 with a rematch of last year's Grey Cup Game — the Blue Bombers were whipped 27-12 by Montreal — and will end with a halftime performance by the Jonas Brothers at the Grey Cup Game Nov. 17 in Vancouver, but what might hit the headlines in the meantime?

Here's what to watch for, team by team:

Montreal Alouettes — The defending Grey Cup champs had a memorable season in 2023, bumping along with a 6-7 record in mid-September and then going undefeated the rest of the way, beating Winnipeg 28-24 to win the Grey Cup. Nice start to 2024, too.

Toronto Argonauts — Can the Argos find another rookie like their star from last year, Qwan'tez Stiggers? He was rookie of the year in the CFL last year and now finds himself on the roster of the New York Jets. Meanwhile, last year's most outstanding player in the CFL, QB Chad Kelly, will miss the first nine games due to a suspension for violating the team's gender-based violence policy.

Ottawa Redblacks — He may not be the most outstanding player, but kick returner DeVonte Dedmon might be the most exciting. After missing most of 2023, the 2021 winner of the most outstanding special teams player is healthy and he showed his stuff in a pre-season game against Hamilton, returning a punt 91 yards for a TD.

Hamilton Tiger-Cats — First-year coach Scott Milanovich is hoping for a full, injury-free season from quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell. The former Calgary QB broke his leg in Week 8 and finished his first year with the Ti-Cats with only six starts. Milanovich, meanwhile, says the CFL "is a very unique family-type atmosphere, close-knit and for me it's just a lot of fun."

Winnipeg Blue Bombers — If running back Brady Oliveira and quarterback Zach Collaros can repeat their 2023 performances, the Bombers just may get back to the Grey Cup game for the fifth straight year. Collaros passed



Bruce Penton

for a career-high 4,252 yards last season.

Saskatchewan Roughriders — New coach Cory Mace, who takes over from Craig Dickenson, needs veteran quarterback Trevor Harris to provide stability on offence. Saskatchewan missed the playoffs last year, scoring only 387 points, second-last in the league.

Edmonton Elks — After 22 consecutive home-field losses, the Elks won twice at Commonwealth Stadium last year, and coach Chris Jones is looking for more this year. Last place in 2023, and no playoff appearances since 2019, the Elks are looking to McLeod Bethel-Thompson, who guided the Argos to a Grey Cup in 2022, to lead the way.

Calgary Stampeders — Quarterback Jake Maier will try to lift the Stampeders, 6-12 last year and barely in the playoffs, back into post-season play. Maier's Stamps were last in the league in touchdowns last year with 36.

B.C. Lions — Can the Grey Cup hosts be playing in front of their home crowd on Nov. 17? Quite possibly. The Lions are strong at quarterback, with Vernon Adams calling the shots, and are expected to battle it out with Winnipeg for top spot in the west.

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "According to a recent survey, most fans in D.C. and Northern Virginia 'dislike or hate' the Commanders' name. Not what you'd call an eye-popping revelation. Fans will like

it better when they start winning."

• Former Toronto Argonaut and now a New York Jet, cornerback Qwan'tez Stiggers, on his grooming: "I made a promise to myself: I'm not getting a haircut till I win the Super Bowl. If I got to be a caveman, I'll be a caveman."

• Veteran U.S. college football coach Lou Holtz: "Coaching is nothing more than eliminating mistakes before you get fired."

• Headline at Canada's satirical website, The Beaver-ton.com: "Oilers plan to damage Florida Panthers' morale by forcing them to visit Edmonton"

• Another one from the Beaverton.com: "Teams in states with no income tax have an unfair advantage," says adorable rube who thinks NHL players pay tax like normal people."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "After Game one of NBA finals, there's a break for 48 hours until game two. Game seven, if necessary, is June 23. If Major League Baseball spread out its playoffs like the NBA did, World Series Game 7 could be Christmas Eve."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Winnipeg Blue Bombers head coach Mike O'Shea said he is not overly concerned about his team's offence, defence or special teams. Possibly because he hasn't seen any of them yet."

• RJ Currie again, still picking on the poor Leafs: "On July 20th, 1969, the first humans walked on the moon. How long ago was that? It was so long ago, the Leafs current Stanley Cup drought was only two years old."

• Headline at fark.com: "Jake Paul's suicide via Iron Mike Tyson has been pushed back to Nov. 15."

• Another fark.com headline: "U.S. beat Pakistan in surprise upset, exciting the fan of U.S. cricket."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Redvers firetruck fundraising continues

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
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In order to retain their offensive firefighting status and align with minimum standards set down by the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency, the Redvers Volunteer Fire Department quickly identified the need for a new truck. Under the guidelines, trucks must be under the 20 years of age and the Redvers department has one that is close to aging out.

The standards placed by the SPSA may seem strict, but the impetus is not to punish volunteer fire departments, rather help them thrive, providing an atmosphere to do their critical work more safely.

"They're there to assist you and help you move forward as well," said Redvers Fire Chief Brad Hutton. "They want to do what's in the best interest for all the residents, users of the highways, and obviously fire protection as

well to make sure everybody's safe."

