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Grade 4 students learn about provincial election

Moosomin Grade 4 mock vote results: Sask Party 21 votes, NDP 1 vote, SUP 1 vote

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

The MacLeod Elementary Grade 4 class participated in a provincial student vote last Monday. Grade 4 teacher Karly Fregin says the student vote was a great learning experience to add to their curriculum on the provincial government.

The student vote locally yielded results similar to the actual election—but a bit more one-sided. Kevin Weedmark and the Saskatchewan Party won in the student vote among Grade 4 students, but with an even larger margin than in the actual election, and the Saskatchewan Party won the student vote count across the Moosomin-Montmartre riding, where eight schools and more than 550 schools participated.

"It is a program done by Civix Canada and they do them for provincial and federal elections," Fregin said. "I did it during the last federal election which was the last time I taught Grade 4 and we thought it was amazing program to do, and it fits very well with our Grade 4 social studies. We have a unit that focuses on government—understanding the responsibilities of the provincial government, looking at rights and responsibilities citizens have in a province, and we talked a lot about when you vote you have the right to vote, but it is our responsibility to learn about the candidates and what we think is important and to make that decision.

"In our curriculum, we also talk about describing ways people can be involved in the democratic process—understanding that we all have a voice and it is okay to have different opinions, that is going to happen, but to be respectful of everyone's opinions and what one person might think is important someone else may think is not. It led to amazing conversations in our classroom. We also went through all of the platforms of the parties ahead of time and I had the students write notes about what they liked to help them make an informed decision."

She said the program provides everything teachers need.

"We just got in touch with the program, and they sent everything we needed, all the information you need to know about the candidates in your area, the ballot boxes, the ballots that look very official, and then on Monday by 4 pm we had to upload all of our votes. It all went to their database, and they sent us the results on



Keira Hadiuk casting her ballot.



Gavin Taylor marking his ballot.

Tuesday morning."

Civix let Fregin know her Grade 4 class results as well as the overall results from all the participating Saskatchewan schools.

"In our Grade 4 class, we had 21 Saskatchewan Party votes, one NDP vote, one Saskatchewan United Party and four spoiled ballots.

"There were more than 38,000 votes reported from 348 schools across Saskatchewan, with results from all 61 constituencies. The overall vote for all the schools that participated was, students elected a narrow NDP majority government, and the Saskatchewan Party formed the official opposition, with 39.2% voting NDP,

37.4% voting Saskatchewan Party, 8.4% voting Saskatchewan United Party, and 10.5% voting for the Green Party."

Fregin explains she also used Civix during the last federal election and really enjoyed the program and interactive process.

"The last federal election there was a poster put up in our staff room and we thought it would be a great fit for our curriculum, but also for students to understand the importance of voting and that is how you make your voice heard. It brings that learning in a more fun and interactive way because sometimes sitting and learning about government in the classroom is

not the most exciting thing, so just making it more hands-on experiential for them."

The Grade 4 social studies curriculum includes information about the provincial government and how it works with other levels of government.

"I taught Grade 2 last year and we focused on community and municipal, so we learn about what it means to be urban and rural, what a municipal government does, who is in charge, all the things they do, and our social studies builds on itself as we get older, so in Grade 4 we learn about the provincial side of things," Fregin said.

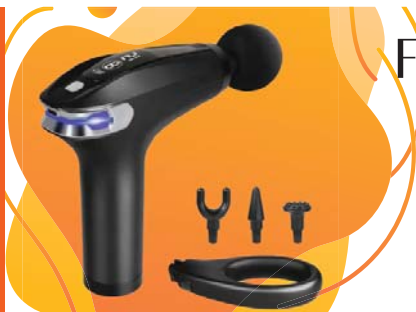
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Martensville-Blairmore		Jamie Martens (Saskatchewan Party)	8	8	651
Meadow Lake		Miles Nachbaur (New Democratic Party, Sask Section)	3	2	220
Melfort		Todd Goudy (Saskatchewan Party)	11	8	430
Melville-Saltcoats		Warren Kaeding (Saskatchewan Party)	10	7	589
Moose Jaw North		Tim McLeod (Saskatchewan Party)	7	6	394
Moose Jaw Wakamow		Megan Patterson (Saskatchewan Party)	8	6	476
Moosomin-Montmartre		Kevin Weedmark (Saskatchewan Party)	10	8	559
Prince Albert Carlton		Carolyn Brost Strom (New Democratic Party, Sask Section)	8	7	1,045
Prince Albert Northcote		Nicole Rancourt (New Democratic Party, Sask Section)	11	6	587

Student vote totals for ridings across the province, showing the winning candidate in each.

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Top left: The YNS elite team during the opening ceremonies while the Filipino national anthem is played.

Top right: The YNS Elite muses—Jimin Oh at right and Sumin Oh at left.

Left: Janlyn Tolentino introduced as the muse for the Rocanville team.

Above: Gillian and Gracie Illustrisimo are the muses for the Moosomin team.

Below left: Fans and teams watching the opening ceremonies.

Below: The Rocanville team during the national anthem.





Above and left: Josh Fajardo of the Moosomin team in action on the court.

Right: Maureen Catacutan is introduced as the muse for the black team.



Filipino fall basketball tournament gets underway

Every fall, the Pinoy Moosomin Community hosts a basketball tournament in Moosomin made up of local teams. The tournament runs over a number of weekends.

This year the tournament started with opening ceremonies on October 26. The tournament will wrap up with final games on December 1 during the championship.

Four teams are competing in the tournament—Moosomin (white team), Rocanville (blue team), a team of younger players dubbing themselves the YNS Elite (pink team), and a team of non-Filipino Canadian players (black team).

PMC also hosts a tournament in the spring each year consisting of teams from around the region and some city teams.

Below: James Forrester shooting for the Moosomin team.

Below right: Michael Vantomme, the president of PMC, speaking at the opening ceremonies.

Kara Kinna photos





The Wardens perform in Moosomin

The Wardens performed at the Moosomin Community Theatre on Monday, October 28. Brought in by the Moosomin & District Arts Council, The Wardens' stories and mountain music rise from the very land they've protected as Canadian national park wardens collectively for over 50 years.

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Randy Bot, left, and Grant Forster, right listening to a resident ask a question.

Esterhazy Candidate Forum sees mayoral candidates weigh in

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

In an effort to give the public a chance to ask questions and learn more about their municipal election candidates, the Esterhazy Economic Development Committee hosted a candidate's forum at the SN Boreen Centre on Oct. 29.

Residents got a chance to hear from the two mayoral candidates and nine people—including three incumbents—looking to fill six councillor seats in the election on November 13.

"The EEDC is a business advisory committee for council," explained Tyler Metz of the EEDC. "Their focus is on the attraction and retention of business within the town of Esterhazy. The EEDC consists of two representatives from council and seven representatives from the town of Esterhazy that are appointed by council."

The EEDC has held previous forums in 2016 and for a by-election in 2018.

"This candidate's forum was created based on a need to get to know the candidates and their perspectives on the issues in relation to the town of Esterhazy," said Metz, who moderated the forum. "The EEDC is excited to bring you this forum for the 2024 civic election. This election has a very diverse group of candidates—men and women, long-time residents and newcomers, young career professionals and retirees. This forum will give you, the voter, a chance to hear what these candidates have to say and shows that you have a voice by voting."

The forum was structured to feature the mayoral candidates first, followed by the council candidates. A two-minute introduction was allotted to each for opening remarks, followed by predetermined questions, and finally a 20-minute question and answer session from the public. Mayoral candidate and former councillor Randy Bot spoke of his vision for Esterhazy in his opening remarks.

"It's an honour to stand here with the privilege of addressing a community that I deeply respect and care for," he began. "This town, our town, holds a special place in each of our hearts, and it's the shared passion that brings us together."

"Today, I am running for mayor because I believe we have an opportunity to build a stronger, more connected community," Bot continued. "My vision is one where everyone feels safe, supported and empowered, a town where opportunities flourish, where our youth see a future right here, and every family can thrive by listening to your concerns. I know we face real challenges, whether it's improving infrastructure, ensuring sustainable growth, or supporting our local businesses. I am committed to tackling these issues head on. I will work tirelessly to bring transparent, forward thinking leadership that values your voice. I believe that strong communities are not built by one person, but by all of us working together."

"My commitment to you is that I will listen, I will lead with integrity, and I will bring people together to find solutions that make sense for our town. I ask you for your support, your trust and your partnership in building a town we can all be proud of. Then we can create a future that reflects who we are and what we can accomplish."

Incumbent mayoral candidate Grant Forster also referenced his background in Esterhazy, having lived in the community for the past 58 years (43 of those working for Mosaic), and how along with his wife, Linda, they raised four children "in this wonderful town."

"I have a total of 15 years experience on town council, the past six years as your mayor, and for nine years

in the 1990's and early 2000's, I was a councillor serving under Mayors Scotty Boreen and John Nightingale," he said. "Being involved in my community and giving back to it has always been important to me. That is why here tonight I am asking for the privilege to be your mayor once again."

"I believe the single most important issue facing our community today is the new hospital care home facility," continued Forster. "In the past 18 months, since the initial announcement of planning, money has been allocated to build our new facility. I've been working alongside our community members and government agencies to make this dream become a reality. I've been part of the planning process for identifying what additional services we want in the facility. I've been part of the team that is working toward the selection of a location for the facility. As chairman of the newly formed Esterhazy and District Healthcare Committee, I've been working with the Reeves of our area RMs, private business and other community members to develop a strategy for securing the funding, formulating a plan for ensuring our community interests are addressed through the remainder of this process."

