

## Fairlight's Doug Sauter will lead Moosomin Parade with his appaloosa horses

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Doug Sauter of Fairlight will be waving the Canadian flag and riding one of his appaloosa horses to lead the Moosomin Parade this Saturday, July 13. Sau-ter lives in Oklahoma and travels with horses to different events all over North America

Sauter says he always dreamed of having his own horse ranch one day.

I grew up on a farm at Fairlight. Í am very proud of where I am from and my family roots. Horses were not a big part of our farm, but we always had some around, and it was one of my dreams growing and it was one of my dreams growing up on a farm to someday have for 41 years my dream came true. My wife Brenda, and I have a 40-acre horse ranch in Oklahoma. We have 14 horses on it and one longhorn calf. It is a bit of a sanctuary for these horses-every horse has a story of where they came from and they're I think very lucky horses to be raised on our little ranch. I work for a company called Express Ranches and Express Employment Professionals. They're leaders in agriculture in North America. I am an ambassador for their ranch.'

ranch." Sauter says a friend gave the horses to him. "A gentleman by the name of Wayne Spears, he reenacted Pawnee Bill. Pawnee Bill was a promoter of the Wild West show. They had the Pawnee Bill Ranch and had a leopard appaloosa called "Y"—all of the horses only have one letter pagnee Con this trip in Airdria one letter names. On this trip in Airdrie and Calgary right now we have Y, X, Z, and T. He got me hooked on leopard appaloosas and he eventually gave me his horse after 22 years. Over the years I have had close to a dozen leopard appaloosas.

Sauter says appaloosa horses are rare and are some of the crowd's favourites. "The leopard appaloosas have a rare colouring and kids call them a dalma-tian—they're spotted horses. They have an unusual look. Our one horse, X, he is a leopard mule—half donkey and half appaloosa. He came out with all these

appaioosa. He came out with all these spots and he is very rare." He says his wife and himself have travelled to many different parades with their horses. He led the Calgary Stampede parade with the horses for 20 years

"We just finished the Ponoka Stam pede Rodeo, and Airdrie," Sauter said. "They're two bigger rodeos that we were part of. A lot of smaller rodeos around, the Moose Mountain Kennedy Rodeo, the ones in Oklahoma—the Oklahoma State University Parade they have 89er days. There is probably around 15-20 parades that we have participated in our home state of Oklahoma.

"We have a promotional six-horse hitch of Clydesdales. The Clydesdales are the second most famous hitch in the United States behind Budweiser





and we would go every other year. The Budweiser team would go one year and then we go the next. Four years ago we quit showing the Express Clydesdale in competitions and we brought percherons. Now we have Express Ranch Percherons and we are one of the top three hitches competitively in all of the United States

Sauter and his team of horses have recently travelled from Oklahoma to the Prairies for events.

"We have been on the road now for seven days. We stay at my wife's family ranch and farm at Wawota, the Dor-rance ranch. On our way up here from Oklahoma we went on a little holiday. We visited Fort Robinson, Nebraska to ride horses on trails and the Moose Mountain Provincial Park here in Southeastern Saskatchewan—all the ski-doo trails become equestrian trails in the summer and they have got a beautiful facility there where you can keep your horses in a pen, camp at the park, and ride all the trails. It is probably one of the biggest and most beautiful secrets in Southeast Saskatchewan that they have trails that are all groomed and safe." Sauter says he is excited to return to

his roots and visit Moosomin again this summer for the parade. "Moosomin was the big town when I

was growing up. One of the highlights when I was younger was going to Dairy Treat. It was located on the Trans-Cana-da highway with soft ice cream and you didn't go to Moosomin in the summer

"I have to congratulate Moosomin on how progressive you have been. It starts with communication—with your paper. It's amazing just how important Mooso-min is to a lot of people. You got a beau-tiful town " tiful town.

He said he is looking forward to lead-ing the Moosomin Chamber of Com-

"I feel very proud to come back and be a part of the parade. I will recognize a lot of people and see some friends. My wife, Brenda, rides with me—she is a big part of our group of horses and she's got lots of ties in that area. Her mother came from Wapella. It is just a cool deal. I have some friends of mine that usually ride the extra horses, it is just a wonder ful time and experience.

Doug Sauter, top, and Brenda Sauter, left, taking part in the Moose Mountain Rodeo Parade at Kennedy last summer. They will have their leopard appaloo-sas at the front of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce parade this Saturday, with Doug waving a Canadian flag to lead the parade. The parade starts at 10 am Saturday, during the Bulls and Broncs weekend.







# Jessica Campbell first female assistant coach in NHL

Jessica Campbell, who grew up in Rocanville, has made history by be-coming the first female assistant coach in NHL

history. On Wednesday, the Seattle Kraken announced that the 32-year-old who spent time growing up in Rocanville and Mel-- has been named ville to Dan Bylsma's coaching staff for the 2024-25 season

For the past two sea-sons, Campbell was an assistant coach with Se-attle's American Hockey League affiliate, Coachel-la Valley Firebirds, where she worked alongside Bylsma, who was pro-moted to head coach of the Kraken earlier this off-season.

"During our tenure in Coachella Valley, I saw firsthand Jessica's commitment to player devel-opment," Bylsma said in a release. "Her ability to establish relationships with her players, specifi-cally Tye Kartye, Shane Wright and Ryker Evans, was an important factor in this hire.

"I'm looking forward to continuing to work with her at the NHL level." "She has the ability to

relate to players about their games and what they bring to a team." When Campbell joined the Firebirds during their

inaugural season in 2022-23, she became the first female to be behind the bench in AHL history.

Prior to that, she spent time as an assistant coach and skills coach in Germany with the Nurnberg Ice Tigers, while also serving as an assistant for Germa ny's national men's team at the 2022 world championships, where she be-came the first female to be behind the bench at men's worlds.

Campbell got her start in coaching as an assistant with the Pursuit of Excellence's women's under-18 team in Kelowna for two



Jessica Campbell

seasons from 2017 to 2019. She was an assistant coach with the Okanagan Hockey Academy's un-der-18 women's team for one season in 2019-20 before the pandemic hit.

tore the pandemic htt. During the pandemic, Campbell served as a power skating and skills coach for several NHL players who sought out her training, JC Power-skating, in Kelowna. She was also the skating coach was also the skating coach for the Malmo Redhawks in Sweden's professional league in 2020-21.

Before getting into coaching, Campbell suit-ed up for the Rocanville Jr. Tigers in minor hock-ey before playing for the Melville Prairie Fire in the Saskatchewan Female AAA Hockey League.

She went on to play two seasons with the Pursuit of Excellence squad, while also suiting up for Team Canada's under-18 women's team, captain-ing the team to a gold medal at worlds in 2010. Campbell attended

Cornell University from 2010 to 2014, captaining the women's hockey team in her final season, finishing off with 100 points in 131 career NCAA games.

She played three sea-sons for the Calgary In-ferno in the Canadian Women's Hockey League from 2014 to 2017, while

also suiting up for the Ca-nadian women's national team in 2014 for the 4 Nations Cup before winning a silver medal at the 2015 IIHF World Women's Championship. The Kraken also hired watersen assistant, coach

veteran assistant coach Bob Woods, originally from Leroy, Sask. prod-uct who played with the SJHL's Nipawin Hawks

and WHL's Brandon Wheat Kings prior to a lengthy minor pro career. The 56-year-old, who also had a stint coach-ing the Saskatoon Blades from 2014 to 2016, has been an assistant coach with the Minnesota Wild for the last seven years. "This is an important

day for our organization,' Kraken general manager Ron Francis said in a re lease. "We're bringing in valuable coaching experience to our staff and are confident that both Bob and Jessica will make an immediate impact for our team.'

