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## **Pipestone Villas changes hands**

Bridge Road Developments is the new owner of Pipestone Villas in Moosomin, purchasing shares from the local shareholders who helped get the project off the ground.

## **Bridge Road Developments new owner of Pipestone Villas**

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

On Sept. 13, Bridge Road Developments officially announced they have taken ownership of Pipestone Villas in Moosomin.

Bridge Road Developments purchased shares from local shareholders in the biggest real estate transaction in Moosomin's history.

Harry Funk, of Bridge Road Developments, said Bridge

Road taking ownership of Pipestone Villas was always

a future possibility when the project began. He said the way the project has developed was part of his initial plan back when the facility was first built in Moosomin.

"This was part of the dream I shared with my board when I went back," Funk said.

"I told them, not only do we need two independent liv-ing facilities, but we also need an assisted living facility, which we now have in the Cobblestone House. He said he was impressed with how the project developed in Moo-

"I think people generally underestimate the power of a united community in rural Saskatchewan. Most of these towns can do anything they want, but they have to stay united.

Both Pipestone Villas apartment buildings were fi-nanced in part by funds provided by the company's 15 shareholders; the majority being from the local area. Having committed local investors in Moosomin is what

helped create and bring the project to fruition, said Funk. Continued on page 27 ™



## Nutrien to present at September Chamber meeting

By Kevin Weedmark

Justin Young of Nutrien will be the guest speaker at the
September 19 meeting of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce. Young became the General Manager at Nutrien Ro-

canville earlier this year.

The Nutrien Rocanville mine is a major employer in the

area, with about 900 employees, and a massive economic impact in the region.

Rocanville is the largest potash mine in Nutrien's system and has some of the largest potash reserves in Canada, having estimated reserves of 1.13 billion tonnes of ore.

### **Economic Development report**

Also at the September 19 Chamber meeting, Moosomin Economic Development Officer Casey McCormac will pro-

Economic Development Officer Casey McCormac will provide an update on some of the projects she is working on, from housing to new businesses to health care.

She has been working on a housing accellerator project application to spur residential development, has been working with the Southeast Recovery Centre on a proposal for addictions treatment in the Moosomin area, and has also been working with the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre as it works on securing a facility. She is working on a business plan for the group.

She worked on Communities in Bloom this summer, and helped create a booklet for Communities in Bloom that can also be used for other economic development initiatives.

also be used for other economic development initiatives. She has worked with new businesses such as UFA, which is working on developing a new bulk fuel and cardlock in Moosomin.

Mossomin.

She has also been gathering population stats for Mossomin and other communities like Estevan, Humboldt, Melfort, and Assiniboia to compare trading area populations. The stats show that Mossomin has a larger population within 100 km than many larger communities.

### **Winter Games**

Moosomin Recreation Director Mike Schwean will attend the September 19 Chamber meeting to discuss plans

for a regional winter games in mid-December. Chamber members will discuss ways the chamber could be involved and help promote the games, which are ex-pected to bring a lot of people to town.

Spookarama
The Spookarama committee will present plans for the Halloween dance for Moosomin high school students. The dance is on Halloween night, and is intended to give high school age youth something to do on Halloween.

### Cobblestone House

Cobblestone House will make a presentation at the September Chamber of Commerce meeting on their upcoming grand opening.

**Shriner fundraiser**Leo Ilustrisimo with the Moosomin Shrine Club will be speaking about the upcoming Shrine concert fundraiser on November 10 featuring JJ Voss, the Kelly Brothers, and Lachlan Neville.

## New businesses

There will be two new businesses introduced at the September Chamber meeting, and one chamber member is ex-

panding into a new area.

Iron Prairie Strength Lab will be introduced to Chamber members at the September 19 meeting. The business opened last week and will have its grand opening on September 19 meeting.

The owners of Moosomin Sports Excellence will also be introduced at the September 19 meeting. The new business will open on October 1.

As well, Kassie's Jewelry will discuss their expansion

As Well, Rassie's Jewerly will discuss their expansion into fresh cut flowers.

The September Chamber meeting begins at 11:45 am Tuesday, September 19 at the Canalta Hotel meeting room. Lunch is served and everyone is welcome.

## Gift card fundraiser at October meeting

The MacLeod School Community Council will make a presentation on their gift card fundraiser.

The SCC sells gift cards to local businesses, and each business donates back a portion of sales to the SCC. Last year the SCC sold more than \$117,000 worth of gift cards.

## **Education focus of November meeting**

Education will be the focus of the November Chamber of Commerce meeting, with both the Southeast Cornerstone School Division and the Southeast College represented. Southeast Cornerstone School Division Director of Educa-

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tion Keith Keating will speak at the November 21 Chamber of Commerce meeting. As well, two Southeast College Vice Presidents will attend the meeting to discuss the new Stra-

tegic Plan for 2023-2028—Darcy Nolte, Vice President Innovation & Strategic Development, and Dean Loberg, Vice President Academic, Teaching and Learning.



Work continues on the Moosomin airport expansion project. The new runway is oriented northwest-southeast in line with the prevailing winds.



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Shrine Moosomin Club's support for Levi Jamieson, above, will be highlighted at a fundraiser November 10.

Saskatchewan country singer JJ Voss, left, will be headlining the event.

Rocanville singer-song-Lachlan above right, and the Kelly Brothers, right, will also perform at the event.



## **Moosomin Shriners plan concert for November**

## Support for Levi Jamieson will be highlighted

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The Moosomin Shrine Club will host a fundraiser in November featuring Saskatchewan roots country singer JJ Voss, Rocanville singer-songwriter Lachlan Neville, and well known country group the Kelly Brothers. The fall fundraiser is an annual tradition for the Moosomin Shrine Club, and helps raise funds to support local

people and projects.

One person the Shriners have been able to help is Moo

one person the Shriners have been able to help is Moo-somin's Levi Jamieson, and Levi and his family will be there for the fundraiser this year. "Before the main act we've set aside some time for Levi or the family to say some words about their experience at the Shriners' Hospital in Montreal and how their experithe Shriners Frospital in Montreat and now their experience was through the Shrine system because a lot of people don't know about everything the Shriners do," said Leo Ilustrisimo of the Moosomin Shriners.
"We're hoping that it helps spread the word on what the Shriners are doing and what services are offered in Shrine hospitals."

**Shriners happy to help**Ilustrisimo said the Shriners were happy to help Levi
Jamieson and his family after Levi lost the use of his legs

"After his accident, when he got back home, we contacted the Jamiesons to see what the provincial hospital had planned for his therapy and whatnot," says Ilustri-

"As far as seeing a specialist, there was a long waiting list for Levi to get access to a specialist. So when we got the application in, we were able to get him to Philadelphia to see a spinal injury specialist right away.

"I think he's done three trips to Montreal already where they're doing some therapy on his legs and fitting him with new wheelchairs that are properly molded to his body and just giving him the therapy that he needs."

## Feels good to help

Ilustrisimo says it feels good to be able to help. "It's been wonderful for us, especially to be able to help

our own local patients get the help they need and see them improve."

"How I always think about it is that if things are going

okay there's no need for the Shrine hospital but if y ally need it, it's because sometimes the province of Sas-katchewan is not able to provide a certain service, or it's harder to get into that system to see a specialist and there's that service that's offered here by the Shriners."

## Concert an annual tradition

Illustrisimo says the Shrine concert has been going on for several years. "I think it's the seventh year that we've been doing it. We had Jess Moskaluke last year, we had the Derina Harvey Band a couple of times, we had Eli Barsi two times, we had Ray St. Germain and we had the Bromantics. "Half of our funds stay in Moosomin to help local people and 50 per cent go the Wa Wa Shrine, our provincial or-

ganization, and it goes to the Patient Transfer Fund which helps Shrine patients in Saskatchewan get access to the hospitals in Montreal and the United States.

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**Left:** Cobblestone House, a 42-unit long-term care and assisted living facility officially opened on Aug.1, and will be having their grand opening to the public on Wednesday, Sept. 27. **Right:** One of the rooms on the Assisted Living Care floor, the second floor, at the Cobblestone House.

## Cobblestone House grand opening on Sept. 27

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On Wednesday, Sept. 27, people from the community are invited to attend the grand opening for Cobblestone House in Moosomin.

"The grand opening is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We'll be having some speeches and the opening ceremony starting at 11 a.m.," said Amber Hintz, Home Administrator of Cobblestone House

The building will serve as a long-term care and assisted living facility with 42 units. It is located next to Pipestone Villas on Wright Road in Moosomin.

Hintz said people from the area are encouraged to come

"The mayor will be coming. We'll be doing tours and have a barbecue lunch out in the parking lot," she said.
"We have live music from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

"We just want to open the doors and let the public come

in. That's why we thought we would do a barbecue on a Wednesday, that way people can come for lunch and check the place out."

Construction for the new assisted living facility began in April 2022, and had residents move in at the beginning

of August this year.
"I think this is great for the community, it will keep the seniors of Moosomin in Moosomin," said Jim Yeaman of

Care by Design.

"Instead of them having to go to surrounding areas and leaving the town where they grew up in, it will keep the people from Moosomin in Moosomin, and that's a great thing."

Yeaman spoke about how the idea to build an assisted living facility in Moosomin first started.

"We were approached by some citizens from Mooso-

We liked what they said and we liked the town of Moosomin, I think that's what prompted the whole project."

He said he is looking forward to the day of the grand opening.
"Absolutely we're excited," said Yeaman.

"We're open now and we'll be good for the community to finally see the Cobblestone House."

Yeaman said he hopes to see people from the community come out on Sept. 27 to see the facility for themselves. "People should come to get a better understanding of what services we offer, and if they so choose that's where they'll be living in, to see it in person is far better than leaking at it they are a brechure."

looking at it through a brochure."

With a few residents officially moved in, more are ex-

pected to come in the next few weeks.
"I think we're very close to being half full. The response from the community has been terrific so far," said Yea-

As of now, 15 staff members are working at the facility

as relief nurses and multi-service workers.
"We'll be available for people that day. We'll give tours and any questions that they have, we'll certainly answer them," said Yeaman.





## Rededication ceremony at **Rocanville Cenotaph on Wednesday**

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

This Wednesday, Sept. 20, members from Rocanville Legion will be holding a rededication ceremo-ny in honor of Canadian veterans at the town's Cenotaph

The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. Afterwards, members of the legion will be hosting a barbecue, and will donate all its proceeds towards local projects in the com-

munity.

"The reason we're gathering is because we've got a brand new plaque that's installed on the Cenotaph, that includes an additional name," said Allan Young of Rocanville Legion.
"His name is Donald Walter Chilcott. Typically names on Cenotaphs are of veterans who died in wars and until recently.

died in wars, and until recently, wars overseas.

"In this case, Chilcott came home in a hospital bed and died from his war wounds over three years after he was wounded.

"His name was not included on our cenotaph originally. We were approached by a niece of Donald, and because we were approached, the Legion discovered by research that he did qualify.

"We found that the Government of Saskatchewan, and

Canada, included him on the Canadian Virtual War Memorial (CVWM). Plus, he's also on pg. 594 of the 1947 book of World War Two Remembrance in Ottawa."