"We need strong voices and people with a passion for this project to make this project happen," Forster said. "I have been and will continue to be one of those people. As mayor, I've witnessed the St. Anthony's Foundation efforts in healthcare, professional recruitment and retention our community. This committee has done tremendous work in finding these individuals and enticing them to come to our town, but as a community, there's much more that we could do to complement these efforts. I will commit to form a committee of council and community members to help find ways to make these health care professionals want to move here and make Esterhazy their home and help in the process that St. Anthony's has been doing."

"I see an opportunity to upgrade existing or add new health services locally," he continued. "Other communities our size have full time professionals offering things like athletic and physical therapy, chiropractic, natural medicine and medical imaging services. Esterhazy should be able to offer and support these services, whether it be in the new facility or in a separate private facility outside of the hospital. I will commit to creating a team whose focus will be on determining the need and then working toward securing these services for the benefit of our community."

Next, Forster shifted focus to what he's noticed as an upward crime trend in Esterhazy.

"We have seen an increase in crime in and around our community in the past year," he acknowledged. "Our local RCMP detachment is currently assigned nine members, but they're actually only operating with seven. Some shifts, there's two officers on duty to cover the whole detachment area—and that detachment area, corner to corner, can take two hours to drive across. This is unacceptable not just for the safety of our community, but for the safety of those officers as well. Our taxes pay for nine members. We should be getting staffed by nine members. I will work with the mayors and Reeves in our detachment area to have the RCMP provide the officers that we need and that we are paying for."

Question 1: The mayor of a community requires many skills and abilities. What strengths do you have that will help you be a good leader for our community?

Grant Forster: A mayor needs to be visible and accessible to everyone in both good times and bad. He must be the leader of the community and its biggest fan and its biggest spokesperson. Throughout my life, I have been a leader and everything I've been involved with since I was in junior high. I've sought out ways to be part of the decision-making process and provide leadership and guidance to others. In my working career, I held senior management positions where I managed teams of 10 or more employees. I've managed multi-million-dollar budgets and projects. I've made tough decisions, and have accepted responsibility for making them. I'm comfortable being at P.J. Gillen School serving pancakes to elementary school kids, or here at the Boreen Centre speaking at a high school grad. I can speak to any group of people and answer their questions. I'm not intimidated speaking with politicians. I can speak to TV and newspaper reporters and give them what they want without giving away things I can't. I've never met a microphone I haven't liked! I have thick skin and it's difficult to get under.

Randy Bot: My experience on council has helped me develop key strengths essential for a mayor—transparency, active listening, and a commitment to practical solutions. I prioritize open communication and strive to keep residents informed and engaged, ensuring decisions reflect the true needs of our community. To ensure your voice is heard, I will hold dedicated office hours so you can come into the town office and share your concerns with me directly.

Question 2: Esterhazy has grown remarkably in the last 10 years with many new homes, jobs and businesses. What is your plan to continue this growth?

Randy Bot: While Esterhazy has certainly seen new homes, jobs, and businesses in the past decade, I believe we have only scratched the surface of our true potential. There's still so much more we can achieve, and my focus is on creating a future where growth isn't just about numbers, but about meaningful progress that benefits every resident. I see opportunities to diversify our local economy beyond current industries, attracting new businesses and creating new jobs and ensure long-term stability. We also need to focus on improving our infrastructure so that we are prepared to support the growth, not just manage it.

Grant Forster: We must give people a reason to choose Esterhazy as their home and to ultimately remain here for the long run. If we can provide them with the services they desire, and incentives to become part of the community, we will be successful in seeing this continued growth. My priority is for health care, which is a key service we can provide. The availability of child care is a huge priority for young families, and the town must continue to provide support for two daycare facilities by providing things like tax abatements and no-charge facility rentals. We need to continue providing tax incentives for the building of new homes and commercial buildings. We need to continue to build a culture where we can be safe in our own homes and on our streets. We need to continue giving people low to no cost options for many events that we have in town. I believe if we build it, they will come."

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Canadian star one of the best in NBA

The United States of America might produce the world's best basketball teams — the U.S. has won 17 of 21 gold medals at the Olympics, including the last five in a row — but when it comes to individual play, Americans take a back seat.

A basketball website recently selected the top 100 National Basketball Association players and although much of the pre-season NBA chatter revolved around the Lakers' LeBron James playing on the same court as his son Bronny — Ha! Gordie Howe did the same thing in hockey with TWO of his sons — LeBron was listed as only the eighth best player in the league.

In fact, you've got to scroll down the list to No. 6 to find the first American, Steph Curry, in the top 100.

Proudly, Canada has the fourth-best player on the list, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (everyone calls him 'SGA'), who finished second in the Most Valuable Player voting last year while leading Oklahoma City Thunder to a first-place finish in the Western Conference with a 57-25 record. Born in Toronto 26 years ago, Gilgeous-Alexander played college ball with the powerhouse Kentucky Wildcats. He was drafted 11th overall by Charlotte in 2018 but was traded to the L.A. Clippers the same day. The next year, the Clippers sent him to Oklahoma City, where he blossomed into a superstar. He is a two-time first-team all-star and has averaged more than 30 points in each of the last two seasons. Only Luka Doncic of Slovenia (No. 3 on the CBS Top 100 list) and Giannis Antetokounmpo of Greece (No. 2 on the list) outscored Gilgeous-Alexander last season. (No. 1 on the Top 100 list, by the way, is Denver's Nikola Jokic of Serbia.) The Canadian guard also led the NBA in steals, averaging 2.0 per game.

The CBS.com story about the Top 100 players says Gilgeous-Alexander "led the NBA in drives for the fourth straight season in 2023-24, and, with improved spacing around him, opponents had an even tougher time disrupting his funky rhythm."



Bruce Penton

"No disrespect to those who aren't star players, but growing up, I idolized Kobe Bryant, the cornerstone of the Lakers; LeBron James, the bedrock of the Cavaliers; and Allen Iverson, the linchpin for the 76ers," Gilgeous-Alexander told the footboom.com website. "These were the players who left an indelible mark while I watched basketball. These are the guys you aspire to emulate and draw inspiration from. Indirectly, (general manager Sam Presti) has granted me that chance to step into a similar role."

The Thunder made a couple of key acquisitions during the offseason and Sportsnet's Michael Grange says the Canadian national team star "will have a platform like he's never had before, likely an MVP award to go with it and — given the Thunder's relative youth and roster flexibility — the possibility that this is only the start."

Meanwhile, Canadian fans of the NBA may have a hard time getting excited about the Toronto Raptors, who are in a rebuilding phase and destined to miss the playoffs. But with the exploits of Gilgeous-Alexander, fans north of the border have a homegrown superstar to cheer for.

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Cleveland has one of the six NFL teams without a cheerleading squad. Inside sources say this may change if the Browns do something to cheer about."

• Vancouver comedy guy Torben Rolfsen: "Wayne Gretzky used to say you miss 100 per cent of the shots you don't take. Unless you're Bronny James, then you miss 100 per cent of the shots you do take."

• Headline at fark.com: "These two crazy Brits have played more than 1,000 mini golf courses. What completely useless thing have you done lately?"

• Steve Simmons in the Toronto Sun: "I love the Gregg Popovich line to his hopefuls at his training camp in San Antonio: 'It's your job as a player to make me play you. Don't be a victim.'"

• Another one from Simmons: "Graterol is either a relief pitcher with the Dodgers or a medication I take daily."

• Another one from Torben Rolfsen: "BC Lions are waiting to see if they're going to Regina or Winnipeg for the CFL West semi-final. Very important to know for packing. You know, sweaters, mosquito netting, black flies."

• Jack Finarelli at sportscurmudgeon.com: "Cleveland Browns: When your starting QB goes out for the year and many folks believe that is a positive occurrence for your team, that team is incompetent."

• Another one from Finarelli, writing about the Canadian Football League: "Unlike the U.S, folks in Canada have a sense of geography. Not a single team in the East Division is further west than any team in the West Division. Amazing!"

• RJ Currie again: "A tortoise with bad feet that lives in a theme park in Norfolk, England, has been outfitted with wheel rims and tires. They renamed it Danica Patrick."

• Another fark.com offering: "The NY Jets can't buy a touchdown, heading for a 2-15 season. Jets' execs: Better raise prices."

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Wawota News

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Ross and Donna Petterson and Al and Carol Martin of Winnipeg enjoyed a two-week East Coast cruise. They travelled to Quebec City and down the St. Lawrence River to the Maritime provinces, on to Portland, Maine and finally Boston, from where they flew home.

The Wawota Library Book Club met at the library on October 21 to discuss the latest book. It was *5 Little Indians* by Michelle Good. This was the true story of five Indigenous children taken from their homes in B.C. and taken to a residential school. Each person's story was different—some tragic and some quite inspiring.

Congratulations to Erica and Michael Wyporowich on the birth of a granddaughter on October 22. She weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. and has been named Zelenia Hope. She is the daughter of Ashley Rockey and Jeff Frazer who live in Thermopolis, Wyoming.

October 22 was a special day for the Barnachea family. On this day, Jason and Ransel and their children Sandra, Sanyo and Sanneyah became Canadian citizens. Congratulations!

Wawota would like to welcome Stacey Johnston to our town. She comes from Ontario and has purchased the former Ted Espley house on West Railway.

Wawota News for October 13

Born to Dylan and Celeste Lamontagne, a daughter on October 4. She has been named Scarlett Yvonne Marie and she is a sister for Clarice and Lucien and a granddaughter for Hector and Jeannine Lamontagne and Garry and Monique Dumaine of Storthoaks. Great-grandparents are Ed and Sharon Lamontagne, Arthur and Jeanette Henrion, and Aime and Loraine Dumaine

of Redvers.

