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Moosomin Rodeo committee honours Angus Turpie

The Moosomin Rodeo grounds is renamed after local family in honour of Angus Turpie

BY ASHLEY BOCHKE

The Moosomin Rodeo Committee honored the Turpie family at the Bulls and Broncs rodeo July 13, with the announcement they are renaming the rodeo grounds after Angus Turpie.

The Turpie family owns a family farm just south of Moosomin, and family members say Angus was driven by family, agriculture, and community.

Keith Turpie and Diane Jamieson say the family is honoured by their dad and family's recognition at the rodeo grounds in Moosomin.

"He was very community minded and always had been," Turpie said. "He wanted to help. He wanted to see things get done. He wanted to see Moosomin grow. He was very focused on agriculture, that was a big deal for him and his family."

Turpie says the family has owned the land for decades, purchasing the land after his grandpa was a guard working at the Moosomin Jail years ago. "My grandpa, Angus' dad, was a guard at the jail when there was a provincial jail in Moosomin. The provincial jail closed in '48 and the option for my grandpa was to go to Regina, but grandpa proposed to them—instead of taking that option—if he could rent the site."

"At that time they were living straight south of here," Jamieson explains. "They lived where the fir trees are and then he just walked to work at the jail."

Turpie adds, "So they lived there for about a year then the jail came up for sale. So dad, his two brothers, and grandpa they were able to purchase it on condition that the jail was to be torn down, demolished."

"They told us stories of it being demolished. They blew it up with dynamite and bricks would come flying off close to the house and down to the barnyard, and still the odd time you can find bricks that's worked its way through."

Jamieson says there is a coat of arms at the family farm from the provincial jail.

"He wanted to leave it as a historical site,

but they wouldn't allow it so what is left is the coat of arms and the out buildings. That was all they would leave."

Turpie says his dad, two uncles, and grandpa worked together on the farm, building it to what is it today. "They built up the farm over the years. They never had a loan until '93 when we started PMU. That was the first loan they ever had and purchased land. Just three brothers and grandpa working together."

The family farm started small. "They literally started with one cow. They bought the cow from Redvers. There were stock yards over by the buildings they're putting up by the tracks, and they bought the cow and her calf there. She got out during the night and went all the way back to Redvers. They had to take the horse and bring them back. Unbelievable the stories they told."

Family dedicated to community growth

The Turpie family donated land to the town for recreational development.

"As far as we were told was in the '70s they donated part of the recreation area where everything is now, for town expansion," Jamieson said.

"There used to be old sports grounds north of the highway, by the cemetery, and part of the deal that the Department of Highways offered—when they tore those sports grounds down the town had to buy other land for it," Turpie said. "We always thought that the land where the Communiplex is, Dad, Don, and Lawrence donated it, just the original square where the Communiplex was built."

The Turpies also provided land where the Southeast Integrated Care Centre now stands. "They did the same with the hospital. They sold it at assessed value which was basically the bare minimum for that piece of land," Jamieson explained. "They provided the land to help the community."



Keith Turpie and Diane Jamieson, son and daughter of Angus and Irene Turpie.

Turpie adds, "They wanted to see things grow. Dad was a big force behind the hospital, it was very important to him. He wanted to see it happen."

"It was probably similar with the sports grounds, he just wanted to see it happen. They didn't donate the whole thing by any means, but sold it at a reduced rate and part they did donate just to make sure it happened. They were very reasonable, they wanted to see things move forward in Moosomin."

Turpie says he remembers helping build posts for the rodeo grounds when it first was built. "When those rodeo grounds were built, we helped put posts in one night. It wasn't rodeo grounds originally. It was for 4H and gymkhana and then I don't know what year it switched over to rodeo, but it has been improved. Gordon Gibson I think spearheaded it getting it going for gymkhana and the 4H club."

Jamieson says the Moosomin Rodeo committee contacted her in February to let the family know their plans to honor Angus. "Bobby Stevens called in about February and asked for permission to do it. Then they called again about a week before the rodeo. We weren't for sure until a week before the rodeo whether it was even happening."

Heartwarming feelings

Turpie and Jamieson say the recognition for their dad at the rodeo grounds is a

humbling feeling. "It is pretty special. Dad would be pretty proud to see it," Jamieson said.

"It is pretty humbling," Turpie said. "It should be known—his name is out there, but my mom, Irene, and my uncle, Donald—with dad being so busy—had to pick up the slack on the farm. Their names aren't up there, but just to point out they did so much. They were at home working the land. Mom was a definite farm wife working the tractor and everything so when dad was away they were responsible. They should have recognition as well."

Jamieson says being presented with the sign in honour of her dad was heartwarming that night at the rodeo.

"It was pretty emotional that night. It was a huge honour. It was very nice of the rodeo committee to think of us and do that for our family. It was a great honour."