Young said the reason Chilcott's name was not on the

plaque—installed in the 1940s—was due to an

"For World War One the cut off date to be on the Cenotaph was October 1921, and for World War Two it was not a date so much, but mid 1947," he said.

"When research was done, even though Donald had died from his war wounds on August 27, 1947, he had been on the Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial.

"For us in Rocanville—as a small Legion branch—we can legally put his name on the plaque and we did."

In honor of Chilcott, among other Canadian veterans, the ceremony will be taking place on Sept. 20. If the weather does not permit, Young said the event will happen the



A rededication ceremony in honor of Canadian veterans will be happening on September 20 at the Cenotaph in Rocanville.

following day on Sept. 21 at 11 a.m.

## **BBQ** fundraiser at the Cenotaph

On the day of the ceremony, Young said the Rocanville Legion will also be hosting a barbecue fundraiser. "During National Legion Week, which is September 17

to 23, we'll be having a fundraising barbecue at the Cenotaph grounds after the ceremony," said Young.
"The proceeds go to a wide variety of projects. One of the projects locally, is support of the Legion's Poster and Literary Contest campaign at the school. The kids who participate and get first, second, and third places receive a small monetary prize, as well as a certificate.

"Over the years we've been able to supply medical equipment to the Rocanville Medical Clinic. We've also been able to show support from the time the new health centre opened in Moosomin, where we donated \$10,000 a years ago to help furnish a room, and more recently, medical appliances including a high end mattress for one of the rooms, and everyday equipment.

"The other ones that are dear to the Legion, our own Legion and the provincial Legion, is the PAWS program. This provides trained service dogs to PTSD veterans.

That one is dear to our hearts.
"The second one we've donated to on a regular basis is the Home-less Veterans. Unfortunately some of homeless in Canada are veterans. It's a wonderful program that does more than provide housing,

it provides continued support."

Young said there are two funding categories the legion fund-raises for: the poppy fund and general fund.

"Over the years we've had ex-cellent support on Nov. 11 for the Poppy Campaign, and for attendance at services," said Young.

"The school has been utterly fantastic with continued support from a wide range of children in all grades participating in the Le-gion's Poster and Literary Con-

"There are parameters on what kind of things you can spend from your poppy fund, but that's why we do little events to raise money which goes into a general fund.

'An example of general fund spending money would be donations to our school band.

"We were also able to fund our computer system out of

our general fund for the medical clinic out of Rocanville."
"When money goes into the general fund, for example this barbecue after the rededication, that money can then be dedicated to things that wouldn't apply to the poppy fund donation

Young said he hopes to see people from the community come out on September 20 at the Cenotaph in Rocanville, support of the rededication ceremony, and to enjoy lunch with people from the area.
"I feel, for myself, the whole purpose is remembrance,

not to push the aspect that wars are good, but to remember the service done," said Young.

"Without these women and men we wouldn't be the kind of country we are today."

## New diagnostic training seats at Sask Polytechnic

More students can now train to become Medical Laboratory Technologists (MLT) and Medical Radiologic Technologists (MRT) at Saskatchewan Polytechnic this fall.
The Government of Sas-

katchewan has provided funding for 10 additional MLT seats and eight additional MRT seats in Saskatoon to help meet the need for these specialized ser-

"Expanded training op-portunities will help more students find rewarding health care careers right here in Saskatchewan," Ad-vanced Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "Our government continues to work with post-secondary institutions to support stu-dents who want to train for these in-demand careers in

ure sin-demand careers in our growing province."

The MLT and MRT seat increases are part of the approximately 550-seat training seat expansion announced in January, which targets 18 priority health occupations. The training expansion is part of ing expansion is part of Saskatchewan's Health Human Resources Action Plan, which aims to recruit, train, incentivize and retain health care providers in a range of key professions.

"This program expansion will support Saskatchewan's future workforce by increasing the number of professionals trained in these two critical health occupations," Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "Increasing training seats for MLTs and MRTs will help to address shortages experienced in these areas and improve available pa-tient health care services across the province."

Both MLTs and MRTs are in high demand in Sas-letches Medical Lebe

katchewan. Medical Labo-ratory Technologists and Medical Radiologic Tech-

nologists conduct medical testing and imaging services to assist other health care professionals in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and other medical conditions

conditions.

"Sask Polytech plays an important role in training students to support the future of health care in our province," Saskatchewan Polytech, President, and CEO Dr. Larry Rosia said. "Thank you to the Government of Saskatchewan for expanding seats in our MLT and MRT programs. Our instructors empower students with the practical

knowledge and skills they need for a successful health care career. Together we are shaping a healthier, bright-er future for Saskatchewan, one technologist at a time."

For more information about the training seat expansion in these and other priority health programs, visit saskatchewan.ca/hhr-



## **Moosomin Thrift Store** and Food Share AGM

6:30 pm Tuesday, September 19 at the Moosomin Thrift Store.



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## Moosomin Rec Report

## Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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Age Friendly Meeting
Please take note that Age Friendly Moosomin will be
meeting on Monday, September 18 at 7 pm in the Town
Office Basement Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any questions please text Devona at

### It's almost arena season!

Groups are busy making plans for the upcoming season. Here is a list of what is planned thus far: Craft Show: Saturday, September 23 Clean-Up: Sunday, September 24 Lee Install: Monday, September 25 Open for the season: Saturday, October 7

MLB Baseball fans get ready!
Coming up on Saturday, September 30 the Moosomin
Badgers Baseball Team and Moosomin Predators Ladies
Fastball Team will join forces to host an MLB Playoff
Draft. The cost is \$300 to enter (feel free to enter individually accepted to the posity). ally or as a team of two to six).

Teams will draft players, points will be awarded for hits, strikeouts, homeruns etc. The event will be held at the Nutrien Sportsplex.

For event details contact Murray at 435-9062. To enter please contact the Rec Office at 435-3622.

**2023/2024 Weekly Schedule**Parks and Rec have had a lot of call asking about this winter's weekly schedule. We are close to releasing the schedule to the public, however our Minor Hockey Assembly. sociation is busy making final preparations and so we need to hold off until that is complete. Having said that, I would expect the schedule to be released sometime later

Adam Herald Legacy Foundation Leadership Camp

We are very fortunate to have been chosen as one of three communities to host the Adam Herold Legacy Foundation Leadership Camp in 2023/2024.

The camp is in memory of Adam Herald. It is an amazing opportunity for camp attendees to work on both leadership skills and hockey skills.

The Camp includes a fall weekend (October 21-22) and a mid winter day (January 14) at the Mike Schwean Arena and Conexus Convention Centre.

This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to take part

This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to take part in such a clinic right in our own home town!

For more information on the Leadership Camp you can

go online to Adam Herold Legacy Foundation.

For more information from our local Association you can contact Project Chairperson Jesse McMullen at jesse mcmullen@procanadawest.com

U9 Novice Carded Hockey Tournament
First notice—this will fill up quickly! Moosomin Parks
and Rec along with the Moosomin Senior Rangers will
be hosting a U9 Carded Hockey Tournament on March
23-24. First 16 teams entered will be accepted. Entries can
be emailed to msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net. For further information please contact Mike Schwean at 435-7578

Recreation Hockey Tournament Moosomin Senior Rangers will be hosting a fall Adult Recreation Hockey Tournament. For information you can contact Mike Schwean at 435-7578.

## **Moosomin Skating Club**

Big news for 2023/24

Moosomin Skating Club is excited to be moving to online registration. They are working hard to get it ready and will announce as soon as it is up and running. They are looking forward to a great season! Past that I can pass along a few tidbits for local skaters! The season will start to Monday October 30 and the carrival is est for Sunday. on Monday, October 30 and the carnival is set for Sunday,

## Moosomin Senior Rangers Hockey Club

The Moosomin Rangers are coming off a successful season which saw them advance all the way to the Big Six Senior Hockey League final. With that in mind they are busy preparing to take the next step in their journey. They are currently looking for players for the 2023/2024 season. If you would like to join one of the longest con-

secutive running senior hockey teams in Saskatchewan, I know they would love to hear from you. You can text 435-7578 or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net and I will forward your information along to the General Manager.

### **Moosomin Senior Rangers Alumni Association**

Moosomin Senior Rangers Alumni are currently look-ing for volunteers to serve on the Alumni Committee. If you are a past player, executive, or volunteer they would love to hear from you. Alumni committee aids with projects and fundraisers in order to help out the Senior Rang-ers with their years costs in order to ice the best team they

If you are interested please contact Alumni President Jeff Cole at Jeff.Cole@borderland.crs or Past President

Mike Schwean at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

### Pickle Ball

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

Monday Wednesday 1 pm 7 pm Thursday

### **Pickle Ball Clinic**

Pickle Ball is one of the fastest growing sports in town. If you were thinking of getting involved, now would be the perfect time!

Thanks to a grant from the Saskatchewan Parks and Thanks to a grant from the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, Parks and Rec will be purchasing several new racquets and balls, and will be hosting a couple of Pickle Ball "Learn to Play" Clinics. The clinics will not only be free to the public, but you will be supplied with racquets to take part. The clinics are open to both men and ladies of all ages and any skill level from "Olympian" to complete novice.

We will take names and once we get to a dozen names we will then book in a date/instructor and get ready to host the event. To register or inquire please call Mike at 435-3622 or you can email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

**Walking Track**The walking track at the Nutrien Sportsplex is available for use...the track is a 360-foot indoor rubber walking track. The track stays open for the summer season for those purchasing fobs. For information please contact

## 2023 Parks and Recreation Awards Date

2023 will see the Parks and Rec Department again join with the Senior Rangers and Moosomin Minor Hockey on the Annual Gala. Moosomin Parks and Recreation will hold the awards and Moosomin Senior Rangers will hold their 3rd Annual Hall of Fame Inductions and Moosomin Minor Hockey will hold their Annual Awards Night. The award evening will be held on Friday, December

22. Look for ticket information to be announced in the

Pipestone Hills Golf Club Members we have a deal for you!!
We would love to show all our Pipestone Hills members what we have at the Nutrien Sportsplex ...and with that we have a deal for you!! Simply pop into the Recreation Office ...show us your 2023 Pipestone Hills Membership ...and we will give you a free round of Golf on our Simulators. Easy as that!!

### **Pipestone Hills Golf Club** Men's and Ladies' Nights!

Men's and Ladies' Nights!

Gentlemen, you are reminded that every Thursday night, while conditions allow, Pipestone Hills hosts Men's Night. There are 9 holes of golf, skins, a great meal and lots of laughs! Those from in town and out of town are welcome! The tee off for August goes at 5:45 pm. To register you are asked to email Dave Towler at dtowler@sasktel.net prior to Thursday night.

Ladies, you are reminded every that Wednesday night is Bradley's GM Ladies Night. Like the men, tee off time in August goes at 5:45 pm and both in town and out of town golfers are welcome. Also keep in mind that a great meal awaits you at the end of your round!

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## **General's Fall Football** Registration Now Open!

Moosomin Generals are busy getting things set for another fall football season. With that in mind they are now looking for players to round out their 2023 roster.

