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Local fresh flowers at Half Diamond Flower Farm

BY ASHLEY BOCKEK

Lynette Bock, owner of Half Diamond Flower Farm, plants flowers each year to cut and sell to florists and businesses in the area.

Bock also owns a law firm in Rocanville and keeps herself busy with the two different businesses.

"I've always loved growing stuff," Bock said. "I'm a lawyer too, but I want to move onto something different at some point and it's not going to happen overnight. I have to build this up first and I'm to the point in the law business where I've got an articling student starting with me, so hopefully in a few years she can take over or I can work less."

"I wanted to try something different so this is my fourth year growing. I'm from a farming background and it's always been something that both of my grandmas did. They always grew lots of flowers so it's something that I was interested in," Bock explained.

She says she began thinking about a flower farm during winter.

"It was wintertime and it was miserable out and I started following some of the bigger growers on Instagram. That's where I learned a lot about different ways of growing things and what flowers are good because not all flowers are good as cut flowers. You can't grow some things here that people can grow in warmer places."

Bock says planting a flower farm is the polar opposite of running a law office.

"This is totally different for me. It is a different kind of stress. Doing this, you're not dealing with people. You sell your flowers to people, but it's not the same, and you're not dealing with the same problems. You can come out here and it's calm and quiet and it gets you outside. You're in nature and it's just a totally different type of job—it's about as opposite as you can get."

Bock says she has media platforms to contact her for flowers.

"I have both an Instagram and a Facebook page and anyone can message me directly on there."

"I try to stay away from getting people out touring around because we have lots of animals around. I've never tried the you-pick thing—I'd have to almost set up a totally separate field for that because I've gotten to where I sell a lot of my flowers to florists now, and they have to be in a certain condition to sell to a florist. It's not something I'm opposed to doing someday but not right now."

How it started

Bock says she started selling flowers to Cornucopia Gardens south of Rocanville.

"I started selling initially to Heather Graham at Cornucopia Gardens. She is awesome. I just take bouquets there and they sell them."

"I do offer subscriptions as well, where people can buy a certain number of bouquets for the summer and I just deliver them. It's either bi-weekly or monthly."

Bock says she has some of her flowers at Third Avenue on Main in Moosomin as well.



Lynette Bock, the owner of Half Diamond Flower Farm, and some of the variety of flowers on her farm.



"This year, Tia from Third Avenue approached me and I've been taking flowers there regularly since they've been ready, and that's been really good. She's awesome to work with too, and they like to promote that they have local flowers in the shop so it's a good outlet for me as well. Maybe one day I'll expand to doing it more regularly with other florists but she was the one who approached me first this year and that's worked out well."

Flower farm challenges

Bock explains growing flowers in Southeast Saskatchewan is challenging.

"It's tough because in our growing zone, the crop year is very short. That's where it's tough to build this up. I have planted a whole bunch of peonies so that gives me more spring flowers and this year I sold a bunch of tulips too. The tulips bloom early in the spring usually around May and June, and then there's usually a bit of a lull until late July when other flowers grow. I have planted a few perennials that might bridge that gap a little bit."

Bock says there are many variables that affect the flowers' growth. "I plant some that are self-seeding. Some years the flowers that did great last year, do terrible this year. It depends on the weather, the temperature, and bugs. We've always got lots of bug pressure and last week you could tell that people started swathing canola because the flea beetles showed up for a few days."

She says she would like to expand her garden to help extend her flower season. "I'd like to someday put up a hoop house (a type of greenhouse) or something like

that. When you do that it extends your season because things are ready a little bit earlier depending on the weather. It might extend it a little bit later, too. It's all trial and error."

She says she enjoys delivering flowers to people. "The fun part is seeing people's reaction to the flowers. Sometimes people have me deliver flowers to someone and they're not expecting them, and it's always kind of neat to see how they react to it and people just seem to really appreciate them."

Stages of growing

Bock starts preparing for the season early in the year.

"You start planting some seeds in January. Most of them aren't that early, but there are a few that are. They get planted in seed trays and I set them in my sun room. I have thousands of seedlings in there by the time spring comes around. Most seeds don't start until March."

Bock says tulips are planted months in advance.

"To have tulips you plant them in the fall before. Tulips have to be in the ground for at least 16 weeks to develop a flower. So you're ordering next year's crop before this year's has even come out of the ground. So those get planted in the fall but other than that, everything else is in the spring."

The flower farm is prepped in May.

"I usually start prepping the ground in early May," Bock said. "I use the landscaping fabric just to keep the weeds down. There are some rows where I don't use it, for the flowers that kind of like the cooler weather because it gets too

hot in the summer and it just fries them. I start transplanting as early in May as I can. The Zinnias I would have planted the May long weekend. I try to be done planting everything by the end of May and sometimes it goes into June."

"The tulips you harvest in May and for me this year they started right around Mother's Day and they went until early to mid-June. The other flowers I didn't have anything ready until late July but this year everything was late. Usually it's in mid-July that I've got flowers blooming."

Bock says there were suggestions for planting gladiolus flowers.

