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MP Kitchen, MLA Bonk not running again Bonk running for Conservative nomination

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

There will be lots of changes on the local political scene as both Souris-Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen and Moosomin MLA Steven Bonk announced last week they will not run for re-election, and Bonk announced he will run for the Conservative nomination in Souris-Moose Mountain.

Dr. Robert Kitchen announced Monday he has decided not to let his name stand for re-election as MP for Souris-Moose Mountain. Kitchen will serve out his current term.

"I've decided that I'm not going to run in the next federal election," Kitchen told the World-Spectator. He said he only recently decided not to run for re-election but he is comfortable with his decision. "It's a decision that I've made and a decision that I will live with," he said.

After Kitchen's announcement, Moosomin MLA Steven Bonk announced he will seek the Conservative nomination in Souris-Moose Mountain and will not seek re-election as Moosomin MLA.

"I am excited to announce that I will be seeking the Conservative Party nomination for the Souris-Moose Mountain riding," Bonk said. "I was proud to be co-captain of Pierre Poilievre's Saskatchewan team during his leadership race." See detailed articles inside.

\$150,000 donation

Parrish and Heimbecker donated \$150,000 last week to the Moosomin Airport Expansion project.

From left, Kristjan Hebert of the Community Builder's Alliance (CBA), Justin Watson, Senior VP of Grain Origination and Crop Inputs, Cory Woywoda, General Manager at Moosomin P&H, RM of Moosomin Reeve Dave Moffatt, and Tyler Thorn of the CBA.

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MP Robert Kitchen decides against re-election

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Dr. Robert Kitchen has decided not to let his name stand for re-election as MP for Souris-Moose Mountain. Kitchen will serve out his current term.

"I've decided that I'm not going to run in the next federal election," Kitchen told the World-Spectator Monday.

He said he only recently decided not to run for re-election but he is comfortable with his decision. "It's a decision that I've made and a decision that I will live with," he said.

"I've decided that I will stay on as MP until the next election.

"I've been so honored and so privileged to have great constituents support-

ing me. The people have been so good to me and I'd like to believe I have reciprocated as best I can."

Kitchen was first elected in 2015 and is in his ninth year as a Member of Parliament. In the last federal election he won with the highest percentage of the vote of any MP in Canada.

"I won three elections, each and every one of those is a high point," he said.



Dr. Robert Kitchen.

"Having the high-est percentage of vote in the last election and just short of it in the one before that—those are very high points. Every time I've had an opportunity to talk to a constituent and hear their opinion is a high point for me because I like to believe I'm a people person and I love hearing what people have to say and what they can tell me and I've always said from day one that in my days of practice

as a chiropractor and as an MP, I need to learn something new and I've continued to do that. I believe it's very important that everyone learns something every day.

"I always enjoyed when I had an opportunity to talk with my constituents because I'm always learning something new."

A nomination date has not yet been set. The Conservative constituency association will set a nomination meeting date within 47 days of the announcement last Monday.

So far two candidates have come forward for the Conservative nomination—Moosomin MLA Steven Bonk and Torquay Mayor Mike Stratton.

Parrish & Heimbecker donates \$150,000 to the Moosomin Airport

BY ASHLEY BOCHER

Parrish & Heimbecker donated \$150,000 to the Moosomin Airport last week. P&H presented a cheque last Thursday, to help advance the airport project.

Justin Watson, Senior VP of Grain Origination and Crop Inputs for P&H, says the organization focused on the improvement to health care services the airport will provide the Moosomin area with this donation.

"As an organization—you always see the economic benefits for smaller communities in rural areas. Moosomin is a great business centre, not just for agriculture, but a business centre for Southeast Saskatchewan.

"The reason we are here today is—when we talked to John Heimbecker, the owners, and the families about this project, the connection point really was the health centre and the air ambulance for the area. Some of that hits home.

"My first month of work in the organization, I was out in the area and my regional manager had a heart attack that day. We had to get him to the ambulance to go into Regina—the logistics of that day and the stress of that day makes you pay attention. Everybody living here in this community, all of our customers, and staff that live here need that type of connection. We're excited about the airport, and if there are economic spin-offs and benefits then that is great too, but that is not really why the money is being put forward—it's the health care that's the important thing."

The donation from P&H will go toward lighting and electrical installation at the airport, the last piece now that the new runway has been paved.

"With talking to the crew in the area, they say it's a nice boost to the airport project and that it has been a lot of years of fundraising, and to get it to where it is today—they're starting to see the finish line with donations like this."

RM of Moosomin Reeve Dave Moffatt says the donation will go toward the final stages of the airport expansion project.

"It is a fairly sizable donation coming in from a local business and it is going to push the electrical portion of the airport forward. We'll be able to keep moving on it and complete it. I am very positive of that."

Moffatt says the electrical is one of the last steps to completing the airport project.

"The electrical and lighting is about all that is left, and a terminal for the electrical components.

"We are thinking we have about

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—Justin Watson, Senior VP, P&H

\$500,000 left to raise for the airport," Moffatt said.

Kristjan Hebert of the Community Builders Alliance (CBA) says he would like give credit to P&H for supporting one of their local communities. "The one thing I would like to point out about P&H is that, the one concern as rural entrepreneurs, as businesses grow and grow they become farther away from the communities they operate in. So, in our area, there is a number of retails, machinery manufacturers, that haven't given a donation to the airport, so to see P&H be a leader and say we are going to invest in critical infrastructure projects where our business is done—where our customers are, despite our headquarters being in Winnipeg, that's pretty awesome leadership.

"P&H has done it, Conexus did it, but then a lot of other money has all been local like IJack and Celebration Ford were a real leader, but some of these companies that have become national, they need rural customers—their business survives on it and yet some of them are real hard to get donations out of. So, I give a lot of credit to companies like Conexus, P&H, and a couple anonymous ones, that have led the way."

About half the cost of the airport is being funded by government—the province and local governments—and about half is funded privately, by Nutrien and local companies.

"Right now the corporate side is not quite at 50%, I think it is at 44%, so you have a \$10.6 million project and private companies—including Nutrien in that number—are probably right around \$5 million," Hebert said. "I would say you would be hard-pressed to find any project in the province or in the country that's more a municipal or community project—50% funded by private. We live in a great area for that kind of support."

Hebert says the support from local businesses with projects like the airport, show the value they put on our community and area.

"Private companies want the government to keep focusing on this area because they plan to keep focusing on the area. Our biggest issue is that any business that makes its money in a rural area—needs to have a reason for people to live there and if your kids can't have

the services provided and you don't feel like you can get as good education,

health care, or sports—if you can't get that in your rural community, then when you expand your business you're putting the next one in the city.

"This is just one step toward Moosomin saying we're as good as a city and our area is as good as a city, so make sure you have a look at us not just Regina, Saskatoon, Brandon, or Winnipeg. It is a pretty unique spot here."

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Steven Bonk seeks Conservative nomination in Souris-Moose Mountain

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK AND ASHLEY BOCHEK

With the announcement that Dr. Robert Kitchen will not seek re-election, Moosomin MLA Steven Bonk has announced he will seek the Conservative nomination in Souris-Moose Mountain. Bonk will not seek re-election as Moosomin MLA.

"I am excited to announce that I will be seeking the Conservative Party nomination for the Souris-Moose-Mountain riding," Bonk said Monday. "I was proud to be co-captain of Pierre Poilievre's Saskatchewan team during his leadership race. His vision and commitment to conservative principles resonate deeply with the values we hold here in Saskatchewan. I am thrilled at the opportunity to join his team and help replace Justin Trudeau with a Prime Minister that is a champion for Saskatchewan."

Bonk said his role as Moosomin MLA gave him skills that would be useful as a member of parliament.

"In my role as MLA for the Moosomin constituency, I have established strong relationships with communities throughout southeastern Saskatchewan. My work has given me a deep understanding of the issues, challenges and opportunities facing the people of this region. I believe that my personal and political experience have made me the best person to advocate more vigorously for the needs and concerns of Southeast Saskatchewan on the national stage.

"To pursue this goal, I need to focus singularly on the task ahead. Out of respect for the voters in my provincial constituency, I am also announcing that I will not be seeking re-election in the upcoming provincial election.

"The province is well-represented by Premier Moe and the Saskatchewan Party government, who have been dedicated to addressing the needs and priorities of our residents. Their leadership has ensured that Saskatchewan continues to thrive and grow. However, it's also crucial that we have a strong, consistent voice advocating for our province at the federal level to ensure our interests are effectively represented in Ottawa.

"I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the people of the Moosomin constituency for placing their trust in me by electing me in the past two provincial elections. Your support has been the cornerstone of my public service, and I am deeply honored by the confidence you have shown in my leadership. Together, we have accomplished many great things. Now, I humbly ask for the continued trust and support of the people in southeastern Saskatchewan so that I may represent and advocate for you in Ottawa. I am committed to being a strong voice for our region, ensuring that our needs are not only heard but prioritized at the federal level.

"Together, we can continue to build on the successes of our province, ensuring a prosperous and bright future for all Saskatchewan residents. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve you in this new capacity."

