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Rocanville Threshing Day

Rocanville Museum's Annual Threshing Day took place on September 16. It was a beautiful day for demonstrating the antique machinery, live music, food and the Market at the Museum. In the afternoon a large crowd gathered to relive a bit of history during the harvest season with their afternoon threshing demonstration. All ages take part in the demonstration, including Nolan Kruppi (above), who pitched the wheat sheaves onto the antique conveyor. The machine removes the seeds from the stalks and husks and the museum uses the grain to mill their own flour that they will sell at next year's event. Turn to page B10 and B16-17 in September Ag News for more photos.

Moosomin leads growth according to health numbers

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Saskatchewan Health Covered Population numbers for 2023 show continued growth in southeast Saskatchewan, with the community of Moosomin leading the way in growth across the region.

The number of active Saskatchewan health cards in the Moosomin Region is 17,611 in 2023, up 200 from 2022, and

up 812 or 4.83 per cent from the total of 16,799 in 2012, according to Saskatchewan Health.

Moosomin has showed the most growth in health card numbers over the last 12 years, growing from 2,961 to 3,302, an increase of 341 or 11.52 per cent.

The other larger communities in the region all showed some growth as well, according to the Saskatchewan

Health numbers.

Esterhazy grew by 83 or 2.76 per cent from 3,013 to 3,096 over the last 12 years. Redvers grew by 66 or 4.88 per cent, from 1,354 to 1,420 over the last 12 years, and Kipling grew by 64 or 5 per cent over the last 12 years, from 1,279 to 1,343.

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New businesses in the community: New fitness centre, sports retail store, and flower shop in Moosomin

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The owner of a new fitness facility in Moosomin—Iron Prairie Strength Lab—told members of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce about the new business in town, at last Tuesday's monthly meeting.

"I'm the owner and coach of Iron Prairie Strength Lab," said Jill Dowling to Chamber members. "We offer a style of fitness called functional fitness, it's a combination of gymnastics, weight lifting and conditioning."

"Our goal is to build a broad level of fitness to improve your overall quality of life."

"Something that I love about this fitness style is that it doesn't matter what your skill level is, it doesn't matter what your fitness level is, everything can be modified to try to meet you where you're at."

"On Saturday Sept. 23 is our grand opening event, it will be running from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's family friendly, we're going to start with a pancake breakfast in the morning and Crate House will be providing snacks in the afternoon."

The centre will offer personal fitness coaching, commercial gym use, and group fitness classes.

Jill and her husband, Spencer, moved to Moosomin at the beginning of 2020.

Since their move, Dowling has been offering fitness classes to people in the community from her home, and decided to expand her business by opening a fitness centre in Moosomin.

"It's different from a conventional gym where you come to classes, this is a big open space. We don't have machines, we use dumbbells and barbells, you are the machine," said Dowling.

"It's a different style of fitness, it's fun because in the classes you are a part of a fitness community. I really encourage people to drop in and come see what it's all about."

Iron Prairie Strength Lab is located beside the KFC in Moosomin, its address is 506 Moose Street. Dowling said people can contact her through her Facebook page:

Iron Prairie Strength Lab, or on her website.

New sports store in Moosomin

Moosomin Sports Excellence, a new sports equipment store, is planned to open in town by October 1.

The new business will be located in the former government liquor store building in town, on South Front Street.

On behalf of the new owner of the store, Tyler Thorn told Chamber members the different types of items Moosomin Sports Excellence will be selling.

"Angela Hales will be the owner operator, and managing partner of the new sports store," said Thorn.

"About two years ago, my sister-in-law Randi did a survey about shopping local and I think the very last question asked what we're missing in town for retail."

"About 55 per cent of the responses said sporting goods and shoes. This started two years ago because of that. We first needed a building, and when the old liquor store building went up for sale, we bought it."

"The second thing we needed was someone who wanted to be in the sporting goods business, Angela and her husband Jeff had an interest in that."

"Then the third thing we needed was someone who knew what they were doing in sporting goods, and we went out and found some folks from Portage la Prairie who own a sporting goods store there."

Thorn spoke about the different items the store will be selling once it is opened.

"Hopefully by October 1 we'll have the shelves stocked. We'll sell some shoes, sporting goods, and some apparel, those will be the top three items," he said. "We'll also do some custom stuff, like customized shirts for your business."

"We'll be selling stuff for year round, obviously hockey will be a big one, but baseball, lacrosse. We'll see as we move forward and fill the store accordingly."

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Left: Jill Dowling of Iron Prairie Strength Lab told Chamber members about her business's grand opening on Sept. 23.

Right: Tyler Thorn of the new Moosomin Sports Excellence store spoke about the new sports retail equipment store in town. Next to him is Ross Shaw, who gave Chamber members an update about the new flower shop at Kassie's Jewelry.

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Borderland Co-op Fuel Good Day

Last Tuesday, Borderland Co-op held their annual Fuel Good Day at the Moosomin Co-Store. For every litre of gas sold that day, Co-op donated 10¢ to not-for-profit organizations within their local communities, including MacLeod School's new playground fundraiser.

There was also a barbecue during Fuel Good Day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers from MacLeod's School Community Council (SCC) and staff members from the school helped make burgers.



Volunteers from MacLeod's SCC, along with staff from Moosomin Borderland Co-op helped make burgers, on Sept. 19.



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Rocanville Town Council

Lucky Lottery ticket sales going well

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

At Rocanville's town council meeting on Wednesday, council was informed that the ticket sales for Rocanville's Lucky Lottery are going great, and that the early bird draw event was well-received by the community.

On Sept. 15, the early bird draw of \$10,000 was rewarded to Candy Becker of Rocanville.

The main draw for the grand prize of \$100,000 will be made on October 14 at the big cabaret event.

Rocanville Minor Ball will be organizing the event, with live entertainment from Lachlan Neville and Tyler Lewis at the Nutrien Rocanville Community Hall.

Advance tickets for the event are \$25 each, and can be purchased by contacting Jess Cuthill at (306) 745-0169, Martin Bell at (306) 434-7616, or any Minor Ball Board member.

Approval for fire hydrant repairs

Council passed a motion to approve A & R Hydrant Repair's quote of \$8,658 to repair two of the fire hydrants in town.

The contractor will be coming sometime in fall to do the repairs.

Motion passed for curb removal

Council passed a motion to approve a curb removal at 208 Pitt Street. The property owner requested to have the curb removed in order to build a double driveway on their property.