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Rounding out Seattle's coaching staff is returning assistant Dave Lowry and goalie coach Steve Briere.

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### Rocanville Town council

# **Rocanville cracking down on weedy yards**

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Rocanville Town staff have been heading off complaints about nuisance prop-erties, mainly landowners letting grass and weeds growing beyond the allowable 20cm limit.

"What we've been dealing with a lot re-cently in the office is complaints in regards to nuisance properties - basically, letting weeds and grass get really long and un-ruly," said Rocanville Administrator Tan-

Ya Strandkow we're going to be do-ing some nuisance bylaw enforcement." Any growth over 20cm contravenes the town bylaw and properties not abiding by the rule are either noticed by Town Staff or highlighted to them via resident complaints.

plaints. "There was a big issue at the begin-ning of the season with dandelions," said Strandlund, who has noted some proper-ties with weeds 'up to your waist'. "It re-ally affects everybody." The first step in addressing those un-sightly properties is a simple request from the Town, allowing a week for the prop-erty to be remedied. If the property is still not in compliance, further steps are then taken taken

"Not a fine per se, but it'll be us coming in and doing it or having a third party do it and then they get stuck with the bill,"

Strandlund explained when asked if there are any monetary consequences. "They will get the bill, and if they don't pay the bill, it gets put on their property taxes be-cause it is in regards to maintaining up the

cause it is in regards to maintaining up the property." "Mowing lawn isn't too hard, and there's tons of kids in town that are will-ing to do it," Strandlund said, adding that she knows of a group of youngsters show-ing their entrepreneurial spirit by offering their lawn mowing services. "Those kids can use that that more and if you don't can use that that money and if you don't want to do it, it's supporting them and you get your stuff done

## Hope Church to

**hold outdoor service** During their regular meeting on July 3, Rocanville Town Council approved a street closure for the Hope Church to accommodate their upcoming annual outservice. "The Hope Church is having an out-

door service on August 25, and just need to block off some space on Ellice Street, so we just approved that," Strandlund said. The church will hold their function from

9 am to 2 pm on that day. "Once a year, they enjoy having one outside," said Strandlund of the special

service.

Balfour Collegiate). After a short visit with Rick and Michelle Corkish, Shirley returned home. She brought her grandson Eric back to Wawota to spent the July long

weekend with her. Several family members and friends at-

tended a bridal shower at Whitebear Lake last Sunday. This was in honor of Sadie Fichter, bride elect of Quade Jackson. Sa-die and Quade will be married on August

We are pleased to welcome another Ukrainian family to Wawota. They are Volodymyr and Olena Grynyshyn, Anna and Yurii. Volodymyr's mother Valentina

is also here. They are residing in the for-mer Saundra Corkish house on Thatcher

Reinvested

Council approved re-investing GIC 44, an unspecified surplus of \$37,221.18, one-year redeemable at 4.25 per cent.

#### Administrator's report

As with many communities, Rocanville is taking another look at their Fire Bylaw.

"We're doing a lot of reading on fire b laws and making sure our town is really safe when it comes to fires, fire bans, fire-works, burning, all that kind of stuff," said Administrator Tanya Strandlund. "We're looking into mutual aid agreements and

how to get those started." She explained that the conversation on mutual aid in particular began with neigh-bouring towns and RMs. While still in the research stage, the new

bylaw could come to pass next year.

"It just helps support everybody and make sure that everybody knows what's expected," Strandlund said. "Just makes it

super clear cut." Some other topics covered in her Administrator's Report included gopher con-trol, as it has been a recognized concern.

"We're looking at some gopher control and a few spots in town. They're getting a little bit bad again this year," Strandlund remarked.

Council will also be taking a brief summer break from meetings, with only one set date in August. The lone regular Coun-cil meeting for that month is slated for Aug. 14, returning to the regular schedule in September.

Work being done around town Wilson Hometown Lawns will be doing some spraying around the Transfer Sta-tion, and Saskatchewan Asphalt Maintenance has been contracted for slurry seal and crack sealing on Rocanville streets.

#### Transfer station key policy

for Town staff are working on a policy for keyholders of the Rocanville Transfer Station.

"There's a lot of businesses that hold a key for the transfer station for after hours access and we're just wanting to make sure that there's an agreement in place when they have those keys," explained Strandlund.

**Zamboni repairs underway** Council approved a quote from Superi-or Forklift to repair the Zamboni, coming in at \$9,644.89 plus taxes.

"It needed cylinders, the auger needed to be balanced, and it needed a good tune up," Strandlund said. "When it comes to those kinds of machines, sometimes it's better just to let knowledgeable service people do it!"

# South East Men's **Fastball League Report**

League Teams Cowessess Royals Fleming Jets Grenfell Gems Kahkewistehaw Warriors Neudorf Posse Ochapowace Young Bucks Round Lake Braves (Play home games at Ochapowace) Whitewood Falcons Zagime Eagles (Sakimay)

#### Game Stats June 24

Falcons 2 Braves 2 Posse 13 Young Bucks 0

**June 26** Royals 16 Young Bucks 8

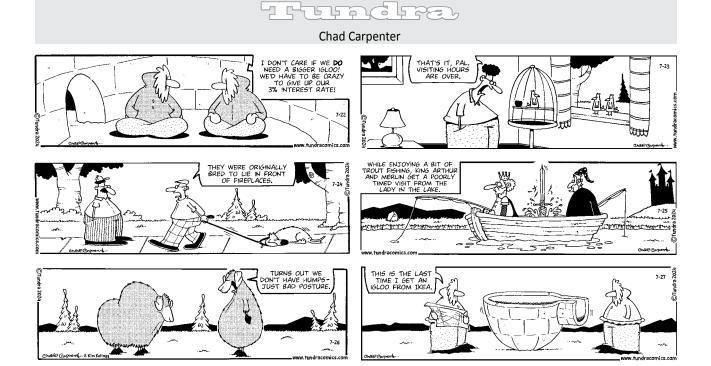
**June 27** Royals 6 Eagles 5 June 28: Falcons 10 Royals 4

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#### Please note:

Games at Cowessess, Grenfell and Ochapowace - start time is 8 pm.
All other games - start time is 7 pm.
Effective July 3, 2024 the Fleming Jets have ceased play due to a lack of players.



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Congratulations to Amaya Drumm and

Charlie Mondor who graduated from the Sask DLC program for Grade 12. They cel-

ebrated with exercises and a supper at the Wawota Town Hall on Saturday, June 29. Sympathy to the family and friends of

the late Rene George Joseph Jacques who passed away at the Moosomin Integrated Health Care Centre on June 24. He was in his 90th year. He was predeceased by his wife Patsy and his daughter Sherree. He is

survived by Heather, Adrien, Ava, J.J. and

their families and Sherree's family. A pri-

vate funeral will be held by request. Shirley Corkish travelled to Regina

last Wednesday to attend the Thursday graduation ceremonies for granddaugh-ter Eden Corkish (who graduated from

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# Westman RCMP Report

#### 63 calls for service

During the week of June 23 to June 29 Westman RCMP received a total of 63 calls for service. Of the 63 calls, 12 were traffic related, including seven moving traffic/ speeding violations, four suspicious person/vehicle/ property, and five mischief files.