"Last year was the first year that I ever grew glads and it was because people wanted them. They're not something that I would have ever considered growing myself but I more than doubled what I had this year for glads. You have to try it yourself and it's a bit of an experiment every year."

Word of mouth

Bock says the flower farm is beginning to be more known in the area.

"I think more and more people do know, but there are probably still a lot who have no idea. It's not something I keep a secret but I also don't do a ton of advertising because I'm as busy as I can be at this point."

More people have heard about Half Diamond Flower Farm by having flowers in local businesses.

"Tia's really good at promoting the flowers, so lots of people hear about me that way," Bock said. "I haven't really done full-on flowers for a wedding yet, but I have done two weddings this year with, I call them DIY buckets. I sell flowers by the bucketful and they make their own bouquets and table decorations."

Bock says she enjoys being creative with the flower farm.

"I love I get to be creative—putting different colors and textures together and seeing what works and what doesn't and I've never seen flowers make someone mad or upset."

Bock says she has flowers usually until the end of September.

"Everything will be here until we have a frost. Our usual first frost date is mid-September and I have always had flowers into October. Some things do start to slow down at that point because your daylight hours are shorter and with the cooler temperatures. Once there is a frost, everything that's green will be brown."

Consistent hobby

Bock says the flower farm is a continuous work in progress each year.

"You have to constantly be working at it. You learn things, like sometimes it's the depth you plant—some things work better than something else. Sometimes some plants need more shelter or things like netting to hold them up so you don't end up with a stem that's totally crooked."

"Probably the biggest thing I've learned is that every year is different and what you think you know isn't necessarily true the next year."

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Wapella Doodle Bug Days

Wapella's Doodle Bug Days were held in conjunction with the Dodge City Days Rodeo on August 24. The fundraiser for the Doodle Bug Daycare consisted of a petting zoo, bounce tents, a parade, and a slow pitch tournament.



Left: Kolten and Tessler Hintz at the petting zoo. Above: The Doodle Bug Days float.



Jorja Creighton with her face painted.



Charlee Cunday at the petting zoo.



A little bike rider in the parade.



Above: The bounce tents outside the rink.



Left: The Wendy's Place float.

Wapella's Dodge City Days Rodeo

The Dodge City Days Rodeo in Wapella was held on August 24, with lots of indoor rodeo action, including saddle bronc, bareback junior steer riding, novice saddle bronc, novice bareback, novice bull riding and bull riding.

Sunnette Kamffer and Kara Kinna photos





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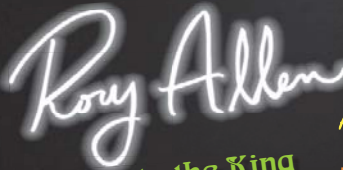
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2025 Spring Final Date
**Sunday,
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Diane Jamieson photos



Left: Kayla Miller batting. Above: Lisa Taylor catching.



Above: Brittany Grose pitching. Left: The team celebrating their win.



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No rivals for Aaron Judge in MVP race

They won't need a judge or jury to determine the Most Valuable Player in the American League this season. It's a runaway for New York Yankees' superstar slugger, Aaron Judge.

The 32-year-old centre fielder, a surefire Hall of Famer when he retires, is having a season to remember — and that's saying something when one of his previous seasons resulted in a 62-homer campaign.

Judge, a mountain of a man at 6-foot-7 and 282 pounds, set another long ball record recently when he swatted his 300th career home run in fewer games than anyone before him. Through Aug. 24 and with more than 30 games still to play, he has a Major-League-leading 49 homers, a pace that would give him 62 for the season. In a 99-game span starting April 27 (when he had only four homers), Judge blasted 44 homers. Last year, in an injury-shortened 106 games, Judge belted 37 homers (a 55-homer pace over a full season). He is without a doubt the most feared hitter in today's MLB.

Through games of Aug. 24, Judge had 105 walks, including 16 intentionally. Blue Jays' manager John Schneider showed the ultimate respect to Judge's power in a recent game by walking him intentionally with the bases empty and two out — in the second inning. "I honestly didn't feel like seeing him swing," Schneider told reporters after the game. "That was kind of it. He's in a different category ... than anyone else in the league, where he can just flip the script of a game with one swing."

Judge won't reach the fear level created by Barry Bonds in 2004, when the former Giant was intentionally walked a record 120 times, including once with the bases loaded. But Judge is the first player since Bonds 20 years ago to instill a similar fear in pitchers.

It's not just home runs that define Judge, either. If not for the sensational play of Kansas City sophomore Bobby Witt, Jr., Judge would have a legitimate chance to win the



Bruce Penton

Triple Crown. He leads the A.L. in homers and RBI and his batting average is second only to Witt's.

The National League MVP race is not so one-sided, however. The winner will likely be the Dodgers' Shohei Ohtani, who is not pitching this year but slamming home runs in regular fashion. In late August, he led the NL with 41 round-trippers and became the fastest player in history to reach the 40-40 (homers, stolen bases) club. If the Dodgers continue to lead their division, MVP voters will likely say Ohtani was the major reason why.