Information includes:
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U18 Girl's – PGFL (2021 Champions)
U18 Co-ed – RMFL (Defending 2022 Champions)
Register online at www.generalsfootball.ca

## Sportsplex Recfest—last year's rates!

Sportsplex Hectest—last year's rates!
Newcomers to town take note—every October we have our RECFEST Night where we have major discounts on Sportsplex Season Tickets. As well we highlight the various different fun activities we have and finally we allow free access to try our various games. This year Recfest will be held Thursday, October 19 from 4 pm to 7 pm at the

Sportsplex Men's/Ladies night
Golfers are reminded Thursday nights are Men's/Ladies golf nights all winter long at the Sportsplex. While we do play skins, you are not required to take part in them, you can just enjoy the golf and company. Tee times go at 4 pm and 6:15 pm. If you would like to go on our email list please let Mike know at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

## Sportsplex Snowbirders Golf

Snow birders golf goes all winter long on Wednesday and Friday afternoons with a 1 pm tee time. This is for both Men and Ladies of all adult/senior ages. While they both Men and Ladies of all adult/senior ages. While they do play skins, you are not required to take part in them. Like Thursday night you can just enjoy the golf and company. If you would like to go on their list please email list please contact Dave Towler at dtowler@sasktel.net

## **Sportsplex Friday Night Fantasy Golf**

Our final weekly league goes Friday Nights at 6 pm. This is our Fantasy Golf Night as you bet (play money) on who you think will win. Individuals who accumulate the most money over the winter win year end prizes. This night is a scramble so you can enter individually, as a twosome, foursome, whatever! We make it work. If you would like to go on our email list please let Mike know at msm.rec.brd@sasktel.net

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team, a block team or a group of friends. The league is for
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he show are the audience as they compete in air guitar battles and danceoffs while marking off numbers hoping for the big win. The feeling is like a giant mash up of a TV gameshow and rock concert party all rolled up into one tight and bright package. They travel country wide to save your event from another boring night

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This will sell out so be ready!

**Gymnastics Season**We have had a few calls the last few weeks regarding the upcoming gymnastics season at the Convention Centre. Jodie Dunham is the "go to" person for that program! You can reach Jodie by email at rossgymandfit@gmail.

## Trade Fair at MS Arena

We are now just around a month out from the Annual Trade Show and Fair hosted at the MS Arena by the Moosomin Family Resource Centre. The 2023 event will be held Saturday, September 23. If you are interested in booking a table please email the Family Resource Centre at mfrc@sasktel.net

## **Curling Season**

Curling season is now just around the corner. With that in mind we are presently accepting registration for the 2023/2024 season.

League's include: Tuesday Night Red barn Men's League Wednesday Afternoon Mixed Federated COOP Farmers League

ers League
Thursday Night Celebration Ford Ladies League
Friday Afternoon Mixed Fun League
To register a team or for more information please contact Mike at 435-3622 or by email to msmn.rec.brd@sask----------------------



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## In our opinion:

## Saskatchewan desperately needs a better budget plan

Saskatchewan is foolish to be pinning its entire fiscal strategy on revenue that is not guaranteed

The Saskatchewan government's first quarter results reveal the

cracks in its budget plan.

Budget 2023 initially projected a \$1-billion surplus, but after four months, that supposed surplus has been cut in half and is now predicted to be \$486 million.

Compared to its 2023 budget, the government is now projecting to take in \$529 million less in resource revenue. Last year, it raked in a record amount of resource revenue that helped it balance the budget and was counting on near-record amounts to do it again

Spending is also up compared to the budget. This year, the government plans to spend \$408 million more than it budgeted. And that's the problem. When faced with a large drop in revenue, instead of stopping and looking for savings, the government continues to spend

If the government had held the line on spending, the province would be projecting a surplus of \$893 million instead since tax revenue is up from the budget.

Last year, the government took credit for the large surplus.

"Our finances are strong," said Finance Minister Donna Harpau-

But what will provincial politicians say now that more than half a billion dollars is predicted to vanish from government coffers?

Unfortunately, this is the Saskatchewan government way. Spend taxpayer money like it's going out of style when times are good, continue to spend when it gets tough and pray that some higher power bails out the province with a surge in oil prices

This year, the government's resource revenue take is expected to fall because the price of both potash and oil has dropped.

Politicians will remark that this is out of their control, but this

is nothing new. Resource revenues are predictably unpredictable, and for them to change drastically over the course of a year is not unexpected.

The government decided to hinge the budget on an oil price of \$79.50 per barrel. The government now forecasts it will be \$5 less. It also predicts that the price of potash per tonne will decrease by

Over the last year, the price of oil has ranged from \$63.64 to \$93.74and the price of potash from \$328 to \$513.75

The government is foolish to be pinning its entire fiscal strategy on revenue that is not guaranteed. Something needs to change. Sas-katchewan needs a coherent plan to get its finances back on track.

At this point, the government still plans to pay back up to \$1 billion of debt, but this plan could be in jeopardy if resource revenues drop further. By the end of this year, the debt will be \$18.1 billion, or about \$15,000 per Saskatchewanian. Taxpayers cannot afford for the debt to keep increasing.

In the past five years, the government has spent \$2.5 billion on

debt interest payments. That's enough money to build 87 new schools or cut the provincial sales tax by one point for each year. Instead, that money has been completely wasted, paying for the government's inability to keep the budget balanced and pay down

The Saskatchewan government paid back \$1.5 billion in debt last year. It can't let that good work go to waste by sliding back into

The government's first quarter update shows that something needs to be done to safeguard the province's resource revenues in the good times and weather the storm during downturns. Former premier Brad Wall commissioned a report that recommended the province set up a heritage fund to invest the province's resource revenue. It's time to give that report another look.

The first quarter update should be a wake-up call for the government to get control of its finances. Instead of praying for revenues to stay high, the Saskatchewan government needs to focus on reducing expenses and keeping the budget balanced.

This editorial was written by Gage Haubrich, the Prairie Director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation



## Trudeau refuses to cut gas taxes to ease the burden facing Canadians

If Trudeau even remotely cared about you, he would follow the lead of provinces and countries that have reduced gas taxes

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau refuses to do the one thing that would immediately make life more affordable: cut gas taxes. The federal government makes you pay a

fuel tax, a carbon tax, a second carbon tax and a sales tax every time you fuel up. In total, federal taxes add about 31 cents per litre to the price of gas, or about \$20 extra to fuel up a large sedan.

To add insult to injury, the feds and all six provinces east of Manitoba charge their sales taxes on top of the other taxes. This tax-on-tax adds about \$2.65, on average, to the cost of fueling up a large sedan. If you fill up that sedan once a week, you're paying about \$140 every year just because of the tax-on-tax.

year just because of the tax-on-tax.

That big tax bill is only getting bigger.

Trudeau is cranking up his carbon tax until it hits 37 cents per litre of gas in 2030. The feds also recently imposed a second carbon tax through fuel regulations. When those fuel regulations are fully implemented in 2030, it'll add up to 17 cents per litre to the price of gas. There are no rebates with the second carbon tax, and it's being layered on top of the origi-

In just seven years, federal taxes will cost about 74 cents per litre of gas. According to data from the Parliamentary Budget Officer, the two carbon taxes alone will cost the average family more than \$2,000 every year.

Gas taxes make life more expensive beyond the pumps. By making it more expensive for farmers to produce food and truckers to de-liver food, the carbon tax makes it more ex-

pensive for families to buy food.

The big rig truck driver who delivers groceries to the store pays more than \$260 in federal taxes every fuel up. The carbon tax on propane and natural gas will cost Canadian farmers \$1 billion through 2030, according to

Trudeau has hiked his carbon tax every year since he first imposed it in 2019. Meanwhile, provincial governments of all stripes cut taxes. The United Conservatives in Alberta com-

pletely suspended their provincial fuel tax. The Progressive Conservatives in Ontario cut their fuel tax, saving the two-car family filling



Franco Terrazzano

up once a week nearly \$440. British Columbia's New Democrats paused

a carbon tax hike to provide relief during the height of the pandemic. The Liberals in New-foundland and Labrador cut their gas tax and continue to oppose Trudeau's carbon tax

The multi-partisan Council of Atlantic Premiers launched a campaign to "fight the federal gas hike."

"Combined with the carbon tax, this (second carbon tax) will increase the cost of everything
– fuel, food, clothing and more," Nova Scotia
Premier Tim Houston said. "We are asking the federal government once again to work with

us and not raise the price of everything."

Across the pond, the United Kingdom announced billions of dollars in fuel tax relief. Sweden provided hundreds of millions of dollars in fuel tax relief. Australia cut its gas tax in half. South Korea cut its gas tax by about 30 percent. The Netherlands cut its gas tax by 17 cents per litre, while Germany cut its tax by

Norway reduced fuel taxes to "help make everyday life a little easier for households and businesses." India cut fuel taxes "to keep inflation low, thus helping the poor and middle classes." Ireland, Israel, Italy, New Zealand and Portugal also cut fuel taxes.

About three-quarters of countries don't have a national carbon tax, according to the World Bank. Canadians now pay two.

If Trudeau even remotely cared about mak-ing life more affordable, he would follow in the footsteps of provinces and countries of all political stripes and reduce his gas taxes.

Franco Terrazzano is the Federal Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

## **Esterhazy Town Council**

## Funding for library kids program approved

## BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

On Wednesday, Ester-hazy Town Council passed a motion to approve ap-proximately \$1,500 to help fund the Esterhazy Branch Library's kids program.

At the beginning of March this year, the library ran a pilot project which involved running two kids programs, Idea Hour (for-merly known as STEAM Club) and Storytime.

Both programs run every Wednesday, with the first one starting at 10 a.m., and the second one beginning at 3:45 p.m.
"In total of we've had

420 attendees since the pro-gram started in March," Sarah Slotsve, of the Esterhazy Branch Library Board, told council.

"Unfortunately a lot of our funding for program-ming is done through fundraising and grant applica-tions, and we only bring in around \$3,000 a year.

'We have enough funding to operate the program until the end of October, but we wouldn't be able to run it past that without any bursaries or support from the community or the town.'

Slotsve said the program has been well-received by the community, and brings in about 14 participants each week.

Council passed a mo-tion to fund the program for \$1,500 until the end of the year, and will revisit it at the start of next year to possibly include it in the town's 2024 budget.

### Hockey tournament this weekend

Council was reminded that the community will be hosting a minor hockey tournament from Sept. 22 to 24, at the Dana Antal

A motion was also passed for Ranie's Kitchen to lease the kitchen space at the town's arena for \$500 a month, for the winter sea-

## **Bylaw officer** impressed with community

CAO Tammy MacDon-ald informed council that the Bylaw Enforcement Report said the town being in a good state.

Our bylaw officer said Our bylaw officer said the municipality is in the best shape it's been, it's fairly quiet," MacDonald told council.

"It's fantastic to hear that the community is in its best shape that it has been in years with residents, she feels there isn't much to be written about.'