Positive feedback from the community

The family has heard a lot of positive comments from the community since the honor was announced at the Bulls and Broncs event.

"Lots of people have commented on it like 'Well deserved' sort of thing," Turpie said.

"We're pretty proud," Jamieson said. "We've been told it is a great honour for the family. It was a wonderful recognition from the rodeo committee."



The Moosomin Rodeo Committee presented the family the honourable renaming of the grounds after Angus Turpie July 13 at the Bulls and Broncs rodeo.

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Les Sparvier, manager of Operations & Maintenance at KFN expressed his gratitude for all involved in the project.



Risingsun Kaysaywaysemat opened the ground breaking ceremony last week with an honour song.

Kahkewistahaw breaks ground on new fire hall, O&M building

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Fire department has gained reputation for its search and rescue expertise

Deputy Fire Chief Clinton Bobb points to a multi-coloured bar attached to the left breast pocket on his formal firefighter dress shirt.

"These are Government of Canada medals issued for community service, long service, fire service," he explained, adding that he also has some from his military service. "These are for 20 years' service, but most of us have like 25 or 28 years. So at 30 years, you get a little pin that goes right onto the medal itself."

For the Bobb family, being a firefighter is in their blood. From nine brothers, eight have taken their firefighter training and seven are still active on the department.

"We are third generation now into our fire department," says a proud Stan Bobb. "We work side by side with our children and now our grandchildren. It is amazing, and it's a legacy we hope will continue!"

There's also keen interest from the younger generation to serve as firefighters, some even participating at the hall through a cadet program where they receive training.

"In order for us to have a succession plan, we need to introduce that to our young people. I'm proud to say that we have a number of young people on our team, we are preparing for them to take over. And I tell you what, for them to work out of a first class building is something that they deserve," Stan said. "We look forward to moving into the new building. It's state of the art. We've toured a facility in Saskatoon that will have many of the same features that we will have out here. We're very pleased that we'll be sharing the building with O&M, and it's something that we really look forward to."

One thing that sets the Kahkewistahaw Fire Department apart is their drone team, which is often called to communities all over Saskatchewan.

"We provide more than just fire services to our community—that was our initial mandate—but the question that our team has always asked is, 'what else can we do?' From there, we moved into medical services, which we started out with just basic First Aid, and for at least nine years now, we've had first responders as part of our service; we've also branched off into a drone team," Stan said. "We have federally licensed pilots, and we assist in search and rescues, missing persons all the way from way up north in Red Earth down to Carlyle, White Bear, and way over to Nekaneet by Maple Creek."

Through their role in assisting search and rescue efforts by drone, the Kahkewistahaw team have built a reputation in the provincial firefighting community.

"It's quite an area; it's the whole province, basically," Stan continued. "And you know, I'm very proud to say that our drone



Councillor Michael Bob noted during his speech how he's grown up on KFN and always wanted to see the fire department and O&M crew have appropriately-sized space to work.

team, they've gained a reputation for the ability to just produce. We have never turned down requests for assistance, and our Chief and Council again have been supportive of that."

The Yorkton Tribal Council has assisted the Kahkewistahaw FN Fire Department with training, and assistance in events such as mock disaster preparation. A recent example took local firefighters to some very remote areas on the first nation.

"We put two people out there somewhere in the wilderness, and it was up to the search and rescue team to locate them," Stan explained, adding that the team was given some information such as last known location and circumstances relating to the individuals participating in the exercise. "We are very proud to say that within three hours, the drone team and the ground crew were able to locate the missing people."

The training exercise highlighted the importance of continued, regular training sessions for the team.

"Hand in hand with that is now the search and rescue portion of our training, and we have a number of team members who are certified, and we are in the process of certifying more," Stan said. "We always look to improve, and partnerships are very important. We work very well with the Broadview Fire Department, we work well with EMS, we work well with Whitecourt Fire Department, and STARS Air ambulance. We've landed STARS in our community on numerous occasions to assist with critical incidents. So it's just a matter of keeping the ball rolling, never being satisfied with where you are and being able to ask what else could we need? What else could we do?"

Equipment upgrades on the horizon

An important factor for fire departments across the province is ensuring they fall within the minimum standards guidelines—a challenge for smaller communi-

ties who have been relying on used trucks and turnout gear as a means to get by.

"We've been there and done that, and we have gratitude for anyone who's helped us along our way," Stan said. "One of the brightest parts of this whole project is that we did an assessment on the state of our equipment, and a lot of it is due for replacement. Hand in hand with the new hall will come the opportunity for proper funding for updated equipment. It's a win/win situation for the fire department, for the community and for the whole area."

Chief Taypotat agreed, reiterating the importance of the firefighters' ability to safely do their work.