Meanwhile, Judge's heroics, and that of his teammate, Juan Soto, who sits third in A.L. home runs, have still not been enough to give the Yankees a cushion atop the A.L. East. They've been battling Baltimore for top spot all season and it appears as if the race will go down to the wire.

The MVP race, however, is over. All rise, here comes da Judge.

• The late pro golfer, Chi Chi Rodriguez, who died Aug. 8 at age 88: "I don't fear death, but I sure don't like those three-footers for par."

• Super 70s Sports: "Cedric Maxwell on Pete Maravich and a rookie named Larry Bird: 'We come to the timeout and Pete says 'Larry, they're double-teaming you. You can't force up those kind of shots.' Larry looks up and goes 'If you were any damn good, they wouldn't be double-teaming me.'"

• Headline at fark.com: "(Patriots coach) Jerod Mayo promises to kick the crap out of anyone who violates his no-fighting rule."

• St. Louis GM Doug Armstrong, justifying making offer sheets to two Edmonton Oilers, Philip Broberg and Dylan Holloway: "I'd offer-sheet my mother if it would make the Blues better."

• Football columnist Graham Kelly in the Medicine Hat News, on B.C. quarterback Nathan Rourke's unsuccessful foray to the NFL: "During Rourke's time holding a clipboard in the NFL, he wasn't exactly reduced to cadging loose change on street corners. He was paid U.S. \$513,000."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "In Santa Barbara, a driver left the scene of his crash on a skateboard. Police are looking for a guy who answers to the name Dude."

• Alex Kaseberg again: "Out of the NFL for almost a decade, Colin Kaepernick has turned down Jim Harbaugh's offer to coach at Michigan. Colin is holding out for an offer to be the starting QB for the Forty Niners, an offer that should come right before pigs fly."

• Super 70s Sports: "Never forget John McEnroe won four U.S. Opens and three Wimbledon by overcoming the gross incompetence of everyone around him. An inspiration."

• Headline at the Canadian parody website, thebeaverton.com: "Blue Jays owners shocked to discover you're allowed to fire Front Office when team sucks every year."

• Jack Finarelli at TheSportscurmudgeon.com, on the firing of slumping Seattle Mariners manager Scott Servais: "I have to be honest here; I didn't realize that it was Servais who had been striking out with men in scoring position over the last 2-3 weeks."

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Wawota News

Myrna Olson

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Linda Maher came to Wawota to pick up her three granddaughters Madeleine, Amelia and Katherine Weatherald and accompanied them to Ottawa. They spent two weeks visiting with Peter and Linda Maher. They had a fun-filled time before Linda brought them home!

The Wawota Museum's programs for this summer are now over. We have had eight Tuesday afternoons with 10-15 children attending. The theme was homesteading and I taught a lesson in the school house and brought the snacks, Shirley Corkish and Tammie Bunz looked after the crafts and games and Val Puskas and Thea Murray were our helpers.

A group of family and friends gathered at the home of Daryl and Neena Johnson's last Thursday. They were honoring Sydney Pryce who recently graduated as a Regis-

tered Nurse.

Wawota would like to welcome a new family to Wawota. They are Dale and Stephanie Lemaire and their daughter, Lauryn. They have moved here from Quebec and have purchased the former Stephanie Brown home on Anne Street.

Marley Hamilton, Kailin Brisbois, Erin Roberson and Amanda Sneyzk enjoyed a holiday to Las Vegas for several days.

Kate and Sarah Heffernan of Regina have returned home after spending three weeks with their grandparents Keith and Myrna Olson.

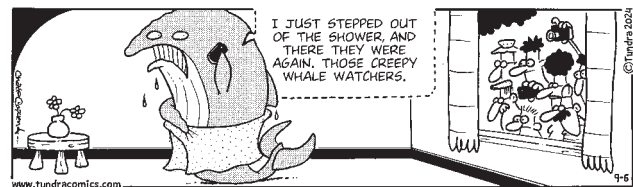
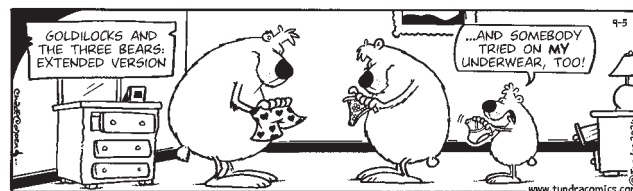
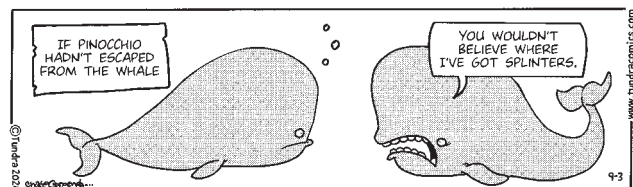
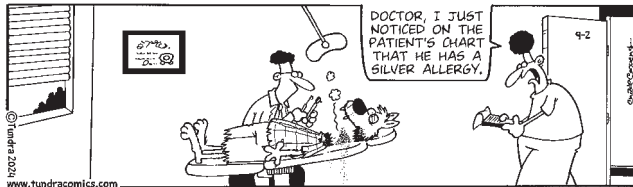
This weekend we will celebrate Labour Day. This is a holiday that originated in Canada on April 15th, 1872. Because of the improvements, the Labour Body has brought us paid holidays, safe workplaces, medical care, unemployment

aid, fair work hours and union wages. Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done. Whether you like it or not, being forced to do your best will breed in you temperance, self-control and diligence, strength of will, cheerfulness, contentment and a hundred virtues which the idle man will never know.