Municipal officials and local fire departments collectively determine which of the three service levels—defensive, offensive, and full operations—would be appropriate for their community, with Redvers aiming for the offensive level.

From a position paper written four years ago submitted to the SPSA by both the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs and the Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, both group "strongly advocated" for a provincial service level. The resulting Minimum Standards Guide focusses on basic firefighting skills with future additions likely to include vehicle extrication standards and community fire prevention and mitigation activities.

Saskatchewan isn't alone in having such standards, Manitoba, Alberta, BC, the Yukon and Ontario all have a minimum stan-

dards program, with our provincial framework using parts of the Manitoba and BC programs already in place.

"Thankfully, our fire chief and deputy chiefs have been really good at maintaining those higher standards," said Town of Redvers CAO Tricia Pickard in a recent conversation. "We've always been a bit above so we're not scrambling right now, whereas some of the other departments are going to be scrambling a little bit."

Maintaining a safe fire department is a costly venture as turnout gear for one firefighter can easily run \$3,000.

"That's your jackets and pants, so \$3,000 for that, plus probably another \$1,200 to \$1,500 for helmet and boots to go with it," Hutton explained. "Each person is about \$4,500 to \$5,000 to be dressed."

Another essential item is breathing apparatus, which if bought in bulk,

can be obtained for \$12,000 each.

"Your requirements are you need minimum eight to 12 of them," Hutton said.

Circling back to the prompt for a new fire truck, 2025 marks the year when the current truck will be deemed too old.

"Redvers is determined to keep our current service level," said an information sheet put out by the Town of Redvers. "Therefore, we require a new(er) fire truck. Ideally, this truck should not be older than 10 years, as to give us time to budget for the future."

Conversely, a new truck would give a full two decades of service.

Fire trucks are not cheap, with used units ranging between \$400,000 and \$600,000; and a brand new truck easily hitting the million-dollar mark, hence the need to raise funds—and fast!

The Redvers Volunteer Fire Department is jointly

funded by the Town of Redvers and RM of Antler, with both municipalities diligently budgeting, saving, and applying for grants in order to afford a new truck. To date, generous donations from Enbridge (\$7,500) and the Redvers Wildlife Federation (\$8,000) have been received, plus the fire department has brought in \$32,000 in fundraising. Unfortunately, federal or provincial funding programs for rural fire departments do not exist currently, making those fundraising efforts even more difficult.

One creative fundraiser is this weekend's Lobsterfest, which will see proceeds devoted to the new truck campaign.

"We've got 230 tickets sold for it," Hutton said. "It's basically a Maritime meal, so it's a five-course, sit-down meal, and it's all served by the firefighters ourselves."

Held every second year, this will be the third time

Redvers has hosted Lobsterfest, and Hutton noted the excitement of the big event in town.

"We're looking forward to it," he said. "It's gonna be exciting."

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Wawota News

Myrna Olson

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Happy anniversary to Doug and Anita Cudmore for their 60th anniversary on June 6.

I missed welcoming the Whitebear family to Wawota. Melissa and her children, Katie, Allister and Alexandre are living at 109 Main St. Melissa's husband Derek is still in Abbotsford, B.C. where he does roofing. He is hoping to move here and find work in that field.

Happy birthday to Elgin Pryce whose 91st birthday was on June 9.

Visiting with the Baldocks and attending Micah's Grade 12 graduation was Lori's dad, Ken Buhler from Winnipeg.

Visiting with Lawrence and Helen Dezell were former neighbors from Beechy and a great aunt from Ontario. They also attended Kaylee Mudrevich's graduation. Other family members at the graduation were a sister from Ontario, Nolan's parents Bill and Lorraine Mudre-

wich and some of Nolan's siblings and their families and Kate's sister, Michelle all from Saskatoon.

Kaylee Mudrevich participated in the Provincial Track Meet last week. She took part in the Quadrathlon which includes four events, 100 metre, shotput, long jump and the 800 metre. They were given points on their distance and their time. After the shotput and the 100 metre, Kaylee was in first place, after the long jump she was in second place and after the 800 metre she was in fourth place. She just missed out on the medals but was a great role model for Wawota Parkland High School!

The residents of Wawota were happy to see that Korner Kones re-opened on June 6. Minor Ball Day was on Saturday, June 8 and on Sunday, June 9. The Elephant Ears food vendor visited here on Sunday. They were open for the afternoon in the Town Hall parking lot.

St. Lazare News

Robin Tremblay

306-683-2464

On Thursday, June 6, Marguerite Bagley and Lorraine Tremblay went on a trip, right up the south hill to meet two very interesting people at the crossing to Ste. Marie and/or the Polish mine. There they met Ray and Barb Pettinger from Shoal Lake who have been looking after the bluebird boxes along "the Bluebird Trail" for 30 years. It was a great morning although the weather wasn't so great, and they learned all about the bluebirds that are right here in our back yard. They would like to share their experience with other friends interested in another of Mother Nature's friends.

Congratulations to the grads of Ecole St. Lazare, Christian Simard and Isaiah Simard. Wishing you both a bright future.