"We have a really good volunteer fire department that goes above and beyond, and we're excited to get them this new building because they deserve it," he said.

Paying for the new building will take some time as some money was received through Indigenous Services Canada (\$1.5 million), but the bulk will be covered via a 25-year loan.

"Economically, we're always trying to add businesses," said Chief Taypotat. "So then if you can add that, it's a revenue stream to pay for the loan."

Ultimately, breaking ground on the new site is about a dream coming to fruition—one that will support future generations in the community.

"It's a day that's been long, long coming," Stan said. "Our Chief and Council have been very supportive of our team, and they have given us all the tools we needed, whenever we've requested them. The last thing that we really needed was a proper building. This certainly is a dream come true."

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Bekevar wind project part of major plans to increase wind and solar

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

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The construction phase of the Bekevar Wind Energy Project near Kipling is nearing completion and will soon be contributing power to the provincial grid. Once finished, 36 wind turbines will have been assembled and ready to produce energy by year end.

"The plan is for that facility to be online by the end of the year providing power to the grid," explained SaskPower spokesperson Joel Cherry. "Out of a 200 megawatt project, you expect the capacity to be about 40 per cent. So, it's not the same as a 200 megawatt gas plant, for example, where you can get the maximum out whenever you want."

SaskPower uses that 40 per cent number as a factor over the life of a facility contributing cost-effective, clean energy to the greater power supply.

"We look at the grid kind of being like a pool," Cherry explained. "So each of the facilities that we have on the system—whether that's a wind farm, or a solar facility, or a natural gas plant, or a hydro facility, for example—they all kind of add water to the same pool."

Despite wet and windy conditions through spring and summer, the Bekevar project remains on track for meeting construction goals.

"We are targeting the start of energy production later in August," said Michael Capaldo, Vice-President of Construction and Engineering with Innagreen Investments, the company building the project. Capaldo also noted during peak construction at Bekevar, around 250 people were employed at the construction site.

In addition to the wind turbines being constructed, 18 km of new road has also been included, with 3.5 km becoming municipal roads. Under the soil, a network of 106 km of medium-voltage cables connecting the turbines are included in construction.

SaskPower planning for major increases in wind and solar

Currently, wind energy makes up 11 per cent of the overall power mix in Saskatchewan, contributing 617 MW to the total generating capacity of 5,355 MW. Solar power accounts for about two per cent (95 MW), but those numbers are expected to climb with some ambitious targets coming over the next decade.

"We're looking at adding up to 3,000 megawatts of wind and solar generation by 2035, which is pretty significant," Cherry said. "Our entire capacity of all the resources on the system right now is only around 5,000 megawatts, so that's a significant increase."



A wind turbine going up at the Bekevar Wind Energy Project near Kipling.

nificant increase."

In addition to that jump in green energy reliance, Cherry pointed to an ultimate target of reaching 'net zero' by the 2050s, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50 per cent from 2005 levels within six years.

"Wind is definitely cost effective," Cherry stated. "It's not exposed to the federal carbon tax. So when we burn coal or natural gas, there's the cost of the fuel, but then there's also the carbon tax on top of that. When it comes to wind power, the fuel is the wind itself, and there's no tax on it. Generally, it's our lowest cost option for generating power. If we could generate all of our power from it, it would be very cost effective."

For now, wind and solar energy are a complement to the larger energy producers. Natural gas still reigns supreme at 39 per cent of generating capacity (2,065 MW), followed by coal at 24 per cent (1,281 MW), and hydro at 21 per cent (1,155 MW). With a federal government mandate to retire coal by 2030, there's a real crunch to roll out alternative sources.

Conversations are also ongoing regarding nuclear energy, with two possible sites being considered in the Estevan area for a small modular reactor, and the Elbow area also being considered. According to SaskPower's SMR projections, actual site prep is not planned to happen until at least 2030, but they are interested in the GE-Hitachi BWRX-300 boiling water reactor with each unit capable of producing 300 MW.

"We've shared our concerns with that

because for us to replace all of our fossil fuel facilities with non-emitting generation, and especially for that period of time, it's just not possible in terms of logistics and cost and we just don't have the technology here," Cherry remarked.

Another factor is the extreme temperature shifts in the province, combined with increasing draws on that energy grid.

"We came within about 14 megawatts of our summer record just recently on July 11," Cherry said. "With the heat really cranking up here the next couple days, I wouldn't be surprised if we got close to a summer record again. So it's because the province is growing, too, and more and more, we're going to see more things electrifying, too—more and more electric vehicles and other aspects of industry are going to be electrified—so we'll need to accommodate that, too."