The Wee Care Daycare held their annual Art in the Park event on Friday, August 9. Various pictures drawn by the children attending the daycare were posted on the trees. The workers served hot dogs, hamburgers (donated by Moose Mountain Meats) and drinks. A draw was made for a garden swing (donated by Chimo) which was won by Sarah Weatherald and the winner of the 50/50 was Axel Larson.

Tundra

Chad Carpenter



Southeast College receives significant funding for Early Childhood Education programs

Southeast College is the receipt of \$1.68 million dollars in funding for the 2024-2026 period to support its Early Childhood Education (ECE) programs. This funding will benefit full-time and part-time ECE programs across the college's Estevan, Kahkewistahaw First Nation, and Cowessess First Nation campuses (full-time), as well as the Weyburn, Indian Head, Moosomin, and Assiniboia campuses (part-time).

The programs will offer training at Levels I, II, and III, entirely cost-free to domestic students, covering tuition, books, and materials. The objective of this funding is to enhance the certification levels of early childhood educators in Saskatchewan.

For Southeast College, this means up to 211 students can receive free training, significantly contributing to the development of qualified ECE professionals in the province.

Jody Holzmilller, Interim President and CEO expressed

her excitement about the funding approval.

"The two-year funding agreement is greatly appreciated," she said. "Having a two-year agreement in place will allow students to enroll tuition-free while obtaining their diploma. This funding, in addition to the delivery model Southeast has implemented, which allows students to remain employed during their schooling, is a win-win situation for students and Early Learning Centres in the southeast region."

Providing free access to this type of training is crucial for many reasons. It reduces financial barriers for students, allowing them to pursue their education without the burden of tuition costs. This initiative also helps to address the shortage of qualified early childhood educators by making it easier for individuals to enter and advance in this vital field.

Holzmilller highlights the importance of this funding. "This significant investment not only strengthens our

commitment to early education but also underscores our dedication to the families and labor force of the southeast region of Saskatchewan. It represents a crucial step towards enhancing the quality of early childhood education and ensuring that our communities have access to well-trained professionals."

This initiative is part of a broader \$1.1 billion investment under the Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement for 2021-22 to 2025-26. The federal government and the province have committed to increasing the number of regulated childcare spaces by 28,000 and providing \$10 per day regulated childcare spaces to families. This funding is provided by the Ministry of Education of Saskatchewan and falls under the quality pillar of the agreement, aimed at recruiting and retaining qualified Early Child Care employees to support developmentally appropriate programming in regulated childcare facilities.

Additional treaty land entitlement transfer of mineral rights to Cowessess First Nation

The Government of Saskatchewan has approved the transfer of 336 hectares (829 acres) of mineral rights to the Cowessess First Nation as part of their Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) Settlement Agreement.

"The recent transfer of mineral rights to Cowessess First Nation is a significant step in supporting their continuing economic growth," Minister Responsible for First Nations, Métis Relations and Northern Affairs Don McMorris said. "We are committed to continue fulfilling our obligations under the Treaty Land Entitlement Agreements, which play a vital role in recognizing the rights of First Nations in Saskatchewan."

The Government of Saskatchewan has transferred approximately 29,019 hectares (71,707 acres) of Crown minerals to the federal government on behalf of the Cowessess First Nation.

This transfer is part of the ongoing efforts by the Government of Saskatchewan to fulfill its commitments under the TLE Agreements, reinforcing the province's dedication to reconciliation and strength-

ening relationships with First Nations.

The TLE Agreements provide First Nations with entitlement monies to purchase land anywhere in the province on a "willing buyer-willing seller" basis and add it to their reserves.

Under the terms of the TLE Agreements, all undisposed provincial Crown minerals underlying lands purchased by the First Nation are to be transferred at no cost to the Government of Canada for reserve creation.

The Ministry of Government Relations coordinates and manages the provincial implementation of the TLE Agreements between Canada, Saskatchewan and 36 First Nations. The recent transfer to Cowessess First Nation underscores Saskatchewan's commitment to economic reconciliation and the fulfillment of Treaty obligations.

The Government of Saskatchewan continues to work collaboratively with First Nation communities to fulfill land entitlement agreements and support community growth and development.

Since 1992 the provincial and federal governments have committed \$687 million for TLE settlements in Saskatchewan. Approximately 888,806 acres have been transferred, with 1.48 million acres outstanding.

Under Section 5.04 of the TLE Agreements, the Government of Saskatchewan is required to transfer undisposed Crown

minerals to the Government of Canada at no cost. The minerals transferred will be held by His Majesty the King in the right of Canada for the use and benefit of Cowessess First Nation.