## Sidewalk repairs

Council passed a motion to repair the sidewalk in front of KO Laundry Co., located on Main Street

The contractor, DT Concrete, was hired to do the repairs for \$2,970, plus





Kids participating in Esterhazy Branch Library's kids programs on Sept. 13. The two programs—Idea Hour and Storytelling—have been running since March, and includes STEAM, arts & crafts, literacy, and games fir kids to engage in free of charge.

Public Works interim director Ron Ferris also informed council that the landfill inspection will be happening at the end of the

### Letter of concern about trucks

A resident in town sent council a letter regarding their concerns about the traffic coming in from truck drivers on Sumner Street.

The resident expressed that truck drivers are not using the designated route to go around the residential area, and requested a sign be put up to remind driv-

Council agreed it was a safety concern and decided to defer it to the Community Development Committee to make a decision on the proper signage.

They also discussed the possibility of updating the town's bylaw to include a fine for anyone who is not using the designated truck

## **Public hearing** to be set regarding zoning bylaw

Although no official date has been set as of yet, a public hearing will be held regarding Esterhazy's Planning District Committee and the RM of Fertile Belt.

Over the last year, both

parties have been working together to update an old zoning bylaw which focuses on the one mile buffer zone between both municipalities.

"We haven't updated our bylaw since 1981, so we're updating it right now," said

CAO Tammy MacDonald.
After Esterhazy town council reads a first draft of

the bylaw, a date will be set

for the public hearing.

"The meeting will be held at the hall. The Town of Esterhazy's council and mayor will be there, and the reeve and council for the RM of Fertile Belt will also be present," said Mac-Donald.

community 'The have their say about how they feel about this bylaw during that time, and it has to be when both coun-cils are in the room so they hear all of the public's concerns at the same time, to then form their opinions to make any changes to the

The public will be in-formed once a firm date is set for the hearing.

The expected timeline for the public meeting is late September or in October.

## **Motion passed** to purchase

cyber security
Council passed a motion
to purchase MicroAge, a
cyber security service, for
the town's administration.
The service will present

The service will prevent cyber breaches, protect-ing the town's finances and data, and will also help train town employees about cyber security.

## **Application** for traffic

safety light At Wednesday's meeting, Esterhazy town council discussed applying for SGI'S Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant program to install pedestrian safety lights.

Council deferred the decision on where the safety lights would be placed, to the Community Development Committee





Local Government Election Act for the

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Deborah C. Saville **Returning Officer** 







Bekevar wind project in progress

Turbines for the wind towers for Bekevar Wind Facility has started to get ready to go up. The project is a partnership between Innagreen Investments and Awasis Nehiyawewini Energy Development,

## **Women Supporting Women** business event in Moosomin on September 19

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

To encourage women entrepreneurship, Community Futures Sunrise is hosting a Women Supporting Women discussion event on Sept. 19 at the Moosomin Public Library Branch.

The event will run from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., and be facilitated by a business owner from CF Sunrise. "There's lots of women

who have great ideas, or maybe have great busi-nesses going on, but they sometimes don't recognize themselves truly as business owners and entrepre-neurs," said Andria Brady, General Manager of Community Futures Sunrise.

'We wanted to come up with an opportunity for them to meet with other like-minded peers to have some really open and honest discussions, and get their questions answered. "That's why we're do-

ing it at the library. Smaller businesses, if they're at home and need to bring children they can do that.

"We want to offer them some learning opportunities so we'll be bringing in some speakers and some other presenters throughout the series.

This event will be the first Women Supporting Women event for the fall. There will be two more happening; one in October and one in November in Moosomin.

"We're going to be doing these in September, Octo-ber, and November, and

see where we get for the New Year," said Brady. "From this, we really want to give women the opportunity to network with other like-minded people that are wanting to learn more about business.
"Regardless what stage

they're at, whether they're in a business already, whether they're just starting out, or maybe have got a little side hustle that they do out of a spare room at home, it's for anyone who

wants to learn more."

In addition to Moosomin, the entrepreneur discussion events will also be happening in Carlyle on Sept. 20 and in Stoughton on Sept. 21.

"In each of the communities, one of the staff from CF Sunrise is going to facilitate those events," Brady

are all women. "We we all have our own side businesses as well, we can relate to some of the struggles, challenges, and questions, and uncertainty about having a business.

just want to strengthen women in busi-

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ness, regardless of what stage they're at.

Brady said the event will be an opportunity for women to meet and engage with people from the community, while also learning more about the ins and outs of running a small

business.
"This will be a chance for women to talk to some mentors who maybe have been in the field for a while, and to hear about some of the challenges and pitfalls that they've been through," she said.

"Quite often people see successful businesses, but they don't know what it took to get there. I think recognizing and honoring the fact that it is a struggle, and it's not all glamorous and fun all the time, will

Women can register for the event on the Commu-nity Futures Sunrise website by going to the events section, and registering at: Business Training & Networking Events.

They can also contact Brady at: gm@cfsunrise.ca or 306-842-1768.



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## **SE College** Moosomin's electric program pushed until Winter 2024

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS LOCAL JOURNALISM

INITIATIVE REPORTER Southeast College Moo-somin Campus has de-cided to start their annual electrician program for the winter semester in Febru-

ary, 2024.
Usually the program starts in the fall, however with spots still available. the college decided to keep registration open and have classes start the following

"The electrical program in Moosomin still has seats available," said Kassan-dra Lawrenz, Coordinator, Marketing and Communications at Southeast Col-

lege.

"Students can apply online on our website, or by calling our toll-free number at 1-866-999-7372."

The program will run in Moosomin from February

5, 2024 to June 6, 2024. "There's 12 seats in that program. People will have to do their safety training a week before it starts, but up until the program start date people can apply," Lawrenz said.

"We encourage people to apply sooner rather than later just because they"ll have the opportunity to do their safety training through Southeast College, which is needed to start your career afterwards.

"Also, the sooner you apply, if you're relocating then the sooner you can start to get housing, the sooner you'll be able to get

your textbooks ordered, all of that stuff."

The 18-week program provides entry-level skill training on how to make electrical installations and perform maintenance du-ties according to industry standards.

It focuses on teaching students how to install, test, replace and repair lighting fixtures, wiring, and electrical equipment. There are 12 spots in the program.

The college's Moosomin campus renovated its building last year, which expanded the majority of their classroom sizes and the laboratory for the electrical program

## **Health Care Cook** program postponed

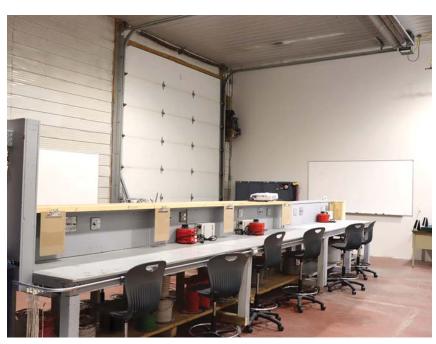
The Health Care Cook 38-week certificate program at the Moosomin campus will not be running this year, due to not enough people enrolling in

the program.
"We're not able to run it this fall due to low enrollment, but it's definitely on our radar, and we are working towards running it in the future," said Law

"We're going to look at it again in the future. We're not forgetting about the program, we see that there's a need, we just also need to have the students. We can't run it for just one or two students.



Southeast College's Moosomin campus had renovations done to their building, Above and below are photos of the renovations done in the laboratory rooms used for the college's Electrician Program.



**Kipling Town Council** 

## New safety speed signs installed in town

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

At Monday's meeting, Kipling Town Council was informed about the new radar speed signs that were installed on Main Street at the east entrance of the town,

Work is still being done for the programming of the signs and will be finished shortly. The cost for the signs were paid for under SGI'S Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant program.

The town will also be putting up a solar powered pe-destrian crosswalk by the school and the daycare, which was also covered by the grant the town received.

## **Grant submitted for winter programs**

Leisure Services recently submitted a grant application to the Community Initiative Fund to help support their winter/spring programing. The grant will be used to run the town's three programs: Fit Kids, Art Radius, and Chair Yoga for Seniors

## **Christmas painting class** planned for fall

The town was recently approved for Saskatchewan

Parks and Recreation Association's Grow Your Own Community grant.

The funding from the grant will be used to organize a Christmas sign painting class which is planned to happen in November, organized by Leisure Services.

## Discussion about local businesses

being open late around Christmas
Council discussed reaching out to businesses in town
to see if they would be interested in working together
to schedule a day around Christmas time, for late night

shopping.

The town is hoping to co-ordinate a day where all local businesses would be open for extended hours. Council is waiting to hear what the interest is from the business

## Public hearing on Sept. 18 for new business in town

Council passed a motion to hold a public meeting on Sept. 18, at 6:15 p.m. at the Kipling Community Centre, regarding a business owner's application for opening a cannabis store in the same building as the Kipling Sub Station, located on Railway Street.

"This is just a standard process to allow the public to comment on it," said CAO Gail Dakue.
Under the town's bylaw, cannabis stores are allowed in

the highway, commercial, and industrial zones. However, if they are requesting to be open outside of those areas, a discretionary use application and public hearing is needed to take place.

After the public hearing, council will make a decision about the store opening at their next town council meet-

## Campground closing date

CAO Gail Dakue told council the campground will be open until October 15 this year, weather permitting. The campgrounds are located at 102 Clare Street, and is close to the town's golf course, swimming pool, hot tub, and walking trail.

### Maintenance for town's water treatment plant

Council passed a motion to purchase measuring tape for \$1,040, to be used for the town's Water Treatment Plant's community well.

As a safety measure recommended by the Water Security Agency, council decided to purchase the item.



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For more information or to apply contact Mike Schwean msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Please check this week's Recreation report for position details

## MLB Baseball Fans get ready!!

Coming up on Saturday, September 30th the Moosomin Badgers Baseball Team and Moosomin, predators Ladies Fastball Team will join forces to host an MLB Playoff Draft.

Cost is \$300.00 to enter (feel free to enter individually or as a team of 2 to 6).

Teams will draft players. Points will be awarded for hits, strikeouts, homeruns etc.

Event will be held at the Nutrien Sportsplex.

For event details contact Murray at 306- 435-9062 and to to enter a team please contact the Rec Office at 306-435-3622

## **Parks and Recreation** looking for a new building

In consideration of the above Moosomin Parks and Recreation are looking for a donation of a shed / building for use at Bradley Park to use for our "Youth Equipment lending program". Donation would come with a full value receipt for the building. and the feeling of doing the community so much good!! This is such a great program, so heavily taken advantage of! We just need the building to store all the equipment!!



If you think you can help please contact the Rec office at 306-435-3622 or by email to msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

## Sportsplex Christmas Parties!

Christmas Parties get booked up at Sportsplex pretty quickly and they are a blast! With that in mind we are currently taking bookings for the 2023 Christmas

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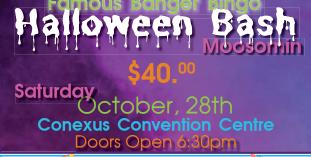
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Level 2 Coach Clinic	Sunday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>
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## **Enrolment slightly increases in southeast Saskatchewan**

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Student enrolment has increased for majority of schools in southeast Saskatchewan, particularly in the Moosomin, Esterhazy, and Kipling areas.