Wind facilities seem to be popping up all over the south, which is the most favourable part of Saskatchewan for wind. In 2022, a pair of facilities were constructed near the communities of Assiniboia and Herbert, expected to add 375 MW to the grid. The Bekevar project will contribute a further 200 MW once online (enough to power 10,000 homes across the province), plus a further 400 MW is expected to be produced from a pair of wind power projects currently in the planning stage for south central Saskatchewan.

Natural gas projects will also see more energy produced through two projects currently under construction—the Great Plains Power Station in Moose Jaw (377 MW) and the Aspen Power Station near Lanigan (370 MW).

"It's a pivotal time for the province," Cherry concluded.

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Scheffler's Olympic gold ends all POY arguments

After Xander Schauffele won the Open championship at Troon for his second major championship of 2024, the major conversation among golf insiders was about PGA Tour Player of the Year.

The debate percolated for a couple of weeks—does Schauffele's two majors trump Scottie Scheffler's six victories, including the Masters, the Players and the Memorial—or was Scheffler's sterling record enough to give him the POY title.

It was a legitimate argument for a couple of weeks, but it ended abruptly in Paris when Scheffler roared back to win the Olympic gold medal with a final round nine-under-par 62 while Schauffele, who was tied for the lead entering the final round, faded to a tie for ninth with a two-over-par 73.

Ladies and gentlemen, let us introduce you to the Player of the Year—Scottie Scheffler.

When you consider Schauffele has finished in the top 10 in 13 of his 19 tournaments this year, and has gone 52 events in a row without missing the cut (dating back to the Masters in 2022), his POY credentials were certainly solid. Most years, the player of the year winner is obvious. And going into the Open Championship, the runaway leader was Scheffler. But Schauffele's win muddled the water until Scheffler abruptly ended the debate with his victory in Paris.

Schauffele may still have a whisker of an outside chance.



Bruce Penton

There are two playoff events to be played in August, along with the Tour Championship for the FedEx Cup Aug. 29-Sept. 1. Schauffele running the table on those last three events could give him the title, but winning all three is unlikely. But let's say Schauffele wins the first playoff event and Scheffler takes the second one. If that were the case, the Player of the Year would be the one who won the FedEx Cup.

Twenty years ago, this award had almost an automatic winner: Tiger Woods was POY 11 times in a 17-year period. If Scheffler were to win in 2024, that would give him three in a row and create more talk of elevating him to Woods' status.

Who will win the honour this year has been the popular topic on various golf sites since Schauffele thrust himself into the conversation at Troon. One wise guy predicted the

winner would be someone whose name started with 'Sch'. Another said Bryson DeChambeau winning the other major title this year (the U.S. Open) prevented a 'Grand Schlam.'

All joking aside, other than a bonus from their equipment companies for winning the POY, there is nothing at stake except the honour involved. For a while after the Open, the discussion was lively, and legitimate. But the gold medal in Paris probably clinched the third consecutive Player of the Year for Scheffler. Pretty hard to beat one major, one gold medal and five other titles, including the Players and Memorial.

- Author and humorist Steve Burgess of Vancouver: "Wow. So far the Canadian women's Olympic soccer team has defeated: New Zealand, France, Colombia, FIFA, and their own coaching staff."

- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "I just saw where the Lakers signed second-round pick Bronny James—who really shouldn't have even been drafted—to a multi-year guaranteed contract! And you wonder why Dan Hurley turned down the job?"

- Headline at Canadian satirical website The Beaver: "Olympic trampolinist scores extra points for resonant, high pitched 'wheee!'"

- Another beaverton.com offering: "Embarrassed FIFA announces that Canadians can only use their left feet during quarter-finals."

Welwyn News

Phyllis Harper
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Orville and Phyllis Harper motored to Calgary on the long weekend to attend the wedding of Sarah Nazarak to Greg Mendy. Sarah is the daughter of Orville's cousin Sandra and the late Glen Nazarak. It was a fun-filled time with family and friends.

Dwayne and Amber Marsh of Calgary arrived on Tuesday to spend a few days with Bruce and Sheila Marsh, Amy Ewen and other relatives and friends in the community.

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Pam Likuski of Drayton Valley, Alta. was a recent visitor with her mother Toots Stewart and other relatives and friends in the area.

Albert and Lorraine Pape of Beiseker, Alta. visited in town on Sunday, July 28. He was the UGC elevator agent in town until it closed in 1971.

Ed and Cindy Cuthill of Brandon, Michael and Lily

Cuthill of Swift Current, Mark and Meghan LeBoutillier and kids visited with Shirley Cuthill on Saturday.

Barb & Doug Cuthill were to Elkhorn on Saturday the 27th of July for a Bickerton gathering. Among the cousins attending were all of Dolly's surviving children, Barb's brothers James and wife Diana, Scott and Shelley, Jeff and Donna, sisters Connie, Tracey and husband Charlie Palmer and family of Erica, Riley, Morgan and Graig.