Bonk thanked Souris-Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen for his service. Kitchen announced earlier he will not seek re-election.

"I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Robert Kitchen for his exemplary service to the constituents of Souris-Moose Mountain," Bonk said. "He has consistently served with honor and integrity, always prioritizing the best interests of our province and nation."

Experience in government

Bonk says he believes his experience as MLA will help if he wins the nomination and becomes the next member of parliament for Souris-Moose Mountain.

"I believe the experience I have gained serving in government over the past two terms will prove invaluable. The most important lesson I have learned is to listen to constituents. They are keenly aware of the issues that need addressing and how government decisions impact their daily lives. I have gained valuable insight by ensuring I take the time to truly listen.

Regarding policy, I had the privilege of serving as the Minister of Economy and Trade under Premier Brad Wall. During that time, it became evident that our provincial actions in these areas are significantly constrained by federal policy and regulation. I believe some of these policies and regulations need serious revision, particularly concerning environmental policies that negatively impact our agricultural and energy producers, and trade policies that restrict our potash industry.

"By putting my name forward and running federally, I hope to influence these areas and work towards creating more beneficial conditions for businesses and ultimately the people of Saskatchewan."

He said he believes his skillset is well suited to federal politics.



MLA Steven Bonk

"Being an MLA and Cabinet Minister has given me a deep understanding of how government works. With over 20 years in private business, both here and abroad, I've worked closely with both industry and government, gaining valuable insights and building strong relationships. My time in the legislature has given me a unique perspective on how policies and decisions impact our communities.

"Many of the issues I care deeply about, and that are vital to our riding, fall under federal jurisdiction. These issues directly affect the financial well-being of Saskatchewan citizens. Whether it's addressing economic challenges, improving infrastructure, or ensuring access to essential services, these matters require attention and action at the federal level.

"I believe my diverse background and experience enable me to bring a practical, informed approach to these issues. By working together, we can create positive change and improve the lives of our constituents. I am committed to advocating for our riding's needs and ensuring that Saskatchewan's voice is heard at the federal level."

What is he most proud of as MLA?

"I feel immense satisfaction in the work I've done, especially when it comes to helping people who find themselves in tough situations through no fault of their own. Government regulations and oversights can sometimes create significant challenges, and being able to assist those in need is incredibly rewarding. It's been a privilege to help them navigate these complexities and to make a real difference in people's lives.

"On the political and policy front, one of my proudest achievements is to have brought forward the idea for the establishment of Saskatchewan trade offices around the world. This initiative has allowed our province to have a significant presence in numerous countries, greatly enhancing our trade and export capabilities. Seeing the tangible results in our trade statistics is immensely satisfying and knowing that this accomplishment has brought substantial benefits to Saskatchewan is a source of great pride for me.

"In addition to this, I'm pleased to have played a role in several key projects that have made a real difference in our communities. Facilitating provincial funding for the Moosomin airport project is one such example. This project will enhance connectivity and economic opportunities for the region, which is something I'm very passionate about. Similarly, working on the reopening of the Broadview and Wolseley hospitals has been a significant achievement. These healthcare facilities are crucial for the well-being of our communities, and their reopening will ensure that residents have access to essential medical services.

"Another project that stands out is the construction of a new long-term care home in Grenfell. The people of Grenfell had been working towards this for a long time, and I'm very pleased to have helped them achieve this important milestone. This facility will provide much-needed support and care for our seniors, which is something that I care deeply about.

"However, what I value most are the relationships I've built with the people of the Moosomin constituency and throughout Saskatchewan. There are so many genuine, thoughtful, and caring individuals I've had the privilege

to meet and work with. These relationships mean the world to me.

"Serving the Moosomin constituency has been a deeply fulfilling experience, and I look forward to continuing to serve with dedication and compassion in a new role. The trust and support I have received means the world to me, and I'm committed to continue working on their behalf. Together, we can achieve great things and ensure that Southeast Saskatchewan continues to be a wonderful place to live and thrive."

Bonk says he believes politicians can make a difference.

"Policy matters, and it's clear what happens when people get complacent—maybe we're seeing that now with our federal government. Politics and policy both matter a lot; it's crucial for everyone to get involved. Instead of just complaining, I decided to jump in and try to make things better. That's why I got into politics in the first place. As Premier Brad Wall said, 'It's important that we leave things a little better than we found them.'

"I want to be a strong voice for Southeast Saskatchewan, especially for our agriculture, mining, and energy sectors. These industries are the backbone of Southeast Saskatchewan, and I want to make sure they're front and center in the next federal government."

He said federal regulation is a big issue for Souris-Moose Mountain.

"In Souris-Moose Mountain, federal regulation and overreach in the agriculture, energy, and mining sectors are a major concern. While it's crucial to have regulations that protect producers, consumers, and public safety, I believe the current approach often hinders our world-class agriculture, energy, and mining industries. The cancellation of the Energy East Pipeline project is one such example. That was a direct result of the current federal government policies.

"I'm committed to cutting through red tape and easing unnecessary regulations to create an environment where our producers can thrive."

Bonk plans to get around the riding leading up to the nomination meeting.

"I'll be reaching out to all the current members to introduce myself and build personal connections. Getting to know them better will help me understand the issues they're facing and how I can support them. For me, personal relationships are very important."

What does he enjoy about politics?

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91st Kennedy Moose Mountain Rodeo this weekend

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

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When asked about what she attributes the longevity of the Kennedy Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo, Jill Lowe, Co-Chair of the Rodeo Association, had a simple, yet powerful answer.

"The community support and the love of rodeo, I guess," she replied.

To say the event is in her blood is certainly an understatement. Lowe has been associated with the Kennedy Moose Mountain Rodeo for more than 20 years, and her great-grandfather was one of those initial people who began the whole thing back in 1933.

"I still wish I could be a fly in the corner when they first had that meeting to talk about it," Lowe mused. "If they could only look back and know that it's still going 91 years later!"

Every year, the village of Kennedy sees their population of roughly 200 people swell to 1,500 on rodeo weekend, filling hotels and campsites for miles around. Indeed, July 19 to 21 will note a lot of action in and around Kennedy.

One big change this year is the time of the parade, which has traditionally been held in the early afternoon, but will now begin at 11 am on Saturday morning. This change is to accommodate an added feature to the demolition derby, which follows after the parade at noon.

"They're doing a kid's event this year, a kid's derby," Lowe explained. "And I know there's been lots of interest in that!"

After the kids are finished showing the adults—or at least bigger kids at heart—how a derby really rolls, then comes time for the metal-crunching action.

As for rodeo events, this full rodeo has something for everyone, "right from the novice to the pros," as Lowe put it.

"Saturday and Sunday are the two main days," she said. "There is slack on Friday."

Slack events start at 2 pm, and all the Friday action is free of charge. Beer gardens and food booths will also be active on Friday, with money from those sources going back to the Rodeo Association. Volunteers make the entire event a success each year, and apparently Lowe won't turn away folks who would like to pitch in and lend a hand either—there's still time for last-minute volunteers!

"We're a pretty skeleton crew, I think there's 10 of us," Lowe said when asked how many people were Association members.

That being said, this small group puts on one heck of a show affiliated with the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association.

"We're in the Maple Leaf Circuit, so that's for all the smaller prize money rodeos," Lowe said. "So all the cowboys are entered and it goes by points and money earned. And then those Maple Leafs circuit finals are actually Agribition Week in Regina. We'll have some cowboys and cowgirls that have just been at the Calgary Stampede and they will be here."

It all seems too good to be true, the ability to witness high-caliber rodeo action, "and you can see it close up here in Kennedy," as Lowe said. For those who are more tech savvy, all the action is also live-streamed on the Cowboy Channel app.

Saturday's rodeo events begin at 5 pm, followed by DJ Dumo providing tunes at 9 pm. Sunday morning kicks off with a pancake breakfast over at the Kennedy Friendship Centre, followed by Cowboy Church at 11 am hosted by the Kipling People's Church at the rodeo grounds. The rodeo continues at 2 pm until somewhere around supper time.

"They always try to have the rodeo over in three hours, but sometimes it doesn't always work out that way," Lowe said. "After the rodeo is the trick riders and then the wild pony races."

Those trick riders just happen to be the famous Truco Trick Riders, whose members hail from Weyburn, Carn-duff, and Oxbow. These ladies are simply astounding to see perform, a thrill you won't want to miss.

One new feature to this year's rodeo will be the addition of the Canadian Sports Medicine Team from Calgary—the same crew that recently helped contestants at the Calgary Stampede.

"The cowboys and cowgirls are right now in what's called Cowboy Christmas," Lowe said, referring to the surge of rodeo events over the past few weeks where all the big money is garnered.

"Our rodeo is right after that, so they're pretty battered and bruised up," she said. "Having the sports medicine team come will be a benefit for them."

The team includes a chiropractor, massage therapist, and medical staff to help those contestants who may have had just a little too wild of a ride along the way.

Another change this year comes to how the sheep are handled.

"Instead of sheep riding, we're doing a sheep scramble," explained Lowe. "Any kid that enters will be able to go, and it's running after a sheep to get the ribbon off the sheep."