#### Female assaulted by her boyfriend

On June 25, RCMP were dispatched to a domestic as-sault that had taken place at a residence in Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. Police attended and learned that a female had been assaulted by her boyfriend, who had since left the residence. After making multiple attempts to locate the suspect, a warrant has been issued for a 24-year-old male in relation to this incident.

#### 38 km/hour over the limit

On June 27, during a routine traffic patrol on Highway

1 in the RM of Sifton, 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. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was issued a traffic offence notice for speeding which carries a fine of \$548.

#### 40 km/hour over the limit

On June 28, during a routine traffic patrol on Highway 257 in the RM of Wallace-Woodworth, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 140 km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was issued a traffic offence notice for speeding which carries a fine of \$573.

#### Breath sample was a fail

On June 29, RCMP initiated a traffic stop on Third Av-enue in the town of Virden. Police spoke to a female driv-er who admitted to consuming alcohol the day prior. A

breath sample was obtained at the scene, which resulted in a fail. As a result, the driver was arrested and charged with operation while impaired (alcohol) of motor vehicle, and operation while over 80mg% (alcohol) of motor ve-hicle. A breath test was conducted with results of 100mg% and 90mg%. The 54-year-old female was later released on an appearance notice and will appear in court later this summer.

#### Numbers to call

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

**Rocanville Rec Report** Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

#### **Rocanville Recreation Dog Park/Walking Trails**

If you have driven past the ball diamonds recently, you might have noticed a new fence up. This marks the start of our new dog park! Over the summer we will be busy transforming this area into a welcoming space for dogs and their owners. Here is what you can expect:

· We'll be cleaning the area up to ensure it's enjoyable for all visitors.

A road will be established to provide easy access to the park.
 A graveled parking lot will be constructed, complete with picnic tables and benches where you can relax and

This dog park is set to become a fantastic spot for dogs to play and socialize off-leash in a secure environment.

to play and socialize off-leash in a secure environment. Use at your own risk and respect others. In addition to the dog park, we are enhancing our walk-ing trails to offer a more enjoyable experience for all. A special thanks goes out to Les Jack and Derek Brown for their work in widening and improving the accessibility of their work in widening and improving the accessibility of the trails. Here is what's happening at the trails: • They will be sprayed for bugs, ensuring a more com-fortable walking experience during the summer months. • Keep an eye out for the new Story Walk coming up this summer, which will add an engaging and education-al element to your walks.

al element to your walks. Trails will be mapped and distances provided for us-

ers. These improvements are part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the recreational opportunities in Rocanville, pro-moting an active and healthy lifestyle for our residents. Your support and patience during the construction phase is greatly appreciated.

**Rocanville Trail/Disc Golf** Attention outdoor enthusiasts and disc golf fans! The

Attention outdoor enthusiasts and disc golf fans! The Rocanville Cross-Country walking trails and Disc Golf course is mowed and ready to go. Disc Golf at the trails provides a unique experience for disc golfers of all skill levels. The course weaves through the lush landscape, incorporating elements of the exist-ing trail system and ensuring a harmonious integration of nature. The tonal targets, which offer a distinct sound when hit, add an enjoyable auditory element to the game. In addition to the disc golf course, the Rocanville trails include five kilometers of walking trails. These trails are well-maintained and provide a perfect setting for those who enjoy walking. Nordic poles are available at the clubhouse. Visitors are advised to exercise caution while on the trails. The area is known for its wildlife, and there have been recent sightings of bears.

have been recent sightings of bears. For safety reasons, the trails and disc golf course are only accessible when dru.

#### **Rocanville Town and Country Golf Course**

Rocanville Town and Country Golf Club has an excit-ing 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.

Clow Golf – Enjoy an 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

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.

#### **Bocanville Rec Centre**

After much discussion, Facebook polls, and community feedback, council has decided to sell our curling equipment. The funds raised from the sale of the equipment will be put towards a multi-purpose gym floor at the Rec Centre. The new floor will allow for more events to take place out of the Rec Centre such as pickleball tournaments, basketball tournaments, gymnastics, dance . . . Thank you to our users and previous boards for the facility and usage. A fundraising committee has been formed to help raise money. For more information on this project or to join this committee please contact the Rec Office. Rental Opportunities

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

#### **Rocanville Museum**

The Museum is gearing up for a summer packed with fun-filled events for all ages!

fun-filled events for all ages! **Pioneer Days at the Museum:** Offers a variety of excit-ing activities for attendees on July 27. The day will kick off with tug-of-war at 11 am followed by a three-legged race at 1 pm. At 2 pm, participants can test their balance and speed in the egg race, and the festivities will end with a pie-eating contest at 3 pm. In addition to these sched-uled events, visitors can enjoy all-day activities such as life-size X's and O's, ring toss, a scavenger hunt, and hay-rides. A delicious lunch will be available for those looking to refuel and continue the fun. to refuel and continue the fun. Bi-weekly BINGO: For those who enjoy games of

chance and community gatherings, the Rocanville Muse-um will also be hosting bi-weekly BINGO sessions. These events will take place on July 24, August 7, and August 21, starting at 2 pm. Admission is by donation, making it

Mater Party—Summer Fun in the Sun: Kicking off the summer events, the Rocanville Museum will host a water summer events, the rocentric burstern with nost a water party on Saturday, July 20 from 1-4 pm. This event will feature a large Slip'n' Slide, providing a cool and exciting way to beat the summer heat. Attendees can also partici-pate in ring toss and life-size X's and O's.

*Join the ful!* Join the ful! The Rocanville Museum's summer events are a per-fect opportunity for families and community members to come together and enjoy a variety of entertaining activities. There is something for everyone at the Rocanville Museum!

#### **Rocanville Library**

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

Deen Hours: Wednesday: 9 am – 12 pm & 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm Thursday: 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm Friday: 1:30-5:30 pm

#### **Programming Highlights:**

Bug Exploration Makerspace Kit: Month of July Beadie Buddy Take 'n' Make: Month of July (while supplies last)

Kids Crafternoon: Bring your kiddos out for an afternoon of crafting at the library on July 10 and 24 from 2-4

Pancake Breakfast: We will be hosting a free pancake breakfast out front of the library July 17 from 10-11:30 am Mr. Eric (previously Mr. Snotsense) Music Perfor-mance: Mr. Eric will be coming to the library to perform his music for your kiddos! Come out for a great atternoon

of fun-filled music on July 19 at 2 pm.

TD Summer Reading Club: Come on out to the library to get your items for this year's summer reading club! There are all kinds of fun items and prizes for attaining various reading goals! Month of July and August. Save the Dates:

Science Centre Summer Program: August 2 at 2 pm Book Sale: August 14-16, during regular hours.

# Rocanville Community Centre Formerly the Senior Centre 219 Ellice Street, Rocanville

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als). All ages welcome! Coffee – Rise and shine. Start your day right with a cup of coffee and friendly conversations at the Rise and Shine

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The Rocanville Community Thrift Store is run by a group of local volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time at the unteering 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 Thurs-days 6-8 pm. Visit us during our open hours to explore a diverse range of items, from cloth-

range of items, from cloth-ing and household goods to unique treasures. Your purchases at the Thrift Store support local initiatives and contribute to the well-being of our community.



