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Teagan Littlechief SCMA Female Artist of the Year

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Teagan Littlechief of White Bear First Nation is ecstatic about winning her first Female Artist of the Year Award at the Saskatchewan Country Music Awards (SCMA).

Littlechief has won previous awards at the SCMA, including Indigenous Artist of the Year, which she also won this year.

The Beginning

Littlechief grew up listening to her mom sing and was later inspired to take singing lessons.

"My mom sang a lot when I was very little. My music teacher heard me one day singing in the bathroom and she suggested to my mom that I take voice lessons, so from there I went to Shirley Dahlgren in Moosomin. I did voice lessons with her for years and entered a few competitions, and ever since GX94 Star Search in 2002 I have been on my country road."

Passion for singing

She says singing is a passion that has helped her overcome challenges.

"It is a passion of mine and it has gotten me out of a lot of hard times. My last release I did as a co-write with Jesse Weiman is called "Need You to Go" and I wrote it based off a relationship that was broken between my son and I. When it came time to choosing, I chose my family and my sobriety over something that I can't control—at least with my family and my music I can establish what I want for myself."

Littlechief is shocked at the number of people who know her name from singing and performing.

"I just always performed. I really didn't know that my name meant anything. I am still in shock over the weekend so it is very cool to know that Teagan Littlechief means something in Saskatchewan and in the association. I actually went into a store for clothes in Regina last month and the lady asked 'what are you getting clothes for' and I answered saying I had a performance and then she says, 'what is your first name?' and I said 'Teagan,' and the another lady in the next changing room said 'Teagan Littlechief?' and continued to talk about my music and how she loved listening to it. It put me in a position of thinking wow people know me."

"I have been getting songs from Sean Hogan, and other writers, and I co-wrote with a few people, but this year my main focus is either a co-write or a straight write for myself," Littlechief said.

Goals as a singer

Littlechief says she plans to continue to perform and accomplish many goals as a singer.

"Just to perform, meet new people, take in as much knowledge as I can from the industry for the path that I have chosen and be able to bring it back to communities that are unaware or don't understand the industry or are too afraid to step foot into it. That is the one thing that has held me back, is my fear of the unknown."

"I just got signed with Black Mountain Music and Media Management and my manager Pinky Celena Simms is the one who basically holds my hand when I venture into the world of music and it opens my eyes. When I come back home I get kids who ask, 'how do you do it? or where do you go?' and so I offer them to come on the road with me once and check it out."

A feeling unlike any other

Littlechief says there is no feeling like winning the SCMA awards and being recognized in the province for her singing.

"This year, last year, and the year before I have won SCMA awards. The first year ever winning was when Covid hit and everything was still transitioning from online to the world. It was three years ago, we had that big snow fall here where you couldn't even get out of the house, I was watching on my iPad and when they announced the



Teagan Littlechief of White Bear First Nation performing at the Saskatchewan Country Music Association Awards. She was named Female Artist of the Year and Indigenous Artist of the Year.

winner I yelled 'Oh my God!' my son and his friend came upstairs and were concerned, but then I told them I had won the Indigenous Artist of the Year!

"This year for the Indigenous Artist of the Year, I was up against strong performers who have a bigger following and are signed with labels. I was very shocked and surprised when they called my name. Like it's me who is from the rez—that is what I call it, that is my home at White Bear First Nations. You got me tucked away in the Moose Mountain area and I don't really see a lot of anything unless I am on the road doing music. My following is not as big as everyone else's so when they called my name it was definitely a huge moment of 'Oh my God, and thank you God, thank you Jesus, and like oh Jesus take the wheel!' I literally went up there with no speech prepared for either awards.

"I was scrolling on Facebook and I came across a comment and it said, 'Teagan Littlechief is the first Indigenous to win Female Artist of the Year,' and I thought 'Wow that is cool!' I like that because now I hope that these little girls or little boys that love music see that it is possible. I think this is my second nomination in the Female Artist of the Year. I was up against Shantaia, Jordyn Pollard, Amy Nelson, and Katelyn Lennar, and I was just sitting there and my son asked if I wanted to move and I said, 'no no that is okay, I kind of have a feeling of who might win' and then when they announced me I sat there for four seconds in shock until my son finally said, 'Go!' I got up there and I was so emotional. I had always had a speech prepared for Female Artist of the Year somewhere in the back of my head and then when I got up there I just got so emotional."

Career Highlights

Littlechief says she has had many special moments throughout her singing career.

"I have signed with Black Mountain Music, Media, and Management, I have performed at TeleMiracle, I won the Queen's Jubilee Medal last year, and I always love performing. My days have picked up and last week I got the notification that I will be performing at the OSAC (Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils) Showcase in October in Saskatoon. (Local arts councils attend the

showcase to choose the acts they will host in communities across the province over the next year.)

Writing Music

Littlechief is working on new songs right now.

"I am working on a project with Aaron Goodwin and I am working on a Christmas album, but we don't know if it is going to come out in 2024 or if it is going to be completed for 2025."

"Life experience influences me to write, and a lot of people are going through the same thing. I love how Jelly Roll does his thing—he has been an inspiration in the song-writing aspect in the sense of being able to talk about sobriety, talk about struggles, and that pain and make it so it is a powerful meaningful song."

Realizing dreams

Littlechief says winning Female Artist of the Year is one of her biggest achievements and most memorable moments. "It ranks at the top. It was one of my dreams for a long time ever since joining SCMA, and I even started picking out a shelf. I like to put things out into the universe and pray about things. So I thought, I am going to be prepared for one day that I do win Female Artist of the Year. I want to have somewhere special to put my awards and my accomplishments. Female Artist of the Year has got to be in the top five for sure," Littlechief said.

Next Steps

Littlechief says she hopes to perform for international crowds. "I just hope my career takes me on the road. I want to go to Italy," she said. "I want to go where my music is played the most and go check it out. Mexico and Italy were in my top streams. I have had more plays on Spotify in Mexico, Italy, and Australia."

"I have always said I would love to perform outside of Canada and my dream place would be Italy. Then, I had an interview with a gentleman in the radio station in Italy a few months back and he said, 'your music is played so much here,' it is very cool and my dream would be to play there someday."

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Above: Sophia Fox with 'Uncle Fester' from The Addams Family.



Above right: Sophia Fox's provincial class.



Right: Shaune Fingas' afternoon provincial class.

Local talent at SMFA Provincials in Saskatoon

Local talent from Moosomin, Whitewood and Rocanville participated in the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association Provincials in Saskatoon from May 30 to June 1. The students who attended and performed were Olivia Brooks, Shaughny Fingas, Sophia Fox (accompanied by her brother Tobin), Anna Lynnes, and Izac

Mactal. All of these students have participated in local festivals for many years.

Olivia Brooks was in Vocal and Musical Theatre: 12 and under. Olivia received runner up in her musical theatre piece. There were 15 kids in her class, so that was exciting.

Shaughny Fingas was in Musical Theatre: 17 and under. This was her third time at Provincials.

Sophia Fox was in Musical Theatre: 17 and under. Sophia is from Whitewood. She participated in the Kipling Music Festival. Her brother Tobin accompanied her. Tobin teaches piano in Moosomin at Bethel United Church.