The Government of Saskatchewan has transferred more acres to reserve status under our TLE Agreements than any other province in Canada.

Welwyn News

Phyllis Harper
306-733-2155

George Fisher of Pincher Creek, Alberta, was a visitor to the coffee shop last week. He was born and raised in Welwyn.

Kelly and Charlotte Smith of Spurwood, British Columbia, were recent campers at the park. His parents were Garnet and Shirley Smith who were former residents of Welwyn.

Trent, Tera and Toryn Harper and Carol Blair of Moosomin motored to Lousana, Alberta, for a Blair family reunion. Trent and Tera accompanied Toryn to Burnaby, British Columbia, where she will continue her schooling.

What a scary awakening on Sunday morning for residents in town and the surrounding areas—I've never seen or heard anything like it! When it was over we had trees, branches etc. broken and down everywhere. Residents and helpers worked from early morning to supertime helping, saving, picking up and hauling to the dump. Snacks and drinks were provided in the coffee shop for whoever wanted them. There are still BIG advantages of small town living.

The park had many trees and branches broken also, but with locals and out of

town volunteers managed to get the roads all cleared up—not finished but much better.

Thanks to all volunteers who helped in town and at the park. You are amazing! We must be thankful that no one was hurt, and that no houses or vehicles were destroyed!

Helen and Lauralee Stewart of Edmonton motored to Winnipeg on Wednesday to attend the 90th birthday party of Helen's sister Joyce Buyant.

Orville and Phyllis Harper attended a birthday supper in St. Lazare on Thursday for Linda Gurniak. Phyllis and Linda attended school together in St. Lazare.

Jessica, Katie, Cal and Clark Cuthill camped last week at Binscarth while Katie took part in the "Actin Up" theatre camp. Barb, Will and Karen spent Thursday with them there. On Friday, Shirley, Doug and Barb went to the Vagabond Theatre in Binscarth to watch Katie perform in the drama camp presentation. Their week of hard work paid off—it was a terrific show! On Sunday afternoon, Doug and Barb Cuthill went to Wapella to see Katie sing as part of the "Music in the Park" there.

St. Lazare News

Robin Tremblay
306-683-2464

Summer visitors with Doug and Diane Totte were Matt Totte and friend Mike of Saskatoon, Martin Totte and Kayla.

Ross and Rose Cipriano of Winnipeg, Darlene and Gerry Hanlon of Moosehorn, John and Robert Wishart, Carter and baby, Eddy, Doug and Donald Wishart of Russell, Jennifer, Torger and Siggie of Oakview, Ryan, Kelly and Ella of Brandon were all visitors with the Haney and Selby families.

Martin and Norma Dupont had Bro-

die and Kelleen Dupont and family of Sherbrooke, Quebec, visiting them.

Tim and Tasha Fafard travelled to Churchill to spend some time with Julie Fafard and to take in some sightseeing.

Visitors to the DeCorby farm were Peter and Mel Baxter of Winnipeg, Leeann DeCorby, Ella and Lauren of Calgary, Pat DeCorby, Kris DeCorby, Keely and Andrew of Sioux Lookout, Madi, Jo, and Gabe Reavie of Rocanville, Elaine Henderson of Rivers, Anne-Marie Henderson, Lucy of Saskatoon, Sask.

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Steel Reef Representatives Jesse Kenler, Michael Sylvestre, and Calvin Martin. Steel Reef covered the cost of the AED outside the Redvers town office.



The AED demo hosted on Aug. 27. Councillors Ken Thomas and Derek Soroka, Michael Harlos with Redvers EMS, Jesse Kenler, Michael Sylvestre, and Calvin Martin with Steel Reef, Heather Adair with Redvers EMS, and councillor Michelle Jensen.

Redvers Town Council

Town offers reward for information on vandalism

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Signs in Redvers continue to be the target of vandals, and the town is growing tired of replacing bent and missing signs.

"It just keeps happening, and has for quite a while, and we just want it to stop," said Town of Redvers CAO Tricia Pickard. "We're at \$2,000, give or take, for signs and different things, and then it's doesn't even include our time to fix them."

Town staff have been diligent with reporting incidents to RCMP and are now offering a \$500 reward for anyone with information leading to solving this issue.

Back in July, several signs, flags and planter pots were among the items damaged or taken by person(s) unknown. The latest round of vandalism included bending a 'Caution Autistic Child at Play' sign.

Anyone with information about these acts of vandalism can contact Carlyle RCMP at (306) 453-6707 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS). Reports can be made anonymously.

AED demo

The SaveStation AED outside of the Redvers Town Office is officially operational, and town staff hosted a demonstration on Aug. 27.

"There's lots of places that have AEDs, but they close at a certain time," said Pickard. Since the AED is outside, it's available to residents all the time. "We're hoping that it never get used, but if it needs to get used, it's available to the community and the public."

The \$1,960.84 cost of the AED was covered by Steel Reef, who were on hand for the demonstration of the device.

"We had three representatives from Steel Reef that came, and then there were three councillors, and our two EMS people," Pickard said. "They did a lot of the demonstration, and then a couple of our staff."