### Increase of families in Moosomin

Enrolment has increased this vear at MacLeod Elementary School in Moosomin. Compared to last the two years of enrolment sitting at 275 students, this year there are 280 students enroled at MacLeod, for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Principal Tammy Cole of Ma-cLeod Elementary School said she has noticed a few more students from diverse backgrounds enroled this year.
"Some of the students were

registered in June, for this school year. We definitely have a group of people from the Ukraine, we have some people from South Africa, and we had some new students from the Philippines as well." Cole said.

As some of the newer students are still learning English, Cole spoke about the different suport systems students have at MacLeod.

"Google Translate is one of the tools we use to support students but, it is quite amazing how quickly they catch on to English," said Cole.

"We have iPads so they can put Google Translate on the iPad and utilize it in the classroom.

"We had a new student who came AT the beginning of June and knew no English at all, but he caught on pretty quickly. He used Google translate on the iPad often in the classroom. It's quite amazing to see, the kids love it.



Kids enjoying the playground at MacLeod School in Moosomin, at the end of summer.

There have also been a few new students at McNaughton

High School this year.
"We have a few new families coming in, we have a student who has come from India, a family that's come from the Philippines, and two families who have come from South Africa," said Principal at McNaughton High School Sherrie Meredith.

"We've had a number of Filipino families here for a number of years already. This is probably the second family from India in the last three years. It's been

"I think everyone seems well received. We're a very welcoming and open school culture so it's been great."

Meredith said learning English has not been a barrier to the newer students at the school.

"We've been very fortunate. For us when they come here, they're usually well versed, but

we do a welcoming checklist as well," she said.

**Esterhazy** 

High School.

to see student

enrolment go up

Both of the elementary and

high schools in Esterhazy have

seen slight increases in student enrolment for this year.

At Esterhazy High School, en-rolment increased by 10 students

bringing this year's enrolment to 347 students.

students, prior to that, enrolment was at 315 students for the 2021-

2022 academic year. "We have 19 students who are

new to our school," said Tracy Huckell, Principal at Esterhazy

ada, and neighbouring commu-

nities, but we also have kids from

Vietnam, South Africa, and from

"From the new students that came, some are from across Can-

Last year, enrolment was at 336

continues

"Our learning support team would do that just to make sure there aren't any deficiencies on how we can support them, but we've often found that most people fairly have a good handle on English when they're here."

If needed, there are English as an Additional Language (EAL) consultants available at the school, Meredith added.

We have an English as an Additional Language consultant that comes to us from the division office and sets us up very well with support," she said. "We can use our response in-

tervention coaches to help with

"We have a very dedicated learning support team that works with all those different needs for

Over the last couple of years, Huckell said she has noticed more families who have moved to the community.

"We really do have kids from all over the world, that really has changed over the last 10 years I would say," said Huckell.

"Its continuous that employment around here is bringing people from all over which is pretty awesome.

"I've taught here for six years, and in that six years I would say we were pretty diverse. I don't see that increasing a whole lot from where that was because even six years ago we were noticing that, but I would say when I was here about 15 years ago, we didn't have almost any of that.

"That's a big change over the last 15 years. Our school is way more diverse now."

Huckell spoke about the re-sources the school has for students who are learning English as an additional language

"There are a few students who don't know English, and a couple of the other students who came would know very little English,' she said.

'There's quite a variety in what they come with for English. We do language screening when they first come to get that sense of where they're at.
"We also work closely with

the Settlement and Intergration Worker from Yorkton. When we enrol those new students, they support us by making sure that all the citizenship papers are in place, then they meet with the family to make sure that things are going well for the family. It's also a nice transition support as well."

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## Province adds 4,600 jobs over last year, 2,800 over last month

Saskatchewan continues to demonstrate strong labour force growth, with 4,600 new jobs year over year according to newly released labour force figures from Statistics Canada with the labour Statistics Canada with the labour force climbing to 632,800 an all-time high. Monthly job gains showed 2,800 jobs created, ranking 3rd among the provinces. "With each month of growth, Saskatchewan gets closer to achieving its Growth Plan goal of adding 100 000 jobs by 2030."

of adding 100,000 jobs by 2030," Immigration and Career Training

Jeremy Harrison SAID. "Investment in Saskatchewan is driving our economic growth, but our strong labour force is critical to Saskatchewan's continued advancement on our goal of making Saskatchewan the best place to live, work and raise a family."

Saskatchewan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4 per cent, which is the third owest amongst the provinces.
August 2023 saw all-time his-

torical highs (aged 15 and over), with Saskatchewan's labour force

632.800andSaskatchreaching 632,800andSaskatchewan's full-time employment reaching 504,000. In addition, August 2023 also set a record high for the month of August (aged 15 and over) for off-reserve Indigenous full-employment, which reached 56,300.

Saskatchewan's largest cities also saw year over year growth in August, with Regina's unadjusted employment up 9,500, an increase of 6.7 per cent, and Sas-katoon's employment was up 3,700, an increase of 1.9 per cent when compared to August 2022. Major year-over-year gains

- were reported for:

   Transportation and warehousing, up 5,700, an increase of 22.2 per cent;
- Business, building and other support services, up 5,400, an increase of 50.5 per cent; and
   Professional scientific and
- technical services, up 4,900, an increase of 16.1 per cent.

Saskatchewan continues to demonstrate its economic strength through other recent indicators, including having it's Aa1 (stable) credit rating reaffirmed by Moody's Investor's service on August 1, 2023. In addition, housing starts showed year-over-year growth accord-ing to figures released by Statis-tics Canada in August, increasing 50.7 per cent from July 2022 to July 2023, the second-highest growth in the nation compared to other provinces. Saskatchewan also led Canada in GDP growth last year at 5.7 per cent.

## **Enrolment slightly increases in southeast Saskatchewan**

"We do have access to online resources too, there are some interpreters and trans-

lating services," said Huckell.
"One family who is coming here, one of "One family who is coming here, one of our teachers is going to connect with the family through that, to be able to have a conversation with them, because they don't speak English at all. "Those types of supports help. We use a lot of the translator apps on the phone with kids and families as well, which is

a helpful tool, technology certainly helps that. For a lot of the kids its just immersing them in the classroom, and they really do

pick it up when they are immersed."

With enrolment numbers continuing to increase over the last few years at Ester-hazy High School, Huckell said they are expecting it to go up next year as well.

"We will be getting a very large class from Stockholm next year," she said. "Next year, we are expecting enrolment to rise with a larger class coming over from Macdonald School in Stockholm."
This year's student enrolment at P.J Gil-

len School increased by five students, set-

ting the current enrolment at 237 kids. "We do have an increase in students, I think everyone is fitting in really well," said Principal Wanita Lippai.

"We're happy to see our numbers go up and we're happy to see our community thrive. When we get those new families and those new children, it just adds to the community and it's really nice to see.

"It's nice to see Esterhazy growing and thriving. It's been a steady increase which is good thing, it keeps our school vibrant and our community vibrant."

School Name	2021 Enrollments	2022 Enrollments	2023 Enrollments
McNaughton High School	358	361	347
MacLeod Elementary School	275	275	281
Rocanville School	271	273	274
Redvers School	285	278	261
Ecole St. Lazare	71	74	69
Elkhom School	159	158	158
Kipling School	375	388	402
Maryfield School	92	93	93
Wapella School	56	51	53
Wawota Parkland School	204	213	209
Whitewood School	257	266	255
Esterhazy High School	315	336	346
Esterhazy Elementary (P.J. Gillen)	228	232	237
Kola Elementary	18	25	27
Kennedy/Langbank School	45	60	48

## Increase in enrolment at Kipling School

Student enrolment has increased at Kipling School by 14 students this year. The school now has about 402 students.

compared to last year's enrolment of 388. "We have seen an increase of students this year, we're over the 400 mark now,"

said Principal David Bircher.
Bircher said the focus for educators this year is on students being more engaged

with their studies.

"This year will be business as usual, but also one of our overall school goals is re-engaging students in education because we've known, since Covid, that has dropped, and many other schools have

dropped, and many other schools have noticed the same," he said.

"That includes the little things, getting assignments in on time, students keeping up with their school work, showing how school work is important from not just one grade to the other, but how it does help in your fields after high school, and everyone whose part of that, which is home and school, we all work together to make that happen."

happen."
Bircher was asked if there are any noticeable impacts on students' learning

post-pandemic.
"I don't think it's that directly, we just noticed tying school work in has become more difficult to say the least," he said.

education very seriously, but there's some who don't and they definitely have the ability to do better.

### Staff in Wawota excited for the academic year

For this school year, there are 209 stu-dents enroled at Wawota Parkland School which slightly decreased from the 2022-2023 academic year enrolment of 213 stu-

Principal Jos Risling said enrolment as been good over the last few years.

been good over the last few years.
"It's great, with the enrolment staying at status quo means we can offer more opportunities to students," said Risling.
"If there's a drastic decrease then that usually results in a staff cut."
Within the last two years, the community of Wawota has welcomed a few families from the Illegian.

from the Ukraine.

"There haven't been any new Ukrainian

students, it's the same as last year," said

Risling.

"We had one fellow who I think was considering, but I think he's going to continue on with his Ukrainian studies online for a little bit and may join us a little bit later.

Risling said he is looking forward to engaging with stuwith stu-dents and teachers

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## Community airports apply for funding for 2024-25 projects

The Government of Sas-Ratchewan is now accepting applications for the next intake of the Community Airport Partnership (CAP) program for 2024-25. As community airport projects are well underway across the province, focus shifts to intake for 2024-25. The announcement was made in Weyburn by Highways Minister Lori Carr on

Sept. 8.
"Communities have expressed the need for more time to tender crucial proj-ects aimed at enhancing their airports, which play a vital role in providing essential transportation," Carr said. "These collaborative investments continue to lead to important upgrades and maintenance for our local airports."

A program review earlier this year led to changes to application dates, which have been adjusted following consultation with communities and airport users. The review also resulted in several recommendations such as the development of a strategic aviation policy, updating program selec-tion criteria and funding

Grants are cost-shared

up to a maximum amount of \$275,000. CAP is deof \$275,000. CAP is designed to help offset safety-related improvements such as upgrades to runways and taxiways, lighting, security fencing and navigational systems. tional systems

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nership program, the Government of Saskatchewan is championing commu-nity progress," Weyburn Airport Board Chair Coun-cillor Mel Van Betuw said." This funding enhances local opportunities and enables communities like Weyburn to improve critical infrastructure and im-

Projects are evaluated based on improving safety, extending the life-cycle of the asset, airport utilization, economic benefits and

partnership opportunities. The program invested \$850,000 in cost-shared grants to 21 community airports across the province this year. Since 2007-08,

Since 2007-08, more than \$10 million has been invested into 43 different community airports.

The application is now open until October 31. Interested communities can find out more about the program at saskatchewan. ca/residents/transporta-tion/airports/community-airport-partnership-cap-program.



