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Above: World-Spectator/Plain and Valley Publisher Kevin Weedmark presents the \$15,000 grand prize to the last three winners -Nancy Campbell, Tawna Bartley and Desiree Neville. **Below:** Some of the prizes in this year's giveaway.

35 other prizes offered:

Local businesses giving away \$15,000

Local businesses are getting together to give away \$15,000 to reward one lucky shopper for shopping locally this Christmas season.

this Christmas season.

The draw will be made on Thursday, Dec. 20 and the winner will get the good news just before Christmas.

There are also 35 other prizes valued at more than \$5,000 in total to be given away in the World-Spectator/
Plain and Valley 2018 Christmas Giveaway—more than \$20,000 in prizes altogether. Shoppers can enter at 47 locations in 10 communities across the area.

This year there are participating businesses in Moo-somin, Rocanville, Virden, Esterhazy, St. Lazare, Red-vers, White Bear First Nation, Elkhorn, Whitewood, and Montmartre

- The 35 secondary prizes include:
- A Stay and Play Package from Bear Claw Casino at White Bear First Nation.

 • A Guess purse from Kari's Kloset in Moosomin.
- A Hillberg and Berk bracelet from Samantha's Boutique in Elkhorn. • A \$100 gift certificate from Sisters' Boutique and Bis-
- tro in Montmartre
 A \$200 gift certificate from Glasser's TV Service in
- Moosomin. An olive oil package from Decker's H20 in Rocanville.
- A \$400 gift certificate from Fouillard Discount in St. Lazare.
- An Arctic Cat jacket from Universe Satellite Sales in
- Rocanville.
 \$100 gift cards from Kullbergs' Furniture in Virden, from Boston Pizza in Virden, from Virden Home Hardware, and from Virden Mainline Motors.



- A selection of local honey from Longman Apiaries in
- A Bowflex Upper Cut from Flaman Group of Compa-

A Bowlex Upper Cut from Flaman Group of Companies in Moosomin.

\$100 gift cards from Celebration Ford in Moosomin and the Red Barn in Moosomin.

An area rug from Fouillard Carpets in St. Lazare.

World-Spectator publisher Kevin Weedmark said he is proud of the local business community for stepping up

and supporting the promotion.

"This promotion has always been about rewarding local shoppers for supporting the local businesses, and the fact that so many local retailers and other businesses buy

into this promotion shows that they are working hard to serve their customers," he says.

"The first year we held the car draw, we had no idea if

we could do it or not. We threw the idea out there to businesses in the area, and the response was overwhelming. In no time we had enough support to be able to offer a substantial prize," Weedmark said.

"The car draw was a success, but I think this promo-

tion is even better.

"The grand prize winner each year receives a book of special cheques they can use at the participating busi-

reses.
"That will ensure that the money the winner receives will stay in the local area

There are all sorts of other prizes as well. It's really a

great way of rewarding people for shopping locally."

Shoppers can enter with a purchase at any participating business—there are 47 locations across the area in total where people can enter.

The winner can spend their \$15,000 any way they want

at participating businesses.

They may choose to spend it at several different businesses, or spend the whole prize on a large ticket item like a quad, furniture, flooring for the whole house, or a lavish trip.

lavish trip.

"The possibilities are endless," says Weedmark.

"Our winners over the last couple of years have spread their winnings around, spending the prize money on everything from trips to a family dinner to clothing to a garage package to electronics to furniture to jewelry.

"It's great to hand out the \$15,000 prize, and it's great to see our winners spend that prize at local businesses over the next few months and really enjoy it!"









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If you've been to a few caba-rets, rodeo dances, music fes-tivals, and wedding dances in Southeast Saskatchewan over the last couple of decades, you have more than likely heard Shifty Morgan play. The band has been a fixture in South-east Saskatchewan for a quar-

east suskitchewan for a quar-ter century.

The band held a special
25th anniversary show on
Saturday, November 10 at the Nutrien Rocanville Community Hall.

Kevin Weedmark sat down to speak with some of the members of Shifty Morgan recently about their 25 years

How did Shifty Morgan get started?

get started:
Anthony: We got started
in the spring of 1993 which
of course brings us to 25

years now.
We just got started as
some friends playing some
music looking for some
more friends to play music
with. Guy Wall and Neil
Coghill had started playing music together. Country music was a big deal

Steven Bonk, MLA

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Saskatchewan's job creation rate over the last decade has been nearly double that of all other provinces.



in the early '90s. It was sort of the genre of choice. All sorts of radio stations were converting over, al-bum sales were through the roof. Country music was a big deal at that time and they wanted to start a country band and they needed a bass player. My older brother Brian was

around at that time so they contacted him and said they needed a bass player and asked if he knew anyand asked if he knew anyone with a PA system, and
that's where I came in.
Brian said yeah my little
brother Anthony has a PA
system—why don't you
come on over and we'll get
to practicing. That is how it
started and we played our
first show.

first show...
Vern: It was Camp
O'Neil in 1993.

Anthony: Yeah, early July there was an outdoor festival at Camp O'Neil at Round Lake and that was our first show.

Has the band been the same group of guys the entire time or have you had some changes over

Anthony: There have been a few changes but we've mostly been the same since Blake joined.