Congratulations to Tony Nicolosi who graduated from U of M with a degree in Agribusiness. Mayk and Karen travelled to Winnipeg to attend the ceremony.

The World-Spectator's
deadline is noon Thursdays



BY S/SGT. DALLYN HOLMSTROM

Broadview RCMP Report

40 traffic tickets

There were 40 traffic tickets in the Broadview Detachment area in the past two weeks. First place award went to a male driving a Hyundai Elantra on Highway 1 near Broadview. The male was travelling 102 km/hr in a 60 km/hr area while passing an emergency vehicle which resulted in the male being fine \$708. The second-place speeder went to a male driving a Chevrolet Cruze on Highway 1 near Broadview. The male was travelling 150 km/hr in a 110 km/hr zone, which resulted in a \$570 fine.

Bottle of vodka in hand

On June 1, RCMP were called to an impaired driver that was swerving all over the road on Highway 201 near Broadview. RCMP located the vehicle with the driver still holding a bottle of vodka while driving. The driver was arrested and provided samples of his breath to confirm he was impaired over three times the legal limit. The male spent the night at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast until he was sober.

Female resists arrest

On June 1, RCMP were called to a disturbance on Cowessess First Nations. The female resisted arrest and assaulted RCMP by kicking and punching them. The female was subdued and spent the night in the RCMP bed and Breakfast.

Suspicious bone near fire pit

On June 1, RCMP were contacted by a concerned female on Cowessess First Nations. The female located a suspicious bone in her front yard where she had been digging a fire pit. She was concerned the bone might be human. RCMP seized the bone and contacted a specialized doctor that advised the bone was from a lower hind limb of a large herbivorous mammal.

Highly intoxicated female

On June 1, RCMP were called to an assault on Ochapowace First Nations. The female was highly intoxicated and assaulting another female in the residence. The intoxicated female was able to be held down until police arrived on scene. Police placed the intoxicated female under arrest and transported her to the RCMP Bed and Breakfast until she was sober.



Theft of gas and stolen vehicle

On June 3, RCMP were called to a theft of \$60 of fuel from Whitewood Co-op. The suspects were in a purple Hyundai Tucson that was also determined to be stolen. Due to surveillance video from the Whitewood Co-op these two thieves were able to be identified and charged accordingly.

Truck ran through stop sign

On June 3, RCMP were called to a two-vehicle collision that took place on Highway 201 on Kahkewistahaw First Nation. The collision took place when a Ford F-150 ran through a stop sign and struck a Kia Sportage causing it to roll. Several occupants were transported to hospital due to injuries sustained. The driver of the F-150 was charged accordingly.

Hit over the head with a bottle

On June 3, RCMP were dispatched to a residence in Broadview where a female was hit over the head with a bottle causing a significant cut. RCMP attended and spoke with the victim who was being treated by EMS. The adult female suspect will be charged with assault with a

weapon.

Female refusing to leave

On June 4, RCMP attended a disturbance in Broadview where a female was banging on a door and refusing to leave. RCMP attended the residence but the female had already left the area. The caller did not want to proceed with charges against the female.



Female drives into front of Broadview Co-op Gas Station

On June 5, RCMP were dispatched to a collision that took place at the Broadview Co-op Gas Station. The collision took place when a female driving a Nissan Murano drove into the front of the store. The female was not impaired at the time of the collision. The female driver advised that she accidentally hit the gas pedal in her vehicle instead of the brake pedal.

Drunk male placed in 'time out'

On June 5, RCMP were called to a residence on Cowessess First Nations where a male was intoxicated and trying to fight people at the residence. RCMP attended and placed the intoxicated male under arrest. The male tried to fight police and threatened to kill them. The male was subdued and placed in "time out" at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast to think about his actions.



Smashed windows with wrench

On June 7, RCMP were called to a residence on Ochapowace First Nations where a female had smashed the windows out of a residence by throwing a wrench through the windows. The female was arrested and lodged at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast.

Male stole split firewood

On June 7, RCMP were called to the Grenfell Beach RV

Park where a male from Grenfell stole a large amount of split firewood. The male was followed back to his residence in Grenfell by an employee. The suspect male then confronted the employee and became angry. The male has now been charged with theft.

Male arrested for impaired driving

On June 11, RCMP were called to a disturbance on Kahkewistahaw First Nations. Prior to members arriving, an intoxicated male left the residence in a Chevrolet Malibu car. RCMP located the intoxicated male and placed him under arrest for impaired driving. The vehicle was impounded and the male spent some time at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast.

Scam of the week

Debt Settlement Services

Oftentimes, debt settlement companies promise to get you out of debt quickly and to reduce your payments to a fraction of what they originally were. You should be cautious of debt settlement companies that tell you to stop paying your creditors and ask you to pay up-front fees in addition to monthly payments.

In this scenario, once you have paid the debt settlement company enough money, they will present this as a lump sum settlement to your creditors. However, if you stop paying your creditors because you're instead paying a debt settlement company that hasn't negotiated with your creditors, your credit rating could be damaged as you miss more and more payments. It may take several months before your creditors ever receive a payment, possibly sending your account to collections. There are no miracle solutions to get out of debt.