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## Safe bet: Gambling ads are here to stay

Ubiquitous. It's a word that means, according to dictionary.com, "existing or being everywhere, especially at the same time; omnipresent:"

the same time; omnipresent:"

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In one man's opinion, it's getting to be too much.
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And if you've ever wondered why the gambling mecca of Las Vegas is able to build such big fancy hotels and over-the-top tourist attractions, it's because the house

Don't get me wrong. I love to gamble. Small-scale stuff, well within my limits. The sports gambling sites, however, need bigger players than me to make their money and it's worrisome that millions of sports fans, who used to watch for the excitement of the late-game winning goal, or the Hail Mary touchdown, are now induced by the ex-

or the Hall Mary fouchdown, are now induced by the excitement of covering the spread—and who cares which team actually wins the game?

Turn on a Blue Jays' game any night of the week and you'll find early in the proceedings that the Jays are, say, -115 to win. It suggests fans go immediately to the Bet365 site and put a few dollars down and then cash in when the Jays do, indeed, win the game. Hockey Night in Can-



## **Bruce Penton**

ada has a special segment on Sportsnet every week where Cabbie Richards, who has the title of executive producer of sports betting content for the network, informs fans of the spread for the game they are watching. Former HNIC host Dave Hodge, who once quit on principle over the way things were done at the network, said he would have drawn a line in the sand on the preponderance of gambling-related content. In an online story on Hockey Unstitled in the preponderance of gambling-related content. In the second work of the content with the content in the second work of the content in t filtered With Ken Campbell, Hodge said he would have protested by saying "It (gambling promotion) goes or I

The saddest aspect of this is when two of the greatest hockey stars of all-time, Wayne Gretzky and Connor Mc-David, team up for a BetMGM commercial to promote betting. Impressionable kids of all ages look to those two in hero worship fashion, but the message they're getting is not how to improve your skating, or beat the goalie on the short side, it's about putting down money to win even

It's ubiquitous. It's out of control. But it won't stop, because too much money is involved and money makes the

world go around.

• Headline at theonion.com: "FanDuel Promo Offers

Complimentary \$100 Bet To First-Time Gambling Addiction Hotline Callers"

• Former Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, reprinted on

- Jack Finarelli's sports curmudgeon.com website: "My hardest job is to convince the people of Nebraska is that
- 10-1 is not a losing season."
   From Club Pro Guy, on Twitter, from an unnamed golf course. "Members—Cart No. 39 has a punctured fuel tank and could be a ticking time bomb. If you get that
- eart, please proceed with caution."
   RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Canadian Olympic swimmer Penny Oleksiak's sister was an NCAA rower, and her brother is an NHL defenceman with the Kraken. No wonder she's such a talent, swimming in that gene
- Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.):
   "The NFL season begins with 10 players suspended for sports gambling and ends with a Super Bowl in Las Vegas, the gambling capital of the world. A little bit of a mixed message, don't you think?"
   European Ryder Cup veteran Paul McGinley, offering proof that teams from his era had more fun than today's golfers do: "We had consumed 72 bottles of wine, by Saturday"
- Golf writer Eamon Lynch on X (formerly Twitter), on the European Ryder Cup selections: "Crafty move by Luke Donald in choosing Nicolai (Hojgaard). If he isn't playing well or gets tired, he can send in (twin brother) Rasmus the ringer and only the swing nerds will ever

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

## Rocanville Rec Report

## Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

ROCANVILLE LEGION BRANCH #020 The Rocanville Legion Branch #020 invites you to attend the Rededication Service for our renovated and updated Cenotaph War Memorial on Wednesday, September 20 at the Cenotaph site.

Rededication Service at 11 am Barbecue Lunch Fundraiser to follow.
Please bring a lawn chair if you choose.
In the event of inclement weather, the alternate date of

the service and barbecue will be on Thursday, September 21 at the same time and location.

## ROCANVILLE NOBLE CONSTRUCTION ARENA

The rink season is right around the corner.

If you use the rink and are able to lend a hand, we will be having a cleaning bee on September 26 at 6 pm. If you have a ladder, could you please bring it as we will need to clean all of the glass around the ice surface. The

ice surface will need a good sweeping and then general cleaning at the rink.

Many hands make light work, the more volunteers we get the quicker we are done. Thank you in advance for helping out!

ROCANVILLE LUCKY LOTTERY
Tickets are now on sale for the Rocanville Lucky Lottery.
Call 1-855-762-5686 for tickets.

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Join us Saturday, October 14, 2023 for the Notarible Colin-munity Hall. Cabaret hosted by Rocanville Minor Ball. Join us Saturday, October 14, 2023 for the Rocanville Lucky Lottery Cabaret. Performances by Lachlan Neville (7:30 pm) and Tyler Lewis (9 pm) For advanced tickets \$25 please contact Jess Cuthill at 306-745-0169 or Martin Bell at 306-434-7616

## ROCANVILLE LIBRARY

- Marble Run Makerspace Kit: Month of September Calico Corn Take 'n' Make: Month of September
- (while supplies last)

   Story Time: Bring your kiddos out for a story or two and a craft to follow. Feel free to bring a water bottle and snacks. Registration is required. To register for this program, contact the library at roganyile@southeastli-

at rocanville@southeastli-brary.ca or 306-645-2088. September 20, 27 from 10:30-11:30 am.

## Announcements

- Our library has three Regional Parks of Saskatchewan passes available to borrow. These passes will be available until September 15. Be sure to come in to the library to borrow a pass to-
- day!

   ISO: Looking for subject matter experts who would like to share their skills/ knowledge with the commu-nity! Contact the library if you would like to share any skills/knowledge on a topic

that you my have.

ROCANVILLE AQUATIC CENTRE
Pumpkin Festival fundraiser will be held on Saturday,
October 28. Market/vendors, lunch, live entertainment,
kids' activities, photo booth, pie auction and more. Vendors can reserve a table with Payton at 306-435-9342.
ROCANVILLE WALKING TRAILS
Looking for something to do with the kids this fall?
Check out our Story Walk at the Rocanville Walking Trails
(green space across from the ball diamonds).

## ROCANVILLE GOLF COURSE

Clubhouse open 8 am to 10 pm, 7 days a week through summer months

## Weekly Events:

Mondays: Men's Night Golf (shotgun start 6 pm) Every other Wednesday: Ladies' Night Golf (shotgun start at 6 pm)
Thursday: Wing Night

## ROCANVILLE REC CENTRE

The Rec Centre is available for rent for birthdays, reunions, Christmas, windups, and everything in between. Contact 306-645-2164 or rocanville.rec@sasktel.net to

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

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gram courtesy of the Rocanville Library.

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NOTE: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of The Tax Enforcement Act is included in the

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Lot	Block	Plan Number	Title Number	Arrears	Advertising Cost	Total Arrears & Costs
4	11	80R29939		\$244.84	\$84.38	\$329.22
6 -7	03	65R09042		\$688.40	\$84.38	\$772.78

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## R.M. of Walpole No. 92

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Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Land Sale" to the Administrator no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday. December 12, 2023.

Tenders will be opened at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 13,

Cash or a certified cheque payable to the RM for 5% of the tendered amount must accompany the tender.

The successful bidder will have 30 days to provide the balance of cash to a legal representative to be held to complete the purchase and title transfer. Title transfer to take place May 1, 2024. Legal fees will be shared equally between purchaser and the RM of Walpole No. 92.

The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted as the Council reserves the right to reject any and all tenders.

## Tenders can be Mailed, Faxed, or Emailed to:

The R.M. of Walpole No. 92

Box 117

Wawota SK SOG 5AO

Ph: (306) 739-2545 Fax: (306) 739-2777

rm92@sasktel.net



## Moosomin RCMP Report

BY CST. TRINA BRACE

It's been a while since we had a report, so there's a bit to catch up on!

## Suspicious phone call

On August 19, members received a report about a suspicious phone call. Turns out that it was just police following up from a complaint that the person had

## Dog bite in Moosomin

On August 19, members received a complaint about a dog bite in Moosomin. In this situation the dog was going from an enclosed area on the owner's property to the house when it ran up to a person walking by. Always ensure that your pets are secure on your property, so if they need to get from the house to an enclosed area on your property, they should be leashed if they are not in a fenced in area. Not only can you be fined under the Town Bylaw but you could also face other fines under other Provincial Acts. Dogs that bite hu-mans or other dogs could be deemed a dangerous animal through the court, and courts can order the animal euthanized.

## **Neighbour dispute**

On August 20, members responded to a neighbour dispute. The problem was re-solved between the neighbours with the assistance of police.

## Person in backyard

On August 20, members received a complaint about a suspicious person that was laying in the complainant's backyard. Members attended and spoke with the intoxicated person and provided him a ride home where family members said they would look after him.

## Loud scooters

On August 21, members received a noise complaint about loud scooters on Cook Road. Patrols made and vehicles could not be located. Complainant was advised to follow up with the town regarding the noise bylaws.

## **Possibly impaired**

On August 22, members received a complaint of a possible impaired driver on Highway 1. Members were not able to locate and the information was sent to the next Detachment

## Gas and dash

On August 23, there was a report of a driver getting fuel and leaving without paying for the fuel from a gas station in Moosomin. Members contacted the regis-tered owner and they arranged payment for the fuel with the gas station.

## Fraudulent cheque

On August 23, members received a report of the fraudulent use of a cheque at a local business.

## Stolen vehicle located

On August 23, members processed a stolen vehicle that was located in our area.

## Camper with no lights

On August 23, members received a report of a truck hauling a camper, with no taillights on either, after dark. Moosomin members were not in a location to intercept so the information was BOLO'd to the next detachment.

## **Moose collision**

On August 24, members responded to a moose collision on a rural road. Fortunately no one was injured, and SERM was contacted to deal with the moose.

## Common phone scam

On August 24, members received information from a local resident that they had received a call from STARS saying they won money and a vehicle. The caller knew that the call was fraudulent and wanted

to report it to the police. This is one of the common scams. If you receive a call that you won a prize and you have not purchased a ticket, then it is a scam. If they are requesting personal/banking information or requesting money to release a prize to you, it is a scam. Do not give out personal or banking information if you are not 100 per cent sure of the person/business you are sharing this information with. Better yet, don't give that information out over the phone.

## **Driving complaint**

On August 24, members received a driving complaint from Highway 1, members were not able to locate the vehicle, and information was passed on to the next de-

## **Harassment complaint**

On August 24, members received a complaint of harassment, this is still under investigation.

## Defamation of character

On August 25, members received a complaint of defamation of character, this is still under investigation.

## Abandoned vehicle

On August 26, members received a complaint about an abandoned vehicle on Grid 719. Members attended and determined that vehicle is not reported stolen and is not obstructing the road.

## Erratic driving was due to medical condition

On August 26, members received a complaint of an erratic driver. Members were able to locate the vehicle and driver was having a difficult time driving due to non-emergency medical issued. They were provided with a ride home and advised not to drive again with their current medi-

## **Harassment complaint** related to previous one

On August 26, members received a com-plaint of harassment, related to a previous complaint that is still under investigation.

## Suspicious vehicle

On August 26, members received a complaint of a suspicious vehicle driving in Moosomin. Patrols made but the vehicle was not located.

## Suspicious person

On August 26, members responded to a complaint of a suspicious person in Wapella. Patrols made and person not lo-

## **Expired license plate**

On August 27, members were patrol-ling in Wapella and stopped a vehicle with expired license plate. Driver was subse-quently charged with Impaired Operation of a Conveyance.