Anna Lynnes was in Piano: 17 and under. Anna is from Rocanville.

Izac Mactal was in Musical Theatre: Senior Open. Izac grew up singing in the festival starting in Grade 3. He has just finished his first year at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. He participated in the Biggar Music Festival.



Above: Anna Lynnes in Piano: 17 and under.



Above right: Olivia Brooks with Sandra Poole.

Below right: Shaune Fingas' evening provincial class.

Below: Izac Mactal's provincial class.





"SCHOOLS OUT" Dance & BBQ

Kids had fun dancing, playing outside, and getting glitter tattoos at the "School's Out" Dance and BBQ in Fleming on Wednesday.

Ashley Bocek photos





McNaughton High School Class of 1964 holds 60-year reunion

The McNaughton High School Class of 1964 held their 60-year reunion in Moosomin on Saturday, June 22. The above photo includes all students in the class in attendance plus spouses, plus Jean Frape as well as Steve Miller who weren't in the class but attended high school there and knew everyone, and were invited. Also Marlene Carefoot did not attend Moosomin as she was from Whitewood but is George Carefoot's widow who was in the class.

Since graduation in 1964 there have been 19 of the former classmates who have passed away and many more that would have liked to attend but simply didn't have the health to be able to travel anymore.

The reunion was based at the Canalta where most of the group were staying. It started with registration later Friday afternoon in the Canalta meeting room, and a buffet supper. Saturday afternoon, the group moved to the Legion for more visiting and a roast beef buffet which the Legion catered. The group had an absolutely wonderful weekend with much reminiscing, many laughs, tears, hugs and promises to keep in touch.

The class held their first McNaughton High School Reunion five years ago,

also headquartering at the Canalta but then spending the Saturday at the golf club. There were 42 classmates at that reunion. Since then, four classmates have passed away and some that attended that reunion couldn't come to this one. However, some that had previous commitments then were able to make this one.

The people in the photo above are as follows (*denotes classmates):

Front row: Betty Mills, *Larry Mills, *Isobel (Beach) Barkley, *Sheila (Mills) McGonigal

Middle row: Ron Kirby, Cliff Kolach, *Joan (Fyke) Kolach, Marlene Carefoot (*George Carefoot's widow), *Cheryl (Jopling) Weatherald, *Sharon (Fisher) Esch, *Karen (Wadham) McCutcheon, Jean Frape, *Larry Davis, *Willa (Miller) McMullen, *Ivan Buehler, Norma (Lewis) Elmslie, Cecile Buehler

Back row: Terry Barkley, *Helen (Fisher) Kirby, *Shirley (Cozens) Biro, *Carole (Crosson) Mudd, *Art Mudd, *Chris Turnmire, Lorna Turnmire, *Jack Lough, *Norman (Chick) Elmslie, *Ken (Butch) Davison, Donna Davison, Steve Miller

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South East Cornerstone School Division

School bus driver retention remains a sticking point at SECPSD

BY NORM PARK

The bi-annual transportation report for the South East Cornerstone Public School Division is in the hands of Transportation and Facilities Manager Andy Dobson on Wednesday afternoon, June 19.

Dobson spoke to the board members during their regular business session in the division's head office in Weyburn.

The ongoing problem of retaining bus drivers was part of the presentation, with Dobson noting that one Wawota route had been eliminated due to lack of driver(s) and then later reinstated while another route in the Lampman area was merged with another, again due to the lack of a driver in the previous school year. Current unfilled routes are in the Weldon (Bienfait) and Estevan Compre-

hensive School routes as well as two in the Carlyle region.

A total of 1,213 routes were cancelled in the last half of this academic year, with 42 half-days lost due to mechanical needs and 249 full days due to weather along with 172 half-day route losses due to weather. The lack of a substitute driver accounted for 173 half days and 577 full days.

There are currently 155 transportation routes covered by the division's buses, carrying 4,593 students, well over 50 per cent of the total student population with a 25,000 km total coverage on a daily basis.

The average rural one-way ride time remains at approximately 48 minutes with the longest ride time being the Estevan/Torquay and Weyburn/Oungre routes at around 90 minutes.

Dobson noted that in the past school year the division acknowledged five driver resignations, two more drivers had passed away while 15 drivers came on board as newly hired. He added however that while recruitment was often fairly successful, drivers often switched roles to take up other positions, some in the school division as education assistants or caretakers for example. Retention has become a

single concern he said.

Dobson also went over an extensive list of driver recruitment initiatives that included traditional areas such as newspapers, newsletters, recruitment fairs and trade shows, pamphlets, ads on various media platforms, and recruitment bonuses for current drivers and signing bonuses to conclude his remarks on this particular topic.

Wawota News

Myrna Olson

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Congratulations to Calvin and Jamie (Attrax) Murphy on the birth of their daughter on June 13. She weighed 7 lbs 13 oz and has been named Hudsyn Allie. Tag and Britany Clemence and family are enjoying a new niece and cousin.

Alex and Maureen McIsaac renewed acquaintances in Wawota recently. They lived in Saskatoon for several years and now live on Vancouver Island. Alex was our vet for many years.

Sympathy to the family and friends of the late Gwen Hirtle. Gwen passed away on June 17 at Deer View Lodge. She was predeceased by her husband, Wayne, and son, Jeff, and is survived by her daughter, Wendy (Ken) Slade, her family and Jeff's family. A funeral service will be held in the Town Hall on July 4.

Gordon and Valerie Van Dresar travelled to the Black Hills in South Dakota for a week, touring through Sturgis, Deadwood, Custer and surrounding area. They checked out the progress of the Crazy Horse mountain carving which has changed a lot since the first time they saw it 30 years ago but still needs a lot more

work. The people of Sturgis were getting ready for their 84th annual motorcycle rally. Wild Bill Hickock is still getting shot four times a day and Jack McCall trial starts at 7 pm every evening in Deadwood. The weather was great, hot and dry and no wind!

Congratulations to two local young girls who convoked at ceremonies in Regina on June 12. Breanna De Roo graduated from the U of R with a Bachelor of Arts with honors in Psychology. Madison Wilson graduated from a four-year business degree with a major in marketing.

The popular musical group, The Hints of Harmony, held their 39th concert (41 years together) on June 23 at the United Church.

Roy Bortolotto, who has been the acting lay minister at Wawota and Maryfield for the past seven years, is now an ordained minister. This event took place at the Knox United Church last week in Saskatoon. The congregations celebrated on Sunday, June 23 with a combined church service and a decorated chocolate cake made by Danny Roberts.

Welwyn News

Phyllis Harper

306-733-2155

The Welwyn Museum Committee held a barbecue fundraiser at the Belles and Beaus Coffee Shop on Friday, June 21. The generous support of the 50 or so people who attended from Welwyn, Rocanville and the surrounding area, will go towards repairs to the foundation of the museum building.

Doug and Barb Cuthill were in Redvers on Sunday to watch grandson Clark and his U11 ball team, the Rocanville Bulldogs, play in their year-end tournament. The team won all three of their games making them the U11 Moose Mountain League

Champs.