Arena to open in October

Under the Recreation Report, council was informed that the Rocanville Arena will be opened in October. Although no specific date was set, rec is aiming to have the rink ready by mid-October at the latest.

Council also passed a motion to give the Rocanville Golf Course a grant of \$1,200 to help power the welcome

sign on Highway 8 at the entrance to town. The grant is given annually to the golf course.

Council was also informed about the town's pool committee helping out on Sept. 19 as part of Borderland Co-op's Fuel Good Day barbecue. Volunteers from the committee helped make burgers that day.

Annual donations approved

Council approved donating funds to groups and committees in town who usually ask for an annual donation.

Sponsorship packages were sent out as one approval, as opposed to council responding to every single request to committees throughout the year.



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Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwan, Recreation Director

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It's almost arena season!

Groups are busy making plans for the upcoming season. Here is a list of what is planned thus far:
Ice 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 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.

Adam Herald Legacy Foundation Leadership Camp

We are very fortunate to have been chosen as one of three communities to host the Adam Herald 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 Schwan Arena and Conexus Convention Centre.

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 Herald Legacy Foundation.

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

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 consecutive 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.

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 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

2024 National Fireman's Bonspiel

One of the biggest events to come our way in history arrives in March of 2024 when we will host the 2024 National Firefighters Curling Bonspiel. The event will run March 15-24! This is a major event that requires many, many, many volunteers. If you would be willing to help out in some capacity please let us know at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or by phone to 435-3622.

Funds raised at the event are earmarked for four cornerstone projects including:

- Moosomin Fire Department
- Muscular Dystrophy
- CT Scanner
- Multiplex Fund

Sportsplex Recfest—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.

Pipestone Hills Golf Club 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!

Sportsplex Simulators

Our new computers and monitors are now ordered and will be in place for the 2023/2024 winter season. With the new software we are again able to perform downloads to software to make your gaming experience the most enjoyable it can be!

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 2023/2024 Memberships

Membership season is just around the corner for the Nutrien Sportsplex. Patrons are reminded of a couple of membership options. Keep in mind that the 2022/2023 season passes expire the last day of September 2023.

Flex Passes - Can be used for Bowling Alley, Sports Simulators, Walking Track, Pickle Ball, Billiard Table etc. With a Flex Pass Membership you can cover the cost of whoever you want and we simply deduct the fee off your membership.

The Flex Pass is basically a sum of money paid to the Sportsplex that can be used for rentals/programming (until it runs out). The minimum purchase is \$250 to become a Flex Pass Member.

Seasonal Passes - Can be used for Bowling Alley, Sports Simulators, Walking Track, Pickle Ball, Billiard Table etc. With a seasonal pass, you and only you can use it. It covers you for all your usage for the 2023/2024 season running from opening day in October to April 30. Please note for Pickle Ball that end day extends to September 30. The season pass covers your ladies, men and corporate nights along with Pickleball, Bowling, Walking etc.

Benefits of purchasing a seasonal pass is you have unlimited use all season long. Adults are \$300 and students are \$150.

Please note if you have left over flex pass money from last season and want to change to a seasonal pass, you can use the balance towards the purchase of a 2023/24 seasonal pass. As well, please note our RECFEST deals allow you to pay an early bird fee for outstanding savings on the upcoming season!

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 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 msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Royal LePage Thursday Night Bowling League

Looking for Thursday night entries into our Royal LePage Thursday night bowling league. This is a fantastic opportunity to enter a business team, an organization team, a block team or a group of friends. The league is for all abilities, just a fun night out to enjoy some company and exercise. If you have a team interested please let Mike know at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Halloween Bash 2023

This one will be like no Halloween party you have ever been at as we have opened our wallets and booked one of the top touring acts in all of Canada—Banger Bingo.

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Our dynamic duo host and DJ will take you on a rock'n'roll journey of sing alongs, laughs and fist pumping as we call out the bingo numbers. The real stars of the 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

Their wannabe rock-star host and DJ take you on a rock n roll journey while calling out the ball numbers that correspond to song clips, jokes, trivia and audience participation like their inflatable air guitar rock-off! Their unique show combines elements of stand-up comedy, karaoke, game-show and DJ entertainment and picks up on many '80s rock and pop culture references. You will want to dress up like your favorite '80s rock-stars!

Be sure to stay around for the After-Dance Party DJ set with sub woofers and all genre music library. You can check Banger Bingo out online at bangerbingo.com. Tickets information will be announced in the coming weeks. 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.com.

Curling Season

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

Leagues include:

Tuesday Night Red barn Men's League
Wednesday Afternoon Mixed Federated Co-op Farmers 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@sasktel.net

Pipe Si Cana Winter Games & Festival!

Moosomin Parks and Recreation are excited as we begin plans to once again host our Pipe Si Cana Winter Games and Festival. The dates we are looking at are Friday to Sunday, December 15-17.

While plans are early, here is a look at what you may expect that weekend:

Mike Schwan Arena: Minor Hockey, Senior Rangers Hockey and Figure Skating

Conexus Convention Centre: Pickle Ball, Basketball and Volleyball

Nutrien Sportsplex: Indoor Golf, Bowling, Shuffleboard, Billiards and Cards

Co-op Community Outdoor Rink: Outdoor Broomball
Other: Cross Country Skiing, Poker Derby and Speed Skating

If any group in town is interested in running an event of interest or as a club fundraiser please contact Mike at 435-3622 or by email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

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Nomination forms may be obtained at the Wapella Town Office located at 523 South Railway Street.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2023.

Daphne Brady
Returning Officer

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In our opinion:

Why a balanced approach to energy transition is crucial for our future

In today's climate-conscious world, the term "energy transition" often stirs strong sentiments. The phrase has become shorthand for an urgent pivot from fossil fuels toward renewable energy sources like wind, solar, and hydroelectric power.

But as we navigate this crucial juncture in our quest for a more sustainable future, it's important to remember that transition is not the same as abrupt termination. Achieving a balanced energy transition is not only prudent but essential.

We believe it is critical to avoid inflaming the conversation with heated rhetoric and instead focus on the multifaceted complexities of our energy dilemma.

In today's rapidly changing climate landscape, there's an understandable urgency to transition to sustainable energy solutions. It's tempting to simply label the fossil fuel sector as an outdated relic.

However, this viewpoint neglects to acknowledge the complex global energy matrix in which fossil fuels still play an indispensable role.