Wawota News

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Joanne Mills passed away on July 25 at the age of 74 years. She leaves a sister, Delores Broater, and many close cousins including the Brisbois, Gerald, Lawrence relatives, Joe and David, and a great loving family at the Redvers Activity Centre. Her funeral mass was held on August 2 at Our Lady of Fatima R.C. Church at Redvers. Interment was in the Redvers Cemetery.

Congratulations to Cody Fisk and Lisa Wilson who were married on their farm in the Kelso District on July 27.

Sympathy to Freda and family and friends on the passing of Dennis Cuddington who passed away suddenly on July 27. He was in his 63th year and leaves his wife

Freda and family of Garth (Julie), Stephen (Kristin) and Denise Van Eaton (Sheldon) and their families. His funeral was held at All Saints Anglican Church on August 2.

A very successful supper and auction fundraiser was held at August 2 at the Wawota Town Hall. This was to support Angie Patterson-Werner for expenses incurred during her medical situation.

James Cudmore and Vicki Vanstone who were married earlier this year on a destination wedding held a celebration at the farm on August 3.

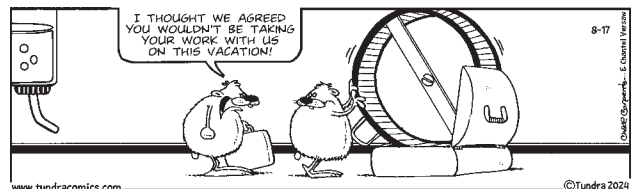
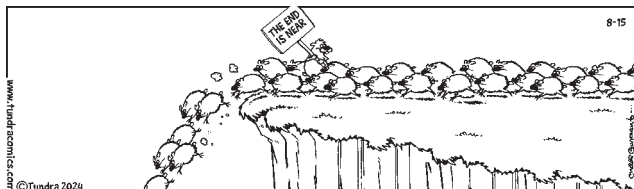
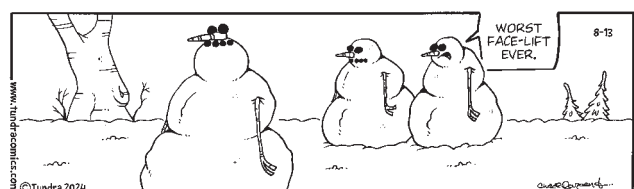
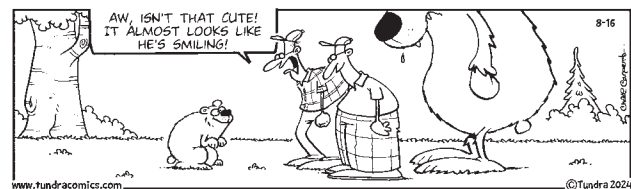
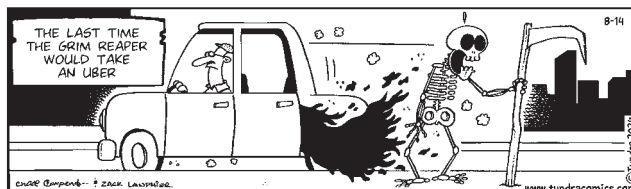
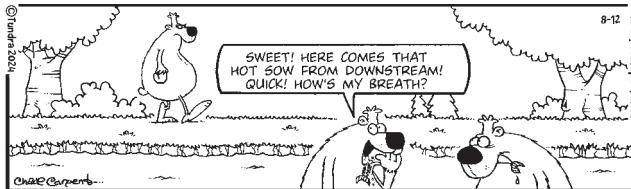
Congratulations to George and Suzanne Eisler on celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on the weekend. Daughters Joan Gartner and Kim Ursell and son Rick

(and Betty) Eisler organized a gathering of friends to celebrate the occasion. They were married on July 22, 1959.

Saturday, August 3 was Wawota's Heritage Day. The weather co-operated and there was a large turn out. The crowd enjoyed all of the activities. The hard working committee and the many volunteers produced a successful and enjoyable day. There were a lot of compliments on the washrooms. The musical entertainment was appreciated. My pie contest received 15 donations and the winner of best fruit pie was Cher Badger (apple) and the winner of the best cream pie was Erica Wyporowich (banana cream). Erica won the blue ribbon for best overall pie!

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Chad Carpenter



Esterhazy/ Langenburg RCMP Report

BY SGT. MEAGAN STRINGFELLOW

Driver hits drug store

On July 1 a female ran into the wall of Sapara's Drug Mart with her car. There were no injuries or major damages to the building. The driver's license will be reviewed as she forgot to put her vehicle into park.