Donald Cuthill of Standard, Alberta, has been visiting friends and family in the area and spent Monday golfing with his cousin Doug and visiting his aunt Shirley Cuthill.

Norman and Norma Elmslie of Elrose, Saskatchewan, were recent visitors in Welwyn with cousin Amy Ewen and Shirley Cuthill.

Get well wishes to Allan Johnston who underwent surgery in Regina on Wednesday. Chevy and Catarina Johnston and Candace of Calgary, Alberta, are here for a visit at this time.

St. Lazare News

Robin Tremblay

306-683-2464

Isiah Simard participated in the Special Olympics in Selkirk on June 1. He was first place in the 100 metre, and second place in the 200 metre long jump and in shotput. Congratulations, Isiah!

Armand and Louise Fouillard of Blind Bay, British Columbia are visiting with family and friends and took in a few grad ceremonies while here.

It was nice to see Jo-Ann Haney back home for a while after 114 days in Edmonton. She reports that David is now in Win-

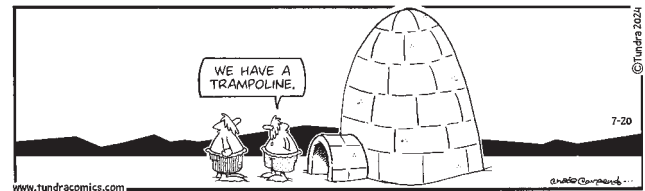
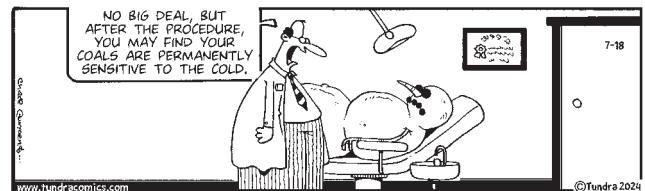
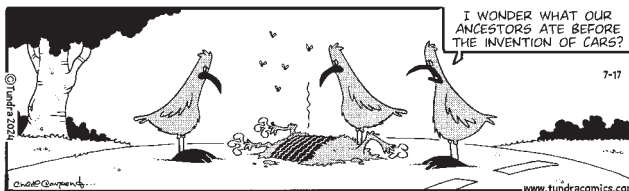
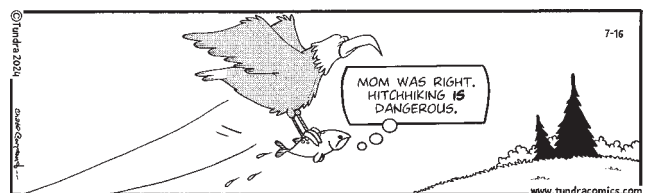
nipeg and is doing much better. We wish him all the best in his recovery.

Congratulations to all of our grads who graduated from BCI this week: Preston Fulham, Chase Bagley, Chloe Belhumeur, Shaelyn Belhumeur, Keaston Conley, Tyson Fouillard, Ty Haney, Peyton Houle, Tyson Houle, Jayden Kautenhofen-Pimental, and Kadence Mercer. Wishing you all the best in your future ventures!

Lil Sather motored to Saskatoon to visit her son and have a yard sale.

Tundra

Chad Carpenter





Westman RCMP Report

83 calls for service

During the week of June 16 to June 22, Westman RCMP received a total of 83 calls for service. Of the 83 calls, 21 were traffic related, including 10 moving traffic/speeding violations, six mischief files, and six requests for wellbeing checks.

Four traffic stops in Virden for drivers using cell phones

On June 16, during a routine traffic patrol in the town of Virden, RCMP observed a female driving while holding a cell phone up to her ear. A traffic stop was conducted and this driver was issued a traffic offence notice for using a cellular phone or other hand-operated electronic device while driving a vehicle which carries three-day licence suspension penalty, as well as a \$672 fine.

During the week, there were three additional traffic stops of this nature within the town of Virden. The same three-day licence suspension and fine were also issued in these incidents as well.

Break and enter to a motel in Virden

On June 16, RCMP were dispatched to a call of a break and enter to a motel in Virden. Upon arrival, police located one suspect outside of the motel. Police were notified by a witness that there was another suspect inside one of the rooms who had entered by breaking a window. Both suspects were arrested and a 25-year-old female was charged with breaking, entering and committing mischief. She will appear in court in August.

Impaired driver goes off road into body of water

On June 19, RCMP received a report of a pickup truck driving off the road and into a body of water on Road 254 in the RM of Sifton. Police attended and witnessed signs of impairment in the driver. A 63-year-old male was arrested and charged with operation while impaired (alcohol) of motor vehicle, and operation while over 80 mg% (alcohol) of motor vehicle. A breath test was conducted with results of 150 mg% and 130 mg%. The male was later released on an appearance notice and will appear in court

in August.

40 km/hr over the speed limit

On June 20, during a routine traffic patrol on Highway 1 in the RM of Sifton, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 150 km/hr in a 110 km/hr zone. RCMP conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle where it was discovered that the driver had expired licence plates on the vehicle. Upon further investigation it was determined that the vehicle was appropriately registered, but the new, valid licence plate had not yet been affixed to the vehicle. The driver was issued traffic offence notices for speeding which carries a fine of \$573, and displaying a number plate that does not match the registration card which carries a fine of \$113.

Numbers to call

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

Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

Rocanville Recreation Dog Park/Walking Trails

If you have driven past the ball diamonds recently, you might have noticed a new fence up. This marks the start of our new dog park! Over the summer we will be busy transforming this area into a welcoming space for dogs and their owners. Here is what you can expect:

- We'll be cleaning the area up to ensure it's enjoyable for all visitors.
- A road will be established to provide easy access to the park.
- A graveled parking lot will be constructed, complete with picnic tables and benches where you can relax and enjoy the surroundings.

This dog park is set to become a fantastic spot for dogs to play and socialize off-leash in a secure environment. Use at your own risk and respect others.

In addition to the dog park, we are enhancing our walking trails to offer a more enjoyable experience for all. A special thanks goes out to Les Jack and Derek Brown for their work in widening and improving the accessibility of the trails. Here is what's happening at the trails:

- They will be sprayed for bugs, ensuring a more comfortable walking experience during the summer months.
- Keep an eye out for the new Story Walk coming up this summer, which will add an engaging and educational element to your walks.
- Trails will be mapped and distances provided for users.

These improvements are part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the recreational opportunities in Rocanville, promoting an active and healthy lifestyle for our residents. Your support and patience during the construction phase is greatly appreciated.

Rocanville Trail/Disc Golf

Attention outdoor enthusiasts and disc golf fans! The Rocanville Cross-Country walking trails and Disc Golf course is mowed and ready to go.

Disc Golf at the trails provides a unique experience for disc golfers of all skill levels. The course weaves through the lush landscape, incorporating elements of the existing trail system and ensuring a harmonious integration of nature. The tonal targets, which offer a distinct sound when hit, add an enjoyable auditory element to the game.

In addition to the disc golf course, the Rocanville trails include five kilometers of walking trails. These trails are well-maintained and provide a perfect setting for those who enjoy walking. Nordic poles are available at the clubhouse. Visitors are advised to exercise caution while on the trails. The area is known for its wildlife, and there have been recent sightings of bears.