The reality is that switching to renewable energy is not as straightforward as flipping a switch. We need to consider the nuanced infrastructure that underpins global energy supply. Projections show that by 2040, 77 percent of global energy needs will still be powered by fossil fuels.

These aren't just numbers; they're road signs indicating the magnitude of the transition we must undertake and why a balanced approach is crucial.

Alberta's oil sands, often singled out for criticism, are not just an energy source but a significant cornerstone of the Canadian economy, supporting jobs, revenue, and international trade.

An overnight exit from fossil fuels, without considering the viability of alternatives, could have profound economic ramifications, hitting everything from employment rates to governmental revenues.

Why? Because energy systems are complex beasts, intricately tied into every facet of modern life – from the cars we drive and the homes we heat to the industries that provide our jobs and the public services that underpin our society.

A sudden, uncompromising move toward renewables could introduce a host of problems: job losses in traditional energy sectors, destabilization of energy grids, and even increased energy prices that disproportionately affect lower-income communities. These socio-economic considerations can't be ignored in the race toward a greener planet.

But the value of oil and gas isn't limited to powering our cars. They are critical components in the production of countless products, from everyday plastics to essential pharmaceuticals and fertilizers. As long as these sectors remain, so will the demand for fossil fuels.

Moreover, certain sectors like aviation and heavy industry still lack viable renewable alternatives. Simply put, fossil fuels will continue to have a role, albeit a diminished one, in our near mid-term future.

Natural gas also merits a mention here. Often overlooked, it acts as a bridge fuel, emits half as much CO₂ as coal, offers a cleaner alternative and can complement renewables, ensuring a smoother transition to a more sustainable future.

Prioritizing renewable energy sources is crucial, but so is optimizing the efficiency of our current energy grid. Innovations in infrastructure, such as modern pipelines, can significantly reduce environmental risks and waste.

Shifting towards renewable energy is an admirable pursuit, but it comes with considerable costs.

As we strive for a cleaner future, we must also recognize and navigate the financial challenges, especially for everyday citizens. Until renewable options reach cost parity with fossil fuels, it's vital to optimize current systems for efficiency and to minimize waste.

Let's shed the simplistic rhetoric and embrace complexity when discussing energy.

Industries and infrastructure are not static; they evolve, adapt, and find new roles over time. In our rush to brand something good or bad, we risk losing sight of the intricacies that define these systems. The fossil fuel industry still holds relevance and will continue to do so for years to come.

As we forge the path to sustainability, let's not overlook the assets we already have but instead learn to use them more wisely.

Ultimately, as we champion a sustainable future, we must base our strategies on today's realities.



Health card numbers show once again that growth is happening in the southeast

If you haven't noticed, we are in a growing area. The latest numbers from Saskatchewan Health show 3,302 active health cards in Moosomin in 2023, up about 200 from 3,109 in 2015, and up 341 from a dozen years ago, when the number stood at 2,961.

That increase of 341 represents 11.52 per cent growth over the last 12 years. That kind of growth leads the region, and is unique in rural Saskatchewan.

With Cobblestone House now open with 42 housing units, some of which will house couples, there is no doubt Moosomin's population will be up by 50 or 60 again next year. And with two new apartment buildings planned by Keller Developments, expect it to go up by another 60-80, because the only thing keeping the population from increasing more quickly right now is a lack of housing.

Justin Young, GM of Nutrien Rocanville said at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting last week that more new hires at the mine would settle in Moosomin if there was more housing—they want to settle here but we just don't have enough housing.

Other larger communities in the region are also growing. Esterhazy is up 83 or 2.76 per cent over the last dozen years, Redvers is up 66 or 4.88 per cent, and Kipling is up 64 or five per cent.

Taking a look around the area, there is little doubt the growth will continue.

In the Kipling-Kennedy area a massive new wind farm is under construction.

In Esterhazy, a massive new regional water treatment plant is under construction.

In Rocanville, a massive amount of work is going into upgrades at the Nutrien Rocanville potash mine.

In Moosomin there are multiple projects under construction right now, the \$14 million water plant expansion that will allow growth up to a population of 4,600, the \$10 million airport expansion project, a new gym, Anytime Fitness, new RM shop, new Johnston's Grain building, new Mantl building to serve the oilfield, new Sunny Transport building, and new microbrewery. Planned projects for the near future include two apartment buildings planned by Keller Developments and a cardlock and bulk fuel facility planned by the United Famers of Alberta. And in recent months



Kevin Weedmark

the 42-unit Cobblestone House has opened, as has Ecol Electric, a new business to the area, located in a brand new building.

By every indication, this is a growing, vibrant corner of the world.

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There are areas of North America where economic development authorities are desperately trying to attract new industries to diversify their local economies.

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It's exciting to be in an area where the population is growing and investment is ramping up.

BRIDGE ROAD INVESTING IN AREA'S FUTURE

As we reported last week, Moosomin's Pipestone Villas has changed hands, with Bridge Road Developments buying shares from the local shareholders who helped get the project built and established.

While that was always a potential exit strategy for the local investors, Bridge Road's purchase shows confidence in the future of this community and this area.

The purchase is the largest single real estate transaction in Moosomin's history. It's great to see Bridge Road show such confidence in Moosomin's future.

Chamber hears about plans for Spookarama, Shriners Concert, and winter games

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

At the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting on Sept. 19, the Spookarama Committee spoke about their plans for this year's Halloween Dance.

"We're going to do a Spookarama event again this year for Halloween for our high school students," said Constable Trina Brace with the Moosomin RCMP.

"We love to see this event happening. It's something our community can do to support our kids and reward them for being good citizens in the community."

"It's great to see our local businesses and citizens of the community supporting the kids."

Spookarama will be happening on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Brace said donations are needed to help organize the event, as well as to offer door prizes to students.

She also said the committee is in need of volunteers and chaperones for the night of the event.

"There's tons of prizes and that's part of what we're asking the community members and businesses to help us out with, so that we can do draws for the prizes for the kids throughout the evening," said Brace.

"The day of the event, if anyone is able to help us out with that it would be great because we always need volunteers and chaperones for the night."

One of the students from McNaughton High School, Molly Martens, said the event is well-received by kids in the community every year.

"I think it's a really good event, all of the students at the school look forward to it. The donations and prizes, they get really excited about that so we really appreciate all that the businesses do," she said.

"The Grade 6 students that are coming over to the high school for their first year, they really look forward to it. It's a big event for them," added Principal Sherrie Meredith.

Brace told members what the night will entail for kids.

"The community hires a DJ to come out and run the dance for the kids," she said.