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Moosomin's new Borderland Co-op grocery store is coming along quickly. This photo was taken Thursday.

## Spy Hill News Linda Gander

area

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I was talking with Cameron Duncan from Spy Hill today and he informed me that all the paving has been completed out at the Pavilion where our Spy Hill Sport's Day takes place on August 10 and 11 of this year. They are getting everything all cleaned off for the annual Tractor Pull, which Cameron is in charge of, as well as his display of antique tractors. Cam puts a lot of work into restoring these tractors. Gam puts a lot of work into restoring these tractors, giving everyone a chance to reminisce about days gone by when farming equipment was on a much smaller scale than what it has become today. They plan to have a work bee on Tuesday, July 9 out at the sports grounds. The Sports Days are getting closer than you think, a month from this next Saturday and everything will be a go, providing the weather is good to us. The Spy Hill Museum will also be open, so if you have a spare minute, take the time to check

A lot of people from town and surrounding communities attended the celebrations out at the farm of Fred and Cheryl Odgers, which was held on June 29. At least it didn't rain that day, making it a most enjoyable event for all who came out to their farm. I had the opportunity to run into a couple of guys I had not seen in 60 years, being Fred Helliwell and Don From. I met up with them at the Esterhazy Care Home as they had come to see Denny Scarrow and Olena Clark. The former Anne Olson, orginally from Spy Hill, attended the Catholic Mass on June 30 so I had a little chat with her as well. They were out at the Odger's farm but had made a stop at the Care Home to see residents from the Spy Hill

We have a big auction sale coming up in Spy Hill for Shirley Gough-the weekend of July 19 which is a huge shop sale with a lot of really good tools and various garden tractors, lawn mowers, tillers and a ton of other items that her husband Bobby used in his business. Should be a great sale as Bob was a perfectionist when it came to his shop tools, or anything else for that matter. Bob now resides in Melville at the Care Home there.

If anyone out there is looking for a good deal on winning some meat, keep in mind that both the Spy Hill Museum and the Spy Hill Fire Team are selling tickets on a meat package—just in time for summer barbecues. The Fire Team also has other items on their raffle besides the meat. Tickets are available in Spy Hill and out at Carlton Trail for these local fundraisers.

#### Steven Bonk, MLA

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### Report **Broadview RCMP**

#### BY S/SGT. DALLYN HOLMSTROM

#### 66 traffic tickets

There were 66 traffic tickets in the Broadview Detachment area in the past two weeks. First place award went to a male driving a BMW 53G on Highway 1 near Whitewood. The male was travelling 164 km/hr in a 110 km/ hr zone which resulted in the male being fine \$843. The second place speeder award went to a female driving a Volkswagen Tao on Highway 1 near Whitewood. The female was travelling 151 km/hr in a 110/km/hr zone, which resulted in a 578 fine.

#### **Break and enter at residence**

On June 15, RCMP received a report of a break and enter at a residence on Kahkewistahaw First Nations. The window was tampered with and the door had been kicked down at the residence. Nothing was stolen from the residence.

#### Impaired driver on Ochapowace

On June 15, RCMP responded to a report of an impaired driver on Ochapowace First Nations in a small black car. RCMP attended the area and located an intoxicated male passed out behind the driver seat of the vehicle. The male was arrested for impaired driving and the black Pontiac G5 car was impounded. The male then spent time sobering up at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast.

#### Female assaulted on Cowessess

On June 15, RCMP responded to an assault that took place on Cowessess First Nations. A female was assaulted by a male before the male left the area. RCMP made attempts to locate the male but still have not located him. A warrant for the mans arrest has been issued.

#### Nearly three times the limit

On June 15, RCMP responded to a report of a grey Jeep Cherokee driving impaired on Cowessess First Nations. RCMP made patrols and located a male driving the vehi-cle in question. The male was intoxicated and placed un-der arrest. The male provided samples of his breath that were nearly three times the legal limit. The male spent the night at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast and his Jeep Chero-wae was impounded. kee was impounded.

#### Found van stolen from Grenfell

On June 18, RCMP received a call of a suspicious van parked near the gravel pit on Ochapowace First Nations. RCMP attended and confirmed the van was actually sto-len from Grenfell three days prior. The van was examined for fingerprints and the owner was notified that the van had been recovered.

#### Jeep vandalized in Grenfell

On June 18, RCMP received a call from a female in Grenfell that reported her Jeep had been vandalized by her neighbour's son. RCMP are still currently investigating this crime as there may be video evidence of the crime.

#### Female laying in the grass

On June 20, RCMP responded to a complaint of an intoxicated female laying in the grass of a back alley in Broadview. RCMP attended and located the female who was known to police. The intoxicated female was provided a ride home and turned over to her family to care for

#### **Horses foaling around**

On June 20, RCMP received a call about horses that were stirrup-ing trouble and foaling around near the road on Ochapowace First Nations. RCMP confirmed that the horses were safe and not on the road.

#### **Disturbance at residence**

On June 22, RCMP were called to a disturbance at a residence on Ochapowace First Nations. Members attended and the male and female that were intoxicated and trying to fight people had already left the residence. RCMP made patrols for the two suspects but were unable to locate them.

#### Male passed out in the ditch

On June 22, RCMP were called to an intoxicated male that was passed out in the ditch on Highway 605. RCMP determined that the male was also on a conditional sen-tence order with a condition to abstain from alcohol. The male was arrested and stayed at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast until he could be taken to a correctional facility.

#### Female assaulted another female

On June 23, RCMP were called to Kahkewistahaw First Nations where a female was assaulted by another female. The victim had injuries to her face and arm. The suspect was located and charged. The suspect then spent the night at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast until she could be taken to court

#### Male stealing power in town

On June 24, RCMP received a report of a male stealing power in the town of Whitewood. RCMP are still investi-gating this complaint and gathering evidence. Please re-member that you are not permitted to tamper with your Saskpower meter or powerline as not only is it illegal but it is very dangerous.

#### Male using drugs at care home

On June 24, RCMP received a call to the Zagime An-ishinabek Care Home in Broadview. A male was using drugs and would not stop yelling. RCMP attended and observed marihuana and broken glass around the male causing the disturbance. The male was arrested for mis-chief. He also had a warrant out for his arrest so the male was lodged at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast.

#### Female assaulted by her brother

On June 25, RCMP received a call of an assault on Kahkewistahaw First Nations where a female was assaulted her intoxicated brother. The male also smashed a dresser in the residence before departing the residence on foot. RCMP located the male walking on the side of the road. He was arrested, and lodged him at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast until he was sober

#### Intoxicated male scaring children

On June 25, RCMP received a call of an intoxicated male causing problems and refusing to go to sleep at a residence on Ochapowace First Nations. The intoxicated male was also scaring young children that were staying at the residence. RCMP attended the residence and placed the male under arrest. The intoxicated male earned a free night stay at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast until he was sober.

#### Male assaulted in Kennedy

On June 25, RCMP were called to an assault in Kennedy where a male was assaulted by a female. The female was arrested and charged with assault and placed on condi-tions to not have contact with the male. The male was not seriously injured during the assault.