For safety reasons, the trails and disc golf course are only accessible when dry.

Rocanville Town and Country Golf Course

Rocanville Town and Country Golf Club has an exciting lineup of tournaments and events for golf enthusiasts. Here are the key dates to mark on your calendars:

- **Youth Golf Lessons** – July 10 for ages 10+ (all skill levels welcome) \$20 per golfer.
- **Glow Golf** – Enjoy an evening of glow golf on July 27
- **Ladies Tournament** – Ladies, get ready for some friendly competition on August 24.
- **Clubhouse Fundraiser** – Join us for a great cause on August 31.

In addition to these tournaments, there are regular themed nights at the golf course:

- **Men's Night** – Every Monday evening.
- **Ladies Night** – Every Thursday evening.
- **Couples' Night** – The second Friday of each month.

For more details and to participate, feel free to reach out to the clubhouse at 306-645-2640.

Rocanville Rec Centre

After much discussion, Facebook polls, and community feedback, council has decided to sell our curling equipment. The funds raised from the sale of the equipment will be put towards a multi-purpose gym floor at the Rec Centre. The new floor will allow for more events to take place out of the Rec Centre such as pickleball tournaments, basketball tournaments, gymnastics, dance . . . Thank you to our users and previous boards for the facility and usage. A fundraising committee has been formed to help raise money. For more information on this project or to join this committee please contact the Rec Office.

Rental Opportunities

Looking for a venue for birthdays, reunions, Christmas parties, or other events? The Rocanville Rec Centre is available for rent. Contact 306-645-2164 or email rocaville.rec@sasktel.net to book your event and make lasting memories.

Rocanville Museum

The Museum is gearing up for a summer packed with fun-filled events for all ages!

Pioneer Days at the Museum: Offers a variety of exciting activities for attendees on July 27. The day will kick off with tug-of-war at 11 am followed by a three-legged race at 1 pm. At 2 pm, participants can test their balance and speed in the egg race, and the festivities will end with a pie-eating contest at 3 pm. In addition to these scheduled events, visitors can enjoy all-day activities such as life-size X's and O's, ring toss, a scavenger hunt, and hayrides. A delicious lunch will be available for those looking to refuel and continue the fun.

Bi-weekly BINGO: For those who enjoy games of chance and community gatherings, the Rocanville Museum will also be hosting bi-weekly BINGO sessions. These events will take place on July 24, August 7, and August 21, starting at 2 pm. Admission is by donation, making it an accessible and enjoyable event for everyone.

Water Party—Summer Fun in the Sun: Kicking off the summer events, the Rocanville Museum will host a water party on Saturday, July 20 from 1-4 pm. This event will feature a large Slip'n' Slide, providing a cool and exciting way to beat the summer heat. Attendees can also participate in ring toss and life-size X's and O's.

Join the Fun!

The Rocanville Museum's summer events are a perfect opportunity for families and community members to come together and enjoy a variety of entertaining activities. There is something for everyone at the Rocanville Museum!

Rocanville Library

The Rocanville Library provides convenient access to the library's resources, including books, and digital materials.

Open Hours:

Wednesday: 9 am – 12 pm & 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Thursday: 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Friday: 1:30-5:30 pm

Programming Highlights:

Bug Exploration Makerspace Kit: Month of July
Beadie Buddy Take 'n' Make: Month of July (while supplies last)

Kids Crafternoon: Bring your kiddos out for an afternoon of crafting at the library on July 10 and 24 from 2-4 pm.

Pancake Breakfast: We will be hosting a free pancake breakfast out front of the library July 17 from 10-11:30 am

Mr. Eric (previously Mr. Snotsense) Music Performance: Mr. Eric will be coming to the library to perform his music for your kiddos! Come out for a great afternoon of fun-filled music on July 19 at 2 pm.

TD Summer Reading Club: Come on out to the library to get your items for this year's summer reading club! There are all kinds of fun items and prizes for attaining various reading goals! Month of July and August.

Save the Dates:

Science Centre Summer Program: August 2 at 2 pm

Book Sale: August 14-16, during regular hours.

Rocanville Community Centre

Formerly the Senior Centre
219 Ellice Street, Rocanville

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

Coffee – Rise and shine. Start your day right with a cup of coffee and friendly conversations at the Rise and Shine coffee mornings, held Monday to Friday from 8-9:30 am.

Cards

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

Rental Opportunity

The Rocanville Community Centre also offers its space for rentals at affordable rates:

4-hour rental or less \$50, daily rental \$100

For bookings contact:

Mel Strong at 306-645-4412 or text 306-434-5511

Nora Ferguson at 306-645-2617 or text 306-434-7580

Whether you're looking for a morning coffee, an afternoon of cards, a shared meal, or a venue for your event, the Rocanville Community Centre is a welcoming place for all ages to connect and enjoy.

Rocanville Community Thrift Store

The Rocanville Community Thrift Store is run by a group of local volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time at the Thrift Store please, contact Marilyn at 306-645-4553. The Thrift Store is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 1-4 pm and Thursdays 6-8 pm.

Visit us during our open hours to explore a diverse range of items, from clothing and household goods to unique treasures. Your purchases at the Thrift Store support local initiatives and contribute to the well-being

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Elks Proud Award from left: PGER Ron Potter, Elkhorn #381 President Riley Brennand, award recipient Elkhorn Treasurer Ken Shackel, GER Don Gillis, and MEA Provincial President Dean Sherritt.

Elkhorn Elks #381 hosts Manitoba Elks Association's annual conference

On Saturday, June 15, the Elkhorn Elks #381 hosted the Manitoba Elks Association (MEA) annual conference.

Members of the Elkhorn Elks have been preparing to host the province for many months, under the organizing committee chaired by member Sister Tawna McLean and her many volunteers!

There were 31 delegates from all over the province, as far northwest as Swan River, northeast as Riverton, and as far southeast as Altona (nine provincial Lodges were represented) and many communities in between. We were very honored to have present our National President (Grand Exalted Ruler) Brother Don Gillis and his wife, Sister Anne Gillis, from Rimbey, Alberta who are both members of the Breton Elks #402 (Breton, Alberta). We also had present for supper one of our Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Brother Ron and Deb Potter of Moosomin Elks #340.

The day began with an awesome morning snack and a beverage to get everyone's juices flowing and prepare them for a day of discussions and deliberations! After Provincial President Brother Dean Sherritt, Souris Elks #21, opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement, it was time to get to work. The morning passed very quickly with a lot of serious chatter on a possible amalgamation of the Manitoba Elks Association and the Manitoba Elks Foundation (our provincial charity arm). We looked at and discussed resolutions, reviewed the 2025 budget for the Manitoba Elks Foundation, to name a few of the morning activities.

We were all off to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #58 (at Elkhorn's Richhill Ave.) for a soup and sandwich lunch prepared and served by members of the Elkhorn Legion. Promptly at 1 pm, all members assembled at the Elkhorn Cenotaph for the Cenotaph Ceremony to remember those members of our nation that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Both GER Gillis and Provincial President Sherritt laid wreaths on behalf of the Elks of Canada and the Manitoba Elks Association.