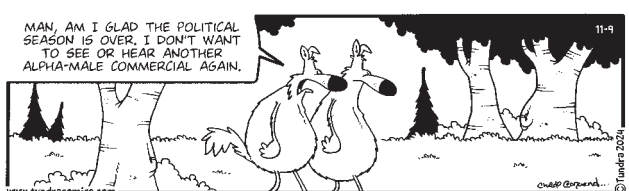
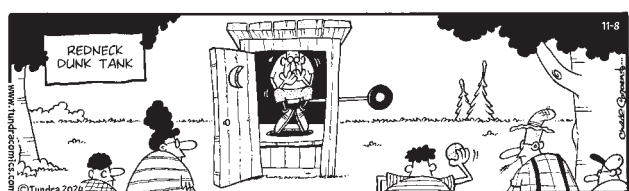
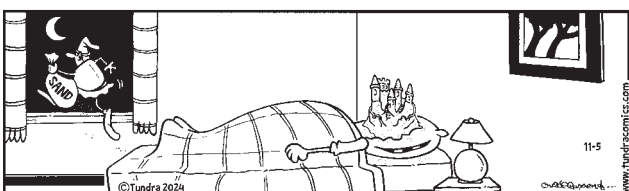
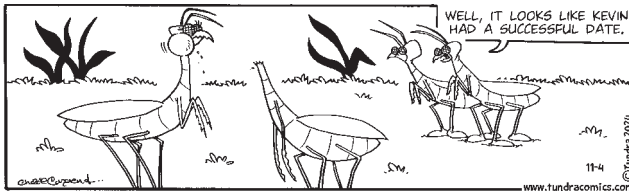
Sympathy to Sheila St. Mars and family on the passing of Paul St. Mars at Deer View Lodge. He passed away on October 4 at the age of 88 years.

Wawota has 10 people vying for six seats on Wawota town council. They are: Kitty Alexander, Allan Bunz, Joel Carpenter, Jordan Ethier, Marley Hamilton, Brandon Harper, Corbin Klein, Dwayne Linder, Nolan Murray and Ken Robinson. Two are running for the mayoral position—Kevin Kay and Shawn Murray. It is good to see so much interest in our local politics!

Our Thanksgiving guests were Cindy Olson, Emma and Morgan Buhr from St. Albert, Alberta, Kenton and Stacey Olson, Carter and Emmett, Stacey Heffernan, Kate and Sarah—all from Regina—and Carey Lamoureux and Will.

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Chad Carpenter



Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

Remembrance Day Services

on November 11, 2024
Join us for the laying of wreaths ceremony and a time of remembrance.
10:30 am – Cenotaph Service
10:45 am – Service of Remembrance

You are invited to join us for the full service of remembrance held in St. Paul's United Church. A collection in support of the Poppy Campaign Fund will be taken during the service. Lunch, provided by the town and RM councils, will be served in the lower sanctuary of the church following the service. You are invited to attend. Masks and sanitizer will be available in the church for any who want to make use of them. Royal Canadian Legion Rocanville Branch No. 020.

Rocanville Economic Development

Next meeting will be November 21 at noon in the Conexus room at the Nutrien Hall.
Santa Parade – November 29 at 7 pm – Please register your float with the Rec Office at 306-645-2164.
Late-Night Shopping will be held on December 4.
Santa Pictures - 6-7 pm – hosted by Conexus
Tree Lighting – 6:30 pm
Chili and a Bun Supper – Hosted by the RAC Fundraising Committee and located at the Rocanville Fire Hall.
Craft and Bake Sale Fundraiser – hosted by the Graduating Class of 2025 and located at the Hope Church.

Skating lessons

Ready to glide into fun? Join our exciting skating lessons! These sessions are designed to help kids get comfortable with being on ice! Whether its your child's first time or they are looking to improve, these lessons are perfect for building skills in a relaxed, supportive environment!

Parent and Tot lessons (10 lessons) \$50
Thursdays 5 to 5:30 pm
Youth Lessons (10 lessons) \$50
Thursdays 5:30 to 6:15 pm
To register, please contact the rec office at rocانville.net or call 306-645-2164.

Rocanville Library

Explore everything the library has to offer, from books and digital resources to hands-on programs for all ages!
Open Hours:
• Wednesday: 9 am – 12 pm and 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm
• Thursday and Friday: 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

November Programming Highlights

- Marble Run Makerspace Kit – Available all month.
- Snow Globe Take 'n' Makes – Create your own snow globe! Kits available throughout November while supplies last.
- Kids Crafternoon – A fun crafting afternoon for kids! Join us on November 13 and 27 from 2-4 pm.
- Stitch 'n' Chat Night – Bring any craft project and enjoy a cozy evening of visiting and creativity! November 21 at 7 pm.

Did you know? We have a variety of board games available to borrow!
Next Board Meeting: November 7, 2024, at 6 pm – Interested in joining the library team? Come to our meeting and get involved!

Quilting Classes

Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just starting out, join us for free quilting classes at the Rocanville Rec Centre! Learn how to make a beautiful Christmas table runner just in time for the holidays.
Classes Start: November 5
When: Tuesdays at 1 pm
Where: Rocanville Rec Centre
Cost: Free (Just bring your own supplies.)
Please register by October 15 to secure your spot!
Don't miss this chance to learn a new skill and create something festive!

Kids Club

Need a fun activity for your little ones? The Kids Club is perfect for both kids and parents looking to socialize and play. Join us every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 to 10 am, at the Rec Centre for access to Plasma cars, foam blocks, bouncy toys, and plenty of space to run around. Best of all—Kids Club is free!

Celebrate the holidays with Seattle Kraken Spirit

This holiday season, let's come together and show our support for Jessica Campbell and her incredible role with the Seattle Kraken!
Already have Christmas decorations? That's great! But why not add a little flair by incorporating a Seattle Kraken flag, banner, or even some Kraken-colored lights?
Let's get creative and festive, blending the spirit of the season with our support for Jessica and her journey with the Kraken.

Rocanville Community Centre

All events held here are open to the public (except rentals). All ages welcome!

Community Potluck Supper and Dance Performance!

Join us for an evening of great food and lively entertainment at the Rocanville Community Centre! Date: Monday, November 25, 2024 Supper: 6 pm. Entertainment by the Rocanville Dance Club at 7:15 pm (following supper).
Bring a dish to share and enjoy a delicious potluck supper with friends and neighbors. Then stick around for an exciting performance by the talented Rocanville Dance Club! No charge – Everyone is welcome!
Can't make it for supper but want to catch the show? No problem! Join us at 7:15 for the entertainment. The more, the merrier! We look forward to seeing you there!

Cards

Join in for card games every Thursday afternoon from 1-3 pm. It's a great way to socialize and enjoy some friendly competition.

Rocanville Noble Construction Skating Rink

Friendly Reminder! For all questions or requests related to activities at the Rocanville Noble Construction Arena, please reach out to the Rec Office during our open hours: Monday - Thursday, 7:30 am - 4 pm.
You can find the rink schedule posted here on Facebook, on our town website www.rocانville.ca, and in the upcoming November Community Calendar.
Please note: Our caretakers won't be available to open the rink for extra shinny or public skate, and additional sessions can't be arranged on short notice. Thank you for understanding.

Public skate and shinny can be bumped to accommodate hockey games and tournaments. Check the online schedule to avoid disappointment.

Sundays: Public Skate 1-3 pm
Shinny – 3-5 pm
Mondays: Public Skate – 3:30-4:45 pm
Tuesdays: Adult/preschool skate – 1:30-3:30 pm
Shinny – 3:30-4:45 pm
Wednesdays: Shinny – 3:30-4:45 pm
Thursdays: Adult/preschool skate – 1:30-3:30 pm
Fridays: 3:30 – 4:45 pm

VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our freedom is not free

Dear Editor:
Our freedom is not free: someone had to pay for it! So many paid the ultimate price.
There were many sacrifices.
Many men, women, and families over the decades, throughout Canada and the world are well aware of the personal sacrifices that were made to keep us free. Those fallen airmen, soldiers, sailors and merchant marine ac-

complishments are extraordinary and we must never forget what they have accomplished to protect Canada, and provide us the freedom that we all enjoy.
Let us take time to remember.
Lest we forget.
"Never in the history of mankind has so much been owed by so many to so few." - Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister of Great Britain.

Veteran John Fefchak
RCAF & Canadian Armed Forces (CWO /ret.)



Westman RCMP Report

65 calls for service

During the week of October 20 to October 26, Westman RCMP received a total of 65 calls for service. Of the 65 calls, 18 were traffic related including five moving traffic/speeding violations. Also included in the calls for service were three suspicious person/vehicle/property files, five assault files, eight false alarms, two mischief files, five false alarms, and four failure to comply with order files.

Traffic stop in RM of Sifton

On October 20, Westman RCMP conducted a traffic stop in the RM of Sifton. The 49-year-old male occupant of the vehicle had no contact conditions from a previous release order with the two female occupants of the vehicle. He is charged with three counts of failing to comply with release order conditions and will attend court in October.

40 km/hr over the speed limit

On October 23, during a routine traffic patrol on Highway 2 in the RM of Sifton, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 140 km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone. A traffic stop was conducted and driver was issued a traffic offence notice for speeding, which carries a fine of \$573.

Double domestic assault

On October 24, Westman RCMP received a call of an

abandoned 911. RCMP attended the residence in the town of Melita and located two individuals. It was determined that a double domestic assault had occurred and charges were laid on a 39-year-old male and a 42-year-old female. Both are charged with one count of adult assault and will attend court in December.

Increase in wildlife collisions

There has been an increase of traffic collisions with wildlife this fall season. If you are in an accident with wildlife and there are no injuries, please report to MPI directly. If you are in need of assistance due to injury please call 911. If the animal is injured and blocking the roadway please call Manitoba Conservation at 1-800-782-0076.