"Halloween is on a Tuesday this year so it will go until midnight. Once the kids are in, there's a time frame that they have to come into the dance for, and once they're in, they're in. Once they leave, they can't come back."

"This gives them something to do that's good for them and good for the community. It keeps them busy for Halloween night so there's not any trouble."

Members at the meeting stated that since Spookarama started, there have been no issues of vandalism and mischief offences that used to occur on the night of Halloween.

"We really haven't seen any trouble from kids from Moosomin on Halloween night for years and years. Hopefully that continues," said Brace.

Recreation hosts various winter activities

Moosomin Recreation Director Mike Schwan told Chamber members about the various activities the community offers during winter, along with this year's Winter Games happening from Dec. 15 to 17.

"We have a long list of stuff going on at the arena. The convention centre is really busy as well around Christmas, we have stuff booked there almost every weekend too," he said.

"The Sportsplex, we have a Moosomin Senior Club, the snow-birders golf, a golf skins league, Friday Fantasy Golf, and Thursday King Pings Bowling. There's also opportunities to host a Christmas party at the Sportsplex as well for businesses."

"Our winter games, we haven't done this since pre-Covid, and this year we're going to revisit it. It runs on Dec. 15, 16, and 17. We'll have hockey, curling, pickleball, shuffleboard, darts, bowling, going on."

"We're also looking to host the first ever Saskatchewan Indoor Golf Championship, that will be going on that weekend too."

Schwan also mentioned the free winter activities Moosomin offers, which includes the outdoor skating rink, the Parkway Skateway, the 9 Hole Winter Disc Golf, Cross Country Ski Trails, and the winter walking trails at Bradley Park.

Tickets available for Shriners Concert on Nov. 10

The Moosomin Shrine Club will host a fundraiser on November 10, 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.

"The Shriners are having their seventh annual concert. This year we're having JJ Voss as our main entertainer, he will be opened by Lachlan Neville, and a close by the Kelly Brothers," Leo Ilustrisimo of the Moosomin Shriners told Chamber.

"We're selling tickets, one ticket is \$75 and it's \$600 for a table of eight. We're thankful for the sponsors who have supporting us with donations and gifts. There will also be a silent auction for some of the prizes."

Ilustrisimo said the Shriners currently help two kids lo-



RCMP Constable Trina Brace told Moosomin Chamber about this year's Spookarama event.

cally through their initiative, one of who is Levi Jamieson.

"From the proceeds raised, half of it stays in Moosomin to help local people and 50 per cent go the Wa Wa Shrine, our provincial organization," he said.

"That then goes to the Patient Transfer Fund which helps Shrine patients in Saskatchewan get access to the hospitals in Montreal and the United States."

"Locally, we have two local patients who go to through the Shrine system right now. These are special cases that aren't usually offered in Saskatchewan."

Ilustrisimo said the Shriners have been able to donate some of their proceeds back to the community.

"Our club here has donated about \$7,000 back into the community, we're thankful for everyone who has helped us," he said.

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Cobblestone's grand opening on Wednesday

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
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At the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting last Tuesday, Amber Hintz, Home Administrator of Cobblestone House, spoke about the facility's grand opening event happening on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

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.

"We're privately owned by local investors, and the care side of our home is run by a company called Care by Design," said Hintz.

"They're fantastic. They have six other homes in the province of Saskatchewan. They're very successful and gorgeous homes."

"We're really lucky to have this home in Moosomin, it's been needed for a long time."

So far, 15 residents have moved into the facility.

"We officially opened our doors on August 1. We had our first resident move in that day, and then a couple other the next day, then they've just been slowly moving in ever since," Hintz told members.

"We currently have about 15 residents spread between the three different floors."

"We offer different care levels that one might need, which allows us to offer that aging-and-place concept. Once you move in whether your needs



Amber Hintz, Home Administrator of the Cobblestone House in Moosomin told Chamber members about the facility's grand opening event on September 27.

change while you're there, you never have to move, which is fantastic."

Hintz spoke about the details of the grand opening event.

"I wanted to talk about the grand opening we're having on Wednesday Sept. 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.," she said.

"We welcome everyone to come. We're going to have a barbecue, burgers, a cake, refreshments out in the parking lot."

"We are also going to be offering home tours. The doors will be open, people can just come in and wander through. If you have questions there will be lots of staff, as well as Heather and Jim who are coming, and Travis."

"There will also be live music, we did secure someone for live music."

Hintz said she hopes to see people from the community at the event.

"It's going to be really

good for our residents too, to have the community members come into our home," she said.

"It's beautiful, I can't say enough about it."

"We welcome everyone, young, old, and in between."

Construction for the new assisted living facility began in April 2022, and

had residents move in at the beginning of August this year.

Hintz said the facility has the capacity to be home to more than 42 residents.

"We have 15 people right now, we can occupy 42, plus double occupancy," she said.

"We still have a long way to go, but considering we opened up on the first of August, and 14 of those rooms we just opened up the other day, I think we're doing pretty good."

"The second level is our assisted care level and it is the most full. We have nine out of 14 rooms filled on that floor. That's definitely the need in town, we can see it right away."

"If need be, we will move that assisted care level up to the third floor as well. We have lots of room for opportunity there."

Steven Bonk, MLA for Moosomin Constituency

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Please check this week's Recreation report for position details

Mike Schwan Arena Busy year at our Doorstep!!



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- Elder Goaltending School Monday, October 16th
- Adam Herald Leadership and Development Program Saturday/Sunday, October 21/22nd
- Midget Rangers Tournament Saturday/Sunday, October 28,29th
- Goaltending Clinic Sunday, October 29th
- U13 Girls Tournament Saturday/Sunday, November 4,5th
- Level 2 Coach Clinic Sunday, November 5th
- U15 Girls Tournament Saturday/Sunday, November 11,12th
- Goaltending Clinic Tuesday, November 14th
- Level 1 Coach Clinic Wednesday, November 22nd
- Atom Rangers Tournament Saturday/Sunday, November 25,26th
- Pee Wee Rangers Tournament Saturday/Sunday, December 2,3rd
- Female Festival Saturday/Sunday, December 9,10th
- Sr Rangers Hall of Fame Game Friday, December 22nd
- Private Booking Monday, December 25th
- Wheatland Wild Summer Tryouts Wednesday-Friday, December 27-29th
- Goaltending Clinic Tuesday, January 9th
- Adam Herald Leadership and Development Program Sunday, January 14th
- Squirt Rangers Tournament Saturday/Sunday, January 20,21st
- Novice Rangers Tournament Saturday/Sunday, February 3,4th
- Bantam Ranges Tournament Saturday/Sunday, February 17,18th
- Skating Club Carnival Sunday, March 10th
- Atom Badgers Tournament Saturday/Sunday, March 16,17th
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Candy Becker wins Lucky Lottery Early Bird draw

Candy Becker was the winner of the Rocanville Lucky Lottery Early Bird Draw. Becker won \$10,000 in the draw. The draw for the 50/50 and the \$100,000 grand prize will be held on October 14.