After returning to the hall it was back to work for more discussions, a look at our MEA 2025 budget, and election of new officers for the ensuing year. The Manitoba Elks Foundation handed out their 2024 Foundation Grants (which totaled \$38,500) and then the initiation was held for those newly elected members of the executive.

All work and no play makes for no fun, so after a long day of business it was time to move to supper (catered by First Street Catering, Virden, Manitoba), some awards and recognition and then entertainment by Lyle Baldwin

(multi-instrumentalist and vocalist) of Killarney, Manitoba).

Some of the activities at supper were a thank you to our honoured guests from both the MEA and the Elkhorn Elks, an Elks Proud Award to Brother Ken Shackel who is our Elkhorn Treasurer, for his many extra duties around the Lodge, and two very special pin presentations. Two

of our members were presented with very special 55 Year Pins (both several years overdue) to Brother Gerry Gatey of Virden, Manitoba, and Brother Bob Thomson of Elkhorn, for their many, many years of service to their communities and the Elks of Canada.

Story submitted by Elkhorn Elks #381.



THIS YEAR'S THEME IS...

Candyland

Candy has always been a big part of the parade and this year, it's the theme!




THE MOOSOMIN 2024 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARADE, WILL BE AT 10AM SATURDAY, JULY 13TH

Parade marshalling begins at 9 am behind McNaughton High School. Parade start will be in the McNaughton High School Parking Lot and go north on Birtle St., East on South Front, South on Main Street and east on Wright Road to the SEICC

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55 Year Pin Presentations were presented to Bob Thomson and Gerry Gatey by Grand Exalted Ruler Don Gillis.

New Finland picnic

The New Finland mid summer picnic was held on Saturday, June 22 at the New Finland Church Yard.

The day consisted of a barbecue, history displays and book sales, and a number of games and activities including a three-legged race, boot toss contest and wife carrying contest.

People came from as far as Ontario and Manitoba for the picnic, but the prize for the people coming the farthest went to Warren and Judith Maki from the Philippines.

Right: The three-legged race in front of St. John's Lutheran Church. Liz Domas-lai and Paige Muzyka won the race, earning them a set of decorative maple leaf plates and a jar of cloudberry jam.

Kevin Weedmark and Kara Kinna photos



Far left: Valerie Knuuttila wearing a kanaslispuku (a traditional dress) created specifically for the New Finland district. The dress consists of the blue and white Fin colors as well as red for the Canadian flag, traditional brooches, and an apron.

Left: Children participating in the three legged race.

Above: Larry Sippola, the winner of the boot throwing contest receiving his special trophy made by Dale Minarik.



There was lots of interest in the boot throwing contest, that saw competitors lob rubber boots with their heftiest toss for a chance to win a trophy.



Left: There were a few tumbles in the wife carrying contest. The event was won by Wyatt Domoslai carrying Paige Muzyka successfully across the 14-metre course. The prize was a New Finland mug and a \$20 gift certificate to Tim Hortons donated by Dale and Brenda Minarik.

Above: Kids at the beanbag toss.





Moosomin RCMP Report

BY SGT. DAMIEN GROUCHY

Fire at business in Moosomin

On June 21, members were called out to a structure fire to a business/residence located on Park Avenue. Moosomin Fire Department acted swiftly and evacuated the family from the burning structure safely! Their quick actions extinguished the fire before it had a chance to engulf the entire building or cause any danger to surrounding buildings. Amazing work! Moosomin is very fortunate to have such a great Fire Department!

Driving wrong way on highway

On June 21, members received a complaint of a traffic hazard on Highway 1 outside of Moosomin. The caller reported a motorist was traveling westbound in the east-bound lane. Members patrolled for the vehicle but it was not located and no further complaints were received.

Mercedes driving upwards 160 km/hr and weaving in traffic

On June 21, members received a complaint of a blue Mercedes traveling upwards of 160 km/hr on Highway 1 weaving in and out of other vehicles. No licence plate was provided and member patrols were negative.

Noise complaint in Rocanville

On June 21, members responded to a noise complaint in Rocanville. The caller heard loud music and yelling. Members attended and confirmed nothing criminal had occurred.

Intoxicated person in Moosomin

On June 21, members received a complaint of an intoxicated person in Moosomin. Members attended and the subject was taken home.

Injured elk dispatched

On June 21, members received a complaint of an injured elk on Highway 1. Members attended and dispatched the elk.

Two bikes stolen in Moosomin

On June 22, members received a complaint of two bikes stolen from a business located on Main Street in Moosomin. The bikes are a Norco Rampage 2 and Trek Merline 6. Moosomin is requesting anyone with information about this incident to contact the Moosomin RCMP by calling 306-435-3361. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com

Suspicious person near Fleming

On June 25, members received multiple complaints of a suspicious person laying on Highway 1 near Fleming. Members attended and learned the male was not in distress and provided him a ride to Moosomin.

Driving over the speed limit

On June 25, members received a complaint of a vehicle traveling upwards of 120 km/hr through a 90 km/zone. Members were unable to locate the vehicle.

Suspicious male taking pictures at a girl's baseball game

On June 25, members received a complaint of a suspicious male taking photos of a girl's baseball game in Moosomin. The male was described as East Indian and the vehicle he was driving had a Manitoba marker. The male was not recognized by any of the parents in attendance. The male left prior to members arriving and index checks on the licence plate were negative. No further calls were received.

Wallet found in dumpster

On June 26, members received a complaint of a stolen wallet. The owner believed the wallet was stolen from the parking lot of a business located at the east access road in Moosomin. The owner called the following day advising they had found their wallet in a dumpster behind a church. No money or cards were stolen.

10-year-old driving vehicle

On June 26, members received a complaint of children under the age of 10 years old driving a vehicle on Highway 601. Members are currently investigating the incident.

Multiple alarms at school

On June 27, members received a complaint of multiple alarms at a school located in Moosomin. Members confirmed it was a false alarm—a new employee had set the alarm off in error.

Dog attack in Welwyn

On June 27, members received a complaint of a dog attack in Welwyn. The complainant was approached by two dogs snarling and nipping at them. There were no

injuries but Moosomin RCMP is currently investigating the matter. This is not the first complaint received regarding these dogs.

Joke of the week

As a young child my mother told me that I can be anyone I want to be...

It turns out that this is called identity theft...

Have a safe week and take care, from your friendly Moosomin RCMP.



These two bikes were reported stolen in Moosomin.



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The Lions Club scholarship, presented by Audrey and Brenda, was awarded to Audrey Petracek, Alanis Dutka, Brody Giroux, Evan Knezacek and Brenda Redman.



Esterhazy High School Grad 2024

Esterhazy High School graduation was held on Thursday, June 27, with the class of 2024 celebrating their last moments together as a class. The day also consisted of a grad parade, and scholarship presentations.
Above: The Esterhazy High School Grad Class of 2024.