It's okay not to be okay!

I want to ensure that if someone needs help the Suicide Prevention line is always available in the paper for them. We want to encourage everyone to reach out for help and talk to someone if they can. No matter how bad things may seem, remember that they can always get better. Life can be very difficult to say the least. Please reach out and check in with friends, co-workers, and family to see how they are doing. It's a perfectly normal question to ask people how they are doing. Don't let people suffer in silence. If you see someone that you believe needs some help but won't accept help from you, please let the police or their family know. In Saskatchewan you can call/text the mental health crisis line at 9-8-8, or call Counselling Connect Saskatchewan at 1-306-384-9333.

Police joke

A woman gets pulled over for speeding...

Woman: Is there a problem officer?

Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding.

Woman: Oh, I see.

Officer: Can I see your license please?

Woman: I don't have one.

Officer: Don't have one?

Woman: Yes I lost it for drinking and driving.

Officer: That's not good, can I see your vehicle registration?

Woman: I can't show you that because I stole this vehicle.

Officer: Stole it?

Woman: Yes, and I killed the owner and put him in the trunk.

The officer looked at the woman and slowly backed up to his car and called for back-up. When the back-up officer arrived he slowly approached the woman's car.

Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your car please!

Woman: Is there a problem sir?

Officer 2: My partner told me you have stolen this car and murdered the owner.

Owner: Murdered the owner?

Officer 2: Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car. The woman opens the trunk revealing nothing but an empty trunk.

Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?

Woman: Yes, here are the registration papers. The officer is quite stunned.

Officer: My partner told me you do not have a driver's license.

The woman reaches into the purse and pulls out her driver's license and hands it to the officer.

Officer 2: Thank you ma'am, I'm sorry my partner had told me that you didn't have a license, you stole this car and had murdered the owner.

Woman: I bet that liar told you I was speeding too.

Have a great week and stay safe!

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The Fairmede 4-H Achievement Day was held on Saturday, June 8. The beef club currently has 17 members from 8 different communities, including Fairlight, Moosomin, Percival, Rocanville, Wapella, Wawota, and Virden, MB.

Sunnette Kamffer Photos

FAIRMEDE 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY 2024



Above from left to right: The Pee-Wee group with Jed Hall and his steer Ferdinand, Adeline Laroche and her steer Jack, and McKenna Jamieson with her heifer Star.



Above left: Colt Hall holding on to the steer.
Above middle: Nate Greenbank entering the ring.
Above right: Luke Greenbank scratching his heifer's belly.
Right: Layne Knutson waiting to be judged.
Below right: Rory Greenbank walking proud beside her steer.
Below: Sawyer McTavish with his heifer Jem.
Below left: Colt Hall making sure his steer is standing up straight.
Left: Erica Adamson entering the ring ready to be judged.



Esterhazy Town Council Town denies second cannabis store

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A discretionary use application to open a second cannabis retailer in Esterhazy was the centre of much discussion during the regular meeting of Town Council on June 12.

Moments prior to council's regular sitting, a public meeting occurred regarding the discretionary use of the proposed second Main Street cannabis outlet, garnering two members of the public. Incidentally, they remained silent during the meeting.

"We gave them the option to speak, but they didn't want to speak," said Mayor Grant Forster. "They had a letter that they had sent in, and that was it. I think they were just there to find out what the decision was going to be, and then they left before we even made the decision."

Councillor Randy Bot noted he has heard concerns from residents, and must respect all opinions.

"We're not against marijuana use at all, but I feel like it gives off a vibe that we don't want it here on our main street," he said.

The location in question is 507 Main Street, currently home to Ramn's Heavenly Vapes and Lawless Ink. The proposal for the discretionary use came to town staff just after the May 22 council meeting, catching some off guard.

"Honestly, the first that I heard of it was when it showed up at my Council," Forster told the World-Spectator, adding that the information received was in the council package prior to the June 12 meeting.

"I don't want us to be known as the council that's not business-friendly," Forster remarked during the meeting. "As Councillor Bot said, if we've got residents that are speaking out against it, we need to be wary of who we are."

Public pressure and the fact that council didn't want to see Main Street lined with cannabis retailers were noted as factors in the decision.

"Had his building been in a different part of town, it may have been approved," noted Forster.

Previous requests from the applicant were lacking the necessary regulatory paperwork, but this application met those requirements, only local approval from council stood as the final factor.

Bot made the motion to deny the request, which was carried unanimously.

Thieves steal golf course camera

An exasperated Councillor Maggie Rowland informed council of the latest breach of security at the golf course. This time, the thieves were thwarted in their attempt to steal fuel, but another item of value was removed unwillingly.

"We got hit again at the golf course, and they stole our camera—our expensive camera," she told council. "And they tried to get into the gas tank, but we had it pretty securely sealed so they didn't get into it. But we're sure they'll be back because now we have no camera."

The maintenance shed where the fuel tanks are housed have been targeted before, but with subsequent fortifications, the effort is now almost impossible. Rowland described how the culprits would have needed a ladder in order to reach the camera placed inside a birdhouse. The tiny structure was discovered to have its roof removed in addition to the contents.