Blake: The band was go-ing for about five years before I joined, so for the last couple decades we've been a pretty solid group of guys. We did have our oldest brother Brian when we started out and then he went on the road for awhile and that is when Vern came in as the bass player and then Brian came back as an acoustic player and then he left again and that's when I

We have actually had a couple other brief fill ins. Vern's daughter played keys with us for a little while on a couple of gigs and in the last couple years Anthony's daughter Ólivia

been playing fiddle with us.

Vern: We lost Blake for a year or two when he went to New Zealand for a few months and we had Anthony Buzdel fill in for that

period of time. That was around 2000 or so. Blake: Yeah 2000 and then Buzz actually stayed on as our sound guy for a few years after that.

Anthony: The core band

has been solid for about 20

Have you mostly played southeast Saskatchewan, southwest Manitoba? What's the farthest afield

you've gone to perform?

Anthony: That for sure has been the bulk of where we've played. Most places have been Southeast Saskatchewan and into Mani-toba but there was a time we were travelling up lots to Prince Albert and did a couple or three shows in Edmonton, a few shows in Calgary, played in Bran-

Vern: Calgary, Edmon-ton, Medicine Hat. Anthony: Western Sas-katchewan, North Battl-eford, Kindersley out that

Mostly bar gigs? Anthony: Lots of bar gigs, lots of rodeos, and wedding dances and caba-rets—that's the meat and potatoes for sure. But we have been pretty fortunate that we have played a few larger festivals and lots of smaller festivals too of course. We've played Craven Country Jamboree and Big Valley Jamboree and Dauphin Country Fest—those festivals.

What is the most fun

type of show to play? Vern: The highlight for me would have been the me would have been the beer gardens at Craven where you've got 10,000-12,000 people and they're in a party mood and yeah those are pretty fun, but then some other highlights were playing as an opening act at the Casino Regina to a sold out house. That was pretty cool too and it was 700 people, which is a lot less people than 12,000 but every bit is good, so it really depends on the crowd. Continued on page 39 ™



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Allison Kydd reading from her book Few and Far at the Moosomin

Local author pens novel on Cannington Manor

BY KARA KINNA A local author, Allison Kydd, who grew up near Wapella, was in Moosomin on Friday, Nov. 2 reading from her book Few and Far set in Cannington Manor.

Kydd grew up on a farm northeast of Wapella and then moved to Whitewood

around the age of 15. She currently lives in Indian Head. Kydd says her imagination was sparked

by Cannington Manor when she was a child, and now, years later, the fruits of her imagination are a reality with her book

set in Cannington Manor in 1892.
"I grew up near Wapella and my parents took us out to see the sight of Cannington Manor when we were kids. And

Southeast Saskatchewan, all these people coming out and having no idea what they were dealing with," she says.
"My sister, who is an artist, painted it and I of course wanted to write about it.

I've been working on my book for many years and finally finished it a year ago. "It's a historical novel. It's based on the

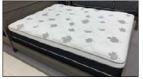
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story of Cannington Manor but it's fiction and it sort of weaves the real people who lived in Cannington Manor together with some characters that I've invented.

"There are so many Cannington Manor stories, and I tried to include as many as I could, because in those days people did entertain each other by telling stories, and so it was easy to incorporate stories into my story.







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Brandon Martens selected for TITAN program

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
Virden Golden Bears football player Brandon Martens
has been chosen as one of Canada's most outstanding
young football players to play as part of an elite youth
team in an exhibition game during Grey Cup week in Ed-

monton.

Martens was one of the first 10 high school football players selected to join the all-Canadian TITAN team, providing them the opportunity to play in an exhibition game during Grey Cup week and a weekend in Edmonton alongside their CFL idols.

alongside their CFL idols.

Since 2013, the Nissan Kickoff Project has supported 4,300 students from 78 high schools across Canada. This year, up to 70 student-athletes will be selected to represent their community as part of the TITAN team in an exhibition game held on Saturday, November 24 ahead of Grey Cup Sunday. The remaining players selected to join TITAN team will be announced in early November. Titan stands for touch impositive tengency and provide the stands for touch impositive tengency. stands for tough, innovative, tenacious, ambitious and

notable.

Between September 6 and October 19, applications opened for players, coaches, family and friends to nominate a high school football athlete as a leader on their team, in their school and throughout their community for the chance to play on the TITAN team.

Martens was nominated by his coach, Mark Wakely, for the team.

the team.

"He lives for football so it was a pretty easy decision when I saw the advertisement come out," says Wakely.

"He pretty much leads our team. It was a pretty easy decision. When you look at the TITAN's five things they are looking for, he does all five very well.

"And he plays probably 90 per cent of the plays on both offense and defense."

Mortese who is in Credo 12 has played all four of his

Martens, who is in Grade 12, has played all four of his high school years with the Golden Bears. He says he was selected because he had the qualities the TITANS were

selected obstates he had under qualities in FITANS were looking for in a young player.

"I have been playing football for quite some time now and I've known the game a lot better than most of my teammates, so I try my best to help out the rookies as much as I can and I play on both sides of the ball for the team," he says. "I am both running back and our linebacker, so I'm on the field quite a bit.

I'm on the field quite a bit.

"I try to do whatever I can on the field to make the plays necessary to help us win games. And I'm also student council president at our school and philanthropy president. So I do stuff for our school outside our football team.

"The Titan values were tough, innovative, tenacious, ambitious and notable. And he (the coach) saw those qualities from the lating set the the transpared of the transpared.

ambitious and notable. And ne (the coach) saw those quai-tities from me helping out on the team and off the team, and that's where he got the idea to nominate me. "When he told me I was pretty pumped. I was honored, really, to be thought of and nominated for this award."