Shayna Zubko photos



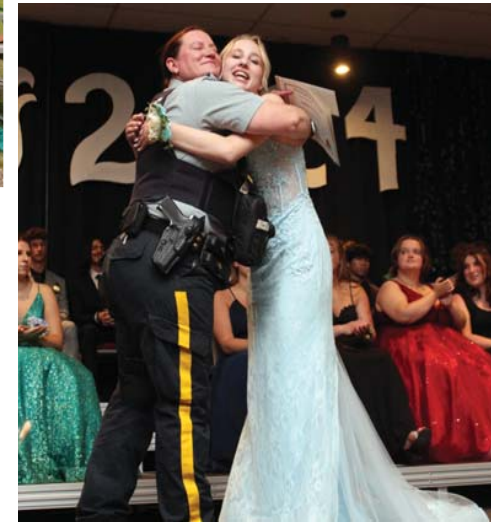
Drydan Griffith and Autumn Johnson during the grand entrance.



Diploma presentation, from left are, Tracy Huckell, Zach Dennis and Rick Heise.



Valedictorian Evan Knezacek saying a few words.



Above: The RCMP Scholarship was presented by Constable Herring to Anadelina Romanchook.



Emily Lomenda and Farren Romanchook enjoying themselves during the parade.



Jano Louw, Coen Rink, Jaxon Gogol, and Jirah Carandang on a float during the grad parade.



Graduates Ayla Schreiner, Marissa Smith, Kain Gareau, Ashalee Talbot and Brooklyn Smith.



Graduate Ky Truong proudly displaying the flag of Vietnam.



Farren Romanchook, Emily Lomenda, Alanis Dutka, Felicity Appl, and Andy Romanchook during the parade.

\$1,600 donated to MVAC from paint & sip fundraisers

June Van De Kerckhove and Jacqui Beckett donated \$1,600 to the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre last week. The money was raised through two paint and sip fundraisers on May 26 and June 2. The fundraisers were hosted by Aaron and Gena Shepherd at Skout Brewing in Moosomin.

The arts centre is aiming to purchase a second pottery wheel. Pottery wheels cost \$2,500 each and the arts centre is eventually hoping to have six wheels in total.

From left are June Van De Kerckhove and Jacqui Beckett making the donation to Terry Grant with the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre.



OBITUARIES



DONALD WILLIAM HALYK
SEPTEMBER 22, 1948 -
JUNE 14, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Don Halyk on June 14, 2024 with his family by his side.

Donald William Halyk was born on September 22, 1948 to Steve and Nellie Halyk in Melville, Saskatchewan. He was the youngest of six children. Don attended grade school in Fenwood and high school in Melville. He took great pride in growing up

in the small town of Fenwood where all the kids did everything together, including getting into their fair share of mischief.

He entered the workforce at a young age with his first job at PFRA. He then worked for Kleysen's for a short while. As luck would have it, he needed to have his tonsils removed which kept him out of certain "establishments" and had him hanging out at LB's Drive-In Restaurant instead. This is where he met the love of his life, Doretta Babyak.

Their relationship continued when he moved to Whitewood in January of 1973 to work at the Texaco Bulb Station. This allowed him to pursue his love for hockey as he played for the Whitewood Orioles. He also found an extended family with Don and Doreen McPhail. An unbreakable bond was formed.

Don and Doretta were married on May 19, 1973 and began their life in Whitewood, Saskatchewan. Don also happened

to have some skills in the game of fastball so he joined the St. Hubert Colts.

In July of 1974 they welcomed their first child, Tracy. Tricia joined the team in November of 1976 and Aimee completed the hat trick in January 1980.

During this time in Whitewood, many lifelong friendships were formed through his involvement in the community and sports.

In 1983, Don was hired at IMC Canada to work underground as a Warehouseman until his retirement in February of 2011. While underground, item and bin numbers were memorized, tickets were sold and friendships were formed.

Don, Doretta and the girls moved to Esterhazy in 1986. He continued to play hockey and ball for numerous teams whether he was a regular on the roster or a pickup for a weekend tournament. A highlight was playing with the Regina Carlings in the Western Fastball League with his brother Jerry in 1975.

As time went on, he added coaching to his resume. Through this passion for sports, he influenced many players. Whether you were on his team, or the opposition, there was a respect for his leadership, commitment, knowledge and skill. Don had a lifelong passion for sports. He played well into his 60's and was particularly proud of his weekly trips to Yorkton to play Ol' Timer Hockey with his oldest brother Gordon.

As exciting as this all was, the most precious times were just arriving. Don and Doretta welcomed five grandchildren into their lives: Aidan, Kieran, Bree, Cori and Bridger. These five quickly became their pride and joy enriching his life to a new level. The energy, pride and commitment he had in supporting his children and grandchildren was ever steady. This meant Donnie expanded his circle of activities. He now loved band, choir, dance, gymnastics, soccer, basketball,

guitar, piano, track, cross country running, musicals and volleyball. Don and Doretta now channeled their time, energy and gas money into strengthening family bonds. The house was always filled with laughs from Grandpa's goofy antics, card tricks, jokes, and endless adventures.

Don's extended family held great importance to him as well. Time spent with brothers, sisters, in-laws, nephews and nieces was valued. This was also true for the countless friends, teammates, and players who felt like they were important to him, because they truly were.

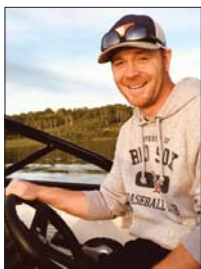
Don was predeceased by his mother Nellie, father Steve, father-in-law Albert Babyak, mother-in-law Aimee Babyak; sister Evangeline Turton and husband Duncan, sister Shirley Richmond and husband Richie, sisters-in-law Sandra Halyk, Shirley Halyk, Linda Babyak; brothers-in-law David Babyak, Mi-

chael Babyak; and nephew Samson Babyak.

Don will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Doretta; children Tracy and her husband Ryan Maksymchuk, Tricia and her husband Gord Davies, Aimee and her husband Scott Unchulenko; his grandchildren Aidan, Kieran, Bree, Cori and Bridger; brothers Gordon Halyk and Jerry Halyk; sister Mavis and Dale Gustafson; brothers-in-law Dan and Charlotte Babyak, Jerome and Caryn Babyak, Chris Babyak, Ken and Linda Babyak; sisters-in-law Jan and Rudy Krueger, Rita Cooper, Dianne Babyak and Terry Boulet; as well as many nieces and nephews.

We thank you Don for everything you were and all that you gave. May you forever rest in peace with the certain knowledge that you will always be dearly loved and terribly missed.

Arrangements by Peter Carscadden Funeral Service, Esterhazy, Saskatchewan. (306) 745-3304.



GREGORY GORDON CHARLES BUDD

It is with great sadness that we mourn the sudden passing of Gregory Gordon Charles Budd. Greg passed away on May 19, 2024 at the age of 43.

Greg spent his youth in Lethbridge and Red Deer, Alberta, but his family roots belong on a farm near

Olds, Alberta. The final 10 years of his life were spent living in Saskatchewan.

Moosomin Lake became home to him in 2021. Greg enjoyed his "Lake Life"—living at the lake fulfilled his easy-going nature, his adoration for good company, and his love for perfecting a smoked brisket.

Greg was predeceased by his grandparents Gertrude and Albert Budd.

Greg is survived by his mother Anita Budd; Aunt Wanda and Uncle Dave Okamura; Aunt Carol and Uncle Wesley Budd; and cousin Elizabeth Wilkie and her children Opsal and Grenley.