From left are Rocanville Lucky Lottery Committee members Andrea Logan, Payton Parker, Kirby Fowler, early bird draw winner Candy Becker, Clayton Lawless, Wanda Parker, and Pat Miskiman.



Daycare board, council discuss tax break

Board says if taxes waived, funds would go to future capital investment

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Members of the Play Fair Daycare board met with Moosomin town council at the latest council meeting to discuss property taxes on the day care building.

Jalisa Miller, Samantha Campbell and Jill Jones of the day care board met with council.

"First we would just like to thank the town council for the \$1,500 per new daycare spot that you guys committed to back in May," Miller said. "This will help us with a portion of the renovations that we'll need to do to the building in order to accommodate those spots, if or when we receive those. It is very much appreciated. We are requesting a property tax exemption for our facility."

"As you are aware, property taxes alone this year for the daycare were \$21,000. This is a huge amount for any non-profit organization to have to come up with year after year. We have recently navigated a few very difficult years with Covid and now the new government funding program."

"We are really proud that we have managed to come out close to break even every year and throughout all this uncertainty we have been able to manage to do a number of upgrades to the building, we put in a new kitchen, bathroom sinks, and this summer we did flooring throughout the whole facility. The next on the list is the backyard."

"As a board it is super important for us that we continue to maintain and upgrade our building because we know how important daycare is to families in the community and for economic growth of the town as well. We have 36 infants on the wait list for 2024 and 26 already on the wait list for 2025."

"If our taxes were waived, we are proposing to take this money and set it aside in a separate account, we would use this money in the future to invest in upgrades and expansions of the facility, which at some point may result in a second daycare building."

"We are very limited on what we can pay our current staff and as a result we see a lot of turnover of staff. By using this separate fund for building maintenance and upgrades, we would be able to use this operating cash to give the staff higher wages to better support staff attraction and retention in the future."

"We have provided a list of communities in Saskatchewan that are currently receiving tax exemptions," she adds. "This information came from a survey that was done about four years ago so it is a little bit old but the list of communities is likely even larger now."

"There are also a number of childcare centers that are currently bringing forward the same request that we are tonight to their councils, and from what we've looked into even the facilities that are paying taxes especially in the local area, they are paying significantly less than we are."

"Lastly, most if not all other non-profits in Moosomin are currently receiving tax exemptions, our daycare is one the most important facilities that we have in our community, so why would we be treated any differently than the other non-profits?"

"Without a daycare facility that can attract and retain employees, expand as necessary and stay current with renovations and maintenance required, the town's economic growth will be limited. The future of the town is dependant on having childcare facilities that can accommodate the development and growth in the community."



The Play Fair Daycare building in Moosomin

"Both the town and the daycare need to work together in order to achieve success. Our final ask is that the town help support our facility and its continued growth that is so important to our community, the same way that you have been supporting other non-profits by waiving our taxes."

Mayor Larry Tomlinson said he agrees that more daycare spaces are needed.

"I sit on the Health Care Foundation Board and this is a major problem for our nurses who are going back to work," he said. "If they can't get their kids into daycare, they can't go to work."

"I think there are four nurses right now that want to come back and can't because they don't have any child care."

Councillor Murray Gray said the Economic Development Committee has been working with the daycare board on adding spaces.

"We may have made some headway with that and then they changed the ministers again, but I still feel as though, from anybody that I've talked to, that in the ministry below the minister they realize that it's important because with everything we've added here, the number of daycare spaces that we have is the same as the number of spaces ten years ago," he says.

"We're working on trying to get those extra spaces. From an economic development standpoint it is important to add spaces. You're trying to attract new people to your community and you're trying to attract new busi-

nesses and we've got lots of other plans to add more businesses and we've got nowhere for the kids. It's hindering the growth."

"I like what you said about the money not going into general revenues how it and gets used to operate the daycare," adds Gray.

"The money that we collect as taxes is how we run the town. There's a lot of things that need to be done and there are a lot of people that come to us saying we need this, we need that. There's a lot of ask, but I think the suggestion you made tonight is good and I think that needs to be considered from our standpoint as well."

"The daycare is near and dear to my heart just because of my involvement and my nine years as chair. I am hearing a lot about it from the Economic Development side. Anyone we talk to wants to know about your school, healthcare, daycare and recreation facilities. Anybody you talk to that's talking about coming to our community—those are the four asks."

Town council has the authority to cancel taxes on properties for economic development purposes.

"In this case it really is economic development," said Gray. "It is 100 per cent. There's no gray area to that. There is no gray area to whether that is economic development or not."

The issue will be discussed again at a future town council meeting where the whole council is present. Two councillors were away from the last meeting.

Rededication ceremony at Rocanville Cenotaph



The Cenotaph's brand new plaque in Rocanville was unveiled last Tuesday. The plaque now includes an additional veteran's name: Donald Walter Chilcott.



A rededication ceremony in honor of Canadian veterans took place on Sept. 20, at the Cenotaph in Rocanville.

The ceremony was dedicated to the brand new plaque installed at the Cenotaph which now includes an additional veteran, Donald Walter Chilcott, whose name was not on Rocanville's Cenotaph originally. After Chilcott's niece approached the Rocanville Legion, his name was included on the memorial stone.



All of the proceeds from the barbecue at the rededication ceremony went towards supporting the Rocanville Legion.

The culverts on Highway 308 are in and they started backfilling on Friday, September 15.

Trent MacMillan photos





Wellness Class raises \$1,109 from Terry Fox Walk

The Grade 10 Wellness Class of Rocanville School raised \$1,109 for the Terry Fox Foundation last week, during their walk and barbecue fundraiser on Sept. 15. Students from the Wellness Class organized an assembly and had students and teachers answer trivia questions about Terry Fox. The class thanked Borderland Co-op for sponsoring their barbecue, along with Nutrien for donating prizes.

Left: Mr. Campbell's Wellness Class.