Formerly, the sheep riding event was limited to 10 kids being able to participate, whereas with the scramble, it's open to all kids to take part.

While precise tourism statistics are not available for the Kennedy Moose Mountain Rodeo—remember all those volunteers are busy running around with many jobs already—Lowe has seen different coloured license plates in the parking lot over the years, with those who follow the CPRA circuit preferring the live action and nostalgia of a small town rodeo.



An action packed moment during last year's bull riding event at Moose Mountain Rodeo.

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Moosomin RCMP Report

BY SGT. DAMIEN GROUCHY

Disturbance on Gordon Street

On July 5, members received a disturbance call at a residence located on Gordon Street in Moosomin. Members spoke with all parties involved and the matter was resolved.

Accidental gas and dash

On July 6, members received a complaint of a gas and dash from a business located on the east access road in Moosomin. The incident appears to have been accidental and members are trying to locate the vehicle owners.

Dog attacked in Wapella

On July 6, members received a complaint of an animal attack in Wapella. The caller reported their dog was attacked by a pit bull. There were no injuries but members are still investigating the incident.

Vehicle collides with deer

On July 6, members received a report of a motor vehicle collision involving a deer. The driver reported the vehicle was still drivable but their passenger sustained a very minor injury. The deer did not make it.

Possible break and enter

On July 7, members received a complaint of a possible break and enter to a number of storage units located at a business in Moosomin. Moosomin RCMP continue their investigation.

Break and enter on Windover Ave in Moosomin

On July 8, members received a complaint of a break and enter to a residence located on Windover Avenue in Moosomin. The property representative reported some jewelry boxes had been stolen. 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

Stolen gas from truck

On July 8, members received a theft from a vehicle complaint. The caller reported they were parked along Highway 8 cutting hay when they saw two unknown males around their truck who subsequently stole a jerry can full of gas.

Alarm from Fleming business

On July 9, members received an alarm call from a business located in Fleming, but members were cancelled before they could attend.

Alarm at Gordon Street

On July 9, members were called to an alarm at a residence located on Gordon Street in Moosomin. Members were cancelled prior to attending.

Male charged for theft

On July 9, an unknown male was captured on CCTV footage trying to gain access to a residence located on Cook Road in Moosomin. The same individual later stole a vehicle from Wapella. Members made extensive patrols but were unable to locate the individual. Information was forwarded to Virden RCMP. Members were later advised the individual was arrested in Manitoba and was currently in custody with Headingley Detachment. The individual has been charged for theft of a motor vehicle and possession of stolen property.

Bicycle stolen from Gertie Street

On July 9, members received a complaint of a bicycle theft from Gertie Street in Moosomin. Moosomin RCMP 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

Complaints of speeders

On July 9, members received a number of complaints of speeders on Highway 8. If you witness a speeder, obtain their licence plate or if you know the person driving, you can provide a statement to Moosomin Detachment. A ticket can be issued to the driver after the fact. You will need to be prepared to testify in court if the matter goes to trial. In Saskatchewan the registered owner can be charged if the identity of the driver is not obtained.

Bike stolen from Gertie Street

On July 9, members received a complaint of a stolen bicycle from a residence located on Gertie Street in Moosomin. The bicycle was described as an orange colored 7-speed townie. 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

Facebook fraud

On July 10, members received a complaint of a Facebook fraud. The caller reported they tried to purchase

an item over Facebook. Once the money was sent via e-transfer the page was taken down and contact was lost. Moosomin RCMP continue their investigation.

Abandoned vehicle in Fleming

On July 11, members received a call about an abandoned vehicle in Fleming. Members ran index checks on the vehicle and determined the vehicle was not stolen nor blocking traffic.

Joke of the week

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Steven Bonk seeks Conservative nomination in Souris-Moose Mountain

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"It's incredibly fulfilling to achieve something that positively contributes to the greater good. Knowing that your efforts truly matter to people's lives and being able to lend a helping hand can make a world of difference. On a broader scale, influencing policies that enhance living standards and quality of life for our constituents is also exceptionally rewarding.

"If successful, I eagerly anticipate serving the wonderful people of Souris-Moose Mountain riding. I extend heartfelt thanks to the constituents of Moosomin provincial constituency for their unwavering support. Their encouragement means the world to me, and I am deeply grateful. I'm eager to bring the same energy and dedication to serving them at the federal level."

First elected in 2016

Bonk was elected as the MLA for Moosomin in 2016 and was re-elected on October 26, 2020.

Bonk has extensive experience in the domestic and international agribusiness fields. He has worked on four continents as a consultant in agricultural management and policy development. He has also worked as an advisor on international trade and market access.

He lived in Europe for nearly a decade where he was the managing director of livestock-based enterprises and worked as a management consultant to help companies grow and solve strategic challenges with the transition to a free market economy, particularly in post-Soviet countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

He communicates in several languages, facilitating his participation on international roundtable discussion panels, and he is a recognized speaker at agribusiness-related events. Steven is also actively involved in his family's custom grazing and livestock business in the Glenavon-Wolseley area.

Steven, his wife Candace, and their daughter, Emma, have strong ties to the Souris-Moose Mountain riding. They are the fifth generation of his family to actively farm there.

Bonk has served on the Southeast Saskatchewan Social Services Appeal Board, and has served on the international committees of both the Canadian Western Agribition and Canada's Farm Progress Show.

Bonk is currently the Co-chair of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs committee for MLC (Midwestern Legislative Council). He has served Saskatchewan as Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, and most notably in cabinet as Minister of Economy under Premier Brad Wall. In this role, he was also the Minister responsible for Tourism Saskatchewan, Innovation, and Trade.



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Two doctors coming to Kipling

Virtual physician, locums to cover for now

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Kipling said goodbye to all three of their doctors this summer, with a plan in place until the next two arrive.

Town Council received correspondence from the Saskatchewan Health Authority regarding the current state of healthcare services in the community, learning what the immediate future holds in store. The three doctors that were based out of the Kipling Integrated Health Centre have completed their contracts, bringing forth some creative solutions to ensure healthcare coverage is sustained until more physicians arrive.

"We will have some locum this week, and the last week of July," Mayor Jackson told council during their regular meeting on July 8. "The nurse practitioner is working most of the time, we're going to have them from the 15th to the 29th; I have not received an update that we will have clinic coverage."

That locum coverage will come courtesy of physicians based in Moosomin.

"The SHA would like to thank the physicians in nearby Moosomin who have agreed to help provide medical

services in Kipling until the new physicians start practicing," said James Winkel, an SHA communications lead. "Kipling also has a Registered Nurse who has Additional Authorized Practice (AAP) certification. An AAP designation assists the RN in assessing and treating patients in Kipling for minor ailments and procedures. Residents of Kipling and area requiring medical assistance are urged to contact the Kipling Medical Clinic where they can be assessed and treated accordingly."

Doctors Farshad Nokam and Shiden Faghhi have been in Kipling for more than six years, with their contracts ending in June, and Dr. Ladan Ansari's last day was July 11. The community was made aware of their impending departure months ago, with one new physician expected to arrive August 1 and another some time in October.

"Both are currently working their way through mandatory training and immigration requirements," Winkel said. "The SHA continues to work with the community to help prepare for their arrival."

To help fill the gap, Kipling will also see 24-hour coverage via the virtual physician program to ensure emergency health services remain until new doctors arrive.

Kipling Town Council

Ash trees to be assessed

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
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The annual Dutch Elm disease survey is happening soon in Kipling, and tree inspectors will be looking at other species while they're in town. Previously, concern for some of the spruce trees near the pool brought Living Tree Environmental out for an assessment.

"They did their analysis, they did confirm that there is a fungus on some needles," Kipling's Acting Administrator Andrew Rygh told council during their July 8 regular meeting. "They weren't as concerned with it, they said that there is the ability to spray, but that the time for that has passed—it's usually the early spring that they put the spray on to kill the fungus. But they did give us some manual stuff that we can do, like trimming and cleaning out underneath."

After residents learned of the spruce tree inspection, concern over the ash trees in Kipling was brought to the attention of town staff.

"Residents saw the report and that we were looking into that, and then they raised some concerns about the ash trees," confirmed Rygh. "For \$400, when they come to do the Dutch Elm disease survey, they'll take some samples, check and see. There's concern around the ash borer."

As the added assessment was not an item already budgeted, a motion from council was required to proceed, which was carried unanimously.

Running for council

Kipling is drumming up support and encouraging residents to consider running for a seat at the town council table. With municipal elections coming in November, Mayor Pat Jackson is especially keen on promoting the experience.

"I still would like—again, with your permission—to run a bit of a workshop in September; maybe just an hour in the evening," she explained to council. "People come and just give them a brief rundown on what's involved so that they're not going into it blind."

With many communities facing lower participation and

interest in municipal politics, the town of Kipling is striving to reverse that trend. During the last electoral race in Kipling, there were 11 people vying for a councillor position and two for mayor.

Information for residents has been presented by the town, including the Running for Council poster brought to last week's meeting in the Acting Administrator's report.