"I don't know what we can do," said Rowland. "We've done everything that the cops have told us to do."

Ball park questioned

An information item intended to discuss Regional Park funding turned into a somewhat heated discussion on operations—primarily the ball park.

"Last year, we were told you were going to put the money into the ball diamonds and there was nothing done last year," said Councillor Vernon Petracek, pointing to fixing the fence as an example.

Rowland, a member of the Regional Park committee, was quick to defend the accusation.

"We are fixing the fence, we just haven't done it yet," she replied, adding that financial statements are provided. "You can see where we spend the money. It's not like we're putting it in our pockets!"

The Regional Park receives an annual grant with funds unrestricted in order to assist with operations, to be devoted toward whatever needs the board sees as a priority.

Petracek stressed that he'd prefer to see more money invested in the ball diamonds, comparing those in Stockholm as being in superior shape.

"The only thing wrong with the ballpark is the fence, and we are working on it," Rowland said. "We are trying."

Rowland also noted that the \$40,000 that the Regional Park received goes toward paying staff and for upgrades, adding that the golf course is self-sufficient.

A lengthy back-and-forth discussion ensued, before Forster continued with the regular agenda.

"We got to keep in mind if it gets to the point where the Regional Park can't handle the ballpark, it's going to have to come back to us to manage," he said. "We need to figure out some way to make this work."

Reflecting on the conversation after the meeting, Forster noted the importance of volunteer work at the park.

"It turned out to be a pretty vocal discussion on the Regional Park and how they operate," he said. "It's all essentially volunteer work."



Extensive work on Highway 8

Extensive work was taking place on Highway 8 between Moosomin and Rocanville last week. Large portions of the highway were being patched and repaired. Highway 8 was named the worst highway in Saskatchewan because of the potholes in CAA's Worst Roads contest. The Ministry of Highways is planning to perform ongoing maintenance to that segment of Highway 8 until a reconstruction project occurs. Design work for the reconstruction of that segment of highway is currently underway.



Kids whose families stay at the regional park planted flowers of their own at the newly added flower gardens, and will be responsible for taking care of them throughout summer to help contribute to the park's beautification.

Plans coming together for Communities in Bloom this summer in Moosomin

BY ASHLEY BOCHKE

Last year, the Town of Moosomin, Moosomin Regional Park and Pipestone Hills Golf Club came in first place in the province and received four blooms in Communities in Bloom, and will be hosting two judges for the competition again this year.

This year's goal is to reach five blooms to go on to compete nationally.

Jasmine Davidson, the organizer of Communities in Bloom in Moosomin, says the committee is excited and have many ideas to get the community involved this year.

Davidson says there are two judges touring Moosomin this July, and one of them a returning judge from last year.

"Kathy Joyner and Cheryl Harmsworth will be judging Moosomin this year. Kathy toured Moosomin last summer too. We don't know yet when they will be coming to Moo-

somin, but we will be in contact with them soon because we will need to pick a date together.

"Last year they visited Moosomin in the middle of July," Davidson explains there are six categories Moosomin will be judged on by Communities in Bloom officials.

"The whole community is important for the judges to see. There are six categories they will be judging on such as community appearance, landscape, plant and floral displays, heritage conservation, and environmental action."

Judges commented last year on the few signs around town, Davidson says they're taking those comments into consideration for this year.

"The signage was huge. That was the biggest thing they had mentioned last year. We have been working on it and trying to make sure we put some up around town."

Davidson says she will be in contact with the judges. "Hopefully the judges will be here for two days again. We do still have to discuss that with them, but it worked great last year so hopefully we can do that again with them."

"It will be a similar tour as last year for the judges just with a few new spots at local businesses."

Davidson says they hope to see everyone get into the spirit and freshen up their properties to make a good impression on the judges.

"We would love to see the community present their yards and businesses as clean and appealing as possible. We'd love to see everyone be involved in community events and showing their support," she said.

She says they could always use more volunteers to help with this event.

"Volunteers are always welcome. It is a lot of work organizing and prepping, so we can always find them something to do to help."

Davidson says the community clean-up was a great start to getting the town ready for Communities in Bloom.

"I think the community clean-up made a difference. Anything helps and it was good to see everyone around helping in the community."

Davidson is giving out sunflower seeds to businesses to participate in a sunflower growing contest.

"There are quite a few businesses involved in our sunflower growing contest. I think there will be some more, but we have a good start."

"Anyone can pick seeds up from the Town Office to participate."

She says the most important thing to make this event a success is community engagement.

"The absolutely most important thing anyone can do in Moosomin for Communities in Bloom is appreciate the community and take pride in helping make it beautiful for the judges and for all of us to live in a clean community."



Communities in Bloom judges look over Cenotaph Park last year.

VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State of parking lot at Esterhazy Care Home

Dear Editor:
I don't know if anyone else has noticed the shape that the parking lot is in at the Esterhazy Care Home. It is so hard to find a decent place to park as one does run the risk of knocking out the bottom of your vehicle when

you drive in there. About the only place that does not have a lot of broken pavement is where the ambulance parks and even it is not that wonderful for someone who is handicapped.