Martens says he received an email informing him he'd

Martens says he received an email informing him he d made the cut for the team. "They emailed my parents and Mr. Wakely at the same time," he says. "I was at school and Mr. Wakely came up to me and said 'I'm glad to be telling you that you'll be in Edmonton in a few weeks.' So I was like 'I won?' And he was like 'yup.' And then my parents texted me congratu-lating me and they told my other relatives, and that's how I found out that I had won.

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Brandon Martens in his Virden Golden Bears uniform.

What is involved in being a part of team TITAN?
"From what I understand they're going to fly me out,"
says Martens. "And I know that when we get there, there
will be a meet or greet. They will fly us out from Regina
to Edmonton and we'll have a whole day going over the
playbook, because we do have a little exhibition game there. We will get to be coached by CFL coaches and players, so it is pretty cool, that next level coaching going on

ers, so it is pretty cool, that next level coaching going on there. Then the next day we play our exhibition game. Then the day after that we go to the Grey Cup and have a little goodbye, and then they fly me home."

Martens says he is honored to be chosen, especially as one of the first 10 players in Canada to be picked.

"I'm really honored. When I found out I was being nominated I thought it was really cool, and just being told I was one of the top 10, it really felt good to be appreciated for all the efforts I put in on and off the field. I just felt real honored and it was really awesome to win."

Martens has been playing football for eight years.
"I've been playing for the high school team for the last four years, but I originally started in Brandon in the league called the WYFA, where I first started and learned the basics of football," he says.

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"It's one of the sports where there is a physical aspect of it, there's the mental game to it, and just being able to go out there and being able to trust your teammates to do their jobs, and them trusting me, it's like a real brotherhood going on there. And it's just a real good feeling when you can go out there and be with your buddies, win a game, be there in defeat, be humble in defeat, and try to be stay humble while in a victory too. It's almost unexplainable how it has affected my life."

What has be located from football?

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What has he learned from football?
"That you can never really ever just do everything on your own," he says. "That you can have one good player on a team, but you're not going to win a championship that way—you've got to have everyone being able to do their job. That you've got to be tough on yourself at times, but you also have to forget about that, because once that whistle is blown the next play's going and just like that whistle is blown, the next play's going and, just like that, life keeps going. So when that happens you just have to get up. You have to be ready to go again, because life is not going to stop and neither is the game.



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Dancsok releases new book and CD

BY DONNA BEUTLER

Rachel Dancsok, a country gospel singer, songwriter, musican and author has just released a new book, Snippets of a Country Girl, and a new CD, You Can Have it Too.

Dancsok, who lives in the Qu'Appelle Valley between Whitewood and Esterhazy, is also holding CD release concerts, along with her book launch, in November in Melville, Esterhazy, and Whitewood.

Dancsok's latest CD feature songs she has written both the words and music for over the past year and a half.

"I asked God what kind of songs He wanted me to write," Dancsok said in a recent interview from her home in the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley north of Whitewood.

"As I walked or as I was doing chores and the words came to me, I jotted them down on paper or recorded them on my phone," Dancsok said. "Sometimes I would know the tune, sometimes I wrote the words and then

know the fune, sometimes I wrote the words and then worked on the music," she said.

Many long hours were spent working on the songs featured on You Can Have it Too.

As for Dancsok's book, written in collaboration with a friend, Susan Harris, with whom she sometimes travels with to singing and speaking engagements, Dancsok said the book was inspired by Harris.

The book comes at good time for Dancsok, as her and her husband Darwin look at getting out of their cattle business soon.

business soon.

"When you lay down one thing, God has something else," Dancsok said.

else," Dancsok said.

For her, balancing farm life with her music keeps her busy, but her hope and prayer is to be able to have the time to pursue music full time.

"I want to sing all over the world for God," Dancsok said of her passion for singing. She is backed by her husband who plays bass guitar and who she says is very gifted and whose stories are enjoyed by those who hear the Dancsoks in person.

"We observe forecur hearts." Dancsok said. "Oversu-

the Dancsoks in person.
"We share from our hearts," Dancsok said, "everywhere we go." That 'everywhere' might be at weddings,
nursing homes, concerts, anniversaries and in churches.
Dancsok sings gospel music at all her concerts but
also incorporates country depending on the venue.
"As I grew in faith, I really became aware of the words
I was singing," she said of her song choices.
Dancsok grew up in Manitoba, about three hours
north of Winnipeg, and was the only one in her family
that was musically inclined.
"When I was about 13 my mom got a quitar for me

"When I was about 13, my mom got a guitar for me for Christmas," Dancsok said. Dancsok joined choir and the Glee club in school and

sang country music and hymns along with a friend who sang lead while she sang harmony. She played in old-



Rachel Dancsok, here in her Qu'Appelle Valley home, has recently released a new book and a new CD which features songs all written by her.

time bands for awhile, eventually becoming a solo artist who sang country. She received a nomination from the Manitoba Association of Country Music and enjoyed many a jam session in Winnipeg. Eventually she moved to Saskatchewan where she met and married her husband Darwin in 1995 and to-

gether they played at dances and other venues.

Eventually, Dancsok felt moved to change primarily from country to gospel music, although sometimes she mixes in some country that she is comfortable with, depending on the occasion.