Ball diamond shelter update

Also in his report, Rygh provided a quick update to council about the construction of a shelter at the ball diamond. While much of the structure was complete by the Canada Day long weekend—just in time for the popular Bobby Vargo Memorial Slo-Pitch tournament—there's still a few final touches needed before total completion.

Rygh noted that work on the serving station and cooling room at the shelter is anticipated to be done by the end of July.

Arena signage quotes

The town has received a couple of quotes regarding arena signage, with one estimate coming in vastly higher than the other. The top-end quote estimated work to cost around \$8,500, which would climb to the \$10,000-mark with installation.

"I was a little concerned with that, I was thinking that we were more in range of \$5,000," Rygh told council. "The first group at \$2,500 was more reasonable. Because there's such a significant difference, I really wanted to see examples of work they've done. They gave mock ups of what it would look like, but they didn't give any actual examples of what they've done before that."

Once those examples can be provided to Rygh, he will then bring the options back to council for a decision. He also noted town staff could install the signage, providing a cost savings.

Fly-in barbecue food cost shared

Council approved splitting food costs for the July 13 Fly-In Barbecue event at the Kipling Airport.

Kipling is not alone in utilizing virtual physicians as other centres such as Porcupine Plain, Oxbow, Broadview, Davidson, Gravelbourg, and Lanigan have also launched the program that uses the existing HealthLine 811 technology.

Jackson noted she would like to see the virtual physician program remain even after the new doctors come to Kipling as a way to lighten the load and even lessen the amount of on-call time in an ultimate effort to decrease burnout.

"It is an attempt to make 'having a life' possible," she said. "Hopefully, we can have doctors who will come and will choose to stay."

The shortage of physicians isn't a problem limited to Kipling, as an estimated 200,000 people in Saskatchewan are currently without a family doctor. Back in June, the provincial government announced the addition of 27 new Nurse Practitioner positions to be created in the SHA through \$4.5 million worth of funding from the current budget. Initially, an application deadline of June 10 was placed to fill the positions, but several remain unfilled to date.

"Borderland (Co-op) has offered to support 50 per cent of the costs, which they're estimating at \$1,300," Rygh said. "So they're looking to see if we'll provide 50 per cent of that cost."

The fundraiser for local airport improvements also featured Sunrise Aviation providing introductory flights for those interested in learning to fly.

An estimated \$2,400 in local sponsorships have been made from J&J Trucking, CornerStone Credit Union, and GeeBee Construction.

Accessible parking on Main Street

Expect to see some new accessible parking signage along Main Street soon, addressing a concern for patrons of Cornerstone Credit Union with mobility challenges.

"What they're finding is the angle parking on Main Street, people are taking up that space and then some of the bigger trucks are parking along Sixth Avenue that are going off into the downtown area and it makes it difficult for some of their patrons to access," Rygh told council. "They offered to purchase the actual wheelchair accessible parking signs, and we were just looking after the installation."

A motion supporting the town's involvement with sign installation was passed by council.

Airport review approved

Council approved a motion to retain Direct Approach Consulting to undertake a regulatory review of the Kipling Airport at a quoted cost of \$13,300.

The review happens every five years, ensuring an instrument-only landing can take place should weather conditions prove difficult for pilots.

"It gives Kipling Airport the ability to do low ceiling landings," Rygh explained. "There's a cost associated with it because you do have to have a qualified individual come out and experience the landing."

The ability to land and depart safely under inclement conditions is especially important during emergencies and when medical transport is required.

VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Great need for mental health awareness

Dear Editor:

Ashley Bocek's article in the July 1 edition was one of the encouraging signs of mental health awareness that always fill me with hope. I hope that a few readers recognize my name. I spent ten months in the mental hospital at Weyburn in 1948, living through a manic-depressive breakdown. A few years later I became a psychiatric nurse and next I published two books about my experiences: "Lady with a Lantern" and "Inside the Mental."

When I wanted to publish "Lady with a Lantern" in 2007, so little had been published about mental illness, I decided that I should probably speak to a lawyer. Well, the lawyer nearly had a fit. "No! Not the mental hospital! You can't publish anything about the mental hospital!"

Well, I thought over his warning and I thought of all the people I'd met at the hospital—patients and staff—and I thought about how badly the public needed to wake up to the reality of mental illness. So, against his advice, I published the book. To say it proved successful is an understatement. No, I can't call it a best-seller but it certainly opened a lot of eyes. There has been much more—and much more open talk about the illness since then.

Perhaps you can imagine how I felt when I heard they had torn down the mental hospital at Weyburn. Ashley Bocek's story about Jade Dulle being "waiflisted" for six months is by no means the first. Do you know what it was like to get help if you had a breakdown in the 1950s? If you went to the mental hospital, a nurse would see you at once and take you to the psychiatrist on duty, who would decide if you needed help. If you needed to come in, you would be admitted. If the admission wards were full, you might have to spend the first night on a mattress on the floor, but you would get in.

There you'd be with a psychiatrist, a psychologist, trained nurses, good food, entertainment, exercise, various occupations to keep you busy if you showed the ability, and best of all, group therapy. I remember how much it meant to be in a group of others who felt as badly as I did. We could share our problems, but best of all, we had a professional to lead the discussions. I'd hardly be exaggerating if I said that I came to love the mental hospital.

I confess I saw the best of it. There were wards where there was violence and several filled with unfortunate seniors with Alzheimer's, but considering the field, the hospital was very liveable. And they let it go. So now we have suicide and murder.

On a less shocking level but still a downer, we have neglect and disinterest and waiting lists. In this day and age

of high pressure, no society can afford this neglect. We need those big institutions with their well-trained staff and their facilities.

Many readers have voiced surprise because I called the hospital a community. It was. And how we need such a community. Well, we won't give up. We'll keep on complaining and griping—and biking—until the governments wake up again.

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Old steam engine on Final Spike Tour passes through Moosomin



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Ashley Bochek and Olha Volokh photos



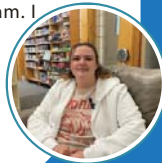
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In our opinion:

Energy insecurity looms as Canada refuses to step up

Canada's anti-energy development policies are widening the global supply gap

The world is not investing enough in developing energy sources to meet increasing demand. This growing gap between energy consumption and supply results in several critical issues: high consumer energy prices, slower economic growth, and a heightened risk of energy insecurity.

Conversely, this gap presents an opportunity for Canada to supply more energy resources, especially since many of the world's consumers value the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) leadership in the Canadian energy sector.

Acknowledging the continued importance of fossil fuels during the energy transition is crucial to ensuring energy security. This involves reducing the costs and timelines for obtaining permits for energy projects, minimizing government interference that increases investor risk, and opposing efforts by environmental groups to halt financing and insurance for fossil fuel projects.

Additionally, overcoming the unfounded fear of nuclear energy, promoting energy conservation, and constructing more interconnections among electrical grids to optimize available capacity are vital steps.

Evidence suggests an impending energy gap, with organizations like the International Energy Agency (IEA) predicting record demand. Global primary energy consumption is expected to grow significantly as billions of people move out of poverty and increase their energy use. Although renewable energy consumption is also expected to grow, fossil fuels will continue to dominate due to several factors: inadequate infrastructure for renewables, political instability deterring long-term investment, and the lower cost and familiarity of fossil fuels.

If the world is to reach net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050, it must quadruple its global wind and solar generation capacity within a decade. This will require trillions of dollars in investment, which is currently lacking.

Furthermore, renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar power, do not produce a consistent and reliable amount of energy at all times because they depend on weather conditions. For example, solar power requires sunlight and wind power requires wind. This variability makes it more difficult to rely solely on these sources for a steady energy supply, complicating efforts to meet energy demands and achieve environmental goals.

While there have been modest increases in investment in the energy sector, these are clearly insufficient to meet global demand and achieve net zero goals. This modest growth in investment is likely to continue, which will only worsen the future gap between demand and supply. The oil and natural gas industry, which is crucial for meeting current energy needs, has seen a decline in investment. Factors contributing to this decline include permitting delays, increased perceived risk by investors, and government interventions that reduce returns. This trend threatens to widen the gap, leading to higher consumer prices and greater energy insecurity.

The key to displacing fossil fuels is significantly increasing global clean energy investment. And even though recent investments have grown, they still fall short of the levels needed to meet demand and reduce fossil fuel dependence. European energy companies are not investing due to EU policies promoting a rapid energy transition. Russian geopolitical actions have deterred investment, and U.S. policies under the Biden administration have been inconsistent, further reducing investment confidence.

To avoid the looming risk of energy insecurity, nations must be realistic about the energy transition timeline. Key actions include reducing hurdles for energy development project approvals, increasing energy conservation, transitioning industries to low-carbon technologies, and encouraging modest lifestyle changes. Additionally, governments should avoid massive subsidies that may not effectively accelerate the energy transition. By addressing these challenges and making strategic investments, we can mitigate the risks associated with the global energy gap and ensure a stable, sustainable energy future.

Moreover, building more interconnects among electrical grids to better utilize available generation capacity is essential. This infrastructure improvement can lead to more efficient energy distribution, making renewable energy sources more viable. Encouraging households and businesses to adopt energy-efficient practices can also play a significant role in balancing demand and supply. For instance, simple measures like using energy-efficient appliances and improving insulation in buildings can substantially reduce overall energy consumption.