The residents dare not to go off of the sidewalk, because they just might tumble right out onto the ground.

It is such a shame, because whoever looks after the flowers and the grass does a terrific job and it looks very

pretty. But then there is the parking lot! I have no idea who fixes the holes, but it sure would be great if some of them were filled in. I only have a small Ranger Truck and I really do not want to lose it in one of those holes!

Linda Gander
Spy Hill



Moosomin RCMP Report

BY SGT. DAMIEN GROUCHY

Do not drive impaired

Yes, I share this info numerous times, but some people just don't get it!!!

Cannabis-impaired driving

- Cannabis is now legal to use, but it's not legal or safe for anyone on the road to drive while impaired by it.

- Did you know more Saskatchewan RCMP officers than ever have access to roadside oral fluid devices? These small, handheld machines can tell officers in as little as four minutes whether a driver has smoked, vaped or ingested cannabis recently.

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

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

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

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

Distracted driving

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

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

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

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

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

Impaired driving

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

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

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

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

Collision with deer on highway

On June 7, members were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision involving a deer on Highway 605. The driver sustained minor injuries but did not require medical attention. The deer on the other hand did not make it.

Fraud on Facebook

On June 8, members received a report of fraud. The victim replied to a Facebook post and during their conversations e-transferred a small sum of money to the seller. Once the money was sent the communication stopped and the seller removed their post. Members are still looking into the matter.

Erratic driving on Highway 709

On June 8, members received an erratic driving complaint on the Highway 709. Members located the vehicle and provided the driver with a verbal warning.

Child accidentally dialed 911

On June 9, members responded to a 911 hang-up call from a residence in Rocanville. Members learned there was no emergency and that an 11-year-old child was playing on the phone. Members attended and confirmed there was no emergency.

Wellbeing request in Rocanville

On June 9, members received a wellbeing request on an individual residing in Rocanville. The individual failed to arrive at their destination in the city. Members went to the residence and confirmed the individual was okay.

Ran through a yield sign

On June 10, members responded to a two-vehicle collision in Rocanville. A pick-up truck went through a yield sign and collided with another vehicle. The driver was issued a ticket for failing to yield to the right of way.

911 static line calls

On June 11, members received multiple 911 static line calls from a business located on Gordon Street in Moosomin. Members confirmed it was only phone line trouble.

Bit by a dog in Rocanville

On June 11, members received an animal call from Rocanville. Members learned a pedestrian and their dog were bit by another dog while out for a walk. Members are investigating the matter.

Male sitting in ditch on highway

On June 11, members received a complaint of a suspicious male on Highway 1 sitting in the ditch who appeared to be in distress. Members attended and learned the male was not in distress but was hitchhiking across Canada. The male was given a ride to Moosomin.

Single rollover on Highway 8

On June 12, members received a complaint of a single vehicle rollover on Highway 8 in the RM of Rocanville. Members attended and the vehicle was gone. Workers on site advised a trailer had tipped over.

Female hitchhiker in Moosomin

On June 12, members responded to a complaint of a suspicious female on Main Street in Moosomin. Members spoke with the female and learned she was hitch hiking to Regina and did not require any assistance.

Stolen licence plate in Moosomin

On June 13, members received a complaint of a stolen licence plate from a business located on Moose Street in Moosomin. At this time there is no witnesses of suspects. The licence plate has been added to our database as stolen.

Arrest in Welwyn for assault

On June 13, members attended Welwyn to arrest a male for assault and who had an outstanding warrant. Members located and arrested the male without incident and he was held for a Yorkton Provincial Court hearing on June 14 in Broadview.

Female sleeping in ditch

On June 13, members responded to a complaint of a suspicious female sleeping in the ditch on Highway 1 north of Moosomin. The female had already been spoken to in the previous days. She was taken to Moosomin Hospital by EMS for safety precautions.

Protect yourself from fraud

Tips to protect yourself from frauds.

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

- Use strong passwords for online accounts.

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

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

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

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

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

End the mental health stigma

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

- Call 9-1-1

- Go to the nearest hospital or emergency department

- Call Crisis Services Canada at 1-833-456-4566.

Take precautions when consuming illicit drugs

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

- Never use alone,

- Let someone you trust know of your plans to use,

- Always carry a Naloxone kit. They are available free of charge at many locations in the province,

Thank you!

I just wanted to thank everyone in the community who has been reporting suspicious activity in our rural areas over the last couple of weeks. Your vigilance has assisted us in our investigations. This is great example of community policing!

Police joke

A police officer knocks on a person's door and speaks with the homeowner.

Officer: "Sir we have complaints your dog has been chasing a boy up the road on his bike."

Owner: "Sorry officer, you must have the wrong house. My dog doesn't own a bike."

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

New daycare in Elkhorn to bring 74 childcare spaces

Construction slated to be finished in September

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A daycare is so much more than a place for children to learn early fundamentals and enhance skills. Such a facility in a town becomes an economic drawing card—even luring some folks away from the city to a rural area they'd prefer raise their children, maybe even a chance to return home.