Greg leaves a lifetime of friends and family to celebrate his life. He will forever be missed by his Saskatchewan family Rooen, Kobielle, Joni, Mark, Wan-

da, Candace, Brad, Cooper, Beau, Corrie-Lynn, Jeff, Easton and Nash.

A Happy Hour was held on June 7 at the cabin at Moosomin Lake, Saskatchewan, to celebrate Greg's life. Those who attended brought a golf ball and a good story.

A Celebration of Greg's Life will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2024 from 2 to 4 pm in the Pitherny Event Centre, 4725 - 43 Street, Red Deer, Alberta.

Donations may be made in Greg's memory to the Moosomin Senior Badgers Baseball Team by e-transfer to moosominbadgersbaseball@gmail.com, the Pipestone Hills Golf Course at the Town of Moosomin Office, Red Deer Minor Baseball at 3310 - 55th Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta or a charity of your choice.



BERT TOCHOR
SEPTEMBER 1, 1936 -
JUNE 24, 2024

Bert Tochor passed away peacefully on June 24, 2024, at 87 in the care home at Esterhazy.

Born on the family farm on September 1, 1936, to Peter and Barbara (Helmeczi) Tochor, Bert spent his entire life in the area dedicated to his family, work, and community.

On July 4, 1960, Bert met his wife Marie at a dance in Churchbridge. One year later, they were married at St. Joseph's Church in Langenburg, spending almost 63 years together in enduring love and partnership.

The couple initially lived in Esterhazy until 1963, when they purchased a farm. They farmed there until Bert fell ill in October of last year. Together, Bert and Marie raised four children: Brenda, Bob, Eugene, and Carla.

Bert worked on various construction projects throughout the area, including the construction of the Rocanville and Esterhazy mines, schools, rink, and hospital. He also always lent a hand to friends and family when needed.

From an early age, his true passion was the farm, from growing crops to raising livestock. He was also an avid gardener with a special fondness for lilies.

He had a strong attachment to the community and was involved in many committees. Bert was a member of the parish council for a number of years and one of the founding members of the Kaposvar heritage site. He was also on the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool board in Esterhazy for many years and played an active role in the Coma Park community pasture up until

recently.

Bert was predeceased by his parents Peter and Barbara, and his brothers Jim, Laddie, and Victor. He also mourned the loss of his in-laws Haig and Catherine Pollock, his brother-in-law George Petracek, his nephew Wes Petracek, and his beloved daughter Brenda.

Bert's life was a testament to hard work and love for his family. He will be deeply missed by his wife Marie; his sons Bob and Eugene, daughter Carla (Hugh) Davis; son-in-law Richard Findlay; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Pat Petracek and Gloria (Edie) Wirth; brother-in-law John (Elaine) Pollock, numerous relatives, and all who knew him.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, June 29 from Our Lady of Victories Roman Catholic Church, Esterhazy, with Father Francis Plaparampil officiating. Interment took place at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Peter Carscadden Funeral Service was in care of arrangements. (306) 745-3304.

Obituaries and other announcements can be emailed to world_spectator@sasktel.net



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RECYCLING CALENDAR

ROUTE A: Homes on Broadway Avenue and North: JULY 15 & JULY 29

ROUTE B: Homes south of Broadway Avenue: JULY 8 & JULY 22

LANDFILL HOURS

JANUARY 1 - APRIL 30 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 3:45 p.m.	MAY 1 - MAY 30 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.	JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 30 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.	OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 31 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.	NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 3:45 p.m.
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2024 Parks & Recreation Awards

12th Annual Moosomin Parks and Recreation Awards



This year we are looking at a November Awards date with deadlines in September. Our Motto is clear "Why Nominating is a Must: Unveiling the Power of Recognition"! Please check this week's Recreation Report for details.

Our Awards include:

- Community Hero Award
- Mayor's Award of Distinction – Sport / Culture / Parks / Recreation
- Mayor's Award of Distinction – Culture / Music / and Performing Arts
- Mayor's Award of Distinction – Visual Arts
- R.M. Award of Distinction – Sport / Culture / Parks / Recreation
- Community Councillor's Achievement Award – Sport / Culture / Parks / Recreation
- Corporate Community Builder Award
- Association / Team / Individual of the Year
- Legends Award
- Youth Award of Excellence

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 mismn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or call 306-435-7578

Communities in Bloom 2024

As a defending Provincial Champion we are so excited to host our judges again this summer!! Judges will be here August 7th and 8th!!

We ask everyone to chip in to make Moosomin Bloom in the summer of 2024!!



2024 Mini British Open Charity Golf Tournament



Boy oh boyoh boy 2024 is going to be a doozy!!

This year's tournament goes **Friday & Saturday July 19 & 20th** at the Pipestone Hills Golf Club

Already have 19 teams signed up!! which is fantastic!!



Proceeds from 2024 will be for a new Outdoor Pickleball Facility in Moosomin.

Once again this will be an open event (guys or gals) ...teams of 6

To enter you can call 306-435-3622 and speak to Mike or email mismn.rec.brd@sasktel.net


Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Swimming Hours

We're now into our summer hours! Those include:





<p>Monday</p> <p>AquaCize..... 6:30 – 7am</p> <p>Lane Swim 7 – 8am</p> <p>Public Swimming..... 1 pm - 5 pm</p> <p>Public Swimming..... 7pm – 8:30pm</p> <hr/> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>AquaCize..... 6:30 – 7am</p> <p>Public Swimming..... 1 pm - 5 pm</p> <p>Public Swimming..... 7pm – 8:30pm</p> <p>AquaCize..... 8:30 – 9:30pm</p> <hr/> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>AquaCize..... 6:30 – 7am</p> <p>Lane Swim 7 – 8am</p> <p>Public Swimming..... 1 pm - 5 pm</p> <p>Public Swimming..... 7pm – 8:30pm</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>AquaCize..... 6:30 – 7am</p> <p>Public Swimming..... 1 pm - 5 pm</p> <p>Public Swimming..... 7pm – 8:30pm</p> <p>AquaCize..... 8:30 – 9:30pm</p> <hr/> <p>Friday</p> <p>Lane Swim 7 – 8am</p> <p>Public Swimming..... 1 pm - 5 pm</p> <p>Public Swimming..... 7pm – 8:30pm</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday</p> <p>Public Swimming..... 1pm – 5pm</p> <p>Public Swimming..... 7pm – 8:30pm</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday</p> <p>Public Swimming..... 1pm – 5pm</p> <p>Family Swim Night..... 7 pm - 8:30 pm</p>
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Swimming Lessons 2024



To book a lesson, please call 306-435-2346 or stop in at the Borderland Co-op Aquaplex



Remaining dates include:

PUBLIC SETS

Set # 3 – 1-week session July 8 - July 12

Set # 4 – 1-week session July 22 - July 26

Set # 5 – 1-week session August 5 - August 9

Set # 6 – 2-week session August 12 - August 23

PRIVATE SETS (ALL 1 WEEK SETS)

Set # 2 July 15 - July 19

Set # 3 July 29 - August 2

Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Private Parties



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Camping Spots Now Open!