Furthermore, revising anti-energy development policies could lead to increased economic prosperity for Canada. By embracing a balanced approach that includes both renewable and fossil fuel energy sources, Canada can become a leading energy supplier while adhering to ESG principles. This dual strategy not only meets current energy demands but also ensures a more secure and sustainable energy future.

As we look ahead, it is clear that a multi-faceted approach is necessary to address the global energy gap. Investment in infrastructure, policy reform, and a realistic timeline for the energy transition are crucial. By recognizing the complex interplay of these factors and taking proactive measures, we can work towards a future where energy supply meets demand, fostering economic growth and environmental sustainability.

This editorial was written by Yogi Schulz, who has over 40 years of information technology experience in various industries. Yogi works extensively in the petroleum industry. He manages projects that arise from changes in business requirements, the need to leverage technology opportunities, and mergers. His specialties include IT strategy, web strategy and project management.



Kitchen did a great job, Bonk a strong candidate

There are some jobs you don't ever get a holiday from. I was out in Vancouver Monday, recovering from a Rolling Stones concert Friday night followed by two days of making the most of every minute in the sunshine and on the water, when my phone started blowing up.

I spoke to our MP, Dr. Robert Kitchen, and the World-Spectator broke the news that he would not run again in Souris-Moose Mountain.

I spoke with our MLA, Steven Bonk, and we broke the news that he would be running for the Conservative nomination in Souris-Moose Mountain and would not run again in the Moosomin constituency.

I spoke to them on the beach at English Bay in Vancouver, so I tapped out what I could of the stories on my phone and sent it to the office where Ashley fixed whatever typos I put into my phone and I'm sure made it sound a lot better than what I had written, and Felicity got the story up on our website, while I shared it to Facebook.

A lot happened in a short amount of time, and at one point Steven was trying to call me about something urgent but I was swimming in the ocean. When Kara and I walked back up the beach, Kara's cell phone was ringing—Steven was wondering where in the world I had gone off to.

I had a great day at the beach with Kara and we got the news out, and I realized yet again that I love my job—I like to be busy, and talking to people and tapping out those stories—and taking a few calls and texts from the office—while hanging out at the beach made it a busy and interesting day!

Kitchen has a lot to be proud of

Dr. Kitchen has done a great job as MP for Souris-Moose Mountain and will never forget the high point of his career, winning the last election with the highest percentage of the vote in Canada. 76.4 per cent of the people who cast ballots in Souris-Moose Mountain in the last election voted for Kitchen.

"To be able to turn around and have, in the last election, the highest percentage of vote in all of Canada is a tremendous honour because it helps me to turn around when I'm in Ottawa and say, when I'm speaking I know I'm speaking for such a vast majority of what my constituents are thinking," he says.

And I'm guessing the low point was putting up with me every time he addressed the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce and I would introduce him as "Dr. Robert Livingroom, sorry I mean Dr. Robert Diningroom, no sorry, I mean Dr. Robert Kitchen."

And what will he be doing after the next election? "Repaying my family," he says. "That's been one of the huge impacts. I haven't been



Kevin Weedmark

around. My five-year-old granddaughter says to me, when are you coming home grandad, or grandad is in Ottawa. Just little things like that, I need to pay back.

"I have deprived my family, over the past 10 years, of so much, from having the opportunity to be there for my wife, who is my best friend, from my kids and my grandkids. It's time that I spend time with them.

"It was a decision that I'm comfortable with, and it was the right decision," said Kitchen.

Bonk a strong candidate

Moosomin MLA Steven Bonk is running for the Conservative nomination in Souris-Moose Mountain and will be a strong candidate for the nomination.

Bonk has served as the MLA for the Moosomin area since 2016.

"I'm very excited to help out any way I can in Ottawa. I feel that there's a lot that needs to be done," he says. "The current government that we have, the Liberal government, has done so much damage to this country and I'm so excited to be part of Pierre Pollièvre's team, and I share his vision completely for what Canada could be."

Bonk served as Minister of Economy and Trade under Premier Brad Wall and says his experience at the provincial level will be helpful.

"I'm looking forward to serving people here and doing anything I can to help promote southeast Saskatchewan and all we have to offer. I don't think there's a part of Saskatchewan that relies more heavily on international trade than southeast Saskatchewan, and that's a bit of a passion of mine. I've got 25 years of international experience in trade and agriculture policy, and that's something I would like to bring to the floor and if I have the chance to serve, that's something I hope that my experience could be used for."

World-Spectator in the news

The World-Spectator is in the news again. CBC did a report last week on the newspaper industry and what makes the World-Spectator different. Follow these links to the video and the story.



Support coming from St. Lazare: CT Scanner top priority for health care foundation

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK AND ASHLEY BOCHER

A new CT scanner for Moosomin is the top priority for the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation, and support is coming in from as far away as St. Lazare. Proceeds from a walk-a-thon in St. Lazare this fall will go to the CT scanner fund.

Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation chair Bill McPherson and vice-chair Larry Tomlinson say the foundation is working hard to bring a CT scanner to Moosomin and have a meeting coming up with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) to discuss the scanner.

McPherson says the first discussion of a CT scanner in Moosomin began in 2018.

"It started in 2018, the foundation had purchased a portable x-ray machine for the hospital, it started out as \$115,000 and they finally got it and in that short time inflation had it up to \$140,000. At that time, in 2018, our current x-ray machine was already 10 years old. I asked what the lifespan was of that and the SHA person said, 'By the time that thing wears out it will be MRI's and CT scans, that x-ray technology is so archaic and the future will be MRI and CT's—this is the future and we aren't even close.'

Unannounced in Provincial Budget

Tomlinson says the foundation discussed the CT scanner with the government last year, but was not announced in the provincial budget in March.

"We went after the government and we had the understanding that it would come out in the provincial budget, then they announced the budget and it wasn't in it, but then come and talked to us and said, 'It is not in the budget, but it is approved to go ahead,' Tomlinson said.

The government's plan was for Moosomin to work with a private company, or for the foundation to pay for the equipment, but a promised letter to lay out how the plan would work still has not arrived from the government.

McPherson adds, "That was March 18 we met with them, the day before the budget. It wasn't in the budget, but they said that we could go ahead. The government doesn't want to pay the capital cost, they want us to find a private supplier, which is fine. We just want it to get here and be available to this area."

McPherson says the foundation was told in March they would be receiving a letter regarding the CT scanner. "They said there will be a letter arriving in two to three weeks—is what they told us on March 18. We have not seen this letter. Then, when we met with Ingrid—Tim MacLeod's assistant—they assumed we had been working with a private company but we're still waiting for the letter for direction. There seems to be a disconnect between the health ministry and the SHA."

"Between Hindley (the former Rural and Remote Health Minister) and MacLeod something was lost because Hindley was onboard and then all of a sudden MacLeod is the Rural Health Minister and he didn't seem to know anything about it," Tomlinson explained.

McPherson says the foundation is supportive of the CT scanner and the steps needed to help the project move along. "We should have been working on that room being lined with lead right now since they announced it in March. Once that room is lined and the equipment comes there you go. We've already voted on the Foundation board to pay people to get training and that should be started now. We just need the go ahead from the government."

Moosomin and area benefits

McPherson and Tomlinson say a CT scanner would serve the surrounding area and release pressure off other centres with waitlists for a CT scan.

"This area here is in between everybody," McPherson said. "The number of people on waitlists for scans and

MRI's is phenomenal and it is just getting worse. Why shouldn't the doctors and staff here at our hospital have a CT scanner, it is new technology."

"We meet with the doctors all the time and they're sending people for scans that they need anywhere they can," Tomlinson explains. "They're going to Brandon, Yorkton, Estevan, Regina, and there are people that are waiting months to get scans and this area in particular is one of the worst."

McPherson says the CT scanner would help doctors treat patients in Moosomin. "You would think with the amount of people waitlists the government would want to add another CT scan in the area. It saves lives, if you had an accident we could get a CT scan and they wouldn't have to guess what is wrong with you they could see if there are any internal injuries. I asked one of the doctors about it and asked, 'What bothers you without having a scan?' She said, 'Physical injuries you can see, but sometimes if you let them go you don't know what is happening internally.'

Tomlinson adds, "Also, with the stroke protocol, if we had a CT scanner then they know which exact medicine to give you to offset the symptoms of a stroke. Every time we turn around though we seem to run into a wall."

Prepared for CT scanner

Tomlinson says they have prepared for staffing to operate the CT scanner once it is in Moosomin.

"Hindley told me before he left that day after touring the hospital, 'If a scanner goes in the hospital, don't let what happened in Melfort happen here.' Melfort put in the scanner, but then had no one to operate it," Tomlinson explains. "So, we did that legwork—we had three students lined up who were in school and would come back."

McPherson adds Moosomin has a greater catchment area than Melfort who has a CT scanner. "Now, Melfort has gone to 24/7 coverage after taking the time to train the doctors. Melfort has nine doctors and we have fourteen and our catchment area is 58,000 and their's is 33,000. Melfort has 6,000 people and Moosomin is just a town with 3,500—that is the problem the government doesn't understand Moosomin takes in a huge catchment area."