For a place like Elkhorn, and its approximately 460 residents, this is a very attractive promise. There's a new daycare centre going up in Elkhorn, and the community is quite excited for the potential the facility promises.

Jessica Hay is the Director at the Elkhorn Learning Centre, which has been in Elkhorn since 2020 and is currently operating from the curling rink in town. She shared an update with the World-Spectator on progress of the new daycare facility that's under construction.

What stage is the daycare at right now? I understand there was construction going throughout the winter.

They're currently working on the inside of the building right now and the landscaping around the building. I actually haven't been able to get into the building as of right now. I did see it when it was at its beginning stages where they didn't have any of the drywall up or any of the interior walls, but I haven't been able to see it at this stage. But I was hoping to get in there soon to take a look.

How did this process all begin? Here in Saskatchewan, we had a provincial mandate from the government that they wanted a certain amount of additional childcare spaces. I understand that was similar in Manitoba as well.

There was a round of applications that you can apply to get one of these RIM centres, and we did not apply at that point. Another round came out—I was not the director at that time—but our previous director and board decided to apply, as well as the RM. There's just such a big need for more spaces in this community. We have about a 54-space-long waitlist as of right now and we only have 28 spaces in our current centre.

So there's a huge demand.

There's a huge demand. Some of those people on our waitlist are from surrounding communities, so it is nice to have those spots for people who cannot get daycare in their own community, and just to have for extra people.

So this will be an extension of the Early Learning Centre?

We're planning on still keeping our current space open for school age kids—just strictly a school age centre—and then our new centre will have 74 spaces.

That's going to meet the need of the 54 and then maybe a few spaces to have for growth.

Yes, absolutely!

I read about a partnership with the Assiniboine Community College in Brandon, training daycare workers. How has that worked out?

We were supposed to start a workplace program here in Elkhorn, and it fell through. The other programs we were offering at the time were much easier for our rural communities and our communities that were away from Elkhorn, so that they didn't have to drive into Elkhorn to take the schooling so it was much easier for the people surrounding Elkhorn to just do it online rather than driving to Elkhorn. So it did end up falling through. But currently we have one staff member enrolled in a workplace program in Virden, we have four enrolled in Robertson College taking their ECE II (Early Childhood Educator) through online. It's been really good. We've been trying to get more trained staff as we need the trained staff to be able to open the spots in the centre. When it comes to opening the centre, we can only open spots that we have trained staff for.

Is there a certain ratio of spaces to staff?

Our ratio, we need 66 per cent trained staff in our building, and we need to meet that to fully open the centre. So as long as we keep being able to hire and train staff, we should be able to open fully—probably not right at opening date, but hopefully soon after.

Nice. Is there a projected opening date in sight?

Our projected opening date is September 15, that's what we've been told since the beginning, but it is definitely subject to change depending on the construction process.

That seems to be the case with construction, too, things get delayed a little bit! What would be the next steps right now? I suppose it's a lot more behind the scenes work for the daycare.

There is a lot of behind the scenes work, just as far as getting those staff trained, as well as trying to hire staff for the new centre. Also, we do have to furnish the new centre, so we've been fundraising so that we can furnish all of the rooms in the new centre. That's a big undertaking—ordering all the furniture, figuring out exactly what we need for each room, and then we need to have it furnished, and everything needs to be up to code so that we can get licensed.

Are there any fundraisers going on right now?

We did the Touch a Truck fundraiser in May, and



The new Elkhorn Early Learning Centre under construction in Elkhorn, Manitoba.

Jessica Hay photo

then we did a planter fundraiser with Westwood Ranch. We don't have any fundraisers going on right now, but we will in the future.

For people who would like to donate, can they just cut you a cheque?

We're also taking donations of toys, and craft supplies—anything like that—and monetary donations. We are very, very grateful for all of the support that the community has given us and surrounding community. Elkhorn is such a great town to live in as well as work in because they're just so great with helping out and donating. Whenever we ask for any donations, they're always the first to. It's a really great community. We would never be able to do this without the community support that we have.

It's an obvious need that people can easily get on board with.

Everybody in the town is so excited about it. Even

people that don't have anything to do with the daycare. Everybody really has a connection to the daycare, whether it's friends kids, or grandkids. Everybody is so on board with this new daycare, and they're so excited about it. It's so nice to hear all the positive comments behind it.

It's really a sign of growth in a community, too.

It's definitely going to bring people to the town. Just knowing that there's a brand new daycare here that potentially will have spots for their children, as well as places for people to work. It already has brought people from out of town, we've actually hired two people from Brandon-area that have moved here to work at our daycare, so that's great for the community.

Finally, what would the age ranges be for kids at the daycare?

We will have ages three months to 12 years. We really noticed a need for the school-age programs, so it'll be nice to be able to put it into our centre.

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS...

Candyland

Candy has always been a big part of the parade and this year, it's the theme!

THE MOOSOMIN 2024 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARADE, WILL BE AT 10AM SATURDAY, JULY 13TH

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Carter McLean of the Elkhorn Auto Museum showing the kids the historic vehicle collection.



Ed James explaining how classrooms worked 100 years ago.