#### Possible overdose in Whitewood

On June 25, RCMP were called to a possible overdose of a female at a residence in Whitewood. RCMP attended the residence along with EMS. The female was taken by EMS for treatment

#### Assaulted female taken to the hospital and treated for injuries

On June 26, RCMP were called to an assault on Ochapowace First Nations. A female was assaulted and had to be taken by EMS to hospital to be treated for in-juries to her head and ribs. RCMP are still collecting evi-dence and gathering statements of this assault. RCMP are requesting anyone with information about this assault to contact the Broadview RCMP by calling 306-696-5200. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or sub-mitting a tww.saskcrimestoppers.com. mitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

#### **Dusty road causes accident**

605 near Cowessess. Vehicles blamed the large amount on dust on the road for the collision as the vehicles all ran into one another because they could not see the vehicle in front of them. A female had to stop on the road in her Ford Escape and then a female driving a Dodge ram ran into her and then finally a female driving a Chevrolet Equinox ran into them. Two occupants involved in the collision were transported to Broadview hospital to be treated for minor injuries

#### Car doing donuts on the street

On June 28, RCMP received a call of a car doing donuts on a street in town. The caller had video of the suspects responsible but did not want the people charged and did not want to provide the video. I want to educate everyone that you can be charged for stunting or dangerous driving and to please be careful. If you want to drive erratically please try and be safe and do it somewhere that you are not around the public.



#### Impaired rollover on Highway 9

On June 27, RCMP were called to an impaired rollover on Highway 9 near Whitewood. The driver was initially trapped inside the vehicle and had to be extracted. The fe-male was transported to hospital where she was treated. The female driver then refused to comply with a blood demand and was charged for her actions

#### ATV and trailer stolen from a farmyard near Broadview

On June 28, RCMP received a report of stolen green Arc-tic Cat ATV and 16' flat deck trailer valued around \$8,000 were stolen from a farmyard near Broadview. RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this theft to contact the Broadview RCMP by calling 306-696-5200. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or sub-mitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

#### Intoxicated male assaulted female and child at residence

On June 29, RCMP attended an assault at a residence in Broadview. A highly intoxicated male assaulted a fe-male and a child. RCMP attended and placed the male under arrest who then threatened to kill the members. The intoxicated male spent some time at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast and now will need to answer for his actions in court.

#### Scam of the week

Credit Card - Suspicious Transactions This scam takes place when you get a phone call stating that it is your credit card company or bank calling and there has been suspicious purchases made on your credit card. The called will then try and solicit your credit card number and personal information from you in order to confirm the transactions.

Never give out your personal information or banking information out over the phone. Remember, If you bank was calling you they would already have all your per-sonal and banking information and would not need to get the information from you. Please don't be fooled.

#### It's okay not to be okay!

I want to ensure that if someone needs help the Suicide I want to ensure that it 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 forwith the such they are there with the first for the such as the s

and family to see how they are doing. It's a perfectly nor-mal 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 Counselling Connect Saskatchewan Canadian Mental Health Association 1-306-384-9333.

#### Police joke

A police officer pulled me over and said, "Papers?" I said, "Scissors, I win," and drove off. He must have want-ed a rematch because he has been chasing me for 45 minutes. Have a great week and stay safe!



## **Local Employment Opportunities** www.world-spectator.com/employment.php



On June 27, RCMP were called to a collision on Grid



#### CMP Moosomin R Report

BY SGT. DAMIEN GROUCHY

### **Boating safety tips** With the summer here in full swing, here's a few safety

Before heading out on the water, boaters should make sure their boat is equipped with enough approved lifejackets to fit themselves and everyone on board.
 Wearing a life jacket or PDF is the best defense for surviving cold-water shock and hypothermia.

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Everyone who operates a power-driven pleasure craft must carry proof of competency on board. Proof of competency includes a Pleasure Craft Operator Card or proof that you passed a boating safety course in Canada before April 1, 1999.
Drinking and driving, whether on land or water, is illegal and punishable under the Criminal Code.
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<sup>o</sup> Beware of fatigue, sun, wind and boat motion. All can dull your senses and impair fine motor skills and

Watch your speed. Don't race to the lake, and don't race on the lake. Speed is a major contributor to incidents on the roadways and on the water. Slow down.

· Boaters, tubers and swimmers alike should always wear life jackets or personal floatation devices when on the water

It is illegal to consume alcohol on a water pleasure craft!

Erratic semi on Highway 8

On June 28, members received an erratic driving complaint for a semi driver on Highway 8 near Moosomin. Patrols were made but the semi was not located.

#### Suspicious person on Hwy 1

On June 28, members received a complaint regarding a suspicious person on Highway 1 standing in the center of the lane just west of Moosomin. Members located the individual and they were provided a ride to Moosomin.

#### Mischief on Carleton Street

On June 28, members received a complaint of mischief on Carleton Street in Moosomin. The caller reported someone was banging on their windows. Members pa-trolled the area and but did not locate anyone in the area.

#### Two dogs running around

On June 29, members received a call regarding two dogs running around on Highway 1 near the Manitoba border. Members called the complainant back and advised members would not be attending.

#### Fale alarms at a business

On June 29, members received multiple alarms from a business located on the East Access Road in Moosomin. Members confirmed there was no emergency and they were in fact false alarms.

> **Drove through** the ditch and into a fence

On June 30, members received a complaint of a collision involving a

motor vehicle and fence

Members were made aware of a vehicle that drove through a ditch and proceeded through an old fence. The driver was located and provided

a statement. The driver

agreed to pay for damages with the property owner.



#### **Compliments to Ryan Kiedrowski** on his Moosomin Cenotaph story

Dear Editor: My compliments to Ryan Kiedrowski for his excellent article in the June 17 issue titled: "Moosomin Cenotaph marks 100 years." His report on the events and speeches was thorough and honourable. I especially liked the last paragraphs beginning with, "Perhaps the most telling moment..." which was beautifully and sensitively written. His words created a vision of honour and re-spect and a compelling reminder to stop by the cenotaph occasionally and solemnly reflect on the ancestors that served our country. Compliments also to Brian Beckett and the Cenotaph 100 Committee for bringing together many fine people to rededicate the cenotaph and honour those who should never be forgotten.

never be forgótten. Sincerely,



#### Theft of gas from Moosomin

On July 1, members received a theft of gas complaint from Moosomin. The suspect vehicle was a Kia Forte. Members were not able to locate the vehicle but forwarded the information to Virden Detachment.

#### Break and enter at Red Jacket

On July 1, members responded to a complaint of a break and enter at Red Jacket off Highway 1. Moosomin is requesting anyone with information about this incident to contact the Moosomin RCMP by calling 306-435-3361. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.

#### Two abandoned bikes in town

On July 2, members received a complaint of two aban-doned bikes in Moosomin. Moosomin RCMP currently have the bikes. Please contact Moosomin RCMP at 306-435-3361 if you are missing a bike.

**Driver stunting in Moosomin** On July 2, members received a complaint of a driver stunting in Moosomin. The caller advised the vehicle was drifting and got stuck in a yard. Patrols were nega-tive. Members followed up with the complainant but they did not wish to provide a statement.

- Precautions for illicit drugs Moosomin RCMP is urging the public who consumes illicit drugs to take special precautions when using: Never use alone, Lot empere use there have

Let someone you trust know of your plans to use,
Always carry a Naloxone kit. They are available free of charge at many locations in the province.