No community members were in attendance, but Pickard said the demonstration was recorded for future reference.

"We were very excited about actually getting that SafeStation, getting it installed and that it can be utilized," she said.

Communities in Bloom judges visit Redvers

The Town of Redvers hosted a pair of judges from Communities in Bloom on July 31—the first year the municipality has

participated in the beautification program. Redvers entered in the non-competitive 'friends' level in this inaugural year.

"They were very nice and personable," Pickard said of the judges. "We had a great day together, and then the two judges sat in their office and went through their notes, then we'll be getting a report hopefully in September."

The viewpoints the judges shared with town staff will be valuable in future beautification endeavours.

"This will allow us to see how other outsiders view us and if we are on the right track, and to obtain other ideas," Pickard said. One example was the suggestion of placing recycling receptacles near garbage cans already in place around Redvers, which Pickard agreed would be an excellent idea.

Transfer station camera to remain solar powered

Curious about how much it would cost to run a power line out to the transfer station—primarily to install a proper camera system—staff and council learned the dollar figure last week during their Aug. 27 meeting.

"We have a camera out at the transfer station, it's solar powered and it would suffice," Pickard said. "We wanted something that was run on power, but that's pretty expensive."

The ballpark figure quoted to the town was in the \$8,000 range, something council decided to pass on.

Town decides to go with new fire truck

In the next step towards an updated fire truck, the decision has been made to buy new rather than used truck.

"We have been looking at used fire trucks as well, but they're actually hard to come by," Pickard said.

With used trucks easily coming in at \$500,000, spending just a little bit more for a truck that lasts longer because it's new just made more sense. A new unit also means input into a custom build—one that not only meets the needs of firefighters in Redvers, but will be a valued asset in years to come.

"We're looking at all avenues and making sure that we're making the proper decision," Picked said.



The AED demo hosted on Aug. 27. From left are town of Redvers Administration Sandy Russell and Tricia Pickard, as well as Jesse Kenler, Michael Sylvestre, and Calvin Martin with Steel Reef, and Jena Cowan with the Redvers town administration.

Big donations to accessible playground

The latest donation received by the town for the new accessible playground will bring the project even closer to fruition. Kingston Midstream donated \$12,000 toward the playground to be located in Hancock Park, at the corner of Souris Avenue and Carlton Street.

The total project cost is around \$40,000, and the town has already received a \$5,000 donation from Affinity Credit Union.

Bump ahead

The Town of Redvers is hoping that installing some speed bumps will encourage drivers to slow down. "There's been talk about Souris Avenue and Souris Crescent for quite some time, because the streets seem to be a little bit narrower," Pickard explained. "There's just houses all along in that crescent, and a lot of kids."

The Park-o-Flex speed bumps being considered are made of recycled tires, are easy to remove and relocate, are weather resistant and come with a three-year warranty.

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These flower photos were taken at Half Diamond Flower Farm near Rocanville. See page 25 for the full story on the flower farm.



Broadview RCMP Report

BY S/SGT. DALLYN HOLMSTROM

at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

How would you like to join our team here at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast? Broadview RCMP currently has a need to hire more guards. Pay is \$18.59 an hour. As a guard you will receive all the training you need. You will never have any hand on contact with prisoners themselves and your only job will be to watch them to ensure they are safe. The job is very easy and stress free. Work is on a call-in basis only. If you are called you can say you're not available. There is no expectation to work. If you have any interest in becoming a guard, please contact the Broadview RCMP at (306) 696-5200 or stop in anytime

\$977 fine near Broadview

There were 26 traffic tickets in the Broadview Detachment area in the past week. First place this week went to a male driving a Chrysler 200 on Highway 1 near Broadview. The male was travelling 176 km/hr in 110 km/hr zone which resulted in the male being fined \$977 as well as getting his vehicle impounded for 30 days. The second place award went to a male driving a BMW X5. The male was travelling 153 km/hr near Grenfell in a 110 km/hr zone. This driver received a \$720 fine.

Sleeping in a ditch

On August 22, RCMP were called to an intoxicated male that was passed out sleeping in a ditch. RCMP attended and located the male and were able to provide the male a ride to his residence where family was able to take care of him.

Cows causing udder chaos

On August 22, RCMP were called to "the cows" who were up to their old tricks causing moos-chief on Highway 9 near Whitewood. RCMP attended and observed udder chaos with cows all over the place. RCMP contacted the owners who advised they would be beefing up their security to keep the cows off the road.

Female not welcome at residence

On August 23, RCMP attended a residence in Broadview where a female was causing a disturbance and not welcome. RCMP attended and the female left on her own accord as no criminal activity had occurred.

Female suffered head injury

On August 23, RCMP attended an assault on Cowessess First Nations. A female suffered a head injury and was bleeding when RCMP arrived. The female was transported to hospital by EMS. The male suspect has been charged for assault causing bodily harm.

Male breaching conditions

On August 23, RCMP attended a residence in Broadview where a male was intoxicated and causing a disturbance. RCMP attended and found a male breaching his court-imposed conditions. The male spent the night at the King's Hotel and remained in custody until he could appear in court.