Photos by Raphael Fehr

St. Lazare students visit the Elkhorn Auto Museum

BY ED JAMES

About 20 preschool children with their teacher, aides and a few parents from St. Lazare recently had a unique year-end day trip.

It started with a stop at the McAuley farm of Steven and Jeanette Lewis to visit the sheep and the newborn lambs. Next they went to the Elkhorn Auto Museum where they were broken down into three groups for various tours.

One tour was of the museum's historic vehicle collection given by museum employee Carter McLean.

Another group went to the 100-year-old farmhouse where volunteer Lil Jackson told them what it was like to be a farm wife 100 years ago. Jackson also explained how the cream separator worked and how the cream could be made into ice cream or butter 100 years ago. She also told them that the cream could also be taken to the local



Lil Jackson showing the kids what it was like to be a farm wife 100 years ago.

general store in the community, along with farm fresh eggs, and traded for other groceries when money was short.

At the one-room school, retired teacher Ed James told the kids what school was like 100 years ago, as they sat in the hard wooden desks. They saw the old large jam tins that were later used as lunch pails by the students and enjoyed his demonstration of writing with a nib pen and a bottle of blue ink, and how you had to use a blotter to dry the ink on the paper.

Their final stop of the day was at the Elkhorn splash pad where, despite the cool temps, they enjoyed it. The preschool staff were very happy with the lessons and sights that they saw at the museum, and as for the museum, they were all very impressed by the French language skills that the children had and how easily they could switch from the French language to the English language. Oh to be that young again!



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Homes on Broadway
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JULY 1 &
JULY 15

ROUTE B:
Homes south of
Broadway Avenue:
JUNE 24 &
JULY 8

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Provincial Baseball Returns to Bradley Park
July 26th, 27th, 28th
Moosomin Lloyd Bradley Park
U13 Provincial Baseball Championships



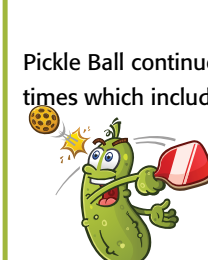
League Tournament Returns to Bradley Park
Saturday, June 22nd
U13 Boys' Baseball



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 play a pair of games!

Tuesday Canduff vs Badgers 6:30 pm

Wednesday Kenosee vs Badgers 6:30 pm



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

Monday..... 1-3 pm	Recreational Pickleball
Tuesday..... 6-8 pm	Recreational Pickleball
Wednesday..... 7-9 pm	Competitive Pickleball
Thursday..... 1-3 pm	Recreational Pickleball



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!!





2024 Mini British Open Charity Golf Tournament
Friday, Saturday July 19th-20th 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 a open event (guys or gals). Teams of 6. To enter you can call 306-435-3622 and speak to Mike or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net



Borderland Co-op Aquaplex June Public Swimming Hours

Monday	Aqua-Cize..... 6:30 - 7am Lane Swim 7 - 8am School Swims 8am - 3pm Lessons..... 3:30 - 7pm Public Swimming.. 7pm - 8:30pm	Thursday	Aqua-Cize..... 6:30 - 7am School Swims 8am - 3pm Lessons..... 3:30 - 7pm Public Swimming.. 7pm - 8:30pm Aqua-Cize..... 8:30 - 9:30pm
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		Sunday	Public Swimming.. 1pm - 5pm Public Swimming.. 7pm - 8:30pm Pool Party Times .. Available



Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Private Parties
If you're interested in details or bookings please contact a staff member at 306-435-2346

Swimming Lessons 2024



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!

You can also stop in at the Aquaplex and talk to a staff member in person.



Dates include:

PUBLIC SETS

Set # 2 - 1-week session	June 24 - June 28
Set # 3 - 1-week session	July 8 - July 12
Set # 4 - 1-week session	July 22 - July 26
Set # 5 - 1-week session	August 5 - August 9
Set # 6 - 2-week session	August 12 - August 23

PRIVATE SETS (ALL 1 WEEK SETS)

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



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SATURDAY

11^{am} Parade.
12^{pm} Demolition Derby
following parade.
2^{pm}-2^{am} Beer Gardens.
5^{pm} Rodeo, Kids Sheep
Scramble.
Following The Rodeo
Truco Trick Riders, Wild
Ponies.
9^{pm} DJ music provided by
DJ Dumo
Will be on site.



SUNDAY

9^{am} Pancake Breakfast at
Kennedy Friendship
Centre.
11^{am} Cowboy Church Service
by Kipling Peoples
Church at Rodeo
Grounds.
2^{pm} Rodeo, Beer Gardens, Kids
Sheep Scramble.
Following The Rodeo
Truco Trick Riders, Wild
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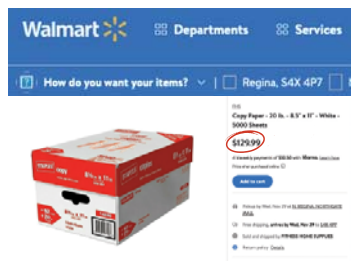
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COMING EVENTS

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SAVE THE DATES

POLKA Mass and Cemetery
Mass September 1, 2024 at
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