Work continues on RM building

Work continues on the new RM of Moosomin building being constructed on the east side of Moosomin along the Trans-Canada Highway.





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Outdoor Hockey Club film wins award



Jesse McMullen and his daughter, Hadlee, enjoy a skate together in Moosomin in December, 2022. Photo by Randy Frykas.

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Winnipeg filmmaker Randy Frykas recently won an award for his Outdoor Hockey Club videos.

Frykas was one of the three winners in the Outside Awards video category who was awarded a \$5,000USD cash prize, and will be taking part in the upcoming Warren Miller film tour.

Frykas's film featured outdoor rinks across Canada, including Moosomin's outdoor ice rink.

The ten-episode documentary series captured different outdoor rinks on scenic lakes, frozen rivers, extraordinary backyard rinks, local community clubs, and more from all across Canada.

Frykas said he was excited when he found out he won the award.

"It was a pleasant surprise to end August and come into the fall with that excitement," said Frykas.

"Honestly, I was super surprised. If you look at a lot of the content on Outside Magazine and Warren Miller films, they focus on skiing. I wasn't sure how hockey was going to fit into the mix with everything else, it's an American based company so hockey isn't as popular down there as it is here in Canada.

"The focus is more on skiing, ice climbing, more adventure related stuff, I was surprised to hear the hockey footage won, but the feedback I've heard from them since was the story was so strong, and

the characters were very compelling and the emotion and feeling was quite clear with the film.

"The judges loved it, I'm surprised, but at the same time, I'm very confident and very proud of the short film that I made."

Personal meaning behind creating the film

The video series Outdoor Hockey Club was created to capture the special moments families shared at different outdoor hockey rinks in communities across Canada.

"What I did with the short film is I went back and took some of the moments from the entire winter that I felt worked together," said Frykas.

"I wanted to convey the importance of outdoor hockey, and just being outdoors, and enjoying the love of the game. The film highlights different characters and settings from across Canada.

"Moosomin is in there a couple of times, with a couple of the folks that I met when I was there."

Aside from Moosomin, Frykas included Beaver Creek Farms near MacGregor, MB, Jeff Nash's backyard rink in Edmonton, AB, Washiiyeh and Andrew Jeannotte's rink in Maniwaki, QC, Moe's backyard rink near Smiths Falls, ON, Hillcrest Community Rink in Whitehorse, YT, Lions Park Rink in Newmarket, ON, and a special season ending episode in Stonewall, MB, in his series.

Last winter, Frykas travelled across Canada to capture different outdoor hockey moments. He came to Moosomin in December 2022, to film the episode focused on Moosomin's outdoor ice rink.

"For me, sometimes it's easier to put what I want into a film instead of me saying it myself," he said.

"I feel like everyone who I met along this Outdoor Hockey Club journey so far, it felt like I knew them already just because of our love for hockey, and our love for being outdoors."

"The fact that I was able to construct how I was feeling through other people's thoughts and in their words, it was a very special connection."

"Even when I met Hadlee McMullen, the hockey player in Moosomin. That day I was pretty much ready to pack it up. I had a great day filming at the rink, and there was something inside of me where I was like maybe I should just go back to the rink to see if I could find one other person to talk to."

"I walked back to the outdoor rink, I saw Hadlee and her dad, Jesse, getting ready to skate around the trail. I walked up to them and said, 'hey this is what I'm doing, I came from Winnipeg and just wanted to see what your thoughts were on outdoor hockey, and why you're doing it.'"

"Lo and behold, Hadlee is such a well spoken girl and everything she said was pretty much what I wanted Outdoor Hockey Club to symbolize."

"I look back at all of

those experiences, and my time in Moosomin, and it feels like it was yesterday, the memories are still clear and vivid.

"To put all of it together into a film memorializes it, now it's out there not only for people to see in Moosomin, but it's going to be out there in this tour."

"I just hope more people get to understand and share the message of what's so good about outdoor hockey. Also to get a bit of an educational tour, but also to meet new people and see a part of Canada."

Hopes to share the love of the game with others

Frykas was asked what he wishes people take away when watching the short film.

"In general, organized hockey gets a lot of the spotlight with the NHL, competitive hockey, the registration and tryouts, there's so much focus on that, that I feel the peer version of the game sometimes gets left in the shadows," said Frykas.

"Ultimately this film is a way to show that hockey doesn't have to be so serious. You can just grab your stick and a ball, and play road hockey with your friends or even some strangers."

"Everyone who plays hockey has done it, you can end up being on an outdoor rink or pond with

complete strangers and before you know it you're high-fiving because you scored a goal with a guy you just met."

"Outdoor Hockey Club is more focused on the pure love of the game."

Hockey is a great game, and sometimes everything around it puts some negativity that doesn't need to be there, but deep down there's a beautiful game out there that people should not forget about."



52:1-C



The WWW Fire Protection District wants to thank Farm Credit Canada for their generous donation of \$10,000.00 through the AgriSpirit Fund. The funds

went towards new equipment for the Rapid Response Truck. The Fire Board recently purchased a GMC Sierra 3500 flat bed and was able to outfit it with an electric pump, hose, valves, screens, and leaf blowers as well as important PPE items like coveralls, masks and gloves. The purchase of the new truck is to aid in remote rural emergency situations where the large pumper truck is unable to reach. With the purchase of fire proof coveralls, we are able to make sure our volunteer firefighters are protected and able to do their jobs effectively.

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Moosomin leads growth according to health numbers

Town of Moosomin numbers up 11.5 per cent over last 12 years

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Moosomin Economic Development Officer Casey McCormac says she sees evidence of growth in the area every day.

"This fits with what I'm seeing," she said.

"I think that this shows that Moosomin is definitely growing even faster than the rest of the region, but it also shows that our region is overall growing as a whole."

Why does she think that is?

"I think more and more people are realizing that small town living is better than big city living because the cost of living is getting so much more expensive in the cities. It's easier to live in a small town because it's a little bit cheaper but Moosomin still has all of the amenities of a big city."

What makes a difference in Moosomin?

"I know that we do have a lot for the size of our town, so you can have most of the services of a city in a small town, but we also have that sense of community that you wouldn't find in a city that makes life so much better."

"Everyone gets behind causes that are important to the town. Also, everyone steps up to help people, such as like when the Ukrainians were moving in here or like fundraising for East Side Playground or MacLeod's playground and stuff like that. In Moosomin you can have a lot of the services of a city, but still have that real sense of community. That's why I'm here."