Husqvarna lawn mower stolen from garage in RM of Willowdale

On August 23, RCMP received a report of a break and enter into a garage at a rural property in the RM of Willowdale. An orange Husqvarna riding lawn mower model YTH22K48 was stolen. The RCMP are requesting anyone with information about this theft to contact the Broadview RCMP by calling 306-696-5200. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online

Intoxicated male with warrants

On August 23, RCMP responded to an unwanted male at a residence on Kahkewistahaw First Nations. RCMP attended and located the intoxicated male. The male also had warrants for his arrest. RCMP arrested the male and transported him to the King's Hotel where he remained until he could be taken to court.

Assault at Ochapowace Pow Wow

On August 24, RCMP attended an assault that took place with a youth at the Ochapowace Pow Wow. The youth did not require EMS but did receive treatment to a cut to his head. The RCMP are requesting anyone with information about this assault to contact the Broadview RCMP by calling 306-696-5200. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Intoxicated male

On August 26, RCMP were called to the Ochapowace Pow Wow grounds where a male was intoxicated and causing problems. RCMP attended and located the intoxicated male. The male received a free night stay at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast until he was sober.



Semi versus SUV collision

On August 26, RCMP attended a semi versus SUV collision on the Highway 605 near Broadview. The collision occurred when a Dodge Durango ran into the back of the trailer. Several people were injured in the collision but no injuries were considered serious in nature. Vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

Trying to fight people at residence

On August 27, RCMP were called to a residence in Broadview where a male was intoxicated and trying to fight people at the residence. RCMP attended and arrested the intoxicated male. The male spent the night at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast until he was sober.

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(12-25-2021)

Scam of the week

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Help is always available

I want to ensure that if someone needs help the Suicide Prevention line is always available in the paper for them. We want to encourage everyone to reach out for help and talk to someone if they can. No matter how bad things may seem, remember that they can always get better. Life can be very difficult to say the least.

Please reach out and check in with friends, co-workers, and family to see how they are doing. It's a perfectly normal question to ask people how they are doing. Don't let people suffer in silence.

If you see someone that you believe needs some help but won't accept help from you, please let the police or their family know. In Saskatchewan you can call/text the mental health crisis line at 9-8-8 Counselling Connect Saskatchewan Canadian Mental Health Association 1-306-384-9333.

Police joke

How many cops does it take to screw in a light bulb?
Answer: None. It turns itself in.

Have a great week and stay safe!

Thank You!

Thanks to all who donated sandwiches, soup, silent auction items or gave a cash donation to my Fundraiser.

To Moosomin Legion Branch 81, Donna LeFleur & Legion Members for organizing the fundraiser.

To all that attended and bid on the silent auction items. The money raised will go a long way to help pay for the weekly trips to Regina for cancer treatments.

Dennis and I will be forever grateful to all for the generosity of the community of Moosomin and surrounding area.

Sandra Youngblut





Borderland Co-op Food Store construction progressing

Construction is steadily progressing on the new Borderland Co-op food store being built in downtown Moosomin. This drone shot taken by Ashley Bochek shows what stage the store was at last week. The store should be ready to open some time early in 2025.

Looking Back

Five years ago, 2019:
Council received a letter from a Yorkton man asking if he could keep reindeer in town. He said that he was in the process of buying a home, and found several homes in Moosomin he was interested in, but would like to keep up to four reindeer in the back yard, to train them to be tame around people and use them for charitable purposes—sleigh rides, Christmas appearances, special needs therapy, etc. He wrote "I know there is not much space in town yards but the yard would only be their home base, they would be taken out daily for exercise and daily interaction." Council members decided there were several reasons that reindeer wouldn't be a good idea in town.

Ten years ago, 2014:
Members of the Second Battalion, PPCLI, which is based in Shilo, lined the street beside the Moosomin Armoury. 2014 marked the 100th anniversary of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. To mark the anniversary, a baton was carried from Edmonton to Ottawa over the summer. The baton relay included a stop in Moosomin.

Fifteen years ago, 2009:
A driver lost control of his vehicle on Wright Road in Moosomin, veered out of control across one block, crossed Henry Street, and hit a truck, trampoline, boat, and fence before finally hitting a house on Chestnut Drive.

Mark DeMontis, a 22-year-old blind student from Toronto, was rollerblading across Canada with his team, Courage Canada. DeMontis was raising money so

blind youth across Canada could learn the game of hockey through hockey camps.

Twenty years ago, 2004:
A heavy frost that blanketed parts of southern Saskatchewan at the beginning of September left some crops in the Moosomin area significantly damaged; Moosomin's Alexis McGonigal left to attend her final year of high school in Ireland.

One hundred years ago, 1924:
The three largest libraries in the world at the time were the British Museum Library with 4,000,000 volumes; the Bibliotheque Nationale at Paris with 3,000,000; and the Congressional Library at Washington which had 2,500,000 volumes.



Organizers happy with intergenerational living response
This was the front page of The World-Spectator five years ago on September 2, 2019.