Numbers to call

To report a complaint or non-emergent incident to RCMP please call 204-748-2135. For general inquires or administrative requests including criminal record checks please call the administration line at 204-748-2046 Ext. 3. If you are reporting an emergency please call 911.

Crime Stoppers is anonymous

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Esterhazy mayoral candidates weigh in

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Open Questions from Residents

How could the Economic Development Committee help you folks grow or work with your economic development plan?

Grant Forster: I've been a member of that committee since I took over the mayor's chair, and it does some great work in looking for different ways to help our community and looking to attract businesses. EDC was instrumental in pushing the tax incentive program that we have for new buildings, and outside the box thinking like that coming from a committee with interest in the business community can help provide that guidance to council and as well to the mayor and let us and you as EDC be successful in finding and improving those businesses here.

Randy Bot: I have been on the EDC committee since I first started council and I was on for two years. I think they were just kind of getting everything organized at that time and making really good progress in our business sector in Esterhazy, allowing mentorships and everything for the businesses. I would like to get back into those meetings and figure out ways that we can bring new revenue into Esterhazy so we can ultimately decrease the taxation and stop putting so much on our taxpayer shoulders, and allow EDC to work with us to bring those companies in and have ideas and allow us to bring that new revenue to Esterhazy.

We talk about growth, but there's all those empty lots on Sylvite Drive. Is there no incentive from the town?

Randy Bot: I agree with you totally, I do. And when I looked at it when I first got on the council eight years ago, if we gave all those lots away, the taxes would have covered the development already. So we really have to get a plan together. We have to bring those lots down. I know we've had some issues with allowing the lots to go when it's under fair market value, but we're going to have to find new ways to get around that so we can start filling up that subdivision. One of the things I would like to do is reach out to builders and try to get some spec homes in Esterhazy, and then hopefully we can get people buying those houses and moving into Esterhazy.

Grant Forster: I really can't say anything more than what Randy has. We've had these discussions around the council table as to how we can fill Sylvite, and he's hit the nail on the head. Those are exact things we've talked about. So, it's been in our focus, it just hasn't happened yet but hopefully it will.

How come Esterhazy doesn't have a law against using engine brakes in town?

Randy Bot: I've never had this question in my life, I never even thought about it. So that's one thing that we could definitely look at, like I said, that's never, ever brought to the table. We've never, ever discussed it, but it's good to know going forward. Definitely something we'll talk about.

Grant Forster: As Randy said, it's not something we have discussed, and it is something that can be turned back to administration to investigate for us, and then council could make the decision from there.

It would be a huge incentive to have someone monitoring the engine brakes, I thought there was a noise bylaw.

Randy Bot: There's definitely a noise bylaw. We have our administration here, actually at the back of the room tonight, so I'm sure that (CAO) Tammy (MacDonald) is going to write it down, and it'll be brought to one of the meetings, and we'll get signs up and take care of it.

Is there anything that can be done about the condition of the sidewalks?

Randy Bot: That was one of the things that I stressed when I wrote my little write up on Facebook. I would like to bring a new sidewalk initiative in Esterhazy so we can start repairing some of these sidewalks. I agree, they're becoming very unsafe, and that's something that we're going to be looking at in the new budget, and hopefully we can get a new sidewalk initiative in and take care of that issue.

Grant Forster: In addition to that, there is some money in the budget this year, and hopefully we'll get it done yet this fall, to replace some of the sidewalks in town, around the post office, some of the bad areas downtown. We have been looking at it, and it's something we will continue to look at.

If you could bring another industry into town to help spur economic development, what industry would it be and why?



Grant Forster, above, and Randy Bot, right, answering questions from the floor.

Grant Forster: There's probably a number of things that people would like us to bring in, but in so many words, we need to be realistic about it. Ultimately, I think a service industry for Mosaic would probably make the most sense and would probably be the most successful. That's not saying we couldn't make it with anything else, but in my mind, that would tend to be the thing that we should focus on, is looking for the service industry to help complement what Mosaic needs. There's been a number of new businesses come into town over the years. I think of something like Commercial Sandblasting, they used to do a lot of contract work for Mosaic, found it was great, and they decided to move in here. That's the kind of thing I think we need to look at.

Randy Bot: When it comes to this, I believe that we need to get away from relying so much on bringing industry in for Mosaic. This is one of those things that goes back to the EDC committee. I feel like we could partner in these committees, that we could go out there and figure out what the town needs, and what we could bring into Esterhazy and together as a committee, figure out going forward what would benefit from what industry coming into town. I like the thought of bringing industry in for Mosaic, but I just feel like, if we can branch off and find something new for town, then we don't have to rely so much on that.

Getting back to sidewalks in town, does anybody from town look at the hedges and sidewalks?

Grant Forster: The short answer to that is, I don't think anybody does actually look at that. We would rely on people to tell us. I mean, our town guys are very, very busy in what they do, they're not assigned to go and look at these cases. We do have our bylaw officer, which is supposed to be doing things like that and reporting those back to the office. As well, if people see something and it is a concern, it's always best to contact the office and then they can take care of it that way, by assigning someone to look at it. But to answer your question, no, I don't believe there's an active person that goes out and looks at things like that.

I think we need to slow down the speed limit on Main Street.

Randy Bot: This has been something that we've been talking about for a few years now, and the speed limit in Esterhazy is actually going to be switching to 40 km/hr, hopefully this spring.

We get doctors sent here, but it doesn't seem like they want to stay after a set period of time. What can we do to make people move here and stay?

Grant Forster: The people of the S. Anthony's Foundation are doing a fantastic job, as I said earlier, about finding people and bringing them in and having them come to Esterhazy. Where I think we can complement their efforts is to look around the community and try and make our doctors and nurses and other health care professionals feel more at home. Do we look for things like getting them involved in the Lion's Club, or look at things like getting them involved in the Super Sledgers, or the golf club or whatever. Having the community people make an effort with these people, making them feel at home, making them want to stay here and raise their families will be valuable in making sure they stay. I look at years back, doctors like Tony Ford were here forever, Dr. Williams as well, and the reason why—they were involved in the community, so that's what I think we need to do.

Randy Bot: I agree with that one. We have to get our doctors involved in the community. But this isn't a problem that only Esterhazy has, you see that it's hard to retain doctors all over the province right now, so there has to be a plan on how we are going to keep them in our community. As of yet, I don't know how you would go about doing that, but that would be discussions again that have to be made whether it's getting them involved in the community or what it's going to take. But I've seen a lot



of them being involved in the community and they still end up leaving. So it is a really good question. And if anybody had any ideas, then come forth, because it's been a struggle for us for years, not only in Esterhazy, but in the entire province.

What priorities would you have in order to grow local services, and particularly investing in the staff that provide those local services for your community?

Randy Bot: That's a very good question. First of all, we don't have any land available right now, so we're going to have to start investing in some land for industry. Because if somebody came to town tomorrow and wanted to put a business in Esterhazy, we have very limited space for them anywhere. So that's one thing that we're going to have to plan going forward, to get some land and infrastructure in place so if people want to bring an industry or business into Esterhazy, we can accommodate them.

Grant Forster: One of the things that we've been doing on the committee that's looking at potential locations for the new hospital is looking at the area as a long-term solution for more than just the hospital. So part of the process is to review the areas that we are looking at and consider them for additional commercial setups and expansion. It's costly, we know that, but if we do it right, and if we do it under the guise of the hospital, we might be able to sneak in some government money to help us develop some land of our own in town. So that's one of the things we're looking at. It's not a secret I believe to anybody that we are short of land. We've identified the issue. We just need to proceed and get that area developed and try to get it done as quick as possible.

With winter coming, is there any thought of putting up snow fences so that we don't have to worry as much about having to plow snow more than once a year?

Grant Forster: Again, short answer is probably not, this probably hasn't been discussed, but we have town staff here this evening that I believe can take a look at that and determine whether they think it's worth doing or not. Have we done it at the council table? No, we have not. There are town staff here that I'm hoping will take back that question and review it and decide if that's something we should do.

If you do not get elected, what would be your plans to support the community?

Randy Bot: If I do not get elected, I still want to be part of the committees that I've been on, as well as I have a lot of interest in the EDC committee, so I'd be reaching out to them. So I think I would still stay involved, put my name out there trying to get on some of these committees to make a difference that way.

Grant Forster: As I said earlier, I've been here 58 years, and in those 58 years I've lost count of the number of things that I've been involved in in the community. I'm getting older, obviously, and don't have the energy to do some of this anymore, but definitely will want to stay involved. I truly love this town. I love being here, and I will do whatever I can to help it be successful, and to support the councils of the day and be involved with committees wherever I can do that. So I definitely plan to stay involved if I'm not reelected.

Is there any plan to be clearing the sidewalks in the winter?

Randy Bot: This has been brought to our attention for a few years now, and we never actually came together with a plan. But like I said, administration's here, that's one thing that is important, because we have a lot of people walking and slipping on the roads, right? They're a lot more slippery. So that's one of the things that we'll make sure that they take down and we'll look at for this year. We have a new director of operations in Esterhazy, so we will give this kind of stuff to him, and hopefully we can see some changes this winter.

Esterhazy council candidates introduce themselves at election forum

By RYAN KIEDROWSKI

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Using the same format as the mayoral forum, Esterhazy councillor candidates also had a chance to introduce themselves and field questions from the public on Oct. 29 at the SN Boreen Centre.

A total of nine candidates are vying for six positions on Esterhazy Town Council, with a few returning faces, but also some that are new to the world of municipal politics as well. Incumbents include Maggie Rowland, Martin Pfeifer, and Vernon Petracek. Also seeking a seat are Bryant Campbell, William Gale, Apoorav Joshi, Nichol L. Kripki, Dana Paidel, and Alan Petracek.