Those looking for camping spaces at Bradley Park in 2024 are reminded spots our now open to book. To book please go online to "Letscamp.ca" and follow along with their instructions.



SaskPower eyes south for nuclear plant locations

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A series of community meetings were held last week in Oxbow, Estevan, Torquay, Macoun, Midale, and Weyburn to talk about bringing nuclear power to Saskatchewan. Currently, SaskPower has its eyes on two candidate sites around Estevan—the Boundary Site just south of that city, and the Rafferty Site a little further west. The ultimate plan is for SaskPower to secure a pair of sites—each being a quarter-section in size—that could host two small modular reactors capable of producing 630 MW of power. A final investment decision to go ahead with the initial SMR will be made in five years' time.

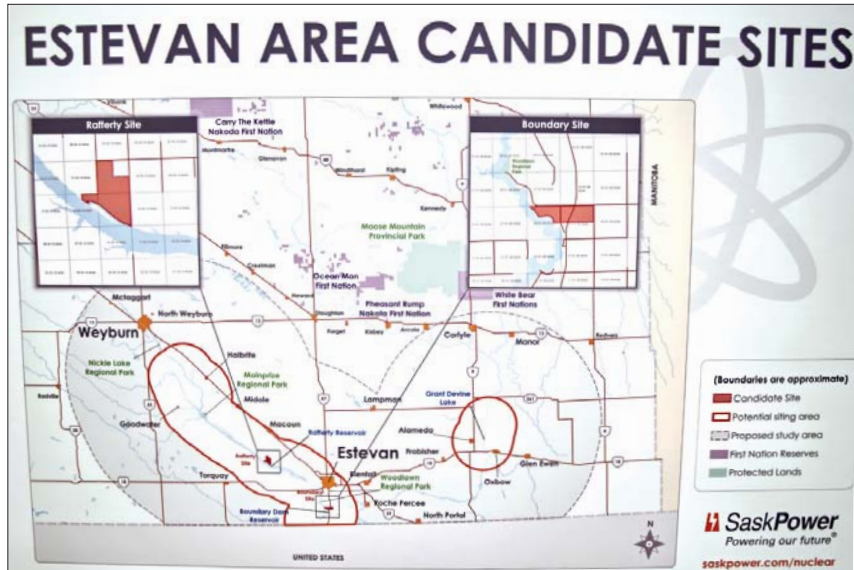
"These are two viable sites, there's more research to be done," said Wes Cates, Stakeholder Relations Consultant with SaskPower during an information session in Torquay. The purpose of the public meetings was to give people a chance to ask questions face-to-face, gaining accurate information from the source.

"That's what we're trying to do, and just be transparent and share the information," Cates said. "There's still decisions to be made, so sometimes we might not have the answer that you're looking for, but we'll give you as much information as we can to give you a better understanding of the processes."

The Elbow area was also a potential site, but it seems as though SaskPower is focussing around the Rafferty Reservoir (RM of Cambria) and Boundary Dam (RM of Estevan) as favoured locations.

Before deciding on the official site of Saskatchewan's first SMR, more studies and research need to be completed—especially around themes of community impact, safety concerns, ecological, and environmental.

"So there's still a little bit of work to be done in that aspect before we really narrow it down to the site, but we've definitely done a lot of that already to narrow it



A map highlights two key potential sites favoured for a small modular reactor in Saskatchewan, both positioned near Estevan.

down to these two," Cates explained.

Stakeholder and public engagement is expected to be ongoing throughout the entire process, with site selection and project pre-planning predicted to wrap up mid-2025.

Coal has been a hot commodity in southern Saskatchewan since John Palliser first picked up a chunk of it in 1857, so questions on how that industry will be affected—especially in terms of employment—were top of mind.

"That's one of SaskPower's main focuses as well, doing what we can to make that transition as smooth and seamless as possible," Cates said during a conversation about a future shift of employment from coal to a nuclear facility. From current numbers, conventional coal makes up the second largest power source in the province (24 per cent), approximately 1,281 MW. Natural gas is top (39 per cent), producing 2,065 MW, with hydro and hydro imports placing third (21 per cent) with

1,155 MW. Wind and solar follow (11 per cent with 617 MW and two per cent with 95 MW respectively), with the remaining 142 MW (three per cent) generated through other means. Combined, the provincial power mix generates a capacity of 5,355 MW (as of March 31).

Decision to build still five years away

It's been two years since SaskPower selected exactly what kind of reactor would best suit provincial power needs. In June, 2022, SaskPower confirmed that the GE Hitachi BWRX-300 is the technology they're going with in SMR development. This particular reactor is the tenth generation of GE Hitachi's Boiling Water Reactors, with several SMRs now being used for research purposes. Currently, SMRs are not being used on commercial power grids, but development is happening in the U.S., Poland, Argentina, China, Russia, and South Korea.

One concern is that of water used in an SMR becoming contaminated and what happens after its use. Information from SaskPower notes nuclear power in general uses thermal generation, with slightly warmer water being returned to the source. Potential impacts of cycling warm water back into a

waterbody are being studied.

Billed as one of the safest energy generation options around, nuclear power is a tightly-regulated industry in Canada with no accidents being reported over the past five decades. The BWRX-300 itself is lauded as a safe technology, with proponents of nuclear en-

ergy claiming a chest x-ray would expose you to more radiation than living within a few kilometres of a nuclear power plant in Canada for 100 years.

Drawing from the history and construction of other nuclear power facilities around the world will also yield important information in how the local project continues.

"So definitely, in taking that information and taking the lessons learned, best management practices and applying that to this facility so that we can have one of the safest and most efficient state-of-the-art facilities to bring to Saskatchewan," Cates replied when asked if previous builds would be helpful in this new path.

Between September 2022 and May of this year, SaskPower noted more than 7,700 interactions in just over 150 in-person and online meetings. From those conversations, they found 65 per cent of people were in support of nuclear power in Saskatchewan.

There's still a long road ahead with a final investment decision whether or not to proceed with building an SMR slated for 2029. If that happens, a license to construct would be obtained in the following year and a license to operate needed in 2033 before commercial operation could begin 10 years from now.



Alexis Doyle, a public Engagement Consultant with SaskPower answers questions during a public information meeting in Torquay on June 26.

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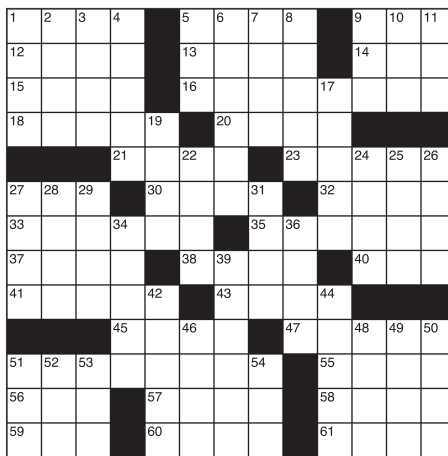
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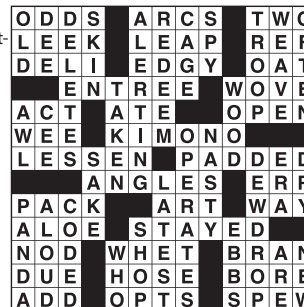
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