Dancsok and her husband often open their home to

Dancsok and ner husband often open their home to informal potluck suppers and evenings of music and sharing. They have held Canada Day celebrations that include singing all the verses of 'O Canada,' as well as many other songs. They celebrate New Year's with a get together at their farm where they celebrate with friends and other musicians, using the time to sing and to pray. "Music is in my soul," Dancsok explains, "and God had a plan." This plan has taken Dancsok many places, including Branson, Missouri where she has recorded three of her CDs.

Dancsok won the 2014 SCMA Album of the Year / Gospel Album of the Year Country Gospel Music Association (CGMA) from Branson, Mo., the Canadian Sil-

sociation (CGMA) from Branson, Mo., the Canadian Silver Heart Award for Acappella Artist of the Year 2011, Female Vocalist and Acappella of the Year 2010, and Female New Artist of the year 2007.

She has had songs reaching #15, #26, #38, and #50 on the Top 100 charts in USA and Europe and has co-hosted the 100th Anniversary of the CGMA Awards Show in Brandon, Mo.

Dansok has also performed on stage at the "Iammin'

Dancsok has also performed on stage at the "Jammin' for Jesus" in Branson and has had singing appearances on TV shows. She also co-hosted the Gospel Showcase at the 2015 Saskatchewan Country Music Awards.

Strongest job growth in Saskatchewan in four years

Statistics Canada reported that in October Saskatchewan's yearover-year employment increased by 9,400 jobs. This is the largest gain in jobs for the province since October 2014.

Full-time employment increased by 5,700 jobs and part-time employment in-creased by 3,700 jobs compared to a year ago. On a monthly basis, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 2,500 jobs from

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Trooper booked for Rocanville Dec. 15

The Rocanville Commu-nity Hall committee and Rocanville Fire Depart-ment have booked Canadian classic rock and party band Trooper for their third annual Ugly Christ-mas Sweater Party set for Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018. Country music singer

Aaron Pritchett took the stage at the second annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party last December and in 2016 it was Rocavanville's own Jess Moskaluke. The concerts are a fun-

draiser for the Rocanville community hall and the Rocanville fire depart-

Owen Wilson, the orga-nizer of the Ugly Christmas Sweater parties, says Trooper was mentioned as a possibility early on, but the idea got put on hold for a bit.

"It kind of got put to the wayside," he said.
"I talked to a few different bands and had one band almost locked in but they changed their price. Anyone else I talked to the price seemed high for what we would be able to budget for.

"I started digging around and then went for ashot in the dark and went with Trooper. They are a little higher priced but they are known, and hope-fully that can draw out a

The early interest was part of the spark. The last two years, it was both country bands, and so I thought maybe if we witched it to classic rock that might get different



Canadian classic rock band Trooper performing.

people out instead of keeping it the same every time, it will switch it up a little

bit.
"I put a little blurb on our Facebook page and the early response was really good and everyone seemed excited about it. Hopefully the enthusiasm sticks around."

Trooper's ten studio al-bums have earned multiple gold and platinum awards and Hot Shots, continues to be one of Universal Music Canada's best selling catalog CDs and one of the country's most enduring party soundtracks.

"We're Here for a Good "We're Here for a Good Time (Not a Long Time)", "Raise a Little Hell", "The Boys in the Bright White Sportscar", "Two For the Show", "Pretty Lady" "Good Ol' General Hand Grenade", "Round, Round We Go", "Santa Maria", "Janine" are just a few of the Trooper hits that are known and loved across the country.

"I've know their mu-sic since I was a kid" says Wilson. "You heard 'Raise a Little Hell' on the radio

when you're real young.
Wilson says he'd like to
keep the Ugly Christmas
Sweater Party going as an
annual tradition right before Christmas.

"I'd like to keep it going and turn it into an annual tradition but we have to see how things go and go from there. It would be nice if everyone marked it on their calendar but it's definitely understandable there are a lots of commitments out there (at Christmas) too.

mas) too."
Fundraising for the new hall in Rocanville is going well. Rocanville Hall Committee president Steve Fortney says the hall committee knew they were in it of for the long term, and he expects fundraising to be ongoing for about eight more years

"When we did it there when we did it there were two objectives—the town and RM have paid \$800,000 to get the hall, and the community fundraised \$800,000," he says.

raised \$800,000." he says.
"We're making our fundraising goals. It's definitely a long term project but it's going pretty good. It's going to be a long job. We are on target. We're still getting donations coming im—people are making donations, and that's been a big help."



Strong support for airport initiative

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
Jeff St Onge says there has been strong support from local municipalities for the proposal to make improvements to Moosomin's airport that would allow the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance to better serve the area. The air ambulance

currently doesn't land at the Moosomin airport because of the lack of lights and a paved surface. St Onge and Dr. Schalk Van Der Merwe have spoken to the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce, town councils and RM councils across the area and have been encouraged by

the response so far.

"We're approaching half a million dollars in pledge and commitments from the municipalities, and we're still trying to get around to all of the RMs," St. Onge said last

"Yesterday I had a meeting with Walpole. This morning I just got back into my office from Silverwood. This afternoon I'm in Wawota for the RM of Wawken and later in the afternoon I'm in Maryfield for the RM of Maryfield and then after that I still have Rocanville RM, the two RMs in

Manitoba are scheduled—Wallace-Woodworth and Ellice-Archie—then I'm going to speak to the RM of Antler.
"When those meetings are done, and SARM and Agribition are done, we're going to have an airport committee of all of these people from each RM and or town and or village and put them all together in one room and say how are we going to do this?"