Each candidate had the opportunity to provide opening remarks before the round of predetermined questions.

Bryant Campbell

I'm honoured to be nominated to represent this awesome town that we all call home. I'd like to thank the Esterhazy Development Committee and town for having this event, and all the candidates for letting your name stand and participate in democracy. I, along with my wife Jolene, moved to Esterhazy in 2013, 11 years ago. We liked it so much here we decided that we'd make it our forever home and start a family. Here we raise our two children, Jacoby, who's 11, and Bronwyn, who's nine, and they're very fortunate to be able to call Esterhazy home and grow up here.

I truly believe we have the best place to live, work and raise a family. I haven't retired yet, so I can't say retire, but most of the retirees I talk to enjoy it here as well. Every chance I get to talk with someone out of town—I'm not from here, so I still do go back home where I grew up sometimes—I tell everyone how good Esterhazy is. I volunteered as assistant coach on my son's hockey team for two years, I ref hockey, minor hockey, and I really enjoy doing that, getting out in the community and volunteering my time. I've also served on Esterhazy Housing Authority for the last year and a half, and the last year I've served as the vice chair on that committee.

William Gale

I've grown up in this warm community and spent most of my life here, calling it my home. At this point, I'm a Mill Operator at K2, and my wife and I are raising a beautiful little girl. I felt that I should and could give back to this community that is my past, present and future in a role that I'm most capable of doing. My primary focus is to ensure the wellbeing of those that have built this community and making sure it's an ever present in every decision that I will personally make, as well as making sure that the younger generation is offered every opportunity. I thank you for taking up the time out of your day and considering my candidacy, and I hope to be allowed the privilege of making Esterhazy the best possible place to live.

Apoorav Joshi

I'm not new in Canada, I moved to Canada almost 10 years ago, and I moved to this town three years. So thanks for giving me a chance to become a councillor candidate. This is completely a new experience for me. I've read about town council before, what they do, about the work, but it's a completely new experience for me to connect the people in this space, in this organization. I served the Moose Jaw Sask Polytech College, I was a director for three years, and I got a lot of experience through that. So I can use my experience here. I was born and bought up in different country, so I can give some new ideas, I can give my point of view. Council is a bridge for people and the council members, so I can try to help, and try to connect more and more people and help with whatever their problem and what they do.

Nichol L. Kripki

Eight years ago, my husband and I, we decided to make Esterhazy our home. Employment brought us back here to Saskatchewan, I've lived and worked across Saskatchewan and in Alberta. I was born and raised in Saskatchewan, and have been educated and received my degree in commerce at the U of S. I have experience in business management and financ-



William Gale



Dana Paidel



Maggie Rowland



Apoorav Joshi



Nichol L. Kripki



Alan Petracek

ing. Eight years ago, we visited Esterhazy to see what it was all about, and we discovered a prosperous town in the middle of the prairies. We found it a welcoming place to be, and we wanted to call it home. We love the slower pace compared to the city, and there's almost everything we need here. That's what we love about it. We chose to live in Esterhazy and not the city or an acreage because we like to be here in Esterhazy, in town with our neighbours. When I think of a great community to live in, I think of a place where people want to know each other and support each other, a community that has great amenities. People want to stay and raise their families and call it home. I consider Esterhazy to be one of those great communities. One of the first things that struck me when I arrived here was everyone waves at each other, and when you go to the post office, friends and neighbours, they greet each other, and if there's people in need in our community, we help them. I believe everyone wants our community to be the best it can be, and I know that I want that, too, for Esterhazy. I like building communities, being involved, and you probably know me from the Friday Community Market. I enjoy volunteering and organizing and bringing the community together. I'm employed as a licensed mortgage associate, plus you probably see me around town at the different amenities as well. I think Esterhazy has a lot to offer, and I just want to say thank you for considering me as a candidate.

Dana Paidel

It's a great opportunity to meet the candidates who'll be helping to move our town forward over the next few years. My name is Dana Paidel, and with the sup-

port of my lovely wife, Adriana, and my two beautiful children, I humbly ask for your vote on election day to serve as your town councillor. I grew up in Esterhazy, a place that means so much to me and is filled with memories. I remember taking swimming lessons at the old pool, playing baseball at the diamonds, bowling at the downtown alley. I spent countless days at the curling rink with family and close friends. I went to Cubs, Scouts, golf early in the mornings, and I enjoyed all the unique experiences our town offered. I hope our children can have those same opportunities growing up here. Over the years, I've seen many changes in our beautiful town, some that brought real improvement, and others that have raised questions. We built the S.N. Boreen Hall, built a new pool and a park, tennis courts, healthcare, and invested in the new water treatment plant. One of the most remarkable changes is the diversity within our community, with people from cultures all over the world. To all of you, I say welcome and to hope we can help make the Canadian dream reality for each of you. My business career began right here in Esterhazy starting at Metal Fab and moving onto roles at Parkland. I gained experience as a fitter, welder, painter, estimator, and eventually as a leader in construction.

Alan Petracek

I've lived in the Esterhazy area most of my life. I've been a resident of this town for 23 years. Most of my family has direct or indirect ties to this community. I have an interest in seniors' concerns because my parents now live here in town. I have an interest in young families' concerns because my son and his family live in the area. Myself, I am self employed from

Vernon Petracek

I was born and raised in Yarbo, and I moved away for two years, and there's no place like home, so we moved back and raised a boy and a girl, and now I have grandsons here, grandchildren in Regina. And like I said, there's no place like home and the community is what we build together.

Martin Pfeifer

Everybody asked me, where's my speech? I really didn't write one, and if I did, I probably couldn't read my writing. So here I am hoping to get re-elected for the fourth term. Three just wasn't enough. My wife said three terms ago that if you're going to complain, you better do something about it. Otherwise, you better stop complaining. So here I am. Born and bred, right from this town, probably one of the few that were born in this hospital that can actually say that still, I know most of you personally, so those of you who don't know me, I've lived here all my life, worked at Mosaic forever now, it seems. And hope to continue building on what we've started here. Like I said, it took three terms to get things done—water treatment plant, the hospital's just about there, it's in the works—trust me, it's coming. There's a few more things that I really would like to see, but that's only if I get re-elected, so please vote for me.

Maggie Rowland

I moved here in 1983, it was supposed to be for five years. It has now been 41 years, and I have made Esterhazy my home. I was employed at the Esterhazy town office for almost 29 years, and after leaving there, I ran for council and have been at the table for eight years. I love this community and want to see Esterhazy look into the future and exceed beyond all expectations.

Question 1: What do you believe you can contribute to council to help improve Esterhazy?

Rowland: I believe I can contribute common sense and experience to the table, understanding how council is supposed to work, and its ins and outs of government. I believe I could be a great asset.

Pfeifer: Much like Maggie, bringing experience to the table, not necessarily great experience, but it's been a lot of years. I've learned lots. My big thing, though, is I'm here for you guys. I'm your voice. I'm one of six votes, so hopefully democracy works the way we want it to, but you might have the greatest idea, and four other councillors think it's the dumbest idea, and well, that's just not going to happen, but I am your voice, and I will try and get things the way you want them to be.

V. Petracek: Just working with people and they have to work as a team to try to resolve issues, and if you can't do it, talk to the community. There's a lot of knowledge in our community that can help us. So we got the tools, let's use them.

A. Petracek: As a newcomer to politics, I'll bring a fresh outlook and enthusiasm to the table. My personality will bring a balance of listening and of speaking. I believe the views of all residents, businesses, community groups should be recognized. I'll be active in council, sharing new ideas and questions why things are done the way they are being done. I feel my self employment background will bring beneficial view of things. This includes conducting business efficiently and cost effectively. I feel the new council will need to include short- and long-term planning, maintenance and infrastructure. These decisions need to be prioritized by needs, not wants.

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Paidel: With my involvement in the construction industry, I sit on many boards. The Construction Labour Relations as the Vice Chair, governance chair for Sask Apprenticeship and Trade Certification, Audit and Finance Chair for the Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association. I also sit on as a board member of the Ironworker Management Progressive Action Co-operative Trust, ironworker trade chair within Saskatchewan Construction Labor Relations, and also a trustee with health, welfare, pension training funds for carpenters and ironworkers. With this experience, I believe I can bring accountability, fiscal responsibility, transparency, to town council—qualities that I feel have been lacking over the years. I think the next four years will be especially important and challenging for the town, with the new water treatment plant coming online and potential for a new healthcare centre, and we need leaders who understand project management budgeting. My background—commercial and industrial construction—gives me the expertise to help guide these projects moving forward.

Kripki: First, I think I would bring a fresh perspective. Our council has done a great job. Those that are running again as well, but just bringing new ideas. The other thing is, I really would like to bring a sense of community and trust through more communication and just making it a priority that there's more transparency with the council. So I believe that's what I can bring, as well as my experience in business as well.

Joshi: So the main thing, I will be a people lawyer. So if somebody comes with a particular idea, I'll definitely take that idea to the council meeting. That's my whole thing, because in that way people can bring their ideas to our meeting. So if I can get a chance, I will put my forward ideas also, and whenever people give me suggestions, I can bring it to the meetings, because I think the council is like a people lawyer.

Gale: I can provide a unique viewpoint, not only as a young father and husband, but as someone who grew up in this town, and as someone who suffers from a chronic condition that affects my movement. The healthcare services and accessibility of this town will always be close to home and an ever present focal point, and I will always ensure that the well being of the constituents will always take a central focal point. On a more personal note, anyone who knows me, I can be a very critical person. I can take any situation and look at it under a fine microscope.