Intoxicated man rolls quad

On July 1, Esterhazy RCMP responded to a complaint of a male on a quad driving around the train tracks. RCMP located the male passed out beside his quad which had rolled. The male was intoxicated and arrested for Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle. The male was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Stolen Bobcat located

On July 3, Esterhazy RCMP located a stolen Bobcat out of Yorkton. The Bobcat was towed back to Yorkton where it was processed by Yorkton Forensic Identification Section.

Abandoned property

On July 4, Esterhazy RCMP responded to an abandoned car and quad on Ducks Unlimited land. It is unknown where this property came from. Please ensure you lock up your property to ensure it doesn't get stolen.

B&E in RM of Fertile Belt

On July 5, Esterhazy RCMP responded to a Break and Enter in the RM of Fertile Belt. The home owner did not have any cameras or suspects. Fuel was taken out of the vehicles and the doors were kicked in. If you have any information into this or any other incident, please contact the Esterhazy RCMP or Crimestoppers.

ATV rollover at Boreen Centre

On July 6, Esterhazy RCMP responded to an ATV rollover at the Boreen Centre in Esterhazy. Luckily, no one had any major injuries.

Dispute over property lines

On July 7, Esterhazy RCMP responded to a neighbour dispute over property lines. Both parties were advised to contact a surveyor to determine who owns the property they are disputing.

Suspicious vehicle reported

On July 8, Esterhazy RCMP received a complaint of a suspicious vehicle parked at an intersection in the RM of Fertile Belt. The vehicle was gone when police arrived. Please call in any suspicious activity in the rural areas as the property crime has gone up this summer.

Selling jewellery on Highway 9

On July 10, Esterhazy RCMP received a complaint of some people trying to sell jewellery on Highway 9. There have been several complaints similar to this in the surrounding area. Please be cognizant of anyone selling jewellery on the highways as it is fake gold.

Prohibited driver was impaired

On July 10, Esterhazy RCMP pulled over a vehicle, knowing the driver was prohibited from driving. The driver had open liquor in the vehicle and was arrested for Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle. The driver refused to provide a breath sample to police so was charged with Refusing to provide a Breath Sample. The vehicle was impounded and the driver was held for court.

Dead moose on Highway 9

On July 11, Esterhazy RCMP responded to a dead moose on Highway 9 which they removed.

Noises around windows

On July 12, Esterhazy RCMP received a complaint in the RM of Fertile Belt stating that he heard noises around his windows. Police attended and cleared the house and yard. There was no one in the area.

Purse stolen out of vehicle

On July 15, Esterhazy RCMP received a complaint from a female stating her purse was stolen out of her vehicle at Bird's Point. The vehicle was left unlocked. If you have any information, please contact Esterhazy RCMP or Crimestoppers.

Fences driven over, properties scouted out

On July 15 and 16, Esterhazy RCMP received two separate complaints of fences being driven over and properties being scouted out in the rural areas around Esterhazy and Spy Hill. It's unknown who has been driving around, but please lock up your valuables and vehicles.

Motorhome catches fire

On July 21, Esterhazy RCMP received a complaint of a motorhome that caught fire while driving. The fire was put out and the motor home was towed. No one was injured.

Trail cameras stolen

On July 23, Esterhazy RCMP responded to a complaint where two trail cameras were stolen from the gun range in Esterhazy. There were no suspects or witnesses. If you have any information into this, please contact the Esterhazy RCMP or Crimestoppers.

Stolen vehicle recovered in Macnutt

On July 23, Esterhazy RCMP recovered a stolen vehicle from a property in Macnutt. Possession of Stolen Property charges were laid.

Man sleeping on highway

On July 28, Esterhazy RCMP located a male sleeping on Highway 247. The male was intoxicated and on court ordered conditions to abstain from possession and consumption of alcohol. The male was arrested and charged for breaching his court conditions.

Semi vs car collision

On July 29, Esterhazy RCMP along with Langenburg Fire and EMS responded to a semi vs car collision on the 636 grid road. Luckily, there were only minor injuries.

Aggressive and intoxicated

On July 30, Esterhazy RCMP responded to a complaint of an intoxicated and violent male who was trying to get into the house. The male was aggressive and not compliant with police. The male was eventually arrested and taken to the hospital for treatment.

Traffic tickets

In the month of July, Esterhazy RCMP spent a lot of time patrolling and ensuring the roads were safe. Fifteen tickets were issued for speeding, there was one charge for impaired driving, and several traffic stops to check license, registration and sobriety. Please make good decisions and do not drink and drive. Let's work together to keep our roads safe.



A SIGNIFICANT CONCERN FOR COTTAGE OWNERS

Capital gains taxes are a significant concern for many Canadian cottage owners. Changes in tax policies, particularly those introduced in the 2024 federal budget, have heightened these concerns.