The committee is beging to raise as much funding as

are we going to do this?"

The committee is hoping to raise as much funding as possible through local municipalities, have that matched under the provincial CAPP program for airports, then raise any additional money needed from corporate donors.

The group has met with the provincial government to see if it would be possibly to increase the limit on the matching provincial CAPP funding for airports, currently capped at \$70,000 per year.

"On Monday we met with Minister (Lori) Carr," said St. Onge. "She is the minister responsible for highways and infrastructure and two of her people were there as well and

infrastructure and two of her people were there as well and they looked at the proposal. We just wanted to make her aware of what we're looking fore here, and that we put in

are three big projects coming up—Moosomin, Moose Jaw and North Battleford are three communities with projects that are trying to get the maximum for the program."

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Sad ending to search for Ruby Barnes

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The search for Ruby Barnes came to a very sad end on Oct. 22.
On Monday, October 22, Esterhazy RCMP responded to a report of a vehicle located in the bush on an isolated, rural property near Bangor, a small community

property near bangor, a small community northwest of Esterhazy.

The vehicle was found by a farmer in the Bangor area Monday, who saw it because the leaves are now off the trees.

The vehicle was the white Ford Escape

that Ruby Barnes was driving when she went missing from her home at White Bear Lake on June 18.

Preliminary investigation determined that a single vehicle travelling on a remote, gravel road went through a T-intersection and into dense bush and was not immediately visible from the road.

The Ford Escape had significant damage. A deceased individual was located at

age. A deceased individual was located at the scene.
"At this point in the investigation, the identity of the remains located near the vehicle discovered on Oct 22 has not yet been confirmed," RCMP said the following Wednesday. "The forensic autopsy, including comparison of dental records and possibly DNA if required, must be completed before the remains can be positively

identified," said the RCMP.

The autopsy was conducted by the Provincial Coroners Service the following Fri-

day.
"Further investigation has determined the vehicle located was the one being operated by 64-year-old Ruby Barnes at the time she was reported missing from the Carlyle area on June 18," said RCMP.

The autopsy confirmed that the deceased person found at the scene with the

vehicle was Ruby Barnes. "The autopsy confirmed via dental re-cords, that the remains are those of Ruby Barnes who was reported missing from the Carlyle area in June," RCMP reported. The family was notified. At this time, no

foul play is suspected and the death is considered non-suspicious.

Extensive searches have been conducted for Ruby Barnes throughout the summer and fall, focusing along Highway 9 and the Qu'Appelle Valley, since the last ping from Barnes' phone was on a cell tower at Broadview.

ed with volunteers on Sunday, October 21. This investigation remains ongoing with assistance from the RCMP's Forensic Iden-

tification Section (FIS), Major Crimes Unit (MCU) and Traffic Reconstruction.



Ruby Barnes vehicle and remains were found Oct. 22 in a remote area near Bangor, four months after Barnes disappeared from her home at White Bear Lake. Searches had focused on areas along Highway 9 and in the Qu'Appelle Valley, as the last ping from Barnes' phone was from the cell tower at Broadview



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It was a brutal day, winds gusting from 25 to 45 mph. The field was like

Indian Head Broncs fall in provincial football final to Delisle

cement, but the Rebels have a great team and played hard. Indian Head had tremendous fan support as two busses made the trip.

The Broncs had a fantastic year, with the final game marking their only loss all season. The team is coached by Coach Tim Klein.





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Strong support for airport initiative

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St. Onge said the meeting with the minister went well. "She and the officials we met with were very knowledge."

"She and the officials we met with were very knowledg-able—they were very, very helpful in moving forward and what we would need and our next steps.
"Her home riding is Estevan so she fully understands how hard it is to get to Saskatoon, so she was very, very good.
"We had sent in a detailed proposal and she was absolute-ly up to speed and she had read it. She already knew what questions she wanted to ask. I was quite encouraged by her understanding and support

understanding and support.

"Having said that, no financial commitments were made in that meeting and of course she can't unilaterally make those, but I know that we have an advocate in her."

He said the main point of the meeting was to push for an increase in the CAPP limit.

increase in the CAPP limit.

"If there was an actual action item for that meeting, it was to make a request to have that CAPP funding increase so it can handle multiple projects around the province.

"The limit is \$700,000 per year, which doesn't go far in a major airport upgrade. It used to be \$500,000, so it has been steadily growing. I know one of the things we had asked about was there is that federal infrastructure money in that \$90 million and older respectively. about was there is that federal infrastructure money in that \$90 million dollar range per year for the next ten years. I asked if that would free up money in other areas and she said no, unfortunately it ties up more money because some of that money needs to be matched at the provincial level. I just know after our meeting that we have an advocate there, and between her and the two guys that were there I know that if it is possible to help us out in any way shape or form,

they will do it."

What are the next steps for the airport proposal?

"One of the next steps is to define what it is we actually need," says St. Onge.
"Every time in the past they've looked at the airport, there

have always been two proposals on the table—lengthen and pave the runway, or make a new one and pave it.

"Right now we have to define which of those two is the

method moving forward, then go out to engineers, get engineered drawings and then just start down the path of mak-

ing it.

"In terms of the CAPP grant, which is the Community Airport Partnership grant, that is at \$700,000. We have all of the funds in place right now to maximize it.