Long road to a CT scanner

McPherson says Moosomin is not the only community in Saskatchewan which has struggled to get a CT scanner.

"Melfort struggled for a lot of years trying to get their CT scanner as well," McPherson said. "It took Melfort nine years—we have been working on five or six years now. It seems like there is always something, I don't get it, the scanner will help people. It is a good thing, and it's new technology so let's get it out there for doctors and use it. It would help speed things up in the hospital and it would attract doctors here with new technology available."

McPherson says the foundation is waiting on a letter from the government to officially begin fundraising for the CT scanner.

"It hasn't been announced or put in black and white because of the ghost letter (the letter from the government that has not yet arrived)—until we have something in print with a signature on the bottom we can't legally fundraise, but people are generously making donations anyways. We have \$237,000 in an account that has been given to us in a holding fund—all voluntary from the community. I think that helped encourage the government."

Next steps

McPherson and Tomlinson meet with SHA's Head of Imaging at the end of the month to discuss the CT scanner.

"We have a meeting with the Head of Imaging at SHA, Alex Shirley, on July 29. Larry, Trent Trescott (Area Di-

rector with SHA), and I will be meeting with her then," McPherson said.

Tomlinson says they're hoping the meeting helps. "We have gone in every direction we can so hopefully when we talk with her it helps. Part of the frustrating part too—SHA didn't put us in contact with her, then suddenly Trent came up with her and says this is who we need to talk to. We have been going the political route through the chiefs of staff and ministers so now we will try the other way."

McPherson explains the CT scanner will hopefully go in the existing ultrasound room. "We're hoping to put it in the hospital—in the ultrasound room. We do have to line the ceiling and three walls—there is only one wall lined with lead against the x-ray room."

Tomlinson adds, "That is where the doctors suggested where it needs to be. The foundation will be involved, but the lead lining should be in the process right now."

St. Lazare walk-a-thon

St. Lazare has decided to give their Walk-A-Thon fundraiser donations to the Moosomin CT scanner this year.

"St. Lazare choosing the CT scanner as fundraiser choice this fall, that proves a point that communities in Manitoba and around here want this thing so bad and they will do anything to help with it," McPherson said. "That is so good they're doing this. Build it and people will come. We pull from areas we don't even realize sometimes."

"I think we will be surprised of how many people will come from Manitoba to use the CT scanner. They're so busy all the time in town," Tomlinson said.

Fortunate to have

good health care services

McPherson says Moosomin is lucky to have the amazing doctors and hospital available here.

"We are so lucky to have the doctors we have in town. They're just such good people. We are so fortunate here. People know they can come to Moosomin and get looked after one way or another. They're never going to turn anyone away."

"Everybody is onboard for the CT scanner it is just when is it going to happen."

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Celebration of Life for Doris Kennett

who passed away on February 5 of this year, will be held on Friday, August 16 at 2 pm in the Wawota United Church. Lunch to follow.

Thank you

Words cannot express my heartfelt gratitude. From the unknown to my diagnosis to my failed surgery attempt to my journey going forward. I will not attempt to name all the special people, friends and family in fear I will miss someone. In all the help with our daughter's wedding I am eternally grateful and will be forever indebted to all the hours, the generosity, the hard work that was done, with nothing expected in return. To my friends spearheading a fundraiser and to all those so generous in donating and lightening the financial burden I feel your love and acknowledge your well wishes. To all of my dear friends I know for certain I have one of the strongest most robust group of friends that many can only wish for or imagine. I love you all from the bottom of my heart. Thank you so much!

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Tundra Oil & Gas donates \$20,000 to Maryfield Rink Project

BY BARB SWALLOW

MARYFIELD RECREATION BOARD

On July 10, representatives from the Maryfield Recreation Board and the Village of Maryfield met with Jason Lewis and Brenda Orr of Tundra Oil and Gas to accept a donation of \$20,000 to the Maryfield Rink Project.

The project will see major improvements made, including the installation of a small kitchenette and upper-level bathroom. There has never been a bathroom upstairs and the new amenities will be wheelchair accessible.

The facility is used for many functions that require food service so the new space will be a welcome addition and will better accommodate these types of functions. For the last 50 years, water for cleaning and drinking has had to be carried upstairs. There will now be running water readily at hand to make food preparation more convenient.

The beverage service area will also see changes, with the rear wall recessed into the back storage area to allow for a new cooler, cupboards, and roll shutter window. The south storage area will be insulated, with a large door installed to allow for trolley storage of tables and chairs. Electrical upgrades will accommodate new lighting, ceiling tiles will be painted, and new flooring will replace existing carpet which has worn with time.

Tundra's donation will allow the Maryfield Recreation Board to move forward with the majority of the project this fall.

Together, with donations from the Maryfield Curling Club, Maryfield District Lions, Whitewood Farmers and Friends, Deep Roots - Hebert Group, and many local donations from businesses and individuals, the fundraising total has reached \$45,000. A final call for local donations will be made, but the rec board plans to use board funds to cover the remainder of project expenses.

New seating, a furniture trolley, display unit and sound system will be purchased



From left are Maryfield Rec Board members Bryan Swallow and Barb Swallow, Village of Maryfield Administrator Brittany Raymond, and Jason Lewis of Tundra Oil & Gas making the \$20,000 donation.

at a later date, once the bathroom and kitchen renovations are complete. The

improvements will see the rink become a preferred event space for many winter events, as well as spring, summer and fall.

The board is pleased that donations will allow the venue to be kept in good working order through improvements designed to extend the life of the existing building.

These upgrades will make the Maryfield Rink more user-friendly and safer overall with more conveniences on the same level.

Once again, a huge thank you to Tundra Oil and Gas, and the many other donors to this project. We are excited to see the finished project!

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Construction on track for Kipling gas bar

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
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Despite rain delays, construction at the Borderland Co-op convenience store and gas bar in Kipling is moving right along. According to Borderland Co-op CEO Jason Schenn, the footprint is essentially there. Framing has been completed and there's a roof on the building with rough-in work currently underway.

"No construction project goes exactly on schedule," he said. "Rain interrupts us here every now and again. For the last six weeks, it's been a little bit of a struggle, but overall, things are still getting done. We're able to keep water off the site as much as we can and progress continues."

Exterior work is the next focus, then the cardlock will go through testing procedures to ensure lines are leak-free and have no issues.

"Once that's all approved by the inspector that does that, then we'll be able to start getting back to the grade work, filling in the site, concrete work, tanks, and all that other kind of stuff—all the stuff that lives above ground," Schenn said.

Aside from the weather pausing construction periodically, Schenn has been happy with how the project is proceeding since breaking ground in May.



Construction is progressing on the Borderland Co-op Gas Bar in Kipling.

"We've been pretty fortunate on this site," he said. "It's a good site all the way through the build, so that's been a nice thing. Once you cut into the ground, you can usually get some surprises, but there wasn't really anything too crazy to deal with in that. There were a couple of little soft spots here and there, but you expect that with any site."

Once complete, the 3,000-square-foot business will have a two-pump, four-lane gas bar along with a cardlock, plus the location will offer DEF services.

"We're fortunate that Kipling's in a pretty good geographic location for oil and for farming and everything else like that," Schenn said. "There's a lot of industry in the neigh-

bourhood, so it makes it a pretty good site for multiple areas of support. It's not reliant on any one particular thing exclusively."

The build is estimated to cost \$4.5 million and will bring around 20 new jobs to the community. While an exact grand opening date is not yet in sight, Schenn anticipates opening at the later end of September.

"It's going to be a flurry of activity over the next six to eight weeks for sure," he said. "There's lots of people excited. We got a board member that lives in Kipling, and he's been talking to people. Everybody's always asking him when we're going to be open, or 'how's it coming?' It's pretty exciting to hear that kind of buzz—it's not every day you can do some

projects in the smaller communities, so it's really nice to be able to see one that can meet all the targets and be able to be built."

Hometown Co-op merged with Borderland Co-op back in 2021, bringing Kipling, Grenfell, Sintaluta and Broadview into the fold. The Kipling project is the sixth such business in the region Borderland Co-op serves.

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Kipling mayor inspired by beautification contest

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Kipling's Mayor Pat Jackson found herself in a new role recently, that of a judge in the annual SMAK Attack—a friendly beautification project involving the communities of Stoughton, Manor, Arcola, and Kisbey.

For more than two decades, the communities have held a 'bragging rights' contest to see which community has spruced up the best since spring time. In the weeks leading up to the official judging date, residents in each community clean up garbage, trim trees, and put in some good old fashioned elbow grease to ensure their town is spic and span. While tidiness and fun is regarded higher than competition, there is a plaque awarded to the town chosen by a group of judges—all from outside the region to ensure an unbiased assessment.

The experience left an impression on Jackson, who felt strongly that a similar endeavour could be replicated in the Kipling area.

"I did go and judge down there, with the idea that I could bring back ideas and see if it would work here," she said in her Mayor's Report during the July 8 meeting of Kipling Town Council. Jackson plans to tap some neighbouring communities and propose the idea to their councils, reflecting on the enthusiasm present in the SMAK Attack.