Many cottage owners who purchased their properties decades ago have seen significant appreciation in value. For instance, some cottages, originally worth around \$50,000, are now valued at about \$250,000. The new tax rules could result in tens of thousands of dollars in additional taxes, reducing the amount that could be passed on to heirs or used for other expenses. Primary residences are exempt from capital gains taxes, but secondary properties, like cottages, are not. This distinction means families hoping to pass on their cottages face hefty tax bills. Additionally, these new tax rules make worse existing financial pressures for cottage owners. Maintenance costs for cottages have increased substantially over the years, often running into thousands of dollars annually. Upkeep expenses, property taxes, insurance, and potential renovations add to the financial burden, especially for those relying on fixed incomes or retirement savings. For some owners, renting out their cottages has become a necessary strategy to cover these costs. However, this too can be fraught with challenges, as municipalities introduce regulations and taxes on short-term rentals, adding another layer of complexity.

The emotional connection many Canadians have with their cottages further complicates the decision-making process. Cottages are often seen not just as properties but as cherished family retreats, places where generations gather and create memories. The prospect of selling these beloved properties or facing substantial tax bills when passing them on to the next generation creates a significant emotional dilemma. For many, the idea of losing a family cottage is not just a financial loss but a personal one as well.

Moreover, the broader implications of these tax changes extend to the real estate market itself. Potential buyers might be deterred by the high tax implications, leading to decreased demand and possibly affecting property values in popular cottage regions. Sellers might also face longer listing times and reduced offers, complicating their financial planning and retirement strategies.

In summary, the changes to capital gains taxes have introduced significant financial and emotional challenges for Canadian cottage owners. These changes complicate the financial strategies for those looking to maintain family legacies, manage rising costs, and navigate the evolving real estate market. As families grapple with these new realities, the dream of owning a cottage, maintaining it through generations, and enjoying a peaceful retreat by the lake becomes increasingly fraught with challenges and uncertainties.

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Beckett Stevenson enjoying his freezie while watching the chuck wagon races.



Chariot racing teams coming out of the gate.

Elkhorn Western Weekend



Hailey Bird pitching in the slowpitch tournament.



Ashley Bocek and Ed James photos



From left, Foxx McColl, Dylan Couvier, and Drayton Shiner having fun playing slowpitch.



Above, a Chuckwagon race. Below, Ryder Langevin in a chariot race.



The chariot racers coming down the home stretch at the Elkhorn Western Weekend.



In the corral after the chuck wagon race.



The band "Better Than" from Clear Lake, one of three musical groups that performed at the Western Weekend.

Ed James photos



One of the three inflatable play areas for the children, the most popular being a water slide.



Kevin Hartje of Walhalla, North Dakota, playing at the corral camp site. The Elkhorn Western Weekend attracted a few North Dakota teams.

Elkhorn Elks host 10th anniversary Western Weekend

BY ED JAMES

There is an old saying, that half a loaf is better than no loaf, and for the Elkhorn Western weekend you might say that two thirds were better than no thirds!

The three-day, 10th anniversary event, scheduled for August 2-4, had two perfect days, but on the third day, rain on the race track caused a number of safety concerns for both the riders and the horse teams.

The weekend had events for all ages that included several new items. The riding teams started to roll in on Thursday at the Elkhorn Agricultural grounds and soon there was a small village of horse trailers and family campers, complete with all the comforts of home. The racing teams came from all over Manitoba and Saskatchewan, with several teams coming up from the U.S. border states.

On the fairgrounds, the Ag Society set up a full service canteen in their new facility, the Elks Club had a beer garden event tent, and over the course of the weekend had three different live music groups.

The children were not forgotten, with a number of inflatables and a water slide.

Another new event this year was the popular corn hole game, with a tournament that went on all weekend, even in the rain with cash prizes and a trophy for the winning team. After watching a few games, it's not as easy as it

sounds!

Saturday saw a number of scratch baseball teams have several slow pitch games in the warm afternoon sun. On Friday evening there were live and silent calcutta auctions, with many of the teams bought by individuals and family groups to see who would buy the racing team that had the best scores or times.

The actual races brought out large crowds, with the bleachers and half ton trucks filled right up.

Throughout all the racing there was a great concern for the safety of all on either side of the track rail. The fans were also very kind to the racers with loud and generous applause for all the racing teams, even those who came in last. This year, for the first time, the races saw several female drivers, giving it all their best in the race events.

In between the main races, I took the time to walk about the horse corral areas, to talk to the drivers and to see the care and attention they gave to their animals. For some, I spoke to, the money prize was not the main thing, but instead the challenge of working with their team and the excitement of the actual races.

All throughout the weekend events, the Elkhorn Elks engaged the help of other community groups to make it a success and to share the work and the revenue. There were a few 50/50 draws, the popular Elks "Chase The

Ace" event during the weekend, and during the races, the excited calls of the race announcer saying "Wheels on fire" to the faster racing teams.