#### Joke of the week

This was one from the public! There was a potential robbery at the Apple store. Cops are asking for an I-Witness..

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



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# Locanville Grad



**Above:** Julia Roden and Sophia Fafard introducing the graduating class of 2024.

**Below:** Shaleigh Way, Dawson Gawryluk, Armand, and Tyler Lowe laughing at one of the speeches.





**Above:** Graduate Julia Roden and escort Jeffrey Hutchinson's grand entrance before the ceremony.

**Right:** The graduating class of 2024 moving their tassels to the right to signify they are officially completed high school.

**Above:** Brooklyn Machniak and Eliza Fafard gave a heart touching toast to the parents.

Left: Graduate Christian Hack and escort Abby Machniak during the grand march.



**Above:** Graduate Natalie Woods and her escort posing for a picture before their grand entrance.



**Above:** Graduate Armand Serapu and his escort Braelyn Spencer during the grand march.

Left: Rocanville School teachers Kristin Dodd and Crystal Spurr giving their reply to the tribute to the teachers.



# **EHS students receive extracurricular awards**

Esterhazy High School held their extra-curricular awards program on Friday, June 21. All programs that ran at the school level were recognized. There was also the unveiling of several banners for success at both district and provincial levels. Shayna Zubko photos



The Junior Girls Volleyball team was awarded a gold banner at the Senior Boys Curling team Silver medal banner: Nathan Weiss, Treston district level. Stewart, Elijah Chomos, and Brandon Weiss.



Above left and right Athlete of the Year is provided to students who are nominated and given points by coaches. The winner scores the highest points overall in their grade and is awarded male and female athlete of the year. The recipients were Farren Romanchook, Tyson Neyedly, Abbey Norek, Kendall Shipp, Brayden Walker, Brandon Weiss, Paisley Beck, Cash Yurkiw, Kaleo Chretien, Kage Sandilands, Demi Jepson, Bridger Unchulenko, Jaylen Walker, Hudson Banga, and Samantha Mazhandou.



The Heart on the Sleeve Award is given to a student in Grade 9 who works hard and gives it their all, displaying their "heart on their sleeve. This was awarded to Kaleo Chretien.



The Junior Girls Curling team won gold at districts and were acknowledged with their banner. Recipients were: Brooklyn Stewart, Jovi Dutka, Jaylen Walker, Ava Lomenda, and Brynne Woytas.



The Senior Boys Volleyball team won gold, and received a banner for their provincial championship.



The Judy Moore Memorial trophy is awarded to a student most activities throughout dent who shows excellence in who embodies the spirit of kindness and caring. This year it was awarded to Charlie Restau.



is awarded to the student Leech.



The Parsons Leadership who participates in the Award is handed out to a stu-



Junior Track and Field banners were awarded for the entire year. The recipi- leadership among the student gold at the district level to Payton Lamb, Demi Je-ent this year was Emma body. It went to Brody Giroux. pson and Hunter Banga. Missing is Bridger Unchulenko.

# Entertainment at Moosomin Lake July Long





Everyone enjoyed the bands Saturday and Sunday night at the Waving in Canada Day at Moosomin Lake. The Blu Beach Band, above, performing Saturday night, and above to the left, Skrizzly Adams, singing Sunday night after the fireworks.

To the left, locals enjoying the live music and having a good time at the lake.

Kevin Weedmark photos



# Mosomin Elks#340 HATPOOLWINNERS

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## 2024 Scotties

Bill Thorn, Ed Yeo, Charlie Adair (3), Ken Turpie (2), Levi Horn, Sandra Johnson, Brenda Ireland, Ron Potter, Mike Schwean, Terry Lynd (2), Marj Steffenson (2), Kurt Russell, Dave Towler, Terry Doane, Darryl McKay, Louise Tocker, Pat McDonald, Francis McDougall, Brian Lindsay, Kea Diamond, Megan Davidson, Murray Gray, Gwen Carefoot, Barry Rambold, Stew Miskiman (2), John Skulmoski, Marlene Botterill, Ferrel Horn, Joan Windrim, Darrell Light, Don McLeod, Ryan Bartley, Mike McGonigal, Jack Lemoine.

## 2024 Brier

Keith Jones, Chris Geiger (2), Stan Ranson, Cam Eger, Ann Abrahamson (2), Barry Johnson, Phyliss Crosson, Marj Steffenson, Tom Jaenen, Darrell Light (3), Joyce Frape, Ed Yeo, Linda Skulmoski, Blair Hebert, Ryan Potter, Sharon Brolund, Dave Towler (2), Lee Moffatt, Blanie Salmon, Craig Roy (2), Charl Myburgh, Kyran Foy, Tom Cairns, Owen Frape, Garry Taggart, Ken Turpie (2), Brad Fletcher (2), Gwen Carefoot, Bruce Szmutko, Terry Lynd, Wanda Radbourne, Rod Lee.

## 2024 NHL Playoffs

Garry Bonkowski, Jason Miller, Brad Fletcher (2), Marj Stefenson (2), Don Bradley (2), Murray Bruce, Dave Towler (4), Rob Bradley, Kyran Foy, Neil Russell (2), Garnet Fawcett (2), Marlene Botterill, Fenton Martens, Larry Tomlinson (2), Richie Nadon, Trueman Anderson, Owen Frape, Barry Ireland, Jack Thompson (2), Brenda Ireland, Fredy McDougal, Barry Johnson, Dale Woods, Russell Slugoski, Shirley Lindsay, Brian Rose, Tim McCarthy, Mark Bateman, Denni Russell, Gordon Bowey.

## ELKS SUMMER CASH WINNERS

\$100 1. Laurie Bradley 2. Rene & Regan Lehr 3. Earl Flaman

4. Alice Abrahamson

5. Marlene Botteril

\$500 1. Keir McKay

\$1,000 1. Rylan & Raven Lehr

The Moosomin Elks would like to congratulate all of the winners, and to also thank everyone who supported our fundraisers!

# OBITUARIES



#### LEONNE "KAREN" KENT (NEE NORTHCUT) MAY 31, 1942 -JUNE 3, 2024

Karen passed away peacefully, surrounded peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family on Monday, June 3, 2024 at Luther Special Care at Luther Special Care Home at the age of 82 years.

Karen was interred on

in

GREGORY GORDON CHARLES BUDD

It is with great sadness that we mourn the sudden passing of Gregory Gordon Charles Budd. Greg passed away on May 19, 2024 at the age of 43.

Greg spent his youth in Lethbridge and Red Deer, Alberta, but his family roots belong on a farm near

Olds, Alberta. The final 10

Olds, Alberta. The final to years of his life were spent living in Saskatchewan. Moosomin Lake became home to him in 2021. Greg enjoyed his 'Lake Life'— living at the lake fulfilled his easy-going nature, his adoration for good compa-

ny, and his love for perfect-ing a smoked brisket. Greg was predeceased by his grandparents Ger-trude and Albert Budd.

Greg is survived by his mother Anita Budd; Aunt Wanda and Uncle Dave Okamura; Aunt Carol and Uncle Wesley Budd; and cousin Elizabeth Wilkie and her children Opsalh and Grenley.

Greg leaves a lifetime of friends and family to celebrate his life. He will forever be missed by his Sas-katchewan family Rooen, Kobielle, Joni, Mark, Wanda, Candace, Brad, Cooper, Beau, Corrie-Lynn, Jeff, Easton and Nash.