"One comment that was made when we had the lunch after was that communities all feel like they are winners no matter what, because everybody gets things cleaned up," Jackson said. "Then it's so much easier to keep it cleaned up."

Joined by fellow judges Glenda Johnston and Susan Burgess, both of Carlyle, Jackson toured each of the four participating communities on June 19 before returning to this



The Town of Arcola was the year's recipient of the annual SMAK Attack plaque. Seen here are (from left) Admin Assistant Cathy Burton, Councillor Elaine Hislop, Mayor Scott Tessier, and Town Foreman Josh Sim.

Rebecca Korchinski photo

year's host community of Kisbey for lunch and to reveal the judges' combined decision. Some of the things judges consider in their list of criteria include what the entrance to town looks like as you approach, if tall grass and/or weeds are present, abandoned vehicles, any hazardous

conditions, and the general tidiness of streets and boulevards.

This year, Arcola got their name added to the plaque and will display the award in their Town Office until next year's edition.

"It's a friendly little competition," said Town

of Arcola CAO Rebecca Korchinski. "It's crazy the amount of response you get from residents the night before; driving home from work, the amount of

lawn mowers and people out in their yards. It was amazing to see. Everybody really comes together and it's a really good way to start the summer season

with everything done in town as much as possible." In preparation for the SMAK Attack, Arcola holds a town-wide garage sale over the first weekend of June, plus a free dump day the following Saturday—providing some added incentive for residents.

"It definitely gets everybody in gear for starting the summer off on the right foot," Korchinski said.

In presenting the idea of Kipling et al forming a similar beautification project, Jackson highlighted the minimal cost—purchasing a plaque with space to allow award recipients each year, and when hosting the event, providing the judge's lunch.

Council agreed, unanimously approving the idea, and for Jackson to approach neighbouring communities over the next few months.

"We all borrow ideas from other places to try and improve our communities," Jackson told the World-Spectator, while musing on the importance of idea-sharing between communities. "It wouldn't hurt to get a little bit of competition that's with a smile on your face. I think it's good for the communities."

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Whitewood 4 - H Regional Show & Sale



Grand Champion Steer
Avrielle Brehaut, Wawota

The Whitewood 4-H Regional held their annual show and sale on July 3rd and 4th with members from four clubs. Whitewood, Wawota and Kennedy participated fully with all members showing steers and females. Candiac club only brought females and not all of their members choose to participate. On Wednesday the kids competed in Showmanship and Judging. Following these events the kids participated in a mixer event where the members formed teams and played lots of fun games and then they enjoyed a BBQ for supper!

The conformation show took place on Thursday and the rain held off until after the show! There was no dedication this year - instead ABC Cattle Co. was recognized for 50 years of sponsorship! Our judge for the day was Cam Sparrow from Vanscoy and he had 39 steers and over 40 females to sort through. Helping out in the ring were Scott McCormack and Sydney Dorrance. June Mebs was the M.C. and Karen Hebert and Lynn Ecklund recorded all of the results of the show. Stacey Hewitt and Chris Domsolai kept the show running smoothly as the marshallers and Sarah Anderson was the photographer for the day.



Reserve Grand Champion Steer
Nadelle Murphy, Whitewood



Grand Champion Female
Jordan Dorrance, Wawota

The first event on Wednesday was judging. This year's Cloverbud and Junior judge was Jamie Murphy. Bar H Land & Cattle from Langenburg presented Scarlett Englot from Candiac with a prize for placing first. In the Junior category 3H Angus from Lanigan presented an award to Tessa Brehaut of the Wawota Club for first. Garrett Liebreich judged the Intermediate and Senior members. Curtis Hewitt from the Wawota Club placed first in the Intermediate category receiving a prize from Scissors Creek Cattle Co. of Whitewood. Jordan Dorrance, from the Wawota Club, was presented with an award from Emmatt Creek Ranch of Whitewood for top honours in the Senior age category.



Reserve Grand Champion Female
Darby McCormack, Whitewood

Following judging all of the members completed in Showmanship. The judge was Garrett Liebreich from Radville and he had the hard task of picking the top three in each age category. Cloverbud showmanship was won by Clara Brehaut of the Wawota club and she won a prize from VC Hereford Farms of Langenburg. Elliot Englot of the Candiac club won top honours in the Junior division. He was presented with the award from GBT Angus of Wawota. In the Intermediate division, Lexi Brehaut of the Wawota Club was first, winning a prize from Clark Club Calves at Kipling. Delaney Sebastian of the Candiac Club won the Senior Division receiving the Borderland Co-op trophy.



Cloverbud Judging
Scarlett Englot, Candiac

The first confirmation classes on Thursday were the steer classes. At the end of the steer show the Grand Champion Steer was awarded to Avrielle Brehaut with a Simmental x Angus steer from the Wawota Club. She received the trophy from ABC Cattle Co. of Whitewood. The Reserve Champion Steer was won by Nadelle Murphy of the Whitewood Club, also with a Simmental x steer. She received the award from McCormack Family Ranch at Grenfell. This year's Homeraised steer winners were also the Grand & Reserve Champion steers - Avrielle went home with a buckle from Brehaut Bros Land & Cattle.



Cloverbud Record Book
Clara Brehaut, Wawota

This year's group of five steers from one club was won by Kennedy, with Wawota placing second and Whitewood third. These clubs won prize money from Lankenn Seeds in Langbank. The best pair of steers from one family class was won by Avrielle & Lexi Brehaut of the Wawota Club. They were presented with a plaque from Westland Insurance. Second in the pair of steer class went to Jace & Ryder Beutler of Whitewood and third was Hayley & Morgan Debenham from the Kennedy Club.



Junior Judging
Tessa Brehaut, Wawota

The heifer show took place in the afternoon. Overall Champion Yearling heifer was won by Darby McCormack, showing a Black Angus heifer, from the Whitewood Club. He won an award from Prairie Bell Speckle Park of Wawota. Lexi Brehaut, of the Wawota Club, won the Reserve Champion Yearling heifer, with a Simmental heifer and she received a banner from Bridgeway Livestock of Wawota. The homeraised heifer class was sponsored by Hebert Livestock Ventures and was also won by Darby. Haley Debenham of the Kennedy club had reserve champion homeraised heifer.



Junior Record Book
Samuel Brehaut, Wawota

There were three cloverbud classes this year: calendar year calves, heifers and steers. The calendar year calf class was won by Owen Mannie of Whitewood. He won a prize from the Jamieson Family in Moosomin. The Cloverbud steer class was won by Clara Brehaut of the Wawota Club and she won a prize from T Bar K Ranch of Wawota. The Cloverbud heifer class was won by Scarlett Englot of the Candiac Club and she won a prize donated by Diamond C Land & Cattle of Wapella.



Intermediate Judging
Cole Hewitt, Wawota

The last confirmation class of the day was the continuation females and there were eight pairs this year. It takes a lot of work to bring out a pair in the summer heat so great job to all of the members who did this year! Jordan Dorrance of the Wawota club was awarded Champion Continuation with her Red Angus pair and was presented with an award from Bar H Land & Cattle Co. Reserve Champion Continuation was won by Lexie O'Connor of the Candiac Club, with her Hereford pair and she won the banner from CK Stock Farms of Candiac. At the end of the day Jordan Dorrance won Champion Female with her pair and Whitewood Livestock was the sponsor of that banner. Darby McCormack won the Reserve Champion Female award, with his heifer, receiving the Langbank Co-op banner.



Intermediate Record Book
Lexi Brehaut, Wawota

The last awards given out for the day were for top record book. The books were judged by Brittany Clemence. Clara Brehaut of Wawota won the Cloverbud division winning a prize from Conexus Credit Union. The Junior division was won by Samuel Brehaut of Wawota and he was awarded a prize from Federated Co-op Feeds in Moosomin. The Intermediate division winner was Lexi Brehaut from Wawota. She went home with the plaque from Westland Insurance. Avrielle Brehaut of the Wawota club took home the award for top Senior winning the prize from Kathleen Francis & Family. What a sweep in the record book competition by the Brehaut families and Wawota club!



Senior Judging
Jordan Dorrance, Wawota

This year's sale set a record with 39 steers averaging \$4.30/lb. The steers were auctioned by Ty Cutler. Thank you to Ty for donating his time for this auction, as well thank you to Whitewood Livestock for allowing our 4-H group to take over their facility for our event! Brielle Johnson from the Whitewood Club had the high selling steer this year at \$8.00 per pound! Brielle has chosen to donate half of her steer proceeds to the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital.



Senior Record Book
Avrielle Brehaut, Whitewood

To end the day the 4-H members and steer buyers enjoyed a tailgate BBQ. Thank you to Fine Line Designs of Whitewood for sponsoring this and to Moose Mountain Meats for supplying the burgers and Borderland Co-op for supplying the BBQ.