"We are going to look very good because one of the criteria"

"We are going to look very good because one of the criteria they use is about community involvement, and ours would encompass 12 RMs and towns and villages. So I think we'll have an attractive looking proposal to help us maximize the grant. So things are progressing nicely.

"We are calling the airport committee meeting for that first

week in November, and then from there we want to be able to talk to engineers and put a proposal in place and make sure we have our CAPP grant filled out for the end of March

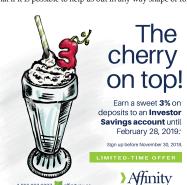
These would be the options—do you maximize the CAPP grant over four years and not have the runway for four more years or five years, or do you just roll up your sleeves, find as much local government, municipal money and corporate donations, and then two years of the CAPP grant, and just be the two years. do it in two years.

"If the idea is to get equal access to centralized health care services, then the two-year plan is the one that makes more sense. That is the one we are pushing for.

"We either hope to hammer it out at that meeting, or have them go back to their own committees, then come back and

determine what they're prepared to put in.

"We want to get the municipal commitments as quickly as possible, so we know our starting point, we know what our potential matching funds would be, and we can start talking to our potential corporate partners."









Above: Some of the different varieties of cannabis on sale at Lush Leaf Cannabis in Esterhazv.

Right: Lush Leaf store manager Kayla Tait (left) and her sister and store owner Valli Kuzub stand in the display and sales area of the cannabis store in Esterhazy. Lush Leaf was one of six stores out of 51 that received permits that opened in the province on legalization day on



Esterhazy cannabis store one of first to open in Sask

BY CHRIS ASHFIELD

Recreational use of cannabis was le-galized on Oct. 17, but only six of the 51

galized on Oct. 17, but only six of the 51 cannabis stores approved throughout Saskatchewan were open that day.

Two of those stores—in Esterhazy and Pilot Butte—are operated by former Whitewood residents. Jody Kuzub and his wife, Valli, opened Lush Leaf Cannabis in Esterhazy, while Allen Kilback opened his store, Eden, near Pilot Butte.

Other lecetions that covered that day in.

Other locations that opened that day include North Battleford, the town of Battleford, Martensville and Yorkton. None of the 13 locations in Saskatoon (7) and Regina (6) or the 32 other locations opened on Oct. 17, including those in Moosomin, Melville or Fort Qu'Appelle. Lush Leaf Cannabis in Esterhazy, which

is coincidentally located at 420 Main Street—4/20 is slang for April 20, a day that has become internationally known

for the celebration and consumption of cannabis—opened on the first day of le-galization with much fanfare and support.

"This is something we have been pre-paring for since 2015 when Trudeau an-

nounced he was going to legalize cannabis," said Jody Kuzub.

The store, which operates six days a week from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., made approximately 100 sales in its first four hours and is averaging approximately 200 purchases a day since opening. Employing six people, the store includes display cases for 20 different varieties of cannabis, cases for 20 different varieties of cannabis, with hopes to eventually double that to 40 varieties as well as a large variety of cannabis paraphernalia. And once cannabis edibles become legal next year, those will also be added to the store.

Opening day saw a steady influx of people in Lush Leaf throughout the day, some just curious and others avid cannabis users. Despite only having a small variety of cannabis varieties in stock due to province-wide shortages, the reaction to the new business has been a positive one from all types of people and from the community, according to store manager

Everybody has been pretty supportive. We've had such a wide variety of customers too. Everybody is just interested and asking lots of questions. It's nice. They are wanting to educate themselves on (cannabis)," said Tait.

Gene Makowsky, who is the minister Gene Makowsky, who is the limitster responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming (SLGA), said the lack of stores opening on Oct. 17 and the supply issue of product was a result of the new system turning on overnight and nobody hav-ing adequate time to be prepared for it. He said that because of the hurdles for businesses to get over, including permits from SLGA, municipal permits, finding a retail space, hiring staff and establish-ing a supplier, the Saskatchewan government would have liked to have seen the legalization delayed, but that its hand was forced by Ottawa.

Makowsky added that the province would take 12 to 18 months after legalization to make a decision on increasing the number of retail stores. He said it would be up to consumers to decide.

In the meantime, Kuzub is confident the new business is a great fit for the market and that sales will bloom as more and and that sales will bloom as more and more cannabis products are made avail-able. And despite the hesitations people had about the legalization of cannabis, he said that it has been all positive so far. "Everybody has been so friendly and

it's been kind of a neat atmosphere. We're excited to see what comes of it," said Ku-

Jim Thompson, Director of Saskatchewan Air Ambulance:

Improvements to Moosomin Airport 'absolutely critical'

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Jim Thompson, the director of the askatchewan Air Ambulance, says that improvements to Moosomin's airport are "absolutely critical" to provide air ambulance coverage to southeast Saskatchewan.

A group is currently trying to raise funds from local municipalities to pay for improvements to the airport

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in order to make it usable for the Air Ambulance, now that stroke patients and pediatric patients all need to be taken to Saskatoon rather than Re-

Following is the complete interview with Jim Thompson.

Currently can the air ambulance come to Moosomin?

Because the runway itself doesn't have runway lights and it's also a gravel runway lights and it's also a gravel runway that has some low spots that are susceptible to rain and softness, we use Virden—which as you know is a little ways down the road—to facilitate getting people out of not just Moosomin but that area of the province.

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The runway can be used, but as you can imagine, if it rains on a Sunday night and then we're asked to do a trip first thing on a Monday morning it's very difficult or has been very difficult for us to determine whether the run-

way surface condition is firm enough for us to land.