Saturday, July 6, 2024 at

Watrous Cemetery, Mani-tou Beach, Saskatchewan.

care of Mourning Glory Funeral Services (306)

978-5200.

Arrangements are in

To share memories of

Karen or send condo-lences please visit www.

mourningglory.ca

A Happy Hour was held on June 7 at the cabin at Moosomin Lake, Saskatch-ewan, to celebrate Greg's life. Those who attended brought a golf ball and a good story. good story. A Celebration of Greg's

Life will be held on Satur-day, July 20, 2024 from 2 to 4 pm in the Pidherney Event Centre, 4725 - 43 Street, Red Deer, Alberta.

Donations may be made in Greg's memory to the Moosomin Senior Badgers Baseball Team by e-transfer to moosominbadgersbase-ball@gmail.com, the Pipe-stone Hills Golf Course at the Town of Moosomin Office, Red Deer Minor Baseball at 3310 - 55th Av-enue, Red Deer, Alberta or a charity of your choice.

# **Bulls and Broncs Saturday in Moosomin**

Section Continued from front

The idea to donate to the cause, helping the daycare fund the building of a second location was easy, according to Beckett. "We feel that it's something that is need-

ed in our community, and we have a lot of families on our committee who take their kids to daycare," she said. "It'll definitely help and hopefully it takes them a bit fur-

ther in their project." The Bulls and Broncs event is also sanc-tioned by Bull Riders Canada with more tioned by Bull Riders Canada with more than \$6,000 up for grabs, enticing some quality talent to the lure of lasting eight seconds after that chute opens. In fact, Whitewood is hosting a BRC event as well with their Pipestone Bull Bash on the night before the Moosomin event—something that Beckett believes will draw more rid-or and concentence allog.

ers and spectators alike. "Being BRC, both Whitewood and Moosomin could really pull in some extra rid-ers just so they can ride both nights," she said. "It's definitely helped us, and it's helped our crowd as well that they can see

it two nights in a row." Some of those on the BRC circuit have local roots, so not only do fans get to see some hometown heroes, but also enjoy a high-calibre event with those familiar

"It pulls people from all over the place and I think just because they know that in-stead of only watching five or six bull riders, and maybe none of them stick a ride, they can watch 20 or so bull riders and a percentage of them will stick their ride," Beckett noted.

Expect to see a lot of folks in town for the July 12/13 weekend as numbers tend to swell for the event.

to swell for the event. "Since we started doing the Bulls and Broncs rough stock events, we can see any-where from 900 to 1,200 people in a night," Do by the down on the second start after water. Beckett said. "With our cabaret afterwards, that pulls in a few extra people, but defi-nitely around that 1,000-people mark."

#### Lots of events

It's going to be a busy weekend with pre-Bulls and Broncs activities kicking off on Friday. Head down to the Town Office between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. for a barbe-cue served up by members of Moosomin Town Council with proceeds going to the Playfair Davcare

It's been awhile since this particular barbecue has happened, marking a return this year for the first time since before Covid, so it's bound to be a popular kick-off to Rodeo Weekend.

Money raised will be going to the new building project that the Playfair Daycare is working on, an 8,000 square foot, singlelevel building to answer the need for more spaces. Playfair's current facility has room for 71 spots, and the new building will add another 90 to that, bringing capacity up to 161 spaces

#### Movie in the park

Friday evening is a Movie in the Park at the Nutrien Sportsplex with doors open-

the Nutrien Sportspiex with doors open-ing at 8:30 p.m. and the feature presenta-tion hitting the screen at dusk. "I always loved going to the drive-in, and I thought it'd be a good idea if we could have one in Moosomin, because there's not really any close around," said Learning Duridgen coverlinator of Mooso Jasmine Davidson, coordinator of Mooso-

min Communities in Bloom. Exactly which movie playing is still up in the air as Davidson posted a poll on the Communities in Bloom Facebook page, providing three options to choose from. The title with the most votes will deter-mine what hits the outdoor screen.

"It'll be all free, and you can bring your snacks, blankets and whatever you would ke," she said. With the event being hosted by the local like

Communities in Bloom, residents interest-ed in the program have the opportunity to meet with committee members-a chance to find out some of the unique initiatives

to find out some of the unique initiatives happening this year. One of those exciting projects currently underway is a virtual garden tour, which the Communities in Bloom team has been quite thrilled with producing. "You put your you sign up, you give me your address we get drone footage of your garden," Davidson explained. "We're go-ing to compile them all together so they're like a big virtual garden tour. We've done like a big virtual garden tour. We've done one and it looks so cool!"

The drone footage also provides a



On top of the bulls and broncs rodeo action, there is lots going on this weekend. Above: A bareback rider during last year's event.

unique perspective, adding to an already beautiful garden display. "The last one we went, I drove by that house a million times and I didn't know

how beautiful it was until I actually got the opportunity to look at it and showcase it," Davidson said.

Another exciting venture is the 2024 Scotts Miracle-Gro Best Garden contest, which runs until August. 20. Nominate yourself and others in the contest, and a dozen lucky people will win signage, a jug of Miracle-Gro Shake n Feed plant food, and a container of Miracle-Gro water soluble all purpose plant food.

#### Pancake breakfast

On Saturday morning, the Moosomin Volunteer Fire Department is serving up a pancake breakfast (starting at 7 a.m.) over at the fire hall—a tradition that's held for decades in town. "People line up and have their break-

fast on the morning, and then go do the parade," said Moosomin Fire Chief Rob Hanson. "It's been a tradition for many years

The firefighters typically serve up be-tween 200 and 300 plates, with proceeds from the special breakfast going back to the local fire department's equipment fund.

"Parrish & Heimbecker donated the pancake mix to us, and then we just buy the sausages from the Co-op, syrup and whatever and get at 'er," Hanson said. With rising costs on everything, fund-raisers like the annual pancake breakfast

help the Moosomin Volunteer Fire Depart-ment afford updated gear, equipment, and continual training for firefighters. "I'm going to blame it on COVID, all this stuff has doubled in price since since the suck root of the successful department."

the early 2020s," Hanson said. "Price sheet trucks have doubled, turnout gear's up considerably. Even a helmet is \$350 now, so it's astronomical the prices."

Hanson estimates to fully outfit a firefighter with all the gear they need to do their job safely can easily run \$5,000.

## Candyland' theme

of Chamber parade After you've loaded up on breakfast, why not take in the Moosomin Chamber

of Commerce parade, which will begin winding down the streets at 10 a.m. "For a small town, Moosomin always has a big parade—and this year is not going to be any exception," said Moosomin Chamber of Commerce president Kevin

Weedmark. Many local businesses will be entering floats this year, with a 'Candyland' theme, and there will be a large representation of Shriners.

"We've got four different Shriner units that are going to be part of it including the Moosomin Shrine Club's go-cart patrol, which is always always a hit," Weedmark said. "We'll also have the Indian Head Shriners Steel Drum Band, the Brandon Shriners will be here with their mini Mustangs and the Carlyle Shrine Club will be coming with their vehicles, including a

coming with their vehicles, including a mini ambulance and a mini semi truck." Expanding on the this year's theme, Weedmark highlighted the tradition of tossing candy in a small town parade. "We just went with a really fun parade theme this year," he said. "Candy is al-ways a big part of small town parades; tossing out candy to the to the kids along the parade route. This year, we thought we'd made that the therme and let people we'd made that the theme and let people have fun decorating their floats in that theme. I've heard back from a lot of people who are having fun with it."