Campbell: I have no problem engaging in conversation with people, for anyone that knows me, so I'd have conversations with people, get out in the community, bring their concerns back to the table. I want to see Esterhazy grow. I want to see more young families move here. I was fortunate enough to be able to raise my family here, and I think that we need more families here to keep our town going for as long as we have what we have going here. I've had to work for everything I've had in my life, and if you elect me, I will work as hard for you at the table as I do for my everyday life.

Question 2: In what direction do you want to see the town of Esterhazy grow?

Campbell: Like I said earlier, I'd like to see our population grow. More people means more opportunities for everyone, be it business, recreation, community events, programs, different ideas, different backgrounds. The more people we can bring here in a fiscally responsible manner, I think that's better for our community and everyone in it. Recreation is a big one for me, very important. It keeps our youth involved in our community. It keeps our seniors involved in our community. I think our community has a pretty decent rec program and rec facilities, if there's any way I can work to improve them, that would be one of my main fo-

cuses on council.

Gale: You wouldn't build anything without a sturdy base. As such, the continuation of ensuring that those who built the town are taken care of with respect and any assistance that they require. At the same time, you want to ensure that our future, the younger generations, are given any opportunity that they can possibly have to grow.

Joshi: I'd like to have more events so that more people can connect to each other. Because of the Mosaic mine, we have the opportunity for more people to move to town. So the town will grow, our medical facilities will increase. That's one of the basic points that everybody needs. And definitely creating more events to connect more people together, and that way we can grow the town as much as possible.

Kripki: First of all, I'd like to see the town of Esterhazy, attract more businesses and increase its population to decrease the tax burden on everyone. I'd like to see us invite the largest growing segment of Canada's population, our new Canadians, here to live and work and start businesses. We need to provide opportunities for them to feel welcome in our community. And third, I'd like to see more accessibility in our downtown core, allowing more businesses to be able to offer accessibility, such as wheelchairs and scooters. I'd like to see us attract more through tourism, making Esterhazy a destination stop off the main highways. For business, for tourism, we have some great things here, great amenities, hotels, restaurants, campgrounds, golf courses. So these are just a few of my ideas.

Paidel: I think we all want to see the town grow, but what we really need to do is make sure we have the opportunities for our youth to stay here. They run off to university, they can't come back. So one of the things that we need to do is put that investment back into the children in our town so we can keep growing. We have the new Canadian aspect, and I agree—I think there is opportunity for that demographic as well. There's quite a few things, like recreation. It's hard to keep young families here. When their children want to play hockey, they're off to Regina, Melville, Yorkton to play hockey. Curling—we have our curling rink, it's a beautiful rink. We need to make sure we keep it that way, and that's how we start attracting new people to this town, and being able to keep our youth in our town for employers to hire within our local community.

A. Petracek: I want for my family a community that is a great place to grow up in, to raise a family in and to retire in. I want to see new growth that brings optimism. Optimism and planning will bring new and solid economic growth and development. We need to watch and follow what a community to the southeast of here has been doing and is very successful at. To keep optimism, we need a council that will not increase our taxes and the cost of services. We will need a council that will be more efficient in spending and does cost analysis of services, entering bids, etc. We need a council that is open, transparent, and up to date to our major projects. I hope this community elects a council that brings experienced faces and new faces to the table that will work together and make Esterhazy a great place to live.

V. Petracek: The new council needs to look at developing new property so that business can move to town and hire people which would in turn live here and grow here. Right now we have absolutely zero commercial property for sale. We've had companies come that wanted to come into town, but we've got zero. That's what the new council has to do is put high points on attracting businesses to Esterhazy, which in turn pay taxes and that lessens the burden of everybody altogether. So to work together as a team and come up with ideas on how to do this, that's going to be the new council's job.

Pfeifer: I don't really want to see this



Above: Vernon Petracek



Above right: Martin Pfeifer



Right: Bryant Campbell

place turn into a city, because that's where I moved back from. For about five years, six years I was in Saskatoon. City life is not my liking, that's why I moved back here. But you've heard it several times already. The key I do believe, is more businesses come here because businesses mean more people, more houses, more tax revenue to offset property taxes. So we got to start with attracting more businesses. We kind of did that strategic plan here a bit ago, but that's just the tip of the iceberg. There's lots more work to do. I don't know where to go from there, but hopefully we can get that worked out.

Rowland: I want Esterhazy to keep its small town atmosphere, but have city amenities. I would like to see the town upgrade what we have and expand to allow for new businesses and become a place that everyone can be proud of, and want to make it their home like I did.

Open Questions from Residents

In the spirit of transparency, I would like to see the town meetings recorded. I'd like to know how each candidate feels about having that done, to inform our public of what is going on in the town and how decisions are made. If you are for getting it done, how soon would you be willing to get going on getting these meetings recorded for us?

Kripki: I do agree with you that the town council meeting should be recorded. I know from reading the information—again, I'm not experienced in it—but I know that there are things that need to be done to do that, however, yes, I do believe they should be recorded and more transparency definitely being that it's hard to find information about what's going on.

Paidel: I actually agree with transparency. I thought the town was moving that way to start with, when I went to a couple of meetings a while ago. It's one of the things that I think the taxpayers in Esterhazy deserve is sitting here and getting to watch a live stream, not just recording, but live stream the council meetings. This is important to get to understand how the process works, so then the taxpayer can actually understand the process going through and how things get passed through the town council, and transparency is very important for everything.

Gale: I know that personally, I believe that there should be personal accountability for every single decision that is made. I had a hard time finding council minutes when I was looking up what councillors

do. It shouldn't be difficult. It should be right in front what is said and what happens, and we should have a recording of what happens and what was said.

Joshi: I completely agree with that, because I want to share my personal experience. Last meeting I attended, it's open for the public. If it's open for the public, why don't we record it and show it to the public on Facebook. We don't need to put it as a live, we can put it as a recording also. We already have equipment, so I don't think it is a big issue. That's one of the major points I will put it, because that's a personal experience. I feel that when I attended the last meeting, so I completely I agree with that.

Inflation is something that's affecting a lot of folks, but it also affects municipal budgets. What remarks would you have for ratepayers in Esterhazy to sustainably grow municipal revenue to allow Esterhazy to grow and provide those needed services, so that Esterhazy can attract businesses and residents?

Campbell: Like I said, we have a pretty big economic powerhouse here in Esterhazy, not just for the town, but for the province as well, we contribute quite a bit. So I do believe that it needs to be done strategically. We can't bring in a lot of people without a lot of homes, and businesses do need commercial areas, and they need a council that's behind them and supporting them as well. But I do believe the more people that come here, that does increase our tax revenue and I can't make a promise to reduce taxes, but I certainly want to keep them as low as possible for everyone here, attract more people and the more our community grows, the better. Inflation won't be here forever, hopefully. So it will take time, but it is doable.

This is for the three returning candidates. What has been your biggest accomplishment during your time with the council, and why do you deserve my vote?

Rowland: I think the biggest accomplishment that I can say our council did was getting the new water treatment plant and it will be up and running in spring of '25. Also getting the push for the hospital. We put a lot of work into that through SUMA and everywhere else, and now we've got money that they have set aside for us.

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Elkhorn Legion Ladies Auxiliary members with the 85th anniversary cake. From left are: Beth Canart, Myrna Drake, Kay Thompson, Francie Stonehouse, Kim Mitchell, Lynn Bajus and Margaret James.



Francie Stonehouse receiving a certificate for 50 years service from President Kay Thompson.

Elkhorn Legion's Ladies Auxiliary celebrates 85 years of community service

BY ED JAMES

A celebration tea was held on October 26 at the Elkhorn Legion Hall to recognize the 85 years of service that the Elkhorn Legion Ladies Auxiliary has given to the Elkhorn area. The event featured fine china cups and saucers, white linen tablecloths and a bright red carnation on each table.

"We have always been there for any and all events, in and around the community, in times of joy and of hardship, for the last 85 years," said Elkhorn Legion Ladies Auxiliary Branch #58 president Kay Thompson, who welcomed everyone to the event.

Thompson, in her opening comments, gave a brief history of the auxiliary. She pointed out that over the years their meal preparation activities have gotten easier—from a time when members prepared the food at home on wood burning stoves with water from the well and the

family ice box. She said that when the meals were ready, they would have to be hauled down to the Legion Hall for serving and she added that back in the day a catered meal might cost between 25 to 50 cents, however for the last 20 years, the job has been much easier with electric stoves and refrigerators!

That day, greetings were brought by other Ladies Auxiliary groups in the area, with special congratulations given by Elkhorn Legion member Ed Clayton and Kel Smith who represented the Virden Legion branch. Clayton in his comments said that he hoped the Elkhorn Ladies Auxiliary would still be helping the community on their 100th anniversary!

During the afternoon event, long service certificates were given out to their members. The first went to Francie Stonehouse who has over 50 years of service. Others who were recognized were Lynn Bajus, Kim Mitchell, Beth Canart, Kay Thompson, Brenda Chrisp, Myrna Drake and Margaret James.

The event also featured two very special cakes. One of the large slab cakes featured a facsimile reproduction of the Ladies Auxiliary's original charter—with the 15 starting members' names.

During the event there was a display of photos and documents of the Ladies Auxiliary history and a display of Canadian WWII military artifacts from the Ed James collection.

The event finished up with visiting among the members and guests from the Westman area and some door prize draws. The attendance was not as large as they hoped it would be, but regardless, the members of the Elkhorn Legion Ladies Auxiliary group will be a busy and important part of the community for many years to come and to help when needed.



Left: Elkhorn Legion member Ed Clayton wishing the Ladies Auxiliary congratulations on their 85th anniversary.



Right: Kel Smith, a member of the Virden Royal Canadian Legion, receiving a piece of anniversary cake from Brooklyn Mitchell at the 85th anniversary tea.



Above left: One of the two special cakes made for the anniversary event.

Left: The second of two cakes made for the anniversary event. The cake shows a frosting replica of the original group's charter document.

Above: Elkhorn Legion Ladies Auxiliary members who received long service recognition from left are: Margaret James, Lynn Bajus, Kay Thompson, Francie Stonehouse, Beth Canart, Kim Mitchell and Myrna Drake.



The Halloween Howl event was enjoyed by both parents and children and brought out all sorts of costumes for judging.

Elkhorn Daycare holds Halloween Howl Fundraiser

Elkhorn Elks prepare 120 treat bags for Halloween parade

BY ED JAMES

An early Halloween event was held in Elkhorn on October 28 as a project by the Elkhorn Daycare Group as a fundraiser for their community activities.

The event was held at the Elkhorn Elks Hall with Halloween decorations and lots of colorful costumes on the children and even some of the parents.

There was lots of scary music played to dance with and sing along to. In fact many of the parents joined in the dancing with their children.

The Halloween Howl also had lots of treats to eat such as Halloween cookies, popcorn, chips, pop and candies.

Later in the evening there was judging of the best costumes in different age categories, colors and themes—which made lots of work for the three judges!

"It was a great evening and success, with a good turnout. It was an evening of safe fun for both the children and the parents," said organizer Samantha Cluett.

A few nights later in the Elks Hall, the Elks Club members were busy preparing 120 Halloween treat bags. The bags were donated by the local Twin Valley Co-op store. The treat bags are part of a program that was started during Covid, where people and families in the community could drop off treats and the Elks would package and distribute them during the afternoon of the Halloween

village parade by the community senior homes.

This system has worked very well for the past few years so the many senior residents still living in their homes are not up and down all night answering the door.

With each treat bag made up by the Elks for distribution on Halloween, there is enclosed a list of all the community members who gave to the treat bag project. The Elks Club also gives out lawn signs that show the resident of the home gave to the Elks project, so they will be passed by when the trick or treaters come! We hope everyone had a safe and happy Halloween!



The Elks Club preparing bags of candy for the kids.



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Halloween at MacLeod Elementary School

Students at MacLeod Elementary School held a Halloween parade and dance on Thursday, and came to school in lots of fun costumes.



Casey



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Kole



Karly Fregin's Grade 4 class



Oliver and Ryder



At left,
Vani,
Baylor,
and Layla

At right,
Evelynne

Nicole Taylor photos



Blakely, Natalie and Zoe



Sawyer, Max, and Brooks



Layla and Brielle

Esterhazy council candidates introduce themselves at election forum

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We're just trying to pick the location right now, and that has to be approved by the government. And once that is done, we'll be on our way to putting the shovel in the ground. As far as my opinion, that's our biggest accomplishments.

Pfeifer: Much the same as Maggie, greatest accomplishment is the water treatment plant. I mean, everybody can see it. Some people thought that was an indoor riding stable for a while. I didn't know what to say. The next step is the hospital and being on council for all these years, one thing I've learned is politics is so painfully slow. The only thing that seems to happen quick around this community is stop signs going up. That happens overnight! I don't know why the difference, but we are really, really pushing for a hospital. Myself, I know when to be quiet, when to speak up, and I remember SUMA a few years ago. I spoke up in front of all the ministers, and I was never so nervous in all my life, but I said, "why did you forget about Esterhazy," and I had three minutes, not one minute, so I guess I better leave it at that.

V. Petracek: Our biggest accomplishment, I think, is getting the water treatment plant up and running and working on the hospital. And I think we had a great team that we worked with. Even the town employees, we've got a lot of great people working for the town. And like I said, just keep on growing.

What can we do to increase our maintenance budget for infrastructure?

V. Petracek: I think our employees are doing an awesome job. The weather slows them down and there's a lot on their plate to get done in a day. The roads keep getting worse, but we got to work on it slowly.

Gale: I think to increase the budget will be helped by the fact that we have Metercor out to replace the meters. That takes a town employee, we don't have to hand out the cards anymore. That, in and of itself, the automation taking that out, allows the budget, it opens it up for more maintenance.

Paidel: Infrastructure and maintenance. We do need to take better care of our roads, sidewalks and recreational facilities. I'd advocate for a budget that includes a comprehensive renewal and maintenance program to keep areas in top condition. But in the meantime, we also got to watch for the budget; the fiscal responsibilities that we need to keep. There may have to be sacrifices along the way. It's the way of life when we need to fix things, we may not be able to get to all potholes all at once. So we need to create that program, so it's year after year after year that we're fixing roads, fixing water lines, sewer lines, the downtown core, etc.

Kripki: I agree that our roads and our infrastructure needs to be attended to. I agree that our new water meters will help. I understand that it takes three employees three days every time they need to collect all of our water meter information, which is a lot of time that they don't need to be doing something like that. They should be out fixing our potholes and doing those things. I don't know what the town budget is, to be honest with you right now, but, looking at it, maybe there are some ways that we can actually solve some of these problems. Why are we not contracting out our roads to be repaired? Why are we using our town employees that could be doing other things? So these are some of the things that I have questions about as well, and I think they need to be addressed.

Rowland: I think some of the problem was people were wondering why our streets were getting so bad. We set up a program so that we were checking what was underneath the streets, so that we're not spending money paving streets and then a year later, having to dig them back up because there is a sewer break or a water line break. I know that some of the roads are in pretty bad shape, but until we can get them all mapped out underneath and

know what has to be fixed underneath, there's no sense wasting taxpayer money paving a street that's going to get torn up the very next year.

Campbell: I agree that infrastructure is very important, roads, water, sewer, recreation, all those things are municipal responsibilities. I don't know all the ins and outs of it, but I know we get money from provincial and federal governments in the forms of grants. Lots of times they come with strings attached. We could get some without strings attached, I think that would help us. But it is prioritizing what needs to be done. Personally, water, sewer, things like that, are probably a little bit more important than filling in potholes on the street, which is very important as well. But if it's between water and sewer and things that we absolutely need to sustain our lives every day, that's what we have to be focusing on first and foremost, and putting money aside if we are able to save for further infrastructure down the road, if we do run into issues with that.

A. Petracek: As a newcomer, I don't know what our budget is for repairing streets, but I know we need to get at it. We need to do a little bit every year, we need long-term plans, not just a short term plan. We don't need band aids, but yes, we need work on our streets and sidewalks.

V. Petracek: The other part, where it comes in is for transparency. If we show the people what we have on a budget for the paving and actually see what it costs the residents of Esterhazy to do a block of paving, you'd be amazed on what the costs are nowadays, but our goal is to pave it and get a company to camera the sewers to see if they are good enough to do it. That all adds up like amazing. You can eat a bunch of cash real quick. But in the same token, if we're more transparent, showing the people what the tenders were and they know what it cost town to do a block or two blocks or three blocks like we did this year.

Pfeifer: Just to add to what Vern just said. I can tell you, being transparent is one thing, but the underlying cost, we could go out and pave the street, but then a year later,

you're going to repave it, because it's all cracked because the underneath part was never done correctly. This whole town was built on a swamp, right? So if anybody knows, I believe it was Fifth Avenue, that is probably the best street in this town presently and probably for the next 10 years. What they had to do is dig down like five, six feet, put clay back in and repack everything. I know this council a few years back, we promised we were going to pave every street that wasn't paved. Well, those streets are much the same shape, so it's very expensive to fix it, otherwise you're just going to be paving over and over, so you might as well do it right the first time. That goes back to the infrastructure part as well. So it's a big undertaking, and it's a lot of money.

What is your input on employee retention at the town office?

Kripki: From my understanding, the town employees fall under the administrator, and the council employs the administrator.

How can we get more police in town?

Campbell: I'm very grateful that we have the RCMP in this town. In the 11 years that I've lived here, I think I've had to call them once because I got my license plate stolen from the mine. Pretty nominal crime, if you ask me. We're very fortunate to live in a community that I wouldn't say we have no crime. We do have crime, everywhere has crime, everywhere, has socioeconomic issues. We've got a pretty strong economy with lots of disposable income. I think our police do a great job here. We need our police. We need to keep doing the work we're doing. We see them out on the streets lots, they do a good job and I'll work to keep the crime as low as it is in the community, and recreation opportunities for youth definitely deter crime substantially.

Advance polls for voting in the Esterhazy municipal election are on Nov. 5 at the Town Office with Election Day on Nov. 13 at the SN Boreen Centre.

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BY BROOKLYN VAN MEER, CLUB REPORTER

Fairmede Beef 4-H Club had their organizational meeting on October 20, 2024. We have 21 active members signed up for this year so far. The kids all have project plans. The new general leader is Brittany Hall and the assistant general leader is Kristen Jeannot. We have lots of exciting project meetings planned for the year.

Watch for the appearance of our members in the Moosomin Christmas Parade.

If anyone is wanting to join our Beef 4-H club please get in contact with us, there is still some time to join.

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Redvers School celebrates Halloween

Redvers School students were busy last week enjoying the warm autumn weather and Halloween festivities. The elementary students did some pumpkin decorating on the largest pumpkins they could find! Students from each grade level worked together to come up with their creations.

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 dressed up as part of Spirit Week which was organized by the Leadership Club. They had Scarecrow Day, Blackout Day, Wacky Wednesday, Halloween, and Backwards Day. On October 31, elementary students took part in a costume parade, and high school students had a costume contest, games at lunch, and a pumpkin carving contest. It was a very busy, but spooktacular week!

Photos by teachers: Brooklyn Garnier and Charisse Matthewson



Grade 4 students learn about provincial election

Moosomin Grade 4 mock vote results: Sask Party 21 votes, NDP 1 vote, SUP 1 vote

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"It leads into one of our curriculums based on Saskatchewan history, so we are looking at provincial government, outcomes on traditional forms of government, and Métis forms of government, so we are learning all the different ones. It is very tailored to our province, so having that provincial election was a good opportunity to talk about what is important, what does our province need, and what would you guys like to see, and we actually did that activity in the newspaper from last week that has all the questions about if you

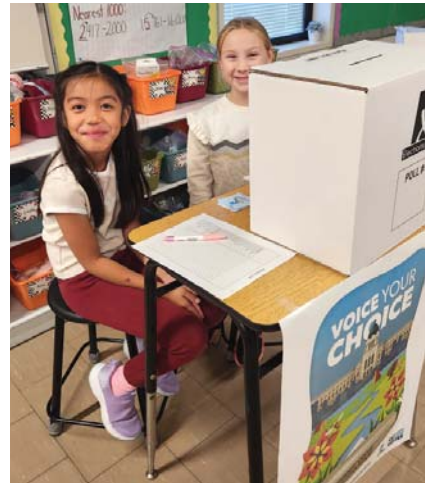
wanted to be premier, what would you do first and what is good advice for a leader."

Fregin says she enjoyed the student vote as did her students.

"Understanding that we are very lucky to live in a place where we all have the right to vote and we talked about other places where they can't vote and how long it took certain demographics of people to be able to vote, so we have talked about that and just getting them to understand they have a voice, this is the proper way to do things, these are the steps, and why sometimes things take a lit-

tle longer than we think they are going to. We can't fix everything right now, it takes time and there are steps to go through, and just understanding how it all works and getting them more actively involved and asking more questions, and understanding because we talked about campaign signs and what they mean, and why they do that. We really enjoyed participating in the vote, it was a great learning experience for my students."

Right: Election volunteers Alora & Layla.



Halloween fun in Elkhorn

The community of Elkhorn was out in full force for trick-or-treating on October 31. Everyone was dressed up in costumes and they visited the Elkhorn Senior Homes. Above right is a photo of Elkhorn Elks members passing out treat bags.

Ed James photos



Over 38,000 pounds of fresh apples donated to Moosomin Food Share

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

On Thursday, October 31, the Moosomin Food Bank received a shipment of over 38,000 pounds of B.C. apples. Sam Campbell, the manager of the food bank, shared that this mass shipment was picked on Tuesday at Sundher Orchards, shipped on Wednesday, and arrived in Moosomin just in time for Halloween.

"We are registered with a non-profit group called Second Harvest," Campbell explained. "They rescue food that is about to go into the garbage and donate it to food banks and non-profit organizations across Canada."

Katherine Heck, who frequently reaches out to the food bank, visited recently and noticed that they hadn't received much lately due to the high demand in larger cities like Toronto. Impressed by the facilities and the community fridge, she contacted Sundher Orchards in B.C., which had a surplus of apples they were giving to Second Harvest. Knowing the Moosomin food bank was partnered with local daycares and schools, she asked if they could take the apples.

At first, Heck mentioned they had a couple of crates available. Campbell agreed, but then she reached back out with even better news: "Hey, we are sending you 38,400 pounds of apples that are on the trailer."

Sundher Orchards needed to clear out their apples as the season was changing, and instead of letting them go to waste, they decided to donate them to Second Harvest.

"I think a lot of people said no because it was such a large trailer and they couldn't really get rid of them," Campbell noted. "There is nothing wrong with them, they are delicious . . . Second Harvest comes back and picks up the crates and everything."

In total, there were 48 crates of apples, and the food share quickly distributed them, starting with local schools and daycares. As of Friday, they were down to their last crate. The donation has provided fresh fruit to the Moosomin area and many surrounding communities.

"We hit up the schools first and the daycares. We made sure Playfair Daycare in Moosomin got some as well as both schools that they can use for their programs, and they set a bin outside for parents to pick up as well. And then we reached out to Wapella School and daycare who got some, Rocanville School and daycare got some, it went as far as Grenfell school, St. Lazare School, Elkhorn Daycare—it was really amazing how far these apples have gone."

The apples were free to give away, or people could choose to make a donation to the Food Share.

"We just asked for donations, if it was possible for people to give donations, and we are well over \$2,000 for the food bank," said Campbell.

Campbell says they are open to receiving more shipments of rescued food in the future.

"We told her to keep us in mind if she had a large shipment again, or even a smaller shipment to take. It's so hard to get food now, so doing it this way to rescue it is wonderful."



Photos showing the huge shipment of apples outside the Moosomin Food Share. In total there were 38,400 pounds and 45 crates shipped to Moosomin.



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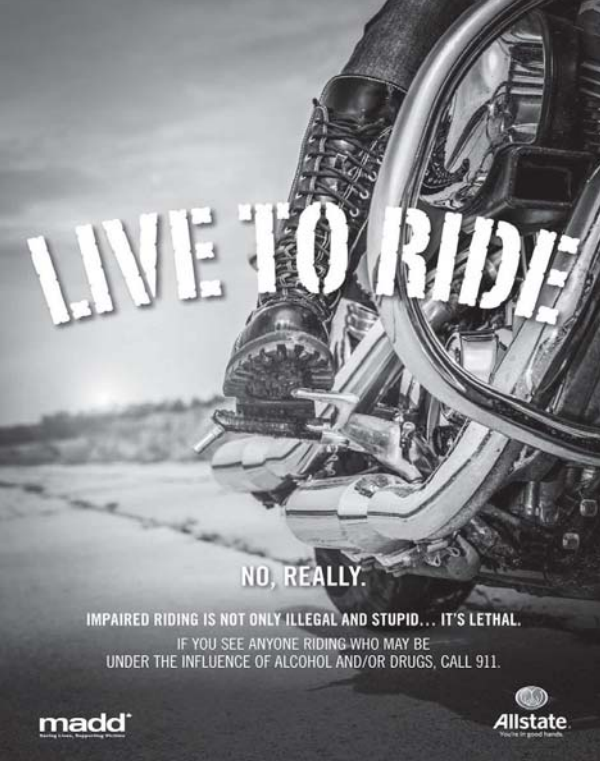


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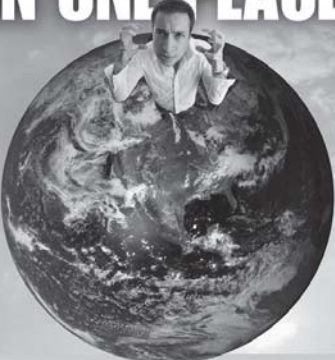
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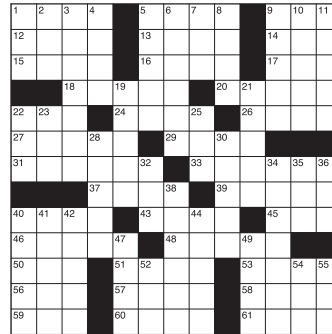
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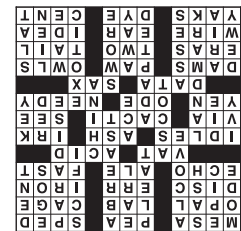
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Welwyn News

• Phyllis Harper • 306-733-2155 •

Relatives from a distance who came to attend the burial and lunch for the late Bruce Marsh on Saturday, October 26, were sons Darrell, Keri and Katlin Marsh of Edmonton; Dwayne, Val, Tori and Amber of Calgary; sister Joyce Bryant of Winnipeg; Holly Taphorne of Winnipeg; Sheila's brother Rick, Paula and Savannah of Dominion City, Manitoba, his family Christopher of the RM of Ritchot, Cuyler of Dufresne, Manitoba and Rylan of Dominion City; nephew David Ewen of Winnipeg; and nephew Larry and Kera Lee Marsh of Brandon, Manitoba.

Visitors of Joe and Pat Santer's last week were Mark Fowlie, Janelle Shopie, Murphy and Coady from Airdrie, Alberta, also Cady, Chloe and June Fowlie from Winnipeg, Joe and Pat returned to Airdrie with Mark and Deannie for a holiday

visiting with Dawna Santer and partner Lynn Martin. They also visited with Dawn Dubray and Chrystal and Darren Sanby. They also attended Jake Fowlie's sledge hockey game in Red Deer, returning home on Monday.

Judi Johnston enjoyed a few busy days in Calgary visiting family and friends. Judi and son Chevy enjoyed a visit with Don Campbell, formerly of Welwyn. Accompanied by granddaughter Catarina, friend Candise Wilkins and niece Kristal Schultz, Judi met the challenge of a mountain hike at Johnston Canyon, followed by "High Tea" at Banff Springs Hotel. This group also experience "Pumpkins After Dark" in Calgary. Chevy, Catarina and Candise treated Judi to a birthday supper at Sky 360 atop the Calgary Tower. It was a wonderful vacation!



Carman Crosson captured this photo of three black bears south of Welwyn recently on the 600 grid between Welwyn and Fleming.

The World-Spectator's deadline is noon on Thursdays

Looking Back

Five years ago, 2019:

Seven members of the Moosomin Fire Department were presented with the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal by Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty and Provincial Secretary Todd Goudy at a ceremony at Government House in Regina. Protective Services Medals were presented to Fire Chief Rob Hanson, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Cooper and firefighters Richard Hogarth, Joe Maticuk, Robert Moran, Greg Nosterud, and Jack Thompson.

Ten years ago, 2014:

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Pumpkin carving and decorating for children in Welwyn was organized at the Welwyn Legion Hall where 17 children came out to carve and decorate their jack-o-lanterns.

Fifteen years ago, 2009:

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Twenty years ago, 2004:

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This was the front page of The World-Spectator five years ago on November 4, 2019.

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