Also, as the days get shorter in the winter it is hard for us to commit to getting in and getting out before darkness, so to avoid delaying transport we literally have to rely on going to Virden which I think is the closest facility that we can utilize during more diverse weather condi-

How often would the air ambulance make runs out this way if you had a runway you could use in all weath-

Are you familiar with the movie Field of Dreams? If you build it we will come.

In the past, there was a minesite down in that part of the country that had a very nice runway and so a lot of access into the eastern part of the province would go through that runway.

Now that runway has been decommissioned, which

has left a void which needs to be addressed

I'm more familiar with STARS. You don't hear as much about the Air Ambulance. Can you give me the idea of the size of operation the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance runs? How many patients do you transport in

a year?
Saskatchewan Air Ambulance was started by the pre-

mier of the day, Tommy Douglas, after World War II. 1946 is when the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance was 1940 is when the Saskatchewan An Ambulance was started. It's a government entity, which means that we don't do a whole bunch of publicizing. We don't spend taxpayers' money to advertise what we do. We just go and do it.

We typically transport 1,500 patients a year which is on

average about five patients a day. We operate 365 days a year, 24/7. We usually don't get dispatched unless it is something that is critical—motor vehicle accidents, heart attacks, strokes, burn victims, people needing to get to the tertiary care centres in Regina and Saskatoon, but if we also need to get to specialists outside the province then we'll be taking the critically ill patient out of the major hospitals in Regina and Saskatoon to a facility out of

province. We tend to do quite a few of those.
With the pediatrics centralized in Saskatoon, we are the first mode of air transport for the pediatric teams and the neonatal teams out of Regina and Saskatoon. Anyone who is really sick who's extremely young or extremely



old or in between, we're taking them.

Also with the stroke protocol now only being provided out of Saskatoon, anyone who has had a stroke in the province who needs intervention treatment will be transported to Saskatoon, so we become part of that model as

Are your aircrafts based out of Saskatoon, or Saskatoon and Regina?

The program originally started back in 1946 in Regina. It was moved to Saskatoon in 1993 and all the air craft are based out of Saskatoon, but it literally takes us 35 minutes to get to Regina.

From this area how long does it take a patient to get to Regina or Saskatoon?
Saskatoon to Moosomin Airport is 56 minutes. Regina

to Moosomin Airport is 35 minutes.

In your opinion how important is it to have an up-

graded runway here in Moosomin?

To get access to the eastern part of the province along north and south of Highway #1, I think it is absolutely that is long enough, is maintained seasonally, can be used

It's not just for Saskatchewan Air Ambulance, it is also for people who want to do business in the community and

it's also for other essential services like the RCMP getting It's also for other essential services like the NGM getting their people into the area as soon as possible. From an es-sential services point of view and from support from the businesses, I think if someone is successful that would be fantastic for that part of the province.

Have you had some discussions with the local folks

Have you had some discussions with the local folks who are trying to get this going?
Four years ago we were in the community with STARS and we were talking to the mayor and some of the council people about how STARS and how Saskatchewan Air Ambulance would work to support that part of the province. I know that STARS actually does go into the community quite often out of Regina, and what that model doesn't support is the specialty teams that have to come out of Saskatoon and the speed at which we can get there. We tend to be twice as fast as a helicopter and we don't have the same fuel restrictions that the other folks do.

have the same fuel restrictions that the other folks do.

If we had a place where we could get in and get out,

that would be great.

The folks that are working right now, I've had some conversations with them as well.

Jeff St. Onge has been very proactive in trying to facilitate this

Personally, from a personal viewpoint, not necessarily wearing the hat of Director of Saskatchewan Air Ambulance, I think the community would benefit a lot from successful revitalization of the airport.





Local author pens novel on Cannington Manor

"When you hear the sto ries you can imagine that that bare place used to be so full of activity, and they had horses gathering for fox hunts and things like that. And just outside of town there was a race track and they had horse races with horses that were bought in Louisiana and places like that. So it was quite a going concern, but it didn't last because the railway bypassed cause the railway bypassed the town and went through Manor instead, and they had no way of getting their goods to market. "The story in Few and Far is about a woman who comes out from England to attend her cousin's wed-

ding. I wanted to write something that was kind of like Jane Austin but set on the prairies.

"The woman who comes

out from England is an invented character and she's just had an unfortunate romantic experience. It didn't work out and she's a bit alienated in her own home, so when she comes out to Cannington Manor she is looking for a sense of belonging, but she's also a creature of her time. She considers herself an aristocrat, her fa-ther is fairly well off.



"She stays with the Humphries family. Now the Humphries family are real people. And so she lives with the family and learns about the country herself and kind of falls in love with the country and the people and the family, and she realand the family, and she realizes the Humphries family is struggling—their dreams are bigger than their pocket books—as many of the other people in the community

"And so she gets involved with all their dilemmas and what they are doing and she is impractical enough to fall in love with someone who is totally wrong for her and it carries on from there.

"It's kind of a woman find-

ing a self she didn't know she was on the prairies. "I intended it to be kind

of a tribute to the pioneer life and the prairie life be-cause as well as the aristocrats coming to Cannington crats coming to Cannington
Manor, there were also a
number of people coming
from Ontario, the younger
sons of big families. There
was no longer land left to
homestead in Ontario so
they came to the prairies
looking for livelihood. There
was still a chance for advenwas still a chance for adventure and to make a life on the prairies.

prairies.
"My feeling is that the land itself was important and worth preserving and worth the dream, and maybe some of the aristocrats didn't understand that because how else could they have had this dream, and if it didn't under the other. if it didn't work out exactly as they wanted, how could they have left it?