## **Erratic driver complaint**

On August 27, members received a com-plaint about a vehicle driving erratically around Rocanville. The vehicle was not

## ID found in a ditch

On August 28, a person attended the detachment with ID that was found in a ditch near Moosomin. ID was sent to the

## Person on railroad track

On August 28, members received a complaint of a person on the railroad tracks in Moosomin. Patrols made, railroad tracks all clear and person not located.

## Possible impaired driver

On August 28 members received a report of a possible impaired driver in Ro-canville. Patrols made but vehicle was parked at home and no answer at the door.

## Gas and dash

On August 29 members received a re-port about a drive-away at a gas station in Moosomin that happened on August 26. Investigation is ongoing.

## No passing during highway construction

On August 29 members received a report of vehicles passing in the construction zone on Highway 48 between Wawota and Fairlight. A reminder that the speed limit while passing road construction areas is 60 km/hr and there is no passing. Fines triple in the construction zones, so a ticket could cost a lot, not to mention to safety risk to the workers on the highway. Let's slow down and be respectful of those keeping our highways in good repair. They want to go home safely to their families at the end of the day.

## **Drunk person was lost**

On August 30, members received a call from a person that was intoxicated and couldn't find their way back to their residence. Member provided the person with a ride and left the person with a family

### Gas and dash

On August 30, members received a report of a drive away at a gas station in Rocanville that occurred on August 29. This is still under investigation.

## Unresponsive driver

On August 30, members received a report of a person parked on the side of the road, sitting in the driver's seat unrespon-sive, on a rural road in the RM of Rocanville Patrols made for the vehicle and it was not located.

## Prohibited driver and unregistered

On August 31, while patrolling, members came across an unregistered vehicle and traffic stop was conducted. The driver of the vehicle was also a prohibited driv-er. The driver was charged with Driving while Prohibited and issued a ticket for operating an unregistered vehicle and vehicle was impounded.

## Disturbance at residence

On August 31, members received a call about a disturbance at a residence in Moosomin. Members attended and those responsible were told to leave. They com-

## Driving the wrong way

On August 31, members received a report of a vehicle driving west in the east-bound lane near Fleming. Patrols were made and vehicle was not located. No other reports came in about it.

## Cows loose near hwy

On September 1, members received a complaint of cows close to Highway 1, outside of their fence near Wapella. Member contacted the owner and they put them back in the pasture.

## Report of harassing communications

On September 1, members received a report of harassing communications. Members spoke with the person that the communication was coming from and they were told that the communication needs

## **Boxes on Highway 1**

On September 1 members received a report of boxes on the highway just east of Moosomin in the eastbound lanes of Highway 1. When members were patrolling the packages were already picked up.

## Mischief at hotel

On September 2, members attended a local hotel regarding a disturbance/mischief. Members spoke with the person and the issue was resolved for the night.

## Vehicle collision in RM

On September 2, members responded to a single vehicle collision on a rural road in the RM of Moosomin. EMS and Moosomin Fire attended as well.

### Vehicle vs. deer

On September 4, members responded to a deer collision on Highway 1 near Wa-

## Collision at card lock

On September 6, members responded to two-vehicle motor vehicle collision at the Co-op Cardlock parking lot in Moosomin.

## **Business reports fraud**

On September 7, members received a report from a local business of fraud. This matter is still under investigation.

## Disqualified driver

On September 7, members received a report of a person driving while disqualified. Patrols were made and the vehicle was not located at this time.

## Complaint of gunshots

On September 7, members received a complaint of gunshots after dark in a rural area. Patrols made and source of the reported gunshots was not determined.

## Collision between car and a farm implement

On September 8, members responded to a two-vehicle collision between a car and a farm implement. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries. EMS and Rocanville Fire also responded.

## Motorist hit power pole

On September 8, members received a report from SaskPower that a motorist hit a power pole in the RM of Walpole, causing damage to the pole. No vehicle was on scene and none located.

## Car versus moose

On September 9, members responded to a car vs. moose motor vehicle collision. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries for this collision either. The moose and the car didn't fare so well. Moosomin Fire also responded.

## Driver hit an eagle while driving on hwy

On September 10, members had a person show up at the detachment with an eagle stuck to the grill of the car that the vehicle had struck on Highway 1. Conservation officers took possession of the

## Drugs paraphernalia located in public area

On September 10, members responded to a complaint of drug paraphernalia lo-cated in a public area. Members ensured the paraphernalia was safely disposed of.

## Cattle on side of hwy

On September 10, members got another call about cattle on the side of Highway 1 near Wapella. The property rep was contacted and the cattle were put back in the

## Suspicious vehicle not located in RM

On September 11, members received a complaint about a suspicious vehicle in the RM of Moosomin. Patrols were made and the vehicle was not located.

## Driving complaint on Highway 1

On September 11, members received a driving complaint on Highway 1. Patrols made and the vehicle was not located.

## YouthBiz 2023 contest for students in southeast Saskatchewan

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Community Futures Sunrise has started accepting entries for this year's student business competition—YouthBiz.

The contest promotes entrepre neurship, financial literacy and digital skill building, and is designed for Grade 6 to 12 students in southeast Saskatchewan.

"YouthBiz is a contest for students. It's for them to be creative and come up with business ideas, and learn about what it takes to do the work to start a business," said Andria Brady, General Manager of Community Futures Sun-

rise.

The contest focuses on students having to come up with a business idea, following along the YouthBiz 2023 guidelines. Students have until 4 p.m. on Nov. 14. to submit their projects.

There are two categories in the contest with various prizes for the winners.

"It's open to students from grade six to 12 in the whole southeast, and they don't have to be in traditional school, they can be in the homeschool setting as well, " said Brady.

"There are different categories and different prize levels. We have a Grade 6 to 8 category, then

we have a Grade 9 to 12 category, and there's three prizes in each. "It would be a \$500 prize for first place, \$300 for second, and \$150 for third. We'll also have other special awards that will be added to that.

Students can learn the funda-mentals on how to start a busi-



Above are the Junior Achievement group from last year's Community Futures Sunrise 2022 YouthBiz Contest, at the Weyburn Comprehensive.

ness just by participating in the contest.

"This gives the students that practical knowledge too. There's more to starting a business than picking a name and making some business cards," said Brady.

'It teaches you how to write a business plan, how to create a cash flow projection, what are expenses, what's income, how do you determine that, how do you price things.

"I absolutely encourage students to apply, you have nothing to lose. You're definitely going to

learn something, and you're going to have lots of fun.

"It really gives them an outlet

for being creative too because they have to do a business plan, and they have to do a cash flow worksheet, and they have to do a website, but they can also-for bonus marks—create some social media, marketing material, some advertising, a video, brochures, pamphlets.

"This gives them the oppor tunity to try things like that in a safe environment they'll have some structure to it so that they

can learn more about all of those platforms, which is only going to give them more skills as a student, that will benefit them and as they move on past school

## **Business ideas from** previous winners

Based on previous competi-tors, Brady spoke about some of the examples students have done in the past when participating in YouthBiz.

"Some of the students already have existing businesses, there's been ideas such as jewelry making, different types of crafts," said Brady.

"There's been a business that had custom made blankets. Last year there was a sporting goods store, there was a young fellow who did an outfitting business, someone did a book store, a so-cial media sales business, small motor repairs, there was a mechanic.

'There's been even horse training or pet training, lawn care, some are services, some of it is product, retail, some is online, home-based, some are local or regional, just about anything."

The reason behind the youth business competition is to en-courage young entrepreneur-ship, said Brady.

"Youth are our future and if we

don't encourage entrepreneur-ship in youth, our future businesses are going to suffer from that," she said.

"Lots of young people have those great ideas, they haven't been jaded by the realities, per-haps so they have lots of great have no they have lots of great ideas. They sometimes see things we don't necessarily see as adults, they might go 'my community really needs this,' or 'why can't we do this, why can't I find this around me,' and realize this is something we need

is something we need.

"The curriculum for the entrepreneurship classes students take, they can meet some of the outcomes by going through this too which is a win for them as well."

People who are interested in the 2023 YouthBiz Contest can find out more information on www.cfsask.ca/sunrise-services/sunrise-programs



## **Moosomin RCMP Report**



## Mischief in Moosomin

On September 11, members received a complaint about a mischief that occurred in Moosomin. The complainant reported that on Saturday, September 9, vandalism to the Metis teepee in Bradley Park was discovered. There is a cut in the wall of the teepee, the Metis symbol that was inset in the centre of the floor was removed and damaged, and the destronic likely was damaged. Moscomin PCMP. and the electronic kiosk was damaged. Mosomin RCMP are looking for the public's assistance in locating those responsible for the vandalism. If you have any information regarding damage caused to the Metis teepee please contact the Mosomin RCMP Detachment at 306-435-3361, or information can be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com

## **Baler on fire in RM of Rocanville**

On September 12, members were dispatched to a baler on fire in the RM of Rocanville, Rocanville Fire Department responded as well. Fire was extinguished with mini-

## Theft at Moosomin business

On September 12, members received a report of a theft at a business in Moosomin. This is still under investiga-

## Suspicious person walking

On September 12, members responded to a report of a suspicious person walking in a rural area in the RM of Maryfield/RM of Antler. Members spoke with the person and a family member was able to talk them into going home with them.

## Theft in RM of Maryfield

On September 13, members received a report that there was a theft in the RM of Maryfield. Several pieces of Milwakee tools were stolen sometime the night of On September 11. This is still under investigation. If anyone has any information regarding this theft, contact the Moosomin RCMP Detachment at 306-435-3361, or information can be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) for by submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com

## Stranded boat on Moosomin Lake

On September 13, members responded to a stranded boat on Moosomin Lake. Moosomin Fire was also dispatched to this. The boaters were assisted safely back to shore.

## More traffic tickets and warnings

And that doesn't include all the traffic tickets and warnings that were issued in this period. Members were defi-nitely busy!

## Be aware of school children

Now that we are all settling back into routine as we

head into fall, we would like to bring attention to the im-

head into fall, we would like to bring attention to the im-portance of road safety. With students all heading back and forth to school, let's try to keep everyone as safe as possible. There are things that we all can do to ensure our children are safety getting to school and home. Parents, maybe you could go over some of these with your kids. Children riding bikes should wear helmets to pro-tect them on their bikes. This same rule goes for other "wheeled" methods of getting around, like scooters. Also remember that if you are on a bike, you are in a "vehicle" as far as the rules of the road. That means that you need to ride your bike as if you were driving a car, following as far as the rules of the road. That means that you need to ride your bike as if you were driving a car, following the signs are rules of the road. Young children sometimes ride on sidewalks, and this is okay if you are respectful of those walking, and if you walk your bike across the street. Drivers of motorized vehicles are not expecting a bicycle to appear on the road from the sidewalk.

When walking (and riding a bike) always look both ways before you cross the road. Make eye contact with drivers of vehicles before you go across, to make sure they see you. Even if they are supposed to be watching, sometimes drivers just don't see you.