McCormac said she sees a lot of potential for growth in Moosomin, noting that Justin Young, GM of Nutrien Rocanville, told the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce

Tuesday that more new hires at the mine would settle in Moosomin if they could find housing in Moosomin.

"The lack of housing has been preventing us from growing faster, but with Cobblestone House opening with 42 units, and the apartment buildings about to be built, we're starting to address that issue, and we're applying for the Housing Accelerator program."

"I think if we can build more apartments and houses in Moosomin there's huge potential for growth. We don't need to attract a new industry, we just need the houses."

"We could have so many more people—I know there's lots of people that work at the mine that want to be in Moosomin but can't because there's no room. So I think as soon as we start building the apartments and houses, more and more people will come."

Saskatchewan Health covered population numbers, 2012 to 2023

TOWN	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	12 Year	%
Moosomin	2,961	3,065	3,159	3,109	3,236	3,307	3,211	3,252	3,308	3,236	3,303	3,302	341	11.52%
Fleming	91	88	87	95	88	86	91	95	96	99	102	107	16	17.58%
Wapella	474	466	464	446	462	480	476	460	465	458	470	483	9	1.9%
Whitewood	1,507	1,535	1,552	1,554	1,574	1,595	1,553	1,617	1,623	1,564	1,501	1,557	50	3.32%
Kipling	1,279	1,262	1,304	1,296	1,358	1,319	1,326	1,348	1,355	1,312	1,337	1,343	64	5%
Kennedy	318	335	338	321	325	333	332	332	331	335	335	335	17	5.35%
Wawota	752	756	780	760	752	745	757	756	745	740	742	762	10	1.33%
Fairlight	62	66	62	60	66	64	63	60	58	45	46	46	-16	-25.81%
Maryfield	413	408	443	425	450	457	404	409	425	423	440	435	22	5.33%
Redvers	1,354	1,412	1,414	1,393	1,403	1,404	1,369	1,394	1,415	1,378	1,393	1,420	66	4.88%
Welwyn	210	217	218	204	192	197	176	180	184	177	177	178	-32	-15.24%
Rocanville	1,274	1,273	1,249	1,222	1,293	1,306	1,267	1,293	1,281	1,249	1,284	1,268	-6	-0.47%
Spy Hill	280	285	280	269	273	269	271	272	272	250	248	248	-32	-11.43%
Tantallon	151	143	146	154	157	155	155	155	161	166	173	178	27	17.88%
Gerald	172	160	161	138	150	164	143	145	138	138	144	148	-24	-16.22%
Esterhazy	3,013	3,201	3,216	3,160	3,194	3,232	2,175	3,185	3,151	3,054	3,052	3,096	83	2.76%
RM of Moosomin	172	175	180	169	172	180	178	178	178	190	216	222	50	29.07%
RM of Martin	140	146	135	128	124	123	121	125	128	126	121	121	-19	-15.7%
RM of Silverwood	209	226	210	219	228	226	216	213	215	210	206	209	0	0%
RM of Willowdale	121	132	142	149	152	153	151	155	155	148	161	162	41	25.31%
RM of Spy Hill	135	141	148	134	132	129	120	123	126	141	142	152	17	11.18%
RM of Rocanville	206	219	226	222	238	243	243	248	253	262	271	268	62	23.13%
RM of Fertile Belt	313	321	341	346	352	361	358	367	366	369	370	384	71	22.68%
RM of Maryfield	277	270	259	255	253	261	251	250	248	247	247	242	-35	-12.64%
RM of Walpole	269	285	275	252	262	258	252	248	236	233	228	236	-33	-12.27%
RM of Wawken	180	183	193	195	211	203	206	208	210	215	216	212	32	17.78%
RM of Hazelwood	132	137	141	137	130	128	127	118	125	125	124	130	-2	-1.52%
RM of Kingsley	193	197	200	201	213	218	204	216	214	216	219	220	27	13.99%
RM of Antler	141	144	146	153	153	150	149	147	144	146	148	147	6	4.26%
TOTALS	16,799	17,248	17,469	17,166	17,593	17,746	16,345	17,549	17,606	17,252	17,416	17,611	812	4.83%

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Kevin Weedmark took this drone photo of the fall colors in Moosomin last week.



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McNaughton High School presents Grade 10-11 Awards



Kane Dodds was awarded the Junior Drama Award by Tannis Schwewan for McNaughton High School's 2023 award ceremony.



Vaida Maas was awarded the Female Athlete of the Year Award by Margie Gibson for McNaughton High School's 2023 award ceremony.



Luke Holman was awarded the Junior Male Athlete of the Year Award by Margie Gibson for McNaughton High School's 2023 award ceremony.



Zayn Leslie was awarded the Senior Male Athlete of the Year Award by Margie Gibson for McNaughton High School's 2023 award ceremony.

New businesses in the community:

New fitness centre, sports retail store, and flower shop in Moosomin

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Kassie's Jewelry talks about new flower shop at Chamber

At Tuesday's Chamber meeting, Ross Shaw of Kassie's Jewelry informed members about the new flower shop that is being added to his current store.

"We're bringing a flower shop to Kassie's. We will be ready for business at the start of October," said Shaw.

"We're working very closely with Val. We all know that she ran a very successful flower business and without her we wouldn't be taking on this adventure at all.

"She's prepared to spend a lot of time with us, quite honestly I think she's more excited than I am."

Shaw said he is excited to offer floristry into the community.

"At the start of October we'll be ready. We've had lots of positive comments already," he said.

"We had about 20 phone calls last week about orders so

I think we'll be ready to go at that time.

"It will be fresh cut flowers, bouquets, arrangements, even funeral arrangements.

"Our goal is to provide the same type of service Val did, minus the greenhouse, but that's what we're shooting for.

"Everything is set up, the workspace has been changed around a bit, the first shipment of flowers will be in at the end of next week, and we'll be ready to go."

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The Grade 10 high achievement award winners. **Back row:** Gab Mactal, Jari Knuttila, Olivia Lawrence, and Wyatt Coutts. **Front row:** Principal Sherrie Meredith, Zoie Navarro, Alyssa Roe, Tahlaya Offet, Nicole Cay, Julianne Visperas, Casey Brady, Hailey Fisher, Tess Bolton.



The Grade 11 high achievement award winners. **Back row:** Kyla Flaman, Savannah Boardman, Chloe Sazfron, Brodi Fidelak. **Middle row:** Summer Balogh, Reaghan McConnell, Charlton Rivamonte, and Nicole Rodriguez. **Front row:** Principal Sherrie Meredith, Zoe Ferguson, Molly Martens, and Andrei Ayala.