While on the topic of fire, local resident Mark Humphries and his assistant Shane Larkin put on a spectacular fireworks show at dusk on the Saturday night. The fireworks were the delayed community Canada Day fireworks display that had been postponed by wet weather on July 1.

On a damp Sunday morning the local fire department put on a great pancake breakfast, with weather later turning to rain. However this did not stop many of the weekend events and the day's scheduled races were moved ahead to new time slots until the organizers and the racing teams realized that it would be too dangerous for the races to be held given the wet condition of the track.

"With this being our first time ever having a three-day event, we weren't really sure what to expect, but it was met with great success," said Reilly Brennan, the head of the Elkhorn Elks Lodge.

"Mother Nature not co-operating on Sunday wasn't ideal, but that's the chance you take when planning outdoor events like this.

"At the end of it all, our club was able to come together and put on a fantastic event to showcase our great community and what it can do when we all work together!"

Wawota Heritage Days 2024

Angela Ulrich and Olha Volokh photos



Wawota Heritage Day took place Saturday, August 3 in the picturesque valley just north of the vibrant community. It was a day jam packed with activities for the young and young at heart. There was a pancake breakfast, parade, food vendors, kids gymkhana, lots of kids activities, a soap box derby, beach volleyball and a variety of live music that entertained until late in the evening. The day wrapped up with fireworks and a cabaret. The day was a true testament of volunteerism and how a community can come together to celebrate local heritage and continued growth.



Wawota Heritage Days 2024





Moosomin Ag Society Fair coming up

The Moosomin Ag Society will be holding its Annual Fair on Saturday, August 17. This annual fair consists of exhibits and prizes for best entries.

The event is hosted at the Moosomin Convention Centre each year. Tea and exhibits will be on display from 2-4:30 pm on Saturday.

Shown here are some moments from a previous Moosomin Ag Fair, including some of the exhibits.

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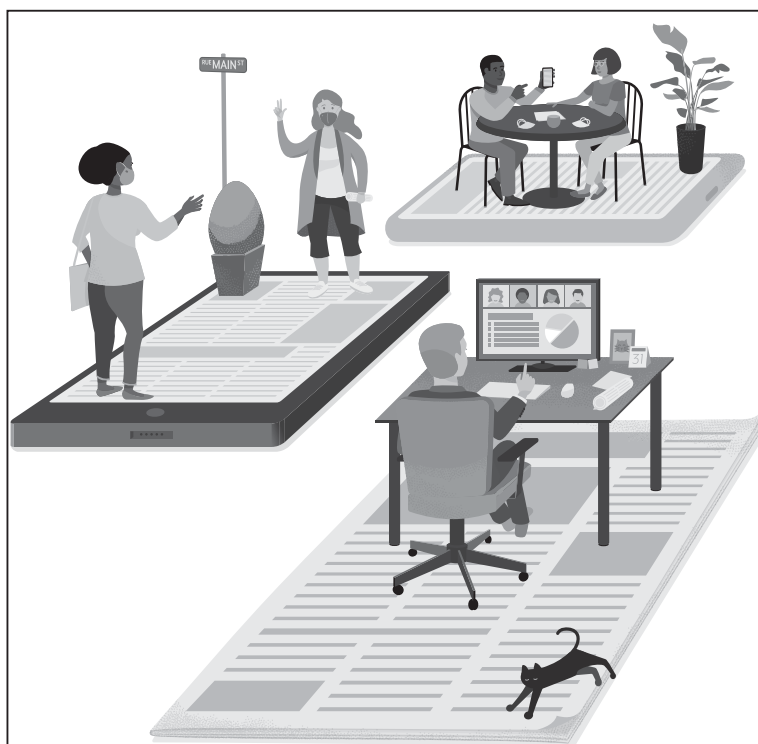
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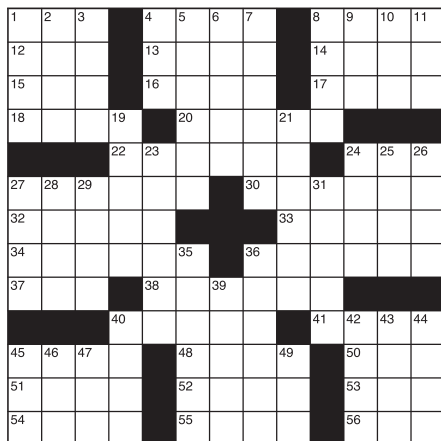
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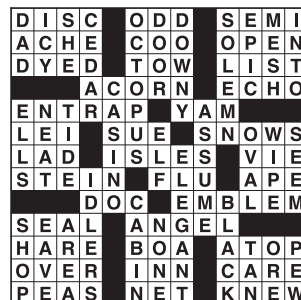
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