There are two major rules to abide by when it comes to this perennial tradi-tion as Weedmark noted, "the rule here is throw lots of candy, and the other rule around the parade is have fun. Those are

around the parade is have full. Those are our two rules!" There's also a special thrill for horse lov-ers as some beautiful equines will be front and centre, as Weedmark explained.

"Leading the parade will be a team of Appaloosa horses from Doug Sauter, who has led the Calgary Stampede parade for the last years," he said. "He comes up from Oklahoma with these beautiful Ap-

paloosas and he'll be waving the Canadi-an flag, leading our parade this year." Marshalling for the parade begins at 9 a.m. in the McNaughton High School parking lot.

"It just keeps getting bigger every year," Weedmark said of the parade participants. "We line the floats up in banks and then have them peel out one group after anoth-er, and the rows usually fill that parking lot and then down Ellice Street and onto Gertie Street. It's quite a lineup!" "It's always a lot of fun, and it's always

without fail, the hottest day of the summer that Bulls and Broncs weekend," Weed-mark said, noting the forecast of 30°C for the day.

#### **Homemade treasures** at the Makers Market

Also starting at 10 am is a Makers Mar-ket over at the Moosomin Visual Arts Cen-tre (701 Ellice Street), running until 3 pm. This outdoor event will feature home-made goods, arts, and crafts with folks from in and around Moosomin participat-

ing. There will also be a bounce tent, cotton candy, a lemonade stand, and popcorn on

offer from 11 am to 3 pm. "We have tables booked from local and surrounding area artists/makers, and the market is exclusive to selling homemade goods and crafts," explained Merissa Lantz of MVAC. "We still have room for anyone who would like to sign up." Anyone interested in a \$25 table can text

me(306) 434-7095 for more information. "This is a free event, and anyone is wel-

come to come and check out the Market," Lantz said, adding "we will have a table for any donations that the public would like to make to MVAC.

Since officially opening the doors back in February, MVAC has been a flurry of activity with classes, events, and kids programs—a prime example being the upcoming summer camp 'Passport Moo-somin' starting on July 22. As for the Maker's Market, it's an event

MVAC intends to repeat throughout the

year. "This is our first official Makers Mar-ket we have had," Lantz said. "We have had lots of interest from local vendors that could not make it this weekend, but are interested in future dates. We hope to follow up with a Christmas Market in November

#### Scrumptious lunch, great cause

If you're looking for an amazing lunch that can help make a difference for a lo-cal family, head over to the Moosomin Armoury Hall for a Filipino lunch with entertainment! There will be two seatings at 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. with proceeds going to the Lladones family, who recently lost their home and business in a fire on the morning of June 21. Thankfully, the Lladones family was

able to escape the building and only had a brief hospital stay as a result of the tragic event. Since that time, the entire commu-nity has rallied around the family, and this nity has rallied around the family, and this special lunch event is another testament to that support the Lladones family have so graciously received. Tickets to the Pinoy Lunch for a Cause are available at GL Ap-parel and Promotions (or call Leo at (306) 435-4222), Adair Farm and Ranch Supply, and the World-Spectator.

Diners can expect lots of rice, pansit, spring rolls, and delicious puto (rice cake) for dessert.

"We're going to have like a Filipino "We re going to have like a Filipino band that's going to play pop music, may-be some Filipino songs too," said Michael Vantomme of the Filipino Community. "We might have some members of the community that will volunteer to sing or dance, we're not really sure yet, but defi-nitely there'll be a band to serenade the vietors" visitors."

Visitors." The event this year has doubled with 400 tickets available, but they are expected to sell fast. Last year, the Filipino Com-munity held one seating of their famous lunch, with proceeds going to recreation in Morcomin in Moosomin.

"The proceeds of the one last year went to the basketball court—the Terry Lind Basketball Court—so there was only there was only one seating," explained Van-tomme. "We were supposed to have one seating only this time, but then because we wanted to raise more funds for the Lladones family, that's when we decided to

A GoFundMe campaign has also been organized, already surpassing the \$5,000 goal. Indeed, another example of Moo-somin's continued compassion to gather around when a community member is in need.

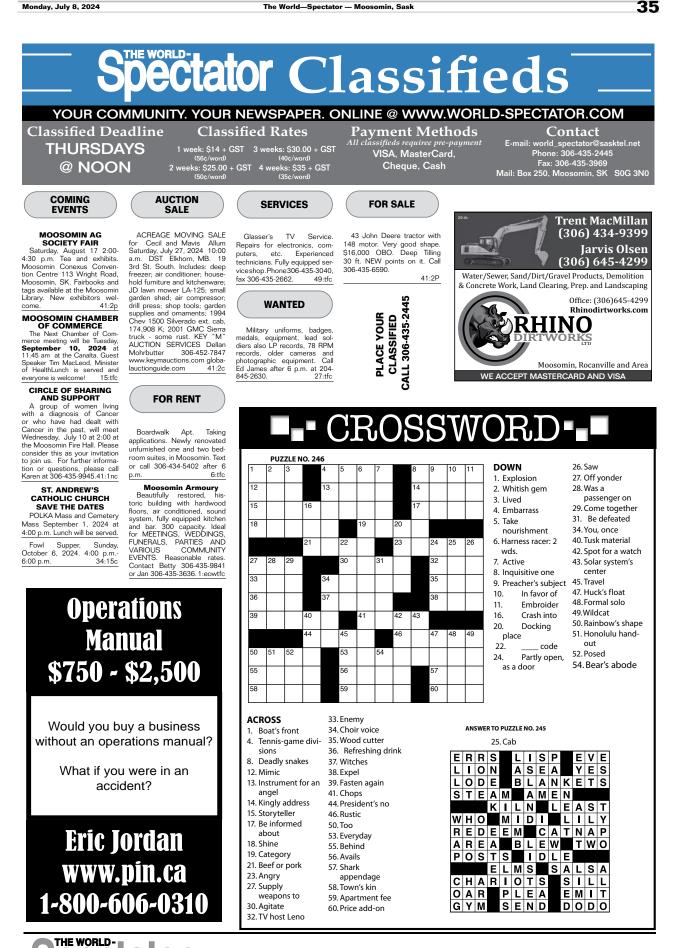
#### Bulls, broncs, and **Ouinton Blair**

At 7 p.m., the Bulls and Broncs event kicks off over at the Moosomin Rodeo

Grounds, with Quinton Blair performing at the following cabaret starting at 9 p.m. Blair is an eight-time Manitoba Country Music Award winner, and has shared the stage with the likes of Corb Lund, George Canyon, Charlie Major, Terri Clark, Doc Walker, the Road Hammers, High Val-ley and many more big names. Plus, he'll more than likely be performing tunes from his most recent release Someday Sunday, which came out in March.

"He's coming for a second year in a row this year, so that's always exciting to get in the groove of some things," said Mooso-min Rodeo vice-president Chelan Beckett. So far, Blair's tour has seen him play many a rodeo, and the Moosomin show will be freeh off a two-night stirt at Com-

will be fresh off a two-night stint at Country Thunder in Craven.



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