## Distracted driving

And this leads to one of the most common complaints we see this time of year... distracted driving... Please, for the love and safety for our fellow community members, get off your phones when driving! This is especially important in school zones. All it takes is a moment of distraction to change lives forever. And if you have a difficult time starting forever. ficult time staying focussed on the road and not being distracted by your phone, put it away where you can't be tempted by it.

Please, let's all work together to keep our community

## Police joke

And a school-themed joke for this week: Why did the police officer wear sunglasses to the school

Because the students were so bright.

From your friendly neighbourhood RCMP

## Sask recruiting health care workers from other provinces

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
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LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER
Saskatchewan is sending teams to other provinces in an aim
to recruit health care workers. Following is an interview with
Saskatchewan Health Minister Everett Hindley about the new

### How exactly will the recruitment tour work?

It was about a year ago that we launched the four-point Health Human Resources Action Plan to recruit, train, incentivise and retain healthcare workers. We've taken a number of steps since that point in time to build upon some of the good work that's been done and to enhance that when it comes to trying to fill some of the gaps and also plan for the future when it comes to stabilizing and adding more staff to our healthcare work force in this

province.

One of a number of initiatives that we're undertaking is that we're doing more to hire more local people here in our province by creating more permanent full-time positions, we're doing more to train more healthcare workers here in Saskatchewan, we've added more training seats in our post-secondary institutions this fall and we're also looking to recruit. This is a challenge right across the country and I would say that the provinces and territories across Canada are looking at recruiting from elsewhere and the same is true for us here in Saskatchewan.

So there's a recruitment tour that's being headed by the Health Human Resources Agency and also the SHA. It's

Health Human Resources Agency and also the SHA. It's about a 14-day eastern Canada tour this fall that's being planned. It features a number of SHA hosted employer planified. It leadings a limitized to STAL losted enliptives sessions that highlight working in our province and working with the SHA. It will be highlighting career opportunities, employment incentives, benefits and other key information. Some of this includes on-campus sessions and also some off-campus events, as well as having our officials attend a number of career fairs that are already planned and that are underway in a number of major Canadian cities. It's starting mid-September to early October there and that's happening in Toronto, Halifax, Charlottetown, and St. John's, Newfoundland. Our targeted audit ence will be focusing on healthcare professionals within Canada and also recent graduates and alumni and also current students that are working hard to get training pro-

Who's leading the charge on this? It's the new Sask Health Recruitment Agency headed by Eric Brady who was appointed as the CEO earlier this past spring. Many folks remember the old group called Sask Docs which was very keenly focused on bringing physicians to Saskatchewan. Upon reviewing that, which had been successful over a number of years, looking at our current pressures, we decided to come up with a broader recruitment agency which would focus not only on doctors but also on any number of these health designations where we need people here in our province. So that would be things like psychologists, registered nurses, psychiatric nurses, medical lab techs, perfusionists as well as a number of other positions.

The Sask Health Recruitment Agency is focused on try-ing to fill those gaps and part of that includes looking at alternatives and ideas such as this, which is identifying where there may be job fairs and on-campus university and post-secondary institutions where we can have a pres-ence on behalf of the province of Saskatchewan. So that's one of the initiatives that the Sask Health Recruitment Agency has decided to focus on and it has presented some opportunities for us to be involved in that opportunity this fall.

## How successful have some of the other Sask Health Human Resources initiatives been?

There have been a number of steps that we have taken over the past number of weeks and months to help enhance what we're doing here in Saskatchewan. Some of the highlights that I can give you include, Saskatchewan is now implementing an accelerated pathway for inter-nationally educated nurses that will shorten their licensing time frames from what used to be a period of months down to 14 weeks for Filipino registered nurses. We currently have 25 of those individuals who are enrolled in that new pathway. To date 411 commissional offers have been extended to internationally educated nurses and 119 of those are also enrolled in the nursing pathway. As of September 5, the SHA has hired more than 637 nurse grad-

uates both from the province but also from across Canada.

Progress continues towards our target of adding 250 new and enhanced, permanent, full-time positions to stabilize rural and remote areas. That was something we heard coming out of our visits and tours over the past couple of summers where individuals were looking for more permanent, full-time work. In some cases, of those 250 new and enhanced, permanent, full-time positions, 196 of those are now filled. We also have the rural and remote



Sask Minister of Health Everett Hindley

recruitment incentive of up to \$50,000 which continues to see a lot of interest. We have 166 incentives conditionally approved to date in 154 communities. Those are just some of the updates that we've had thus far and I'm not saying that we don't have more work to do, but what we've done and what we've laid out over the past 12 months in particular, I would argue that it's working and we're starting

## Which of those do you think makes the most differ-

ence?
Well I think they all work together and that's why we've went timis they all work together and that's why we've taken so many different approaches to this, because we need them. I think it's important that we work to address this, both in the short term but also in the long term. So I think seeing that we've had 196 of the 250 new and enhanced, permanent, full-time positions being filled—I think that shows that that's definitely been successful think that shows that that's definitely been successful and that points to what we were hearing as ministers and as MLAs when we were consulting and talking to frontline healthcare providers and locally elected leaders and foundations. We were hearing from those groups saying, "Sometimes there are people who are willing to work more hours but they can't because there's not a funded position." I think there's been a couple of opportunities and recruitment positions to the Philippings in particular. and recruitment positions to the Philippines in particular—one last November that Minister Merriman was on and a follow up mission later on in the winter with just officials to try and secure more workers from the Philip pines. So those are just a couple of examples.

Of course the number of conditional offers that have

been approved for the new incentive program, that shows, I believe, that that is also helping to recruit people to rural communities. So I think there is no one, singular incentive communities. So I finns there is no one, singular incentive or initiative that is perhaps working better than the other, but I think in tandem with them working together it really shows that we do have an all-hands on deck approach to this and a multi-faceted approach to trying to close some of these gaps we have and also build for the future as well. So there's really no one answer, I would say that it's a combination of all of the above. bination of all of the above.

## That \$50,000 recruitment incentive, is it available across rural Saskatchewan and blanketing every community or are there certain communities that are ap-

No, it's not available in every community. When we first announced it back in September there was a list of com-munities that were chosen by the SHA and by our officials munities that were chosen by the SHA and by our officials in the ministry where there were frequent service disruptions to acute care. Since we've expanded, we've made a number of tweaks to that program already where perhaps we had a community that came to us and said, "You know what, we weren't included on that initial list and we'd like to be considered." So we've taken that back to our officials and asked if we can have that community added and we're done that Some of these aboves departed long the way. we've done that. Some of those changed along the way and we said that we wanted to be flexible in that case.

So no, it's not currently available to every commu-nity but we take a look at what the community has for an acute health care facility, what are the challenges that are there—are they iconic service disruption as a result of chronic vacancies and then do we need to take a look at how we're doing that? So that's where, for example, we've had communities and officials and frontline healthcare workers saying, "You know, we've had a disruption here on a regular basis or on a repeat basis for some time now but it's because, just again as an example, we haven't had people able to work in a permanent, full-time position, even though we know that there are people that are willing to do that." So it's a program that we've adjusted along the way as we need to and add communities where we feel that it can be a benefit we feel that it can be a benefit.

I see that there was a meeting with the SHA and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress. Do you think that there's potential to fill some of these spots with some of the Ukrainian newcomers? I know we have a Ukrainian newcomer on staff here and there's lots around the area who maybe aren't using their skills to their full ability yet and aren't able to practice the professions that they

Yes, there has been some work done there too and I believe there's been Ukrainian newcomers in the past number of months that have been hired in Saskatchewan or are in the process of being hired, but that definitely is an opportunity as we're trying to help people in Ukraine through any number of avenues. We do have those who are considering Saskatchewan on a permanent basis and we always do want to look at it and see if they are trained as a healthcare worker and if there is an opportunity to use their skills here in Saskatchewan if they've chosen to remain in our province and to make this their new home.

There's a new residency program that just started last year in southeast Saskatchewan and we have one international graduate who's actually from Toronto originally, graduated from Manila, and is now doing her residency and family medicine in Moosomin. She's in her second year now. The second one has now arrived and is from Winnipeg originally. She took her schooling at the U of S and she's doing her residency in Moosomin, so that's two families who are possibly in Moosomin for the long term because they're doing their residency here. How much of a difference do things like that make on

the physician side of things?
That's a very important thing you brought up there Kevinard thanks for raising it. That has also been a beneficial program here in Saskatchewan, expanding that residency program into rural areas and rural communities. The Southeast was the most recent addition to that particular program, that began a number of years ago in some other communities in this province. It has showed very strong success, I would say in terms of allowing for that opportunity for residents to do some work in a community outside of Regina and Saskatoon. To get that opportunity to have some of that work and training in a smaller rural center, and as the result of that we've seen some very good success with that program.

What we've seen is sometimes when a resident gets that opportunity, they then get a chance to be part of a rural opportunity, they then get a chance to be part of a rural community and perhaps a smaller center and something that's a little bit different than what you would experience in a major center like Regina or Saskatoon. It then opens up the possibility of that individual perhaps staying in the long term. We've seen that in some other parts of Saskatchewan where people have made that choice after completing their residency training in a smaller community. They have actually decided that is where they want to be and in some cases, there are examples where we have had residents who have always wanted to practice in a rural community. They're grateful to have that opportunity to do that residency there, so I think it has been very successful. We've seen that work very well and other areas of the province including my home community of Swift Current where this program launched a number of years ago. I know I can speak of folks here who have become permanent, long-time doctors here in our community as a permanent, long-time doctors here in our community as a result of that program. That was one of the things I think that helped. We expect that there would be a similar positive result in other areas of the province, including in and around Moosomin.

In regards to it being a year now since you have launched the Health Human Resources action plan, what

launched the Health Human Resources action plan, what have been the biggest challenge with the initiatives and programs you have faced?

I would say the biggest challenge is we can't do it fast enough and we're trying to do everything we can to ensure that we are filling these gaps as quickly as we can. These are people that we are talking about when we talk about addressing some of the staffing shortage that we face, some of the communities in our province, and it's not as easy as some other challenges that we face in health care. I'm not saying that any of them are easier than others, but whatever you are dealing with Health Human Resources, that's particularly challenging because you are talking about people and their careers, their professions, and where they want to be. Hopefully we can get them to stay in these areas over the long term.

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## **ABOUT THE COBBLESTONE HOUSE**



The Cobblestone House is a three-story home in Moosomin, located in a residential area overlooking the baseball fields and beautiful prairie. Our peaceful prairie setting offers residents access to safe outdoor areas for fresh air, walking, gardening, and bird watching. The main floor provides 14 suites that are designed to offer any care the residents may require including memory care. The 2nd floor will provide assisted living (level 1 and level 2) and the 3rd floor will provide meals, housekeeping, and activities, plus the added options of a "Living Plan" for independent residents that prefer more services.



The primary focus of this traditional house is to provide a comfortable and happy home that supports the "Aging in Place" concept. This gives residents the comfort of knowing they never have to look at alternative living arrangements as care needs change. The Cobblestone House provides residents with a home that adapts to their needs, so residents never have to leave their community, their families or their friends. The goal is to keep community members part of their community at every stage of life.





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