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A tour of Nutrien Rocanville, the world's largest potash mine

BY ASHLEY BOEHK

The Nutrien Rocanville mine held the first family tour since being opened on August 23. Family members of miners and two representatives of the World-Spectator toured underground and learned about how the mine operates.

Justin Young, General Manager of Rocanville Mine, explains his position at the mine.

"I am the General Manager at Rocanville. I have been with the company since 2011. I have worked in various capacities over the years. I started as a mining engineer, then took over the completion of the Rocanville West expansion. I went and worked in the mill in the maintenance department. Then, I became the assistant GM where I oversee the mine and the mill, and then most recently, for about the last year I have been GM. As general manager duties, I am responsible for the operation in its entirety for Rocanville—mining, hoisting, milling, and loadout—a little bit of everything. You have to know a little bit about each department, not a lot about one thing. You have to surround yourself with good people that manage the day-to-day operations. The way I see my job, is I am the filter between the corporate office and the site. They have certain initiatives and agendas and I filter that to make sense for our site in Rocanville and then I am also filtering out information from the site to corporate.

"Typically I am in Saskatoon likely once every three weeks, but I am stationed in Rocanville either on the Scissors Creek side or I am at the mill side. I have an office in each and I try to split my time 50/50 between the two."

Mining potash

Young explains Rocanville's approach to mining.

"We start with our ore body and before we even start mining, we do a 3D-seismic of the area to make sure we know what we're expecting for geology because you never want to get into a situation like we did in the '80s where we didn't know what we were up against and we ran into anomalous ground, which was water bearing and risked flooding our mine. Thankfully they were able to stop it.

"After 3D-seismic, the mine engineer takes a look at the body of reserves and what is the most efficient and effective way to mine it. Then, we create our mine plans—it is handed over to mining operations and they execute. They will set up their panels, we call them, and they're mining off a panel belt onto an extensible belt back to the shaft. Our mining method is long room and pillar—that means we cut three passes. You cut the first pass with the mining machine and you're building the belt between the miner. Then we anchor what we call a tail-pull—you turn the miner and go back the direction you came from, that is the second pass. Then, we jump the belt and cut the third pass to the end of the room and then just turn the miner back. How big the rooms are depends on the geology and the area you're in. On average, about 5,000-6,000 feet."

Young explains they use conveyor belts to send the potash from the mining machines to the mill, several kilometres away.

"From there, it goes onto the belts. We have a network of conveyor belts that is approximately 75 kms of mainline conveyors throughout the mine to get it back to the mill. The mill is 17 kms as the crow flies back to the east and there we have two hoists, where we hoist it to the surface. It is stored in bins underground—similar to a grain bin on surface except this is cut in rock—we dump it in those bins and then hoist it to surface through those two skips. Then, it goes through the milling process, where it is crushed,

sized, cleaned, dried, and then it goes into a storage bin on surface or it could get loaded on a right away, typically it goes right into those large storage bins and then we load from there into trains."

Background of mine

Young says the Rocanville mine employs many people from surrounding communities. "Underground and surface combined we have about 860 people from the area and others from all over."

He says the mine was built 54 years ago. "The Nutrien mine in Rocanville was built in September of 1970, that is when the first rail car was loaded. We started operations at Scissors Creek in November of 2016. We announced the expansion and the new shaft in 2007 for Scissors Creek, and we completed it in 2016. We sunk the Scissors Creek shaft, and we also built mill two at the same time back at the original site. It was all part of that expansion, but then we also had to add to our underground network. We had to get more mining machines to double our throughput. It was 26 conveyors underground throughout to set up panels and then build shops and all the electrical infrastructure," Young said.

Huge local operation

Young explains the Nutrien Rocanville mine ships large amounts of potash by train every day.

"We are shipping close to on average 20,000 tonnes a day. We could load a little more than that. Typically on a good day if the demand is there, we will load out what we produce because if we didn't, we would fill our barns. We average 16,500 tonnes a day and then loading close to 20,000 if the demand is there. We are slated to produce about 5 million tonnes this year and our nameplate capacity is about 6.5 million tonnes."

Young says the mine ships many tonnes of potash to the west coast to be shipped to other countries.

"For us at Rocanville, 70-80 per cent of our product is domestic. Some goes to Canada, but mostly to the United States. It is shipped via rail to the states. The remainder of it goes through what we call, Canpotex, and that goes for the most part out to the west coast port in Vancouver. It is sold to China, India, whoever Canpotex has contracts with."

Challenges underground

Young says there are challenges that come when working underground.

"In mining, you are mining into the unknown a lot of the time—there is seismic, but you really don't know what you have until you're mining into it. You know that you're not hitting anomalous ground, but sometimes you don't know how the ground is going to react to mining so there are always those concerns, the geological formations you're mining into. Thankfully, we have a strong mining engineering team that manages that with the support of operations. There are so many moving parts, there is 75 kms of moving conveyor and if one of your conveyors goes down toward the shaft you aren't mining anywhere else because you can't get the raw material off, so there is always maintenance that you're up against. We have superintendents that manage that for us now. Then, you have a workforce of 800 some people so there's always the people you're managing. It takes all kinds of people to run a potash mