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Ashley Bochek photo

## Lost home and business in tragic fire:

# Fundraisers planned to help Lladones family

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Moosomin's Filipino Community is planning three fundraisers for the Lladones family, who lost their home and their business, Moosomin Pizza and Chinese, in a fire June 21.

There will be a bottle drive Saturday, July 6, a Filipino lunch Saturday, July 13 at the Moosomin Armoury, and also sales of hand-made spring rolls. The family were at home at the time of the fire—they lived above the restaurant—but got out of the building safely.

"They have nowhere else to live now and they don't have insurance. I don't know what they're going to do,"

said Michael Vantomme of the Filipino Community.

He said the local Filipino community got together June 23 to plan the fundraisers.

"We were already planning the lunch on July 13 as a fundraiser for our group, and we decided to donate the proceeds to the family. We also plan on—aside from donating the proceeds from the lunch, we also plan on doing a bottle drive on July 6 and just give everything to them.

"We will ask everyone know to leave their bottles at the end of their driveway.

"We are also going to do what we did last year and also sell spring rolls. Just frozen ones in pack, just to help

them out. Those are the three fundraisers we have lined up right now."

Tickets are on sale now for the lunches. They are available the World-Spectator.

"We are going to have tickets to sell to the community. Tickets will be \$25 each. We are planning two seatings of 200 people at our lunches with the tickets we are going to sell for July 13. The first seating will be at 11:15 and the second one is 12:45. Then we are going to have a Pinoy band serenading the guests. It is a Filipino band from Kipling coming to perform for the lunches."

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# \$50,000 bequest to Moosomin Pool, \$20,000 to rec facilities, \$10,000 to curling club from Firefighters curling

## Windfalls make an impact for Rec Department

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

A couple of recent donations are making a difference for Moosomin's recreation department.

A \$50,000 bequest has paid for a lot of equipment at the Borderland Co-op Aquaplex in Moosomin, and \$20,000 has been donated to the town from the proceeds of the national Firefighters Curling Championship.

"We have \$50,000 to work with from the Alex Bruce bequest," Recreation Director Mike Schwean told council recently.

"We have been able to do a multitude of great upgrades at the facility which provide functionality, aesthetics as well as some upgrades that would have been required to pass public health inspections."

The bequest has paid for pergolas for shade on the west pool deck, a gemstone lighting system around the building, seven trees on the west boulevard, five sets of pool filters, three hot tub filters, sealing the parking lot, a hot tub heater, a new diving board, a hot tub cover, and a rain train to water the trees on the boulevard.

So far \$36,085.33 of the \$50,000 bequest has been spent on those improvements, and the remaining funds will be spent on new doors on the south side of the building and new office windows on the north side.

Schwean said the bequest has made a big difference at the pool.

From the Firefighters Curling Championship, \$43,000 was raised.

\$10,000 went to the Moosomin Curling Club, \$10,000 to the Moosomin Fire Department, \$3,000 to Muscular Dystrophy and \$20,000 for recreation facilities.

Some of the funds were earmarked for lighting at Bradley Park, and there are various ideas for the other funds.

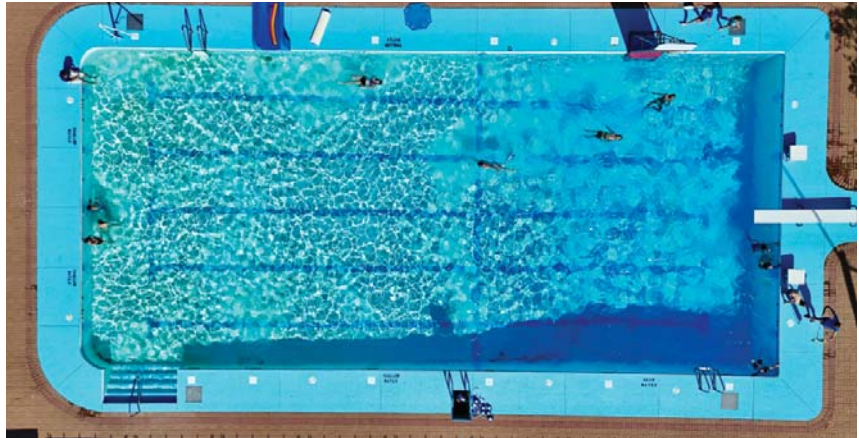
"We have another campsite to finish and it's about \$8,500 to finish it, so that's one thing we might do," said Schwean.

He said donations like this help a lot.

"The money we got for the pool helped us do a lot of things that we would never be able to do otherwise," he said. "They'd never buy the filters we got but that's something that at some point we'd have to do. The diving board was really great, it's \$7,000 so we can't just go buy that. So I for things like that, it was fantastic at the pool."

Once doors and windows are complete it will come close to using up the rest of the funds.

"It will be close and I think if we had any money left we'd buy a second dolphin, but that's a ton of stuff we



A recent bequest and a donation from the proceeds of the National Firefighters Curling Championships in Moosomin are helping

got done," said Schwean. "We're fixing doors that should have been fixed 20 years ago. We're fixing diving boards that should have been replaced 10 years ago. That parking lot hasn't been touched since Don Bradley was mayor."

"Those are all things that we probably couldn't do without that money so it makes my job easier—and it makes a better facility. I think it's a better experience for the users. Even the gemstone lights are cool, it's just makes it look like somewhere you want to go."

## Sask finished 2023-24 in strong financial position

With the second-fastest growing economy in Canada in 2023, the province finished the 2023-24 fiscal year with a \$182 million operating surplus. Saskatchewan's financial status was highlighted in today's release of Volume 1 of the 2023-24 Public Accounts.

"We experienced significant increases in revenue from the third quarter to year end across all sources except for federal transfers," Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said. "At the same time, there was also a substantial increase in expenses throughout the year. This investment is necessary to support our growing province and the things that matter the most to Saskatchewan citizens—classrooms, care and communities."

Total revenue of \$20.99 billion was up by \$1.32 billion, or 6.7 per cent, from the 2023-24 Budget. It included significant increases in taxation and other own-source revenue, driven by a growing population and economy.

Included in the revenue changes were significant increases in corporate income tax from improved profitability in 2023 and continued prior-year adjustments from the strong resource-sector performance in 2022.

Similar to revenue, total expense of \$20.81 billion was up by \$2.15 billion, or 11.5 per cent, from budget. Agriculture

saw the most notable increase, as continued drought conditions in some areas of the province resulted in higher crop insurance payouts, while health expense was higher due to increased demand for services. Non-cash adjustments related to inflation indexation of pensions also contributed to increased expense.

Compared to the third-quarter update, total expense was down \$55 million while revenue increased \$610 million.

Saskatchewan has the second lowest net-debt to GDP ratio in Canada and continues to have the second highest credit rating in Canada when ratings from the three key rating agencies—Moody's Ratings, S&P Global Ratings and Morningstar DBRS—are combined.

The year-end surplus is an improvement of \$664.7 million from the \$482.5 million deficit that was forecasted in the third-quarter update.

"Our budget forecasting follows best practices from the public and private sectors, but challenging situations around the world and issues closer to home, such as weather events, led to some extraordinary fluctuations over the course of 2023-24," Harpauer said. "Fortunately we were able to finish the year in a surplus position due to the strength of our economy, which continues to see increased growth across a wide range of sectors."



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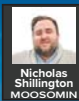


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## Lost home and business in tragic fire:

# Fundraisers planned to help Lladones family

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The community decided to add a second seating to help the Lladones family as much as possible.

"First we were planning only one seating for 250, but then we decided with all the expenses having to pay the band, the food—we have to pay for the ingredients for the food.

"We are going to talk to Co-op if we can maybe give a break on the cost to us to maximize the profit, just to help.

"That day we are serving pancit, spring rolls, rice, roasted pork, and we are also going to serve a traditional Filipino dessert we call buto, which is like a rice cake."

He said the whole community is getting behind the effort.

"The whole Filipino community is involved. We posted

on Facebook telling people they can send anything they want to donate to the family. We met last night to talk about it. We were already thinking about helping in some way, but met last night to talk about it. Our meeting was at the Canalta and so the family was a part of it because they are staying at the Canalta right now."

In addition to the fundraisers, people can simply transfer to donate to help the family.

"If someone wants to donate they can send an e-transfer to [pinoymoosomincommunity@gmail.com](mailto:pinoymoosomincommunity@gmail.com)

He said the local Filipino community supports one another. "Everybody in the Filipino community is involved and if a family member dies even if it is back in the Philippines we just shoot a message through Facebook and donate to help the family. They are always willing to help.

"As soon as I learned about the fire Friday morning, I sent a message to the group and everyone started helping out.

"At 4pm that day they had already barricaded the entire place because the fire department was worried that people would be creeping into the building and might get hurt so we also did that.

"Everybody is willing to help. Everyone is really concerned and want to help it any way.

"Everyone was visiting them as soon as we let them know they were at the Canalta Hotel, they gave them clothes, food, water, whatever. Not only Filipinos, but Canadians went over to help and donate as well.

"If anyone wants to help they can just email [pinoymoosomincommunity@gmail.com](mailto:pinoymoosomincommunity@gmail.com) or drop off donations at the Canalta Hotel.

## Lladones family looking ahead after fire

BY ASHLEY BOCHER AND KEVIN WEEDMARK

Rommel Lladones, owner of Moosomin Pizza and Chinese, says his family are all okay and are beyond thankful for the help they received when their home and business caught fire on June 21.

Rommel says he is still in shock from the tragic fire that day. "It still doesn't feel real. We are still in shock, but we are looking to get some support from counselling. We're coping, I guess. Right now we're trying to look on the brighter side of what's happened to my family."

Rommel says town workers were outside the building early Friday morning and helped the family.

"It was between 7:45-8 am when my sister woke me up and said, 'There's lots of smoke coming from downstairs.' I was still sleeping so I woke up and saw that there was a big cloud of smoke coming up from downstairs. The instinct that I had was to grab my phone and call 911 and then gather all of the kids up. Luckily we were all upstairs at that time. So I grabbed the kids but because I was in such a hurry, I wasn't able to dial 911. There was a lot of smoke going up and I could feel my throat was starting to feel bad. We have a deck in the back of our place so we tried to open it but, I had put a lock on it because I had been fixing the railings and took them off so I had put a lock on it so the kids couldn't go out. During that day, I was struggling with it, pulling it back and forth. We managed to open it just enough that we could get out. There was already a town worker that was downstairs. (Quinn Glasser and Mike Lowe were driving by when they saw the family on the balcony, and ran to the nearby carwash to get a ladder).

"Then the next thing I know, my sister tells me that my daughter was still in her room. I had to grab her. It was my fatherly instinct. I had to go get her but I couldn't see anything inside. It was too dark—I couldn't see anything. Luckily when I opened the door I saw that my sister had opened the window of my daughter's room for fresh air the night before, so I could see a small glimpse of light and my daughter was standing behind the door and she yelled, 'Daddy, daddy!'

"That is really haunting me right now—the question of 'What if?' I can't imagine if I wasn't able to get my daughter out. I grabbed her but I couldn't see anything so what I did was guide myself along the wall with my hand. Even the deck outside and the door, I couldn't see it. In those few moments I couldn't even hear my daughter breathing because she was coughing and couldn't breathe. We managed to get out and there were people helping us get out. The guy that was helping us had a ladder but it was a little short so it wasn't able to reach the deck.

"There were a lot of people who instantly, didn't hesitate to help, so we managed to get down. There was a guy who came yesterday to our hotel. He's not from here, he said that he was just passing through, but he saw the smoke and stopped by. That guy brought my sister and kids inside the gym next to us. Then a lot of people helped us get them to the hospital."

### Family hospitalized

The family members were taken to different hospitals for treatment.

"When I went to the hospital here in town, the doctors decided it would be better for me to go the city because of how much carbon monoxide I had breathed in because of the smoke," says Rommel. "They said it would be safer if I was in the city. They took me to Yorkton ICU but my son went to Regina because he also had a high level of carbon monoxide. Luckily my sister and my daughter didn't have to stay overnight at the hospital in town—just for a few hours. I stayed in Yorkton for a day because they had to observe me, but luckily all of the blood tests, the x-ray, and other tests that they did were okay. They wanted me to stay for two days but I said, 'No, I have to see my family.' So they let me go on Saturday afternoon and Mrs. Flaman from Wapella, who's also a teacher here at the school, offered to drive me back to town. She is one of my son's teachers. She was so helpful, and she drove my kids and my sister to the hospital in town that day.

"We're just happy and fortunate that in a small town, a lot of people are willing to help, especially the teachers."

He said he was in shock and couldn't process what was happening at the time of the fire.

"I couldn't even recognize anyone. When Mrs. Flaman talked to me, I was looking at her but I wasn't able to rec-



The Lladones family lost both their home and their business in a fire on June 21.

ognize her. She asked, 'Do you want me to take you to the hospital?' but I just looked at her and realized I couldn't recognize her. I asked her, 'Who are you?' Then she asked, 'Can I take your kids to the hospital?' I said yes. She took my kids to the hospital, her and—Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. McCormac, they all took them to the hospital and gave us comfort."

### Thankful family got out safely

Rommel says he is thankful his family got out safely and are well. "I have my son Juan Fausto and my daughter Marciana, she's four and my oldest is seven. During this, luckily, my wife was not in the house because she was working at Canalta. She went to work at 4 am. When we got out I called her, she was crying. She was so shocked. My sister is here visiting us right now. We're just lucky that we also had my sister while that happened because she's really been a big help."

Rommel said he had to go back into the burning building to rescue his daughter.

"It was the fatherly instinct," he said. "I knew it was dangerous but if my daughter had died, I would be dead. The picture of that in my mind, even today, I'm not able to sleep. When I close my eyes I can still see the smoke. There's a lot of things on my mind like, 'What's going to happen to your family?' The place doesn't really matter, it's family that matters.

"We're just lucky the fire department came so fast—as fast as they could. The dining area is where it's badly damaged. In the kitchen all of the equipment is still in good shape but we need to get professional people to look at it. We're just lucky I think and hopefully we can rebuild the place."

### Proud to be part of Filipino community

Rommel says he is thankful for the support of the local Filipino community.

"We're just so thankful that we have a Filipino community in town that are also willing to help. All of this help will give us a little bit of comfort and assurance that everything will be okay. It makes me proud to be a Filipino and part of the Filipino community.

"The Filipino community mentioned a lunch and I said that anything that would help, I'd appreciate it. That will help us get back on our feet. So maybe that's the beauty of it. Giving back whatever you have to for someone in need. Right now, we're just putting together plans that would be the best for us. If we can't rebuild as soon as

people we'll probably look for housing in town if they have a unit available for us—which they said they had.

"That business is our bread and butter, so we can't give up on it. My wife told me that maybe there's another opportunity behind this thing and we have to come back stronger."

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### Co-op donates to Whitewood Playground

Borderland Co-op presented \$130,000 to the Whitewood Playground Committee. The new apparatus will break ground soon, with hopes of being ready for early September.

## Co-op donates \$130,000 to Whitewood playground

Borderland Co-op presented a cheque for \$130,000 to Whitewood School Thursday to help with the cost of a new "Treetop Adventure" play structure at the school.

"On behalf of the playground committee and the whole school I want to express how excited and grateful we truly are. Being able to have a play structure that is new with the added feature of being accessible to everyone regardless of their age or abilities is just such an asset not just for our school, but for our whole community," said principal Connie Maier.

"It seems like we've been fundraising

for years and years and we've appreciated all of the parent and community support. Unfortunately as you know, everything—ground work, foundation, labor, apparatus equipment—is so expensive it takes a long time to gather enough money to start. But we have been so lucky to have a diligent and committed playground committee that just kept persevering. But having been awarded such a huge grant has been so fantastic that it has truly transformed Whitewood's Treetop Connection from a distant vision to a very exciting reality that we are so excited to be able to put into

motion right away. So thank you so much for your generosity and for choosing our school's project to support. It really did turn our dream to reality, which our children can benefit from and enjoy."

"I would like to thank Macey (Raiwet) for spearheading the team and for all their hard work and dedication," said Jeff Cole of Borderland Co-op. These projects don't just happen without a lot of hard work. I'd also like to thank the Borderland Co-op team. To make this happen it takes a team. The \$130,000 is the biggest contribution Borderland Co-op and FCL have made through this program.

"We help out with about 300 projects annually. This was our biggest financially. We are a different kind of business. We re-

turn our profits to the community. No one owns the Co-op so we try to give back."

The total cost of the project will be \$250,000, and the Co-op donation brings the school up to its fundraising total.

The playground committee will be looking for volunteers to help with construction this fall—6-8 volunteers a day for five days. Principal Connie Meier and Macey Raiwet said the project will be completed this fall, and the kids are already excited about it.

2024 marks the 10th year of Community Spaces. Since it was launched, \$13.5 million has been invested in 189 projects across Western Canada. This year a total of \$1 million of capital support was provided to 14 projects



A schematic of how the new Whitewood playground will look.

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The MacLeod Elementary School Community Council unveiled a bench in honour of longtime SCC Chair Leona Gerard who passed away recently.



Sophia Gerard and Myah Gerard sitting on the beautiful new memorial bench in honor of Leona Gerard.

# MacLeod Elementary School Council honours and remembers Leona Gerard

On Wednesday, June 26, the MacLeod Elementary School Community Council fulfilled their dream of adding a bench and tree to the playground to honouring and remembering long-time SCC Chair Leona Gerard who passed away suddenly last June.

Shannon Beckett, Travis Gagnon, Kristine Kliever, Khrystine Hein and Chelsie Beckett unveiled the beautiful memorial bench and tree to Leona's daughter Myah and family members along with staff and students.

Daniel Kliever designed this beautiful work of art, making the new bench a truly unique and remark-



able addition that Leona herself would have been so thrilled with as it will bring so much joy to the

school and the community, which was her passion.



**Above:** The memorial plaque that is displayed on the bench.

**Left:** Leona Gerard's sister Laura Stradeski saying a few words about the bench presentation.

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### Moosomin Town Council

# Housing incentive plan tabled again

BY KARA KINNA

At their meeting on June 26, Moosomin town council briefly discussed a review draft of a residential housing incentive program.

Council had applied for funding under the Housing Accelerator Fund last year. Council had been debating whether to provide breaks on taxes for the first few years plus free servicing of lots or to provide an equivalent up-front grant to people who build new housing units.

Another part of the plan was to make zoning bylaw changes to make it easier to build, and council wants to change the plan from the original submission to allow more council discretion.

The town sought confirmation in writing from CMHC that some of the plan could be altered from the original application, and heard back that the method of delivering the incentive can be changed, but the changes to the zoning piece would require CMHC approval or the town would risk not receiving the full amount of the grant.

CMHC is now reviewing the proposed changes, so council was not in a position yet at Wednesday's meeting to pass a policy on the housing incentive.

#### Town not keen on eco centre agreement

Council reviewed a proposed Eco-Centre agreement between the town and the Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp (SARRC).

SARRC approached the town about putting an eco-centre at the landfill where used oil can be collected. Previously the eco-centre was located at the Kin Ability Centre in Moosomin.

However town council was not comfortable with the agreement due to the amount of liability for the town, and the cost for the town to permit and maintain the eco centre.

"When you read through it, it seems everything is for their benefit, even the insurance," said councillor Ron Fisk.

Council decided to table the agreement pending further discussion with SARRC.

#### Brewery taxes waived

Council passed a resolution to cancel the 2024 taxes for Skout Brewing as per the town's tax incentive policy for economic development. For any new commercial construction, there is a one-year tax abatement. The total cancellation for the new brewery came to \$12,819.22.

#### Town getting quote on paving alley

Council received an email from CCR Construction asking if the town would like to pave the alley in front of CDI Injury Recovery Centre and the Dollar Store when CF Asphalt comes back to pave the strip against the new Borderland Co-op grocery store and the spot tying into the alley. Council decided to ask for a price on the cost of paving the alley.

#### LED crosswalk signs purchased

Council passed a motion to purchase six flashing LED crosswalk signs to alert drivers that there is a crosswalk ahead. Four of the signs will go in the school zones near the crosswalks at Main Street and South Avenue and Mark Avenue and Main Street. Two of the signs will be at Wright Road and Main Street where a crosswalk is being planned.

#### Landscaping at East Side Playground

The East Side Playground Committee reached out to the town to let the town know that they would like to do some landscaping and beautification at the new playground.

The town had no concerns about the project other than ensuring the drainage in that area is not affected, and asked the town foreman to meet with the playground committee to go over the plans.

#### IJACK, Daycare subdivisions approved

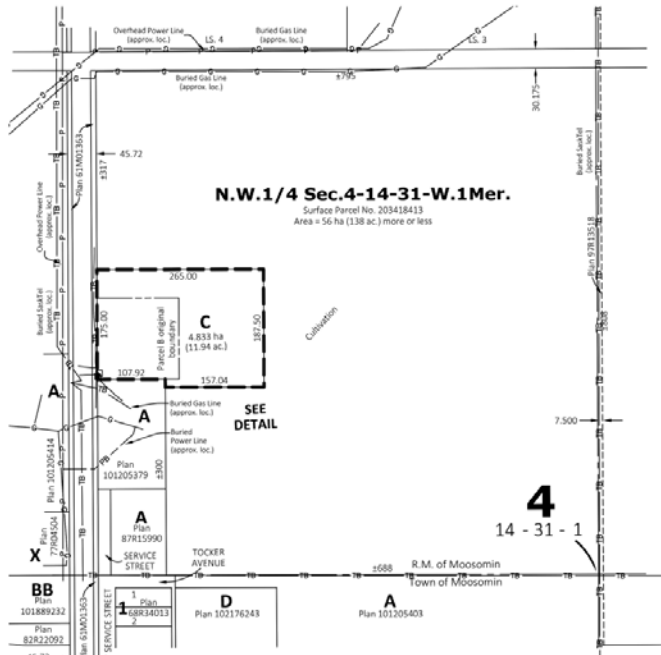
The town was given notice of the approval of two subdivisions—the IJACK subdivision in the RM of Moosomin just north of Moosomin, and the Play Fair Daycare subdivision. The IJACK subdivision is for the expansion of the existing IJACK manufacturing facility in the RM. The Play Fair Daycare subdivision is for the construction of a new 90-spot daycare on Gertie Street.

#### Building permit for new card lock

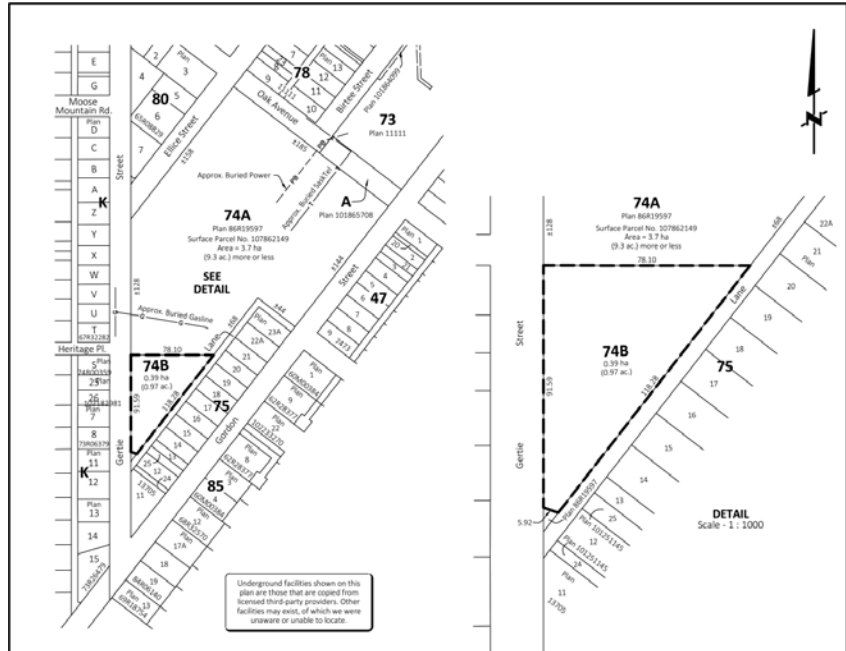
The town approved a building permit for a new card lock gas station and canopy to the northwest of the existing Esso gas station on Park Avenue on the west side of Moosomin.

#### Town approves quote for stump grinding

The town reviewed two quotes and passed a motion to hire Hogarth's Lawn and Garden for stump grinding around town. The town will be paying \$3,025 for 10 trees, with the exception of Dutch Elm infected trees which are \$3,950 for 10 trees.



The maps showing the subdivision of the IJack expansion, above, in the RM of Moosomin, and the new day care, below, in the town of Moosomin.



#### Parks & Rec awards, electronic sign, donation at ball park

Rec Director Mike Schwan told council in his rec report that he is making plans for the fall for the Moosomin Parks & Rec Awards night. Councillor Kyla Fingas told Schwan that she has been asked by some people if an awards category for visual arts can be included, as there is currently a category for culture, music and performing arts. Schwan said that other awards categories have been added based on the ideas of community members and he thought that would be possible.

He also said he had looked into the cost of having the electronic sign in the town office tower replaced. The cost would be \$16,000 and he would sell sponsorships

for advertising on the sign. Some councillors questioned whether the sign is needed or noticed, while others said they like the sign and would like to see a new one back up and running. Schwan said he'd bring it back to council for future discussion.

He also reported that Mullett's Home Hardware has donated toward a new sound system at Legacy Field at Bradley Park.

#### Rodeo weekend bbq coming up

Councillors were reminded about the council barbecue being held on Friday, July 12 as a kickoff to the Moosomin Bulls & Broncs weekend. The barbecue will be held from 11 am to 1 pm in the town office parking lot that day with all proceeds going toward the new daycare.

# McIlroy dealing with 'major' scar tissue

Professional golfers don't like to use the word 'choke', but how else to explain what Rory McIlroy did to hand the 2024 U.S. Open championship to Bryson DeChambeau?

Putting superbly all day and not only overcoming a three-stroke deficit but building a two-stroke lead with five holes to go at Pinehurst No. 2 in North Carolina, McIlroy missed a putt of two feet, 11 inches on No. 16 and another shorty, three feet, nine inches, on 18, to open the door for DeChambeau's victory. It was the second U.S. Open title for DeChambeau, who plays on the LIV tour. He needed a spectacular shot of his own on 18 to win the tournament and he didn't miss, manoeuvring a 55-yard bunker shot to within three feet and sinking the putt to earn a one-stroke victory.

McIlroy has done this type of thing before. In 2011, while he was just a pup of 21, McIlroy seemingly had the Masters title in his grasp. He started the final round with a four-stroke lead and, incredibly, finished 10 strokes behind. His downfall was on the back nine, where he triple-bogeyed No. 10, bogied 11 and doubled-bogied 12 en route to an 80.

Now that he's 35, the ghosts of Choke City are evident still in his head. He's gone 10 years without winning a major and it's not an overstatement to say he was the dominant player of his era. Winning zero majors over a



Bruce Penton

40-tournament span is hard to believe, especially when the likes of Brian Harman, Wyndham Clark, Gary Woodland, Patrick Reed, Danny Willet, Zach Johnson, Shane Lowry, Jimmy Walker and Jason Dufner—journeyman players mostly—all won a major during McIlroy's dry period.

McIlroy isn't the first professional golfer to mess up when the pressure rose. The most famous choke job was that of Jean van de Velde of France, a virtual no-name who somehow stood on the 18th tee of the final round of the Open Championship in 1999 at Carnoustie with a three-shot lead and proceeded to make a triple-bogey seven to fall into a three-way playoff, which was won by Scotland's Paul Lawrie.

Hall of Famer Sam Snead had a glorious career, but never won a U.S. Open. In 1937, he led the Open with one

hole to go, but carded a triple-bogey on the last hole to lose. Doug Sanders at the 1970 Open Championship, Scott Hoch at the 1989 Masters and Bernhard Langer at the 1991 Ryder Cup all embarrassingly missed short, vital putts.

It's hard to know whether McIlroy will ever be able to shed the scar tissue that has built up between his ears, and whether he'll ever be able to sink a relatively easy putt to win a major. But it seems the more he misses those significant putts, the less chance there is for him to generate the mental toughness needed to finally succeed.

- Super 70s Sports: "In 1971, Juan Marichal tossed his 50th career shutout. Fifty years later, scientists are baffled when they discover that if you throw even one complete game your entire arm will blow up."

- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "In early November, 1963, Ronald Howe marketed the first Easy-Bake Oven—three years before the start of the Maple Leafs last Stanley Cup-winning season. Since then both have run on the same principle: just replace one dim bulb with another hoping the final product won't be half-baked."

- Toronto Globe and Mail columnist Cathal Kelly, on hockey: "Other sports claim to be vicious. Hockey was the only one in which participants routinely lost half their teeth."

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# Lladones family looking ahead after fire

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## Stronger than ever

Rommel says he is looking forward to getting the family back on their feet.

"That's the motivation that we have—to get back on our feet stronger than before. I'm from the Philippines and there's a lot of struggle in life back in the Philippines, so I'm used to it.

"We came here in 2010 and since then I've tried to survive and I think we can survive this. We have a lot of friends, we have a Filipino community to help us and family back in the Philippines.

"We're very fortunate that we have this community in town, and not just the Filipino community, but other people as well. The school teachers are organizing a fund-raising activity, as well, to help. A lot of people are reaching out to us to give whatever they can. We have a lot of clothes right now.

## Amazing feeling seeing support

Rommel says he is surprised to see the support from all over.

"That's the consolation because of what happened—knowing that some of these people that I don't even know personally, but they're willing to lend a hand a little bit with whatever they can. People are messaging and some stop by at the hotel to say, 'How are you guys doing? Are you guys okay?'"

"I'm really, really glad that a lot of people are helping—actually there's still a lot of clothes in the lobby area of the hotel and I don't know where to put all of it. We have a lot of food. Every single day we have Filipinos bring us food. That's a relief right now, there's a lot of people that are helping us right now.

"I saw Mike and he works at the town. He's the one that called 911. He stopped by today and talked to us and asked, 'Hey, are you guys okay?' So I spoke to him and I shook his hand and told him how grateful we are that they were there when we needed help. I'm so thankful to those people who helped that day—Mrs. Flaman as well as all of the teachers at MacLeod Elementary School and McNaughton.

"We also have friends that are part of the Filipino community in Toronto and some from Vancouver who are reaching out. We're fortunate and we're happy and we're lucky. Some of my customers called yesterday. I think they don't know what happened because they're asking for takeout and I said, 'No, I can't right now. Our place caught on fire.'

## Future plans

Rommel is moving on from the fire and looking to the future.

"One of my plans is to get a small food truck, just to help us a little bit, start getting back on our feet. Like I said, it's the better part of what's happened to us—it's seeing how many people are willing to help.

"We were so fortunate to have the chance to come here to Canada. This place changed our lives and I've worked hard since 2010—I've worked hard to get what we have now and then what happened is really breaking my heart. We're going to get back on our feet and be even stronger. That's my motivator right now, and of course my family and my kids.

"Unfortunately my insurance wasn't renewed and sadly we don't have it insured. So that's something as well that's pressuring us—how are we going to rebuild the place?"

"All of my papers—my passport, my kids' passports, other legal papers that I have for my restaurant are all gone and burnt."

## Learning from the experience

Rommel said he has learned his family's safety is the most important thing.



The Moosomin Fire Department responded quickly to the fire at the Lladones home and business on June 21.

"Whatever you have in your life, whatever you possess, it could be gone instantly. Whatever you possess can be gone just like that—for us, in 30 minutes it was gone. I think right now the lesson is that you have to love your family every day because when my daughter was in that situation and what if I wasn't able to save her and she was gone? Then what's the purpose of my life here. I can rebuild my building, but my kids I can't and it's for them that I'm working.

"I have to invest more on the spiritual things, I think, more on valuing my spiritual life than on material things.

"I worked more than eight hours a day—woke up sometimes at 8 and I'd go to sleep sometimes around 2 am. So sometimes I'd forget to reflect and think that in my life I have to value my spiritual life. The lesson I got was whatever material things that I worked for, for so long, it doesn't matter.

"I think that the thing is acceptance right now. Accept whatever I have and whatever happens in my life and accept that maybe this is just a process to thinking more on the brighter side of what happened. It's something that I have to reflect on and I have to think of what is the most important thing—the material things that I have or the family that I'm working for? Possessions are important but if something happens and your possessions are gone,

it's gone, but your family and your life are the most important thing. I'm just going to continue working for my family. Those things that I've been working for since 2010 and whatever I have, it's not important as long as my family is well."

A GoFundMe has been set up for the family at the link to the right



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## In our opinion:

# Federal policies a recipe for economic decline

The federal government's current policies are not aligned with the best interests of Canadians and are leading to economic decline

By examining the challenges Canada faces and the Trudeau government's responses, it is obvious that not only are the problems unsolved, but the government's actions are actually making things worse.

### Housing

Take the shortage of affordable housing. Canadian cities are among the most expensive places to live in the world. The logical solution would be to streamline regulations and requirements to make building houses easier, faster, and cheaper. Instead, the government decided to cut the number of foreign students allowed into Canada by half. This measure will not have an appreciable effect on the housing supply, as most foreign students live in student housing or share basement apartments.

Curtailling the number of foreign students coming to Canada will, however, hurt our balance of trade. Selling educational services to foreign students is an export, just as is selling wood products abroad, and foreign students have brought more money into Canada in a given year than softwood lumber. The cuts will also hurt educational institutions that rely on fees from foreign students to make up budget shortfalls that governments cannot fill. Foreign students also help solve Canada's severe labour shortages by providing entry-level labour while they are students and valuable skills if they decide to stay here after graduation.

### Labour shortages

Labour shortages, mainly due to an aging population, are a serious problem for Canada. Paying pensions to a growing number of seniors is costly. With Canadians living longer and healthier lives, the obvious solution would be to raise the retirement age. Instead, the federal government is making it easier and more lucrative for some of the nearly 300,000 federal employees to retire early. This approach not only reduces the workforce and increases pension liabilities but also sets a precedent that may lead other civil servants and private sector workers to seek similar benefits.

### Indigenous people

An often-stated government goal is to raise the standard of living for the Indigenous population to match that of other Canadians. A prime example of progress is the net pen fishery on the west coast of Vancouver Island. This initiative provides consistent employment for First Nations with limited alternatives and generates British Columbia's largest food export. While net pens have presented challenges, such as sea lice potentially harming wild stocks, these issues are being dealt with. Moreover, the farmed output surpasses that of the wild catch.

What is the Trudeau government's response to this success?

It has announced that it will shut down the net pen fish farms. The suggested alternative, closed pens in land-based fish farms, requires significant capital and relies on technologies that have not been tested on a large scale.

### Standard of living

The goal of every democratic government is to improve, or at the very least maintain, the standard of living of its citizens. In Canada, however, per capita output is declining. We need to boost production to increase wealth, which requires investing in better and more capital. Investment is inherently risky, but businesspeople take these risks hoping to generate compensating gains.

The Trudeau government has done nothing to lower investment risks, but it has significantly reduced the rewards by increasing the taxable portion of capital gains.

With some exceptions, two-thirds of capital gains will now be considered taxable income.

In the United States, the tax on capital gains is 20 percent. Studies there have shown that raising the rate to 25 percent would do more harm than good. Is it any wonder that investors are choosing to build up capital in the U.S. rather than Canada?

It is clear that the Trudeau government's current policies are not aligned with the best interests of Canadians. Will it ever start implementing solutions that truly benefit the nation?

*Dr. Roslyn Kunin is a Troy Media columnist, public speaker and consulting economist.*

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**EACH AS LIKELY TO HIT OR MISS**

# Let's hope it warms up, or this will be remembered as the summer that wasn't

I hate to say it, but 2024 is starting to look like it will be the summer that never was. So far, this season has been a cosmic prank, a meteorological comedy of errors, and a chilly reminder that Mother Nature has a wicked sense of humor.

May arrived with the usual fanfare: People getting their cabins and campers ready, barbecues planned, and swimsuits dusted off. But lo and behold, as the calendar screamed "SUMMER," the thermometer barely managed a polite whisper of "spring."

It was as if the sun decided to take an extended vacation in the tropics, leaving us behind with a subpar substitute who couldn't quite get the hang of things.

Since January, Saskatchewan has been setting records for cold temperatures. Dozens of new cold weather records were set in Saskatchewan in January, some breaking records that were 108 years old. In Leader, the temperature dropped to -45.6 one night, shattering the old record by about five degrees.

The cold records kept falling through the spring and into May and into June.

On June 9 Regina tied a 116-year-old record with the temperature dropping to -1.1. The Weyburn area dropped to 0.5 C, breaking a record of 2 C set in 1953. In the Kindersley area a temperature as low as 0.8 C was recorded on Sunday, breaking a record of 2 C set in 2009.

The forecast shows that all of Western Canada should remain colder than normal into July, while the rest of North America and the rest of the world should be way hotter than normal.

So, let's talk about this summer. Or should I say, 'the season formerly known as summer?'

Seriously, did anyone else check the calendar this year and think, 'Did I time travel back to February?' I mean, come on, where is the sun? I haven't seen it in so long, I'm starting to think it's in the Witness Protection Program!

I mean, what's going on? Did the sun take a gap year? Is it backpacking through Europe right now?

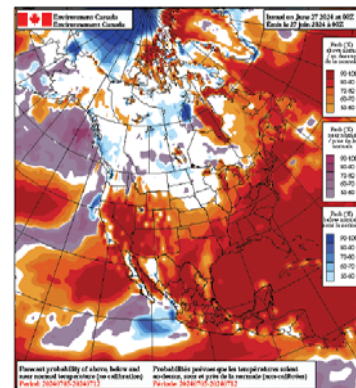
I walked outside the other day in my flip-flops, and my toes filed a formal complaint. They were like, 'Hey buddy, this isn't Hawaii, this is Siberia! Put some socks on!'

Let's talk about the beach. The beach, people! Usually, it's filled with laughter, the smell of coconut oil, and the sounds of kids screaming. Now it's just...empty. Like a scene from a post-apocalyptic movie, except instead of zombies, it's just shivering seagulls.

By the way, have you ever tried to build a



**Kevin Weedmark  
AKA I.M. Chilly**



*If you don't want to believe it's going to stay colder than usual here while it's hotter than usual virtually everywhere else, don't look at this map of forecast temperature anomalies for early July.*

sandcastle with mittens on? It's tough, my friends, it's tough.

I tried to have a BBQ last weekend. Fired up the grill, ready for some steaks and burgers.

Five minutes in, I'm out there with a space heater trying to defrost the barbecue sauce. I mean, how do you explain that to your friends? 'Sorry guys, dinner's delayed—the barbecue sauce is a popsicle.'

We were at the lake the other night and we had a bonfire—not to roast marshmallows, but to prevent hypothermia.

Our summers are like a game of weather roulette. Last year, it was so hot, you could literally fry an egg on the sidewalk. This year it's so cold, I saw a goose wearing a down jacket.

Let's hope it warms up, and if not, here's to the summer that wasn't, and the memories we'll never forget—or thaw out from!



# Grade 5s Year-End Celebration

MacLeod Elementary Grade 5 students were greeted with high fives and confetti on the last day of school. They have graduated from the elementary school and will be attending McNaughton High School in the fall.

Ashley Bocek photos





### League Champions

The Moosomin U15 Rangers are the Moose Mountain Minor Ball League Champions. The U15 Rangers went undefeated in league all season and defeated Redvers in an exciting 15-14 playoff final to clinch the gold. Back row: Assistant Coach Mike Bratton, Cohen Easton, Cooper Bratton, Dana Marshall, Assistant Coach Jeff Skulmoski, Aulie Skulmoski, Hogan Hickman, Maddex Setrum, Jack Robinson, and Head Coach Shaun Setrum. Front row: Kendry Lewis, Gabe Fingas, Ryder Singleton, Brett Bochek, and Emmett Fafard



## Moosomin RCMP Report

BY SGT. DAMIEN GROUCHY

#### Protect yourself from fraud

- Never give out personal information like your name, address, SIN or banking information over unsolicited calls or emails.
- Use strong passwords for online accounts.
- Do your research. If someone is asking you for money or payment, make sure they are who they say they are. Watch out for fraudsters that are spoofing companies or charities.
- When buying things from online sellers, try to inspect or test the item you are buying before purchase. If that's not possible, ask them for more pictures, receipts or other information.
- Don't be afraid to say no! Don't be intimidated by high-pressure sales tactics or requests to send money right away. Walk away or hang up the phone.
- Anyone can become a victim of fraud - you are not alone. Fraudsters can be very convincing, relentless in their achieving their goal and target people's emotions and kindness.
- If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report it to your local police detachment. If you receive a phone call you believe to be a scam or fraudulent, you can report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. You

can report by phone (Toll free: 1-888-495-8501) or online here: <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm>

#### End the mental health stigma

As we all work together to end the stigma surrounding mental illness, now more than ever, every action counts. Whether you take the time to listen to a loved one, encourage a friend to ask for help, or educate yourself about mental health challenges. Be the solution. Be kind. Educate yourself. Listen and ask. Talk about it. Let's change the way we view mental illness. If you or someone you know is struggling, Reach out. If you or someone you know is in crisis or has thoughts of self harm, take action.

- Call 9-1-1
- Go to the nearest hospital or emergency department
- Call Crisis Services Canada at 1-833-456-4566.

#### Take precautions when consuming illicit drugs

Moosomin RCMP is urging the public who consumes illicit drugs to take special precautions when using:

- Never use alone.
- Let someone you trust know of your plans to use.
- Always carry a Naloxone kit. They are available free of charge at many locations in the province.

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# Cyclist raising awareness for Mental Health

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Jade Dulle is biking across Canada to raise awareness of the need for better mental health care in Saskatchewan. She started in Prince Rupert and will finish in Newfoundland. She plans to stop at Parliament in Ottawa on the way back with a petition to withhold and improve healthcare within the mental health sector across Canada.

Dulle was interviewed by the World-Spectator on Tuesday as she passed through Moosomin. The interview follows:

**Tell me a bit about yourself.**

My name is Jade Dulle, I am 28 years old. I am a social worker from Saskatchewan.

I personally experienced some flaws in the mental health system while trying to access it myself.

I am adopted I am genetically predisposed to Schizophrenia on both sides and was experiencing that when I turned 18. I was raised in a great family and my adopted mom is following me in the van on the trip.

I started experiencing different symptoms of mental health concerns, I tried to access the emergency room at 18 and they told me they didn't have enough resources for me and I would be waitlisted for six months, then they just sent me home. I was experiencing visual and auditory hallucinations, depression, and anxiety—things that were not in my control and we couldn't really pick apart what it was coming from, but I just assumed it was because both of my biological parents had mental health concerns.

I was really involved in high school in extra curricular programs like SRC and many sports. I was in wrestling for four years and then after high school I took a few gap years and then that was when I really started to experience it. That is usually when it sets in—late teen years and early twenties. I tried to access mental health care again for the next few years and every time I went—you can get help at Mental Health and Addiction services, but you can only get about six counselling sessions. It was six months to a year to see a psychiatrist, so I was inspired to do something about it.

My own healing journey I biked from Maple Creek to Flin Flon in 2017. It was more about destigmatizing mental health concerns so we could talk about it.

Then, I got a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Regina and started working in the Mental Health and Addictions field and realized that the same thing that was happening to me was happening to my clients. I would bring them to the emergency room or try to get them mental health services, and they would be denied, waitlisted or they would be admitted, but it would only be maybe a five day to a week long stay and it wouldn't address the problem. I was working with that in 2021-2022 and then I thought we have to do something about this—there has to be more. I was like what is the root cause of this issue, so I started having conversations, talking to different people, and starting to explore it then realized it is tied to the legislation. The Mental Health Services Act and the Medical Professions Act—Saskatchewan is one of the provinces that doesn't regulate their mental health professions like psychologists and social workers—they're tied to a code of ethics, but the province doesn't actually state what they can and cannot do, so people with a one month training certificate can offer counselling services, but it is not up to date or up to high-quality care. Then, the Mental Health Services Act protects the rights of involuntary patients, so if you are arrested and sent on a court order or subpoenaed to go to a mental health facility you will get the services, but if you just go and ask for services they don't have to give you anything even if you're suicidal or experiencing intense symptoms. Alberta and other provinces do regulate their Medical Professions Act and we need to do the same thing.

I stepped out of the Mental Health field last year around September. Then, I went back to the Canadian Mental Health Association and said 'I want to do my thesis for my Masters on the topic and I want to bike across Canada not just Saskatchewan this time.' When I come back I will do my research, but I will be publishing 10 different papers on each province because each province is different, so instead of doing the research in the university, which can be really intimidating for people, I am just sharing my story and biking. People are more authentic and willing to share and then I am going to publish those 10 papers on systemic flaws in each mental health system. I am also publishing a paper where my whole thesis will be on Saskatchewan.

The second piece is the political advocacy part. I have a petition on Change.org and it has 9,200 signatures. There are two different petitions, this one is Empowering Wellness Across Canada, it is calling on the Federal government to review and uphold the standard of mental health care across Canada instead of just hiring Bachelor of Social Workers or giving one month training certificates to do counselling—I do think those have a place, but if we

Jade Dulle cycles through the Moosomin area on her ride across Canada to raise awareness of mental health issues.

Ashley Bochek photo



are disguising them as high-quality therapeutic modalities it isn't going to work. I am bringing that petition to the House of Commons and I am not leaving until they look at it. Once it has 10,000 signatures it gives it a lot of merit—we are only three provinces in so by the time we get to Newfoundland and on the way back stop in Ottawa, I think we will have even more signatures.

The provincial petition is calling on the Provincial government in Saskatchewan to review and update their Mental Health Services Act as well as Medical Professions Act, and provide people with free high-quality services like psychotherapy, and streamline more people to go into psychotherapy because it's so scattered. There is peer support, counselling, and therapy, but we need to streamline those roles in people in the right positions—not just say anyone can counsel because I can't even counsel and I have a Bachelors.

The story-telling part—people get hope from this. The conversations I am having—even if it isn't a part of the research, people get to share their stories with me and see someone else who is living with mental health concerns is hopeful for them.

I finally have a diagnosis which is PTSD, so I have a starting point. I have received high-quality services as of now because I have advocated for myself.

The fourth part is the fundraising initiative. My goal is to raise \$100,000 for the Canadian Mental Health Associations across Canada. Then, based on the research I can complete I want to give that money in each province to the areas with the greatest needs. Every province will get \$10,000 from my ride. When I am done we will have a banquet as well.

We raised \$5,000 last weekend in Davidson which is my family's hometown. They had a barbecue, the MLA came out, and a bunch of different people supported us.

**Where did you start? Where are you ending?**

I started in Prince Rupert, BC, and I took a less conventional route because that highway from Vancouver on the Trans-Canada is really busy. I took the Yellowhead Highway with a lot of hills. Coming from Prince Rupert, from the ocean, it's all ascending so for the first 50 kilometers I was climbing a mountain. I was chased by about 20 farm dogs and I also saw about 20 bears on the way.

I am getting up to 120 kilometers or so as long as the wind is on my back. I trained all winter, but it's nothing like the actual bike. I plan to go to St. John's and I am planning to be there at the end of July.

**Why is mental health important to you?**

It goes back to when I was born. My biological parents didn't get the help they needed to raise a family or to have me. I was raised with a great family and great supports, but even myself who comes from a middle-class family who does maybe have extra money to access the proper resources, and I am a social worker so I know how to navigate the system, but even then it is difficult. I imagine how difficult it was at 19 when I had my mom advocate for me and I remember even going in after I had my social

work degree, still struggling with the same things.

I want it to be streamlined so when someone says they have a mental health concern or illness, I want us to look at the person and streamline a plan for that individual. If we invest in people and have a good system, we are going to see the results and the research shows that. That is what I am going to demonstrate in my research as well.

**Why do you think mental health is an important issue in general?**

Everybody is impacted by mental health. If we don't take care of ourselves even just our basic needs that throws off our functioning, how we feel, and what we are capable of. If we aren't affected by mental health illnesses ourselves, we know somebody who has been. It is everywhere and now that we have destigmatized it to a degree—since my ride in 2017, the stigma has dropped and that is not the part I am focusing on anymore. Now that the stigma has decreased we need to do something because now we are all talking about it and noticing everybody is impacted by it. We can help people become whole in themselves.

**At the end you said you are having a banquet. What will that look like?**

I had a fundraiser in Saskatoon on April 26. There was a band, Ukrainian food, a silent auction, and 50/50. We raised around \$10,000 from that. It will be a big thank you to the sponsors and to the community for helping us put this together.

I want to turn Jade's ride into a non-profit. I want to do an annual ride with cyclists or anyone who wants to join. I think it would be more provincial and just a couple days, but then for the rest of the year, I want to make an advocacy group outside of the healthcare system that also helps people get their mental health needs met. Then, other things in the community like mental health programs.

**How does it feel to be doing this? Do you feel you're making a difference?**

I do. It comes in waves—maybe one week I will spend on the road not having a lot of socializing with anybody except someone in the van, but when I go to Davidson and 100 people come out to the barbecue and I hear how I am inspiring others young and old who have mental health concerns. I look at the comments on the petition and see 'this person inspires me because I have been failed by the mental health system.' Even Change.org shared our petition on their twitter. It has felt so good to see people inspired.

See the petition here:



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Recipients of 25 year awards from left are, Gary Matthewson (spouse Veronica) and Brad Hutton (spouse Breanne Barber).



A group photo of the Redvers Fire Department.

# Redvers Lobsterfest raises funds for new fire truck

BY ANGELA ULRICH

The Redvers Volunteer Fire Department hosted a very special Lobsterfest on June 22 at the Redvers Recreation Centre.

The decadent event is held every two years with proceeds going toward the purchase of a new front-line fire truck.

The freshest lobster was flown in from the Maritimes and prepared by Certified Chef de Cuisine Dave Powel, owner and creator of Lobsterman Catering, Indian Head. The 230 people in attendance were treated to a five-course maritime meal with the chef providing instruction on how to properly crack, split and pull apart the shell to savor every bit of the lobster feast.

Local businesses, as well as monetary donations, sponsored a multitude of live, silent and dutch auction items.

Twenty-five years of service awards were presented to Brad Hutton and Gary Matthewson.



**Above:** Grady Sutter and Jacob Ulrich enjoying the fresh lobster experience.



**Right:** Chief Brad Hutton with the special lobster cake created by Aurora Rose Cakes from Carievale, Sask. It was auctioned off with a winning bid of \$800.

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# McNaughton Home Ec Renovation has begun

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

McNaughton High School has begun upgrading their Home Ec lab with demolition starting on June 21.

Principal Sherrie Meredith says she is excited to see the project begin and to be involved with community fundraisers supporting the Home Ec lab upgrade.

"Our fundraising total right now is \$22,920. We are also going to be the recipients of the Co-op barbecue on July 18. We are also going to be the recipients of the Fuel Good Day in September, so we have a couple things on the go. We are excited to see what upgrades we can do with that fundraising as well."

Meredith said they started demolition on Friday, June 21 and will continue over the summer.

"It is officially demolition time—two weeks ago we started. So far, the floor is out, and we are working on taking the two walls down. We are thinking of painting the ceiling black. Flooring is the next to come in.

"We are hoping it is ready by September for the next school year, but who knows. The millwork was finalized just yesterday too—Co-op will be doing it. We have a part of the Community Spaces grant that I applied for as well that will go toward that."

The appliances were also purchased locally. "We got our equipment from Zay-

lie's." Meredith said.

She says they're taking two walls down to make the space bigger. "Both walls inside will be coming out to create a more spacious room, and then we are going to have a pony wall to separate the kitchen from the sewing, cosmo, and interior design area," Meredith says. "We didn't even realize how big the space actually is until taking everything out. It'll be good to see it redone with a new functionality."

Meredith says they have purchased new appliances so far with their fundraising budget.

"We set a goal of \$50,000 but we called it a PAA upgrade at this point because whatever we don't use in here—we have our whole PAA program, the concession is at the other end, and the IA lab—will be used in other areas. So far we have spent about half our fundraising total with purchasing all of our appliances.

"When all the quotes come in then we can make more decisions on where the money will take us," Meredith says. "We did a stainless steel upgrade that was on the school, so the division would pay for the quartz. We're doing quartz on all of the perimeter counters and then laminate on the sewing counters. There are also two island spaces that we have updated to stainless steel, and those upgrades are on our dime."

Meredith says the students and staff are very excited to see the home ec lab once



McNaughton High School begins demolition in Home Ec lab.

the upgrade is complete.

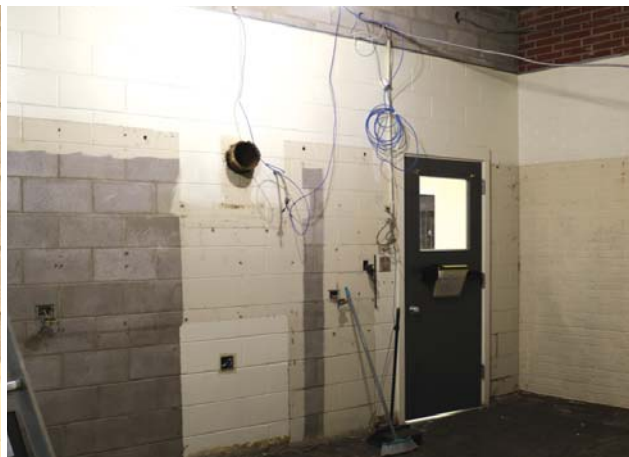
"We're very excited. The kids last week were so excited as well. Even to see the original brick on the north wall that shows where the building used to end and this was a newer add on that was built in 1964.

It's pretty exciting for sure to see new life come into the building."

To donate you can send an E-transfer to: [mcnaughtonhigh@gmail.com](mailto:mcnaughtonhigh@gmail.com) and indicate "Home Ec Fundraiser" in the notes section of the transfer.



At far left: Home Ec teacher Laura Teale helps with demolition, sledgehammering a cindercrete wall, creating a more open space for the renovated Home Ec Lab.



At left: The empty kitchen space in Home Ec Lab. At right in the photo, the original brick exterior of the school can be seen.

## Redvers Town Council passes 2024 budget

# No increase to mill rate, base tax rises by \$20

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Despite taking on some ambitious projects over the last year, Redvers residents will not see a mill rate increase. There is a slight increase in the base tax, though, which rises from \$980 to an even \$1,000.

"This year, when we did a lot of analyzing and looking at not the completed financial statements, but just our drafts and what we budgeted, we did not have to increase the mill rate," said Redvers CAO Tricia Pickard. "We did, however, increase the base tax by \$20."

While a small increase, the extra money per property is projected to generate around \$10,000 in revenue going forward.

"I think if you told any taxpayer at the beginning of the year that your taxes are only going up \$20, I think they'd be happy," agreed Mayor Brad Bulbuck.

Town council held a special meeting recently, looking at the results of the 2023 audit—one that shows the town in decent financial shape overall.

"We took on a couple of really large projects, so our assets are sitting fairly good," Pickard said. "Our cash is lower than last year, but we also had to spend a lot of money on our Well Number Five. Basically, our surplus revenue would be \$166,496. That is pretty good compared to last year."

For a brief period of time, Redvers was able to run on both Well Number Four and Well Number Five. Due to issues with the Well Number Four, it had to be decommissioned, giving just enough time for the new well to get up and running.

"We were going to do some maintenance on Well Four, and then when we went to do the maintenance, that's when we found there were bigger problems than we an-

tipated," explained Mayor Bulbuck. "It was timely that we got Well Five done."

With an anticipated 25-year lifespan, Well Number Four actually surpassed that timeline—providing water to the town for 33 years instead.

Included in the 2023 Audit documents examined by council were actual amounts from 2022 and 2023, plus the 2023 budget, giving perspective on the previous year and where finances actually ended up. The year-end financial statement is submitted to the provincial ministry, and also shows accountability to Redvers residents.

"The draft that was approved, we'll have the actual financial statements probably in a couple of weeks," Pickard confirmed. "If anybody wants to come in, they can come in and have a copy."

Tangible capital assets are not recorded in the year-end financials as the document is akin to a statement of operations. One example of this is the previously mentioned Well Number Five where money spent on that project wouldn't show up, but is rather recorded in assets.

The Cash and Cash Equivalents column showed a decrease in 2023 from the year previous, with combined cash and temporary investments totalling just over \$1.1 million in 2022, down to \$647,771 in 2023.

"Our cash is lower because we did a big project, but our revenue versus expenses is looking better because we didn't have as many expenses," Pickard explained. In the 2022 revenue over expenses, a deficit of \$188,344 was incurred, while the 2023 numbers show the \$166,496 surplus.

One noted increase in the 2024 budget that was also recently passed is the town's contribution to the Redvers Volunteer Fire Department, which will increase from

\$20,000 to \$25,000 this year.

"That doesn't even relate too much to the fire truck in itself, that mainly relates to the Minimum Standard increasing for training and equipment that has to be advanced," Pickard explained. "We share costs with the RM of Antler, we've had discussions, so we're going to try and raise as much money as we can for the fire truck and then the difference would be between the two of us."

The Town of Redvers seems to have a knack for securing grants for projects, which plays a large role in keeping taxes from rising.

"The grants have allowed us to be able to do that, because we've been able to spend money on projects that we want to get done without having to draw on taxpayer capital to do it," Mayor Bulbuck said.

Gaining those extra dollars is a matter of simply searching for opportunities and seizing them.

"The grant opportunities are significant. You just got to take the time to look and do a little bit of research," Pickard said, praising the work of town staff. "We've been pretty successful. We've had some that were declined, and that's fine. We'll just try again next time."

Mayor Bulbuck was also quick to give credit to staff on the fine job in seeking out those sometimes elusive funding sources.

"Our admin team has done a fabulous job of not only writing grants, but being successful in getting them," he said. "So we're going to keep the pedal to the metal."

As for the 2024 budget, the Town of Redvers noted a deficit in 2023 totalling \$100,897.37, whereas this year, a surplus of \$36,722.61 is anticipated. The budget differs from the financial statements as capital assets are included as an expense.



### School is out for the summer!

Above, and above left, Whitewood students celebrated their last day of school Thursday with silly string and laughter. The students will return in September.

Ashley Bocek photos



Ashley Bocek photo

Haven Hunter was having fun swinging at MacLeod Elementary Track and Field day Monday



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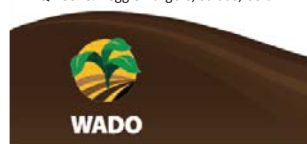
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# Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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## Moosomin Senior Rangers Hockey Team

They say working on next year begins the day your season ends...well that is not much different than our Big Six Champion Senior Rangers Hockey Club. We can confirm Big Six Scoring Champion Bud Holloway will be back for 2024/25 and all-star defenseman Josh Elmes will be back for another season. As well we have come to terms with a couple new Rangers with Junior Hockey experience.

That said we are always on the search for players. If you are interested we would love to hear from you and get you on our team chat line! Simply give Mike a call at 435-7578 or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

## 2024 NHL Playoff Draft

2024 NHL playoffs have come and gone with a first time champion crowned in the Florida Panthers. At the same time our 2024 Rangers Alumni Draft comes to an end and appropriately another first-time winner as Flatland Plumbing's Derek Eckland takes home \$5,000 as well as his name on our Stanley Cup and embroidered on the Blue Jacket! Congratulations to Derek and thank you to all who made our draft this year another huge success!

## Communities in Bloom – 2024

Jasmine Davidson and her committee have so much going on this summer as they look to make it a second straight provincial championship...hopefully moving onto the national event. We hope the community continues to rally. Below is a very quick snapshot of things going on with regards to the contest!

Development of Website Explore Moosomin: Ongoing  
Communities in Bloom Movie Night: Friday, July 12  
Various contests: Ongoing  
Best Gardens contest: Ongoing  
Judges visit August 7: Town of Moosomin  
Multicultural supper/event: Sportsplex August 7  
Moosomin Pipestone Hills Golf Club: August 8  
Moosomin Regional Park: August 8

## Flag Garden at Bradley Park

We are just in the process of putting up our flags for the 2024 summer season. It is so amazing to see so many wonderful communities represented! For those who have not seen them, they are located at Bradley Park in our main camping spots. Also, if we missed a country that you feel should be represented...and are willing to sponsor...please let us know at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

## 2024 Parks and Recreation Awards

Hard to believe but 2024 will be the 12th Annual Moosomin Parks and Recreation Awards ceremonies. This year we are looking at a November awards date with deadlines in September. Our motto is and has always been clear "Why Nominating is a Must: Unveiling the Power of Recognition!"

Our awards include the Community Hero Award:

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This award shall not be an annual award but rather presented in extraordinary circumstances as deemed appropriate by the Awards Committee when exceptional commitment, dedication and service is shown to the community and region. The Community Hero Award will be given to an individual or group who:

- Goes above and beyond the call of duty of the community.
- Actions serve others, not for recognition, but simply to help others.
- Genuinely cares about making sure that other people's highest priority needs are being served.

If you would be interested in nominating a person, team, business or group/association for any of these awards, we would love to hear from you. You can email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or call 435-7578.

## Mayor's Award of Distinction Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation

Presented to an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to Community Sports, Community Culture, Community Parks and/or Community Recreation. This individual will have gone above and beyond the normal commitments, volunteer or otherwise, and their efforts will have left a lasting influence on the Community.

## Mayor's Award of Distinction Culture/Music and Performing Arts

Presented to an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to Culture/Music/Performing Arts. This individual will have gone above and beyond the normal commitments, volunteer or otherwise, and their efforts will have left a lasting influence on the Community.

## RM Award of Distinction Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation

Presented to a contributing RM rate payer who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to Moosomin Sports, Community Culture, Community Parks and/or Community Recreation. This individual will have gone

above and beyond the normal commitments, volunteer or otherwise, and their efforts will have left a lasting influence on the Community.

## Community Councilor's Achievement Award Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation

Presented to a Community Group/Service Club or Individual for their efforts on a Sport, Culture, Parks and/or Recreation Project. Preference will be given to projects which took place in whole or part in the year 2023 and/or 2024. Projects will have a lasting influence on the Community.

## Corporate Community Builder Award

Presented to a Corporate Member of the Community for his/her/their contributions to the Sport, Culture, and Parks and/or Recreation field. Contributions can mean anything from monetary donations to hands on work and his/her/their efforts will have a lasting influence on the Community. Preference may be given to contributions which took place in whole or part in the year 2023 and/or 2024 but will also factor in an ongoing commitment

## Association/Team/Individual of the Year

Awarded to Moosomin and area Association/Athlete(s)/Teams who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their sport throughout the 2023/24 Calendar year and represented the Community in a most positive nature. This award may be given to either an Association, a team or an individual and is not age specific.

## Legends Award

Awarded to Moosomin and area Athlete(s)/Teams who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their sport throughout any point in our community's history. This team or individual will have achieved athletic success at a high standard and represented the Community in a most positive nature. This award is not age specific.

## Youth Award of Excellence

Awarded to Moosomin and area Youth (Under 19) who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to Community Sports, Community Culture, Community Parks and/or Community Recreation. This youth will have gone above and beyond the normal commitments, volunteer, athletics, performing or otherwise, and their efforts will have left a lasting influence on the Community. This award is not year specific but based on the individual's Jr High and High School years.

*Sorry, we do not take nominations for this award...rather we ask the staff at McNaughton High to select a winner.*

## Sports Field Clinic

Moosomin Parks and Recreation Department are thrilled to offer a Sports Field Clinic featuring one of the leading authorities in all of North America. The clinic will be held July 15-16 at Bradley Park in Moosomin. If you are interested in registering for this course (out of town are more than welcome) or you would like more information please contact Mike at 435-3622 or by email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

## Upcoming Community BBQ's

We have a couple of Public BBQs coming up this summer for your enjoyment! Those include:

- Town of Moosomin Rodeo BBQ on July 11
- Access Communications Summer BBQ on August 21

## Provincial Baseball returns to Bradley Park

Always exciting...coming up on July 26-28, Moosomin Lloyd Bradley Park will host the U13 Provincial Baseball Championships. Should be a fantastic week at Bradley Park and for the community of Moosomin.

## Labyrinth News:

### Looking for Tree Sponsors

Carol Adair and her group of volunteers have really got things looking great at the Labyrinth. That said, they are currently looking for individuals interested in planting and caring for trees around the maze. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Carol at 434-8843.

## Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Public Swimming Hours

We are now into our summer hours. Those include:

**Monday**  
Aqua-size 6:30 to 7 am  
Lane Swim 7 to 8 am  
Public Swimming 1 to 5 pm  
Public Swimming 7 to 8:30 pm

**Tuesday**  
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Public Swimming 1 to 5 pm  
Public Swimming 7 to 8:30 pm  
Aqua to size 8:30 to 9:30 pm

**Wednesday**  
Aqua to size 6:30 to 7 am

Lane Swim 7 to 8 am  
Public Swimming 1 to 5 pm  
Public Swimming 7 to 8:30 pm

**Thursday**  
Aqua to size 6:30 to 7 am  
Public Swimming 1 to 5 pm  
Public Swimming 7 to 8:30 pm  
Aqua to size 8:30 to 9:30 pm

**Friday**  
Lane Swim 7 to 8 am  
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**Saturday**  
Public Swimming 1 to 5 pm  
Public Swimming 7 to 8:30 pm

**Sunday**  
Public Swimming 1 to 5 pm  
Family Swim Night 7 to 8:30 pm

## Swimming Lessons 2024

If you would like to register for swimming lessons you can now pop into the pool and speak with our staff.

We are busy making plans for another busy pool season in 2024! Lesson sets have been set, and registration has been busy!

You can visit either our Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Facebook site or our Parks and Rec Facebook site where you will find our registration form. Follow the instructions and you're set! You can also stop in at the Aquaplex and talk to a staff member in person.

Remaining dates include:

### Public Sets

Set # 3 – 1 week session from July 8 to July 12  
Set # 4 – 1 week session from July 22 to July 26  
Set # 5 – 1 week session from August 5 to August 9  
Set # 6 – 2 week session from August 12 to August 23

### Private Sets (All 1-week sets)

Set # 2 from July 15 to July 19  
Set # 3 from July 29 to August 2

## 2024 Mini British Open Charity Golf Tournament

Excited about the 2024 Mini Brit? This year's tournament goes Friday and Saturday, July 19-20 at the Pipestone Hills Golf Club. Proceeds from 2024 will be for an all new charity as funds will go towards a new outdoor Pickleball facility in Moosomin. This will sell out so if you want to play book in early!

Once again this will be an open event (guys or gals) with teams of six. To enter, you can call 435-3622 and speak to Mike or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

## 2024 Friday Night Uptown Slo Pitch League

The 2024 Slo Pitch League will be the most participated in in years as 14 teams are set to take the field with action this Friday. Games on all diamonds including two each Friday night under the lights.

### Games for Friday, June 28:

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Murray Newman Co-op 6:15 pm  
Booze Cannons vs Lepine's Roofing  
Elks Field 7 pm  
King and His Court vs Snap Crackle Pop  
Guinness Field 6:15pm  
Flyer Electric vs Magic Mitts  
Guinness Field 8:15 pm  
Red Hot Oompaloompas vs Rasmussian Rippers  
Kin Field 6:15 pm  
McMashers vs Guzzlers  
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Plattypussies vs Kinsmen  
Legacy Field 6:15 pm

## Bradley Park Rodeo Grounds

Groups are reminded they are asked to pre-book the rodeo grounds for events. You can do so by phoning 435-3622 or by email to msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net.

## Outdoor Pickle Ball Court Committee

If you would be interested in joining a fundraising committee with the intention of building outdoor pickleball courts at Bradley Park, then we would love to hear from you. We do have a few fundraisers lined up and a few potential grant opportunities.

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## Pickle Ball

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

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Wednesday 1 pm

# Esterhazy Town Council Town office hours changing

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

If you've ever been to the town of Esterhazy office during business hours, you'd know how busy the place can become. Unlike some businesses, the town office is open over the lunch hour, and staff are kept quite busy throughout the average work day.

With a rotation of summer holidays threatening to stretch staff, CAO Tammy MacDonald proposed introducing some enhanced hours. Currently, the town office is open from 8 am to 5 pm, but MacDonald suggested closing the doors an hour early, giving staff an opportunity to catch up on other duties.

"If we could close our doors at four o'clock every day, what that gives us— from 4 to 5—is the chance to get caught up on administration," MacDonald told council. "If you look at the other municipalities around us, most of them are closing at four o'clock; half of them are closed during lunch.

"We won't close at lunch, that is our busiest time." The idea is not new, according to Mayor Grant Forster. "We had been tossing the idea around for a while, that this might be something that we could let them do and so she finally pitched it," he said.

The motion to have the town office open to the public from 8 am to 4 pm until December 31 was passed unanimously by council.

## Council could grow in September

Esterhazy town council may see its average age become younger soon as continued discussions around adding

a Junior Councillor have evoked interest. Back in May, Planning and Economic Development Director Crystal Sabo told council about a visit from the Grade 7 class of Esterhazy High School, which included a mock council meeting.

From that positive experience, Sabo—with council's blessing—reached out to the school regarding having a student join council this fall.

With municipal elections taking place in November, this would be an especially interesting year for a Junior Councillor to join the table.

"We have perfect timing here," said Forster. "Maybe if this person's in place for our election, that may be a good opportunity to get them involved."

## Bylaws updated

A number of bylaws came before council during last week's regular meeting, the first being Bylaw 786-24 for Fire Protection Services. This particular bylaw received first reading during the previous meeting of council, updating the current bylaw in place that also affects fire protection service in the RMs of Fertile Belt, Spy Hill, the Town of Gerald and Villages of Yarbo and Spy Hill.

"It's just updating the bylaw for current price schedules and a slight change in percentages of what each municipality is going to contribute," Forster explained.

Smaller centres such as Yarbo and Atwater are charged a flat fee, which will be more manageable.

"We aren't going to be charging them \$2,000 a year for fire coverage," Forster said. "We just put in a flat rate of \$500 and that's what we're going to charge them."

The bylaw was passed by council, receiving second and

third reading last week.

Another pair of bylaws (790-24 District Plan and 791-24 District Zoning) were also updated.

"That one has been around for forever," Forster said of the zoning bylaw in particular. "It was set up back in 1957. What it does is it's an agreement between us and the RM that we have a one mile buffer around the town which allows us to have first refusal on anything that goes into that area in terms of businesses and in terms of residential developments."

Changes were minimal, basically updating language to modern times.

"This will continue with the status quo for the way things have been for the last 67 years," Forster assured, noting that the original bylaw also dealt with livestock in town and placement of outhouses.

Both bylaws passed unanimously.

## Still no update on hospital

The town remains at a standstill regarding movement on the new hospital project.

"They (Saskatchewan Health Authority) told us in February that we should know within a couple of months," Forster said. "Now, we're near the end of four months and still don't know."

The next step along the path of development is to choose an appropriate site for the facility, and until that has been decided by SHA, no progress can be made.

"I know there's been a lot of pressure being to pick a site already, because it's holding us back on fundraising, and it's holding us back on a few other things," Forster said.

# South East Cornerstone School Division New Carlyle school plans and designs moving forward

BY NORM PARK

It was a two-pronged approach to a topic that has captured the attention of the South East Cornerstone Public School Division's board of trustees and most certainly the general population of the Town of Carlyle.

A new school in that community has captured that attention since it is now in the design phase of development.

First, the board passed a motion that included the exchange of land in Carlyle to accommodate the upcoming construction. The town has agreed to transfer land to the board as of January 1, 2025 for the purpose of meeting the location plans for the new school.

Six months after the opening of the new school, the board will transfer the ownership of the Gordon F. Kells High School and associated lands and buildings to the Town of Carlyle and that will be followed by the completion of the demolition and clean-up of all existing buildings on the Carlyle Elementary School land. The board will transfer ownership of the lands associated with the elementary school to the Town of Carlyle.

Following his presentations on transportation and facilities, Andy Dobson, the manager of those two departments offered an update on the new Carlyle school design and plans.

He said Number 10 Ar-

chitects from Winnipeg and a branch from Edmonton have engaged the teachers in the design plans while working around the difficulties that arose during the teacher strike action and sanctions imposed on the project while negotiations were being held between the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and the Ministry of Education.

Dobson said the planners met with students as well to perhaps include items they would appreciate.

"The total construction budget is \$34 million," Dobson said. The one-year design phase is to be completed by July or August of this year and the ensuing two-year plans will hopefully see the new school opened for operation in September of 2027.

Dobson noted the Carlyle community is currently fundraising to add to the complexities of the new project similar to what was done in Oxbow and Carnduff. These usually included additions to gymnasium space from

600 square metres to 700 or 840 square metres so the gym usage could be enhanced. Dobson said the community has already asked the architects to give them cost increase estimates for gym size increases as well as potential other features such as a walking track et al.

"They will discuss this and come back to tell us what they want," said Dobson.

Trustee Tami Scott noted that trades training is something that is needed within the division, so that might be an element of increase to consider as well.

Dobson said enrolment projections for Carlyle will be around 525 students and the school will be built accordingly with a core increase projection of up to 575 students, so the design will be conducive to the 575 figure with the potential installation of portable classrooms that would include washrooms and exit and entrance doors. The total size would be approximately 7,160 square metres or around 77,200 square feet.

# Looking Back

## Five years ago, 2019:

The Long Term Care Auxiliary hosted their Annual Fundraiser Barbecue at the Long Term Care entrance of Southeast Integrated Care Centre. Barbecue attendees were treated to Red Barn burgers, nachos, ice cream, and pop. The food was all donated by the Red Barn.

Esterhazy's Zach Gehl was only 18 years old, but already the young adult was making his mark on the mixed martial arts scene. Gehl earned three world medals for his skills, and had 97 titles or podium places since 2014 at various provincial, national and international competitions. He was also the first ever Saskatchewan martial arts sports hall of fame competitor inductee.

## Ten years ago, 2014:

Students at MacLeod Elementary School gathered on either side of the school gym with Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Dan D'Autremont. D'Autremont walked the students through a mock parliamentary session, teaching them what would go on in a real parliamentary session.

## Fifteen years ago, 2009:

The Moosomin fraternity set the world record for the longest fastball game ever played. The Moose started the game Friday, June 26 and wrapped up on Tuesday, June 30, after 100 hours, 15 minutes. The game went 404 in-



This was the front page of The World-Spectator five years ago on July 1, 2019.

nings, and ended with a score of 709-572. But the most impressive statistic is how much money the event raised—as much as \$20,000. The world record game was planned as a fundraiser for improvements to Guinness Field.

## Twenty years ago, 2004:

The Moosomin School Division bought the section of Oak Avenue between McNaughton and MacLeod schools with plans to turn it into playground space to link the two schools; Damage to the Saskatchewan Tourism sign at the Saskatchewan

Information Centre was reported.

## One hundred years ago, 1924:

Perhaps the most patiently papered house in the country was that of the Rev. A. Bucci, a retired priest, who "hung" two rooms of his house in California with 149,242 cancelled postage stamps. More than 30 years were required in collecting the stamps, said Father Bucci, and practically every nation in the world was represented in the geometrical designs of the walls and ceilings.

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# MacLeod Elementary School Parade & Track Day



MacLeod Elementary School held their annual year-end parade and track and field day.

Track activities were planned for students from Kindergarten to Grade 5.

The kids enjoyed the day participating in many events in the sun and were treated with freezies.

Ashley Bochek photos





Above: The dining area at Sunrise Villa.



Right: Card Bingo is serious business at Maryfield Sunrise Villa! Seen here are (from left) Evelyn Bullock, Laura Frazer and Grace Toms enjoying the game on March 20.

# Changes ahead for Maryfield Sunrise Villa

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

There's a wonderful "community within a community" in Maryfield, and there are some exciting changes coming to Maryfield Sunrise Villa.

"It's very different," explains Sandra Johnston, member of the Villa's board, who explained some of the history behind the place. "It was an initiative combined with Saskatchewan Housing back in the '80s. They were helping to set up these places in smaller towns, so we jumped on board here in Maryfield."

The villa has been with Saskatchewan Housing for 35 years, and they're now close to a transition from being with that entity to self-sustaining status.

"We're ending our contract with them this year, and it will totally belong to the Maryfield community," Johnston said.

The move is equal parts exciting and scary as Saskatchewan Housing has helped with so much over the years. Some of the large projects Sunrise Villa was able to accomplish might not have happened without the support of the provincial entity.

"They helped us with some big renovations and big capital expenses," said Johnston. "So now we'll be on our own!"

The shift will not have a heavy impact as Sunrise Villa Manager Dayna Millions noted.

"We have a lot of freedom because we are private to begin with, but now it's just a little less paperwork, basically," she said.

Opening back in December of 1989, Maryfield Sunrise Villa had a mission to provide a caring atmosphere for people in transition.

"It started off to fill that gap between home and long-term care," Johnston said, as a need was identified in the community. There were residents who were ready to move from their homes, but not prepared for a care home just yet.

Currently, there is some space available at Sunrise Villa as 14 people call the unique place home. With six more rooms available, the board has come up



A typical room inside Sunrise Villa.

with a unique solution to utilize those vacancies.

"We are a non-profit corporation, so we rely on the rental income to pay the expenses, basically," Johnston said. "As a board, we decided, let's rent these rooms out for short-term stays."

One scenario would be for visitors with family members currently residing at Sunrise Villa to enjoy their time together under one roof. Another idea would be for people who might need further care after being released from a hospital stay.

"If they're coming out of hospital and they're not quite ready to be on their own yet—they're a little nervous to be home alone—they're able to come here for as long as they want," Millions explained, adding that it could also be a good option for people to have a 'trial period' stay for those still contemplating the big move to enriched living.

"We're hoping that will generate some new business," Johnston said of the flexible options to fill the vacant spaces.

The independent aspect of Sunrise Villa along with

the ability to remain in the community is especially attractive to residents.

"It makes it a lot easier when your family and friends can come visit you, or you can go to their house and you're not a long way away," said Millions.

Sunrise Villa boasts large rooms for residents with internet and satellite TV included as part of the rent, a courtyard, summer gardens and flowerbeds, and lots of activities.

"We had a resident say they loved waking up in the morning because they could hear the laughter down the hallways!" Millions recalled. "It's quite a little community."

With 24-hour staff on hand, and visits from healthcare workers, the Sunrise Villa experience is one of independence with some assistance if needed.

"The Nurse Practitioner comes once a month and then we have a Public Health Nurse [that] comes every Wednesday, just to check on everyone," Millions said, adding that they're planning to have a foot care professional make regular visits in the near future.



Tidy, vibrant grounds offer a warm welcome to residents and visitors.

One might also make the connection between life at Sunrise Villa and longevity as one resident recently celebrated her 104th birthday,

and another will be turning 100 soon.

"I believe that they do live longer because they have stimulation and the

good healthy food, and their pills—they're not forgetting to take their medications," Johnston said. "So I believe it does help!"

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**McNaughton High School middle-years Awards**

Grade 6 to 9 McNaughton High School students were presented awards for highest marks and school spirit. From left to right, Austin Stacey and Madelyn Holman recognized with Honour Roll certificate. Picture to the right, left to right, Jayda Hales awarded Honour Roll and Paige Hales

# South East Men's Fastball League Report

**League Teams**

- Cowessess Royals
- Fleming Jets
- Grenfell Gems
- Kahkewistehaw Warriors
- Neudorf Posse
- Ochapowace Young Bucks
- Round Lake Braves (Play home games at Ochapowace)
- Whitewood Falcons
- Zagime Eagles (Sakimay)

**Game Stats**

- Cowessess Royals 16 Ochapowace Young Bucks 8
- Grenfell Gems over Zagime by forfeit
- Neudorf Posse 13 Ochapowace Young Bucks 0
- Whitewood Falcons 2 Round Lake Braves 2
- Grenfell Gems over Fleming Jets by forfeit
- Grenfell Gems versus Cowessess Royals was rained out and is rescheduled for July 4 at 8 pm in Grenfell.

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