"So it's kind of a tribute

to the land and to the whole to the land and to the whole settler experience. And I think that's how Florence begins to see it and find out where she belongs in that." Few and Far is published

by Stonehouse Publishing of Edmonton and is available from the publisher, from Amazon, or from Chapters/ Indigo online or in stores.



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Kiefer Hill arrest the latest in a long string



Previous arrest

Moosomin RCMP arrest Kiefer Hill near Welwyn in March. Hill had previously been arrested by Regina police after stealing a vehicle in Welwyn and being found asleep in it in Regina. On Oct. 16 he was apparently unconscious behind the wheel when colliding with a parked car in Moose Jaw in a stolen vehicle, and he was arrested by Moose Jaw City Police.

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Kiefer Hill, who has lived in the Welwyn and Rocanville areas, has been charged with drug-impaired driving after crashing what police say was a stolen vehicle in Moose Jaw on Oct. 16.

Officers saw the truck hit a parked vehicle in Moose Jaw around 10:15 p.m. Tues-

Police say Kiefer Hill, the man driving the truck, was unconscious behind the

According to Moose Jaw City Police, a trained Drug Recognition Evalu-ator determined the man was high on drugs and he was charged with impaired

driving.

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Further investigation revealed the truck he was driving was stolen from Southey, and there were several stolen items in the vehicle.

Kiefer Hill, 27, is facing various charges, including drug-impaired driving, possession of stolen property over \$5,000 and possession of a firearm.

Mose Jaw police say he was also wanted on numerous warrants from Saskatoon, Es-terhazy and Melville.

World-Spectator readers will recognize Kiefer Hill's name. He was mentioned in the RCMP report in the Oct. 8 World-Spec-

for outstanding warrants, and his ar-

rests have been reported in the past.

Back in March, RCMP officers arrested Hill in a grove of trees.

Moosomin RCMP members with the assistance of Esterhazy RCMP members arrested Hill on the afternoon of Thursday, March 8

Hill fled from a rural property north of Welwyn were he had showed up uninvited. Hill had multiple warrants for his arrest

as he had failed to appear in court as directed and also had committed offences in Esterhazy and Churchbridge that he was

ed grove on a pasture adjacent to Hwy 600 south of St. Marthe after his vehicle ran out

of gas.

Members were able to contain the area

arrived to search the until enough resources arrived to search the

Hill was located cold, hiding under some foliage. He was charged with failing to attend court, failing to comply with his conditions, theft and break and enter to a busi-

Subsequently a search warrant was drafted, sworn and executed on Kiefer's vehicles and residence in Welwyn.

items were seized, including stolen items from the aforementioned investigations.

Hill had been previously arrested after a theft in Welwyn on February 17.

In that case, Hill entered a house in Welwyn, stole a purse which contained keys to a Jeep and stole the vehicle. He was located by Regina City Police two

days later, asleep in the stolen vehicle. He was arrested by Regina City Police for rie was arrested by Regina City Police for possession of stolen property, possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace, and breaching his conditions to keep the peace and be of good behavior.







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Lots planned for CP Holiday Train visit

Lori Shepherd of the Ioosomin Food Share Moosomin spoke to Moosomin Cham-ber of Commerce members about what will be happen-ing the day the CP Holiday Train come through town

on Wednesday, Dec. 5.
Shepherd spoke at the
Oct. 24 meeting of the
Moosomin Chamber of Commerce.

The train rolls into town at noon on Dec. 5.

"We are fortunate this year, as Terri Clark, one of our Canadian country or our Canadian country singers, will be perform-ing, as well Kelly Prescott and Sierra Noble," said Shepherd. "We are trying to look for a little entertainment before the train arrives to keep everyone

She says an invitation has been extended to the local schools to attend the performance. This is the 20th year for the CP Holi-

day Train.
"It's been a lot of fun, we enjoy it, we are fortunate to get a lot of money donated



The CP Holiday Train rolling into Moosomin when it was here last time two years ago in 2016.

to our local food share and we get a lot donations from the community and we ap-preciate that," she says.

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Samantha Campbell, the administrator with the Moosomin Food Share, said this year the Holiday

Train is promoting heart healthy donations such as brown rice, whole grain cereals, granola bars, muf-

fins, canned fruit or vegetables, tomato sauce, to-mato soup, apple sauce, cheese spreads, yogurt,

milk, cheese, canned meat, peanut butter, dried beans, anything else heart healthy.
She added that fresh

food and frozen food can also be donated to the food

bank, not just dry goods.
"At the food share we do have a cooler that we purchased through the grant that Enbidge gave use, so we can keep fresh stuff like

we can keep fresh stuff like yogurt and cheese and we also can keep frozen items in our cooler," she said.

She said hot chocolate will be handed out that day by Conexus Credit Union, and they are also asking husinesses to parasking businesses to par-ticipate in a chili cookoff, with a trophy going to the

Shepherd said they are also sponsoring a number of draws that day, includ-ing a draw for a train set and a donated wreath. She

and a donated wreath. She said they were also hoping to hold tractor sleigh rides. "We hope you all can come, and hope all the businesses promote the event," she said.





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