Congratulations to all of the members on a great day and thanks to everyone who made this day possible. 4-H is a great program that teaches leadership, dedication and hard work to its members and leaves them with the tools to become great community leaders. Without the dedication of the leaders and volunteers, and without the support of the steer buyers and sponsors, this show would not be possible, and these young members would not have the chance to complete their projects and showcase all of their hard work.

Article by Jennalee Beutler - Secretary/Treasurer



Cloverbud Showmanship
Clara Brehaut, Wawota



Junior Showmanship
Elliot Englot, Candiac



Intermediate Showmanship
Lexi Brehaut, Wawota



Senior Showmanship
Delaney Sebastian, Candiac



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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! Simply give Mike a call at 435-7578 or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Mike Schwean Arena

Moosomin Parks and Recreation are busy getting ready for the 2024/25 winter season...the best season of the year! With that, we have begun taking weekend bookings. If you are interested in booking a weekend or a special event please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Special events already booked include:

U13 Girls Tournament	November 2-3
U15 Girls Tournament	November 9-10
U11 Tournament	November 23-24
U13 Tournament	December 2-3
U15 Tournament	December 14-15
U11 Girls Tournament	January 11-12
U7 Tournament	January 18-19
U9 Tournament	February 1-2
Skating Club Carnival	March 16
U9 Carded Tournament	March 29-30
2025 Iron Man	April 3-5

Mike Schwean Arena 2024/25 Fee Structure

For those looking to book in for 2024/25 here is our fee schedule for the 2024/2025 season.

Minor Sports \$120 plus tax (includes Moosomin Minor Hockey and Moosomin Skating Club)

Adult	\$145 plus tax
Or seasonal	\$3,050
Sr. Rangers	\$145 plus tax
Game agreement	\$400/game

Minor Hockey Tournaments/special events are \$95 per hour to max of \$950.

Moosomin Skating Club

Like our other MS Arena users, the Moosomin Skating Club are also busy getting ready for the 2024/25 winter season. The club has scheduled their Annual General Meeting and are hoping for a great attendance!

Moosomin Skating Club AGM

Tuesday, August 7 at 6 pm
Mike Schwean Arena Lobby
Everyone is welcome to attend!

If you are interested in joining our board, we encourage you to attend! For further information please email moosmins@gmail.com

Moosomin Minor Hockey

Moosomin Minor Hockey is also busy preparing for the upcoming winter with online registration, coaches' applications and planning special winter events.

Once again in 2024/25, Jamie McMullen will be the Association President while Jesse McMullen is Special Events Co-ordinator. If you're looking for information on Minor Hockey, I would suggest you visit their extensive Facebook site!

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
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

Upcoming Community BBQ

Still one chance to hit a community barbecue in Moosomin this summer! The Access Communications Summer BBQ is 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.

Eight teams from across Saskatchewan will be here to partake in the provincials. Those include:

- Moosomin Rangers
- Carlyle Cardinals
- Kamsack Cyclones

- Humboldt Dodgers
- Watrous Lakers
- Saskatoon Royal 64's
- Glaslyn Mudhens
- Wilkie Brewers

Should be a fantastic weekend for the community as it's combined with the year-end slo pitch windup so the town will be buzzing!

Labyrinth News: Looking for Tree Sponsors

Carol Adair and her group of volunteers have really got things looking great at the Labyrinth. If you would like to plant a Memorial Tree in the Labyrinth Park please contact Carol at 434-8843 or Murray at 435-9062.

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

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Aqua to size	8:30 to 9:30 pm

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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 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 # 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

Boy, oh boy...oh boy, 2024 is going to be a doozy! This year's tournament goes this Friday and Saturday, July 19-20 at the Pipestone Hills Golf Club and we already have 25 teams signed up—which is fantastic! 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 ASAP as we are done at 27 teams! Once again this will be an open event (guys or gals), 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 is 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, July 19:

Red Hot Oompaloompas versus Kinsmen on Murray Newman Co-op at 6:15 pm
Booze Cannons versus Magic Mitts on the Elks Field at 6:15 pm
Dusty Mitts versus Snap Crackle Pop on the Guinness Field at 6:15 pm

Rasmussian Rippers versus Flyer Electric on the Guinness Field at 8:15 pm

McMashers versus Bat Attitude on the Kin Field at 7 pm

King and His Court versus Plattypussies on the Kin Field at 9 pm

Lepine's Roofing versus Guzzlers on the Legacy Field at 6:15 pm

Terry Lynd Basketball Court

Leo, Jeff and all those behind the fundraising for the Terry Lynd Basketball Court have done such an amazing job over the past year. They are getting really close to what is required to cover the project costs...but I know they are looking for a final fundraising push! With that in mind, I know they would be thrilled with further donations or possibly fundraising ideas from the public! If you have any ideas please email Leo at leolustrisimo15@gmail.com or Jeff at jskulmoski@icloud.com

Camping Spots Open

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

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.

Mike Schwean Arena summer season dry ice

If you would like to book the facility please call us at 435-3622 or email 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. Regardless we would like to form a committee, make a plan, and meet the demand for this ever-growing sport. If you are interested in helping with the committee please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sastek.net

Pickle Ball

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

Monday	1-3 pm	Recreational Pickleball
Tuesday	6-8 pm	Recreational Pickleball
Wednesday	7-9 pm	Competitive Pickleball
Thursday	1-3 pm	Recreation Pickleball

Disc Golf Club

Are you interested in joining a local Disc Golf Club? If so please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net. We will be supplying entry level discs for those individuals wanting to try the sport out!

Community Donations

As summer season is now here Moosomin Parks and Recreation would also like to extend a request to the community for donations towards the Sports Equipment Loaner Building. Maybe you have an old ball glove, an old pair of skates, an old cornhole game, an old set of disc golf discs, an old set of golf clubs, an old bike...whatever! Keep in mind that all this equipment is available to both in town and out of town residents. As such we would also be excited for out of town donations to the inventory.

Parks and Rec would be more than happy to pick up any donations both in and out of town. If you would be willing to donate to this amazing program please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or phone at 435-7578.

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

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Caillin Grosse submitted photos of Cooper Grosse at Scissors Creek, above, and ready for swimming, right, as part of The World-Spectator's Summer Fun Photo Contest.



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PUBLIC SWIMMING
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 Sunday
 1:00pm - 5:00pm

UPCOMING LESSONS
 July 15th - 19th
 Private Lessons Set 2
 July 22nd - 26th
 Public Lessons Set 4,

LANE SWIM
 Monday - Friday
 7:00pm - 8:00pm
 12:00pm - 1:00pm

AQUACIZE
 Monday - Thursday
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 Tuesdays & Thursdays
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Two workers working on Moosomin's Co-op grocery store on Thursday.

Ashley Bochek photo



The town of Moosomin helped kick off the Bulls and Broncs weekend on Friday with a barbecue lunch at noon. Town councillors and staff were grilling up burgers, with all proceeds from the barbecue going to Playfair Daycare for the construction of a second daycare facility in Moosomin. Above is Town Councillor Kyla Fin-gas handing out drinks.

Ashley Bockek photo

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Lucas Wushke and Parker Dodd meet Rykr Maas after scoring a run, with Kip Geiger behind them.



Crue Garnier getting dirty and smiling at his mom because it's her week to do laundry.

Moose Mountain Badgers A side Champs at Melville AA baseball tournament

This year's U11 Moosomin Badgers hockey team entered a team under Moose Mountain Badgers to compete in Melville's 30th annual AA baseball tournament this weekend. Being badgers they clawed away and dug themselves out of a hole to beat the Humboldt Dodgers 15-10 for the A side championship.

Right: Back row from left, kids in Badger uniforms are Lucas Wushke, Andy Kapell, Jack Miller, Finn Mannie, Oaklan Hockley, Kip Geiger, and Crue Garnier. **Front row from left,** kids in Badger uniforms are Greyson Taylor, Kruz Hebert, Keegan Morson, Parker Dodd, Jake Hildebrandt, and Rykr Maas. **Extras with no uniforms** are Sebby Maas (Mascot/photographer's assistant), Hunter Hebert (mentor), Deacon and Gavin Taylor (equipment managers), Coy Geiger and Hux Garnier (motivational speakers) and Brayden Morson (bat boy).



Heather Statz photos



Maas shooting the duck.



Crue Garnier throwing the heater.



Finn Mannie, Kip Geiger and Crue Garnier celebrating after their big win.



Finn Mannie and Lucas Wuske welcome Rykr Maas home.



A happy bunch of Badgers celebrating after the A side Championship's final out.



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RECYCLING CALENDAR

ROUTE A:
Homes on Broadway Avenue and North: JULY 29 & AUG 12

ROUTE B:
Homes south of Broadway Avenue: JULY 22 & AUGUST 5

LANDFILL HOURS

JANUARY 1 - APRIL 30
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SUN. 12 Noon - 5 p.m.
MON. CLOSED

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TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.
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Star of the Week!!

Many many Thanks to **Kingston Midstream** for a Grant of \$17,000 towards our New Outdoor Pickleball Court Facility!!

The funds will be an amazing help for our project out at **Bradley Park**

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Moosomin Skating Club



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Private Parties

If you are interested in details or bookings please contact a staff member at 306-435-2346




Swimming Lessons 2024

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