McNaughton High School presents Grade 10-11 Awards

McNaughton High School held their Grade 10 and Grade 11 awards ceremony on September 15.

General proficiency awards for the highest overall average went to Zoie Ferguson (gold), Molly Martens (silver), and Andrei Ayala (bronze) in Grade 11, and to Alyssa Roe (gold), Tahlaya Offet and Julianne Visperas (silver), and Hailey Fisher (bronze) in Grade 10.

Following is a full list of the results:

ELA A10

Alyssa Roe (1)
Tess Bolton (2)
Olivia Lawrence (3)

ELA B10

Alyssa Roe (1)
Casey Brady (2)
Nicolle Cay (3)
Olivia Lawrence (3)
Zoie Navarro (3)

ELA 20

Molly Martens (1)
Zoie Ferguson (2)
Andrei Ayala (3)

History 10

Zoie Navarro (1)
Alyssa Roe (1)
Julianne Visperas (1)
Olivia Lawrence (2)
Sarah Pegoski (2)
Tess Bolton (3)
Gab Mactal (3)
Tahlaya Offet (3)

History 20

Zoie Ferguson (1)
Brodi Fidelak (2)
Kyla Flaman (2)
Gurtaran Samra (3)

W & A Math 10

Jari Knuttila (1)
Trae Stephen (2)

Fdns & Pre-Cal 10

Julianne Visperas (1)
Gab Mactal (2)
Tahlaya Offet (3)
Alyssa Roe (3)

Fdns 20

Wyatt Coutts (1)
Jari Knuttila (2)
Julianne Visperas (3)

Fdns 30

1 – Zoie Ferguson
2 – Molly Martens
3 – Andrei Ayala

Pre-Calculus 20

Zoie Ferguson (1)
Andrei Ayala (2)
Molly Martens (3)

Science 10

Rory Greenbank (1)
Jari Knuttila (2)
Olivia Lawrence (2)
Alyssa Roe (2)
Tahlaya Offet (3)

Environmental Science 20

Casey Brady (1)



Left: Kane Dodds received the Junior Top McNaughton Student Body Participant Award.

Middle: Molly Martens received the Senior Top McNaughton Student Body Participant Award.

Right: Blake Young received the Junior Top McNaughton Student Body Participant Award.

Zoie Navarro (2)
Alyssa Roe (2)
Julianne Visperas (3)

Health Science 20

Molly Martens (1)
Andrei Ayala (2)
Brodi Fidelak (3)

Physical Science 20

Molly Martens (1)
Andrei Ayala (2)
Zoie Ferguson (3)

Computer Science 20

Wyatt Coutts (1)
Brodi Fidelak (2)
Jari Knuttila (3)

Biology 30

Andrei Ayala (1)
Molly Martens (1)
Brodi Fidelak (2)
Reaghan McConnell (3)
Chloe Szafron (3)

Wellness 10

Alyssa Roe (1)
Hailey Fisher (2)
Sarah Pegoski (2)
Drew Leeds (3)

Accounting 10

Reaghan McConnell (3)

Communications Media 10

Tess Bolton (1)

Communications Media 20/30

Charlton Rivamonte (1)

Visual Arts 10

Andrei Ayala (1)
Hailey Fisher (3)

Visual Arts 20/30

Zoie Ferguson (1)
Dayna Szmuto (2)

Photography 10

Zoie Ferguson (1)
Hailey Fisher (2)
Nicolle Cay (3)
Kaci Jones (3)
Princess Parungao (3)

Photography 20/30

Charlton Rivamonte (1)
Andrei Ayala (2)

Work & Career Exploration 10

Sumer Balogh (2)

Agriculture 30

Sumer Balogh (2)
Eric Jacobi (2)

Psychology 30

Molly Martens (1)
Andrei Ayala (2)
Charlton Rivamonte (3)
Chloe Szafron (3)

Outdoor Education 20

Reaghan McConnell (1)
Sadie Hollingshead (2)
Molly Martens (2)
Chloe Szafron (2)
Sumer Balogh (3)

Commercial Cooking 10

Olivia Lawrence (1)
Julianne Visperas (2)
Nicolle Cay (3)
Zoie Navarro (3)

Home Economics 10

Reaghan McConnell (1)
Sadie Hollingshead (2)
Savannah Boardman (3)

Home Economics 20/30

Kennedi Easton (2)

Industrial Arts 10

Wyatt Coutts (1)
Bruin Brace (2)
Sumer Balogh (3)

Industrial Arts 20/30

Matthew MacDonald (1)
Alex Wolf (2)
Brodi Fidelak (3)
Ian Wolf (3)

Media Studies 20

Julianne Visperas (1)
Kyla Flaman (3)
Tahlaya Offet (3)

Law 30

Matthew MacDonald (2)
Kyla Flaman (3)

Financial Literacy 20

Alyssa Roe (1)

High Achievement Certificates Grade 10 (85+% averages):

Tess Bolton
Casey Brady
Nicolle Cay
Wyatt Coutts
Hailey Fisher
Jari Knuttila
Olivia Lawrence
Drew Leeds
Gab Mactal
Zoie Navarro
Tahlaya Offet
Alyssa Roe
Julianne Visperas

Grade 10 General Proficiency

GOLD: Alyssa Roe
SILVER: Tahlaya Offet & Julianne Visperas
BRONZE: Hailey Fisher

High Achievement Certificates Grade 11 (85+% averages):

Andrei Ayala
Sumer Balogh
Savannah Boardman
Zoie Ferguson
Brodi Fidelak
Kyla Flaman
Matthew MacDonald
Molly Martens
Reaghan McConnell
Charlton Rivamonte
Nicole Rodriguez
Chloe Szafron

Grade 11 General Proficiency

GOLD: Zoie Ferguson
SILVER: Molly Martens
BRONZE: Andrei Ayala



Cowboy Mounted Shooting in Moosomin

Saskatchewan Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association hosted a two-day mounted shooting event in Moosomin, on Sept. 16 to 17.


The weekend was filled with a mix of riding and shooting targets.

Participants were scored for their single action pistols hitting their targeted balloons, based on the time and how many balloons they hit.

Riders came from all over the province to compete in the event.





Participants using their pistols to shoot balloons during the cowboy mounted shooting event in Moosomin, on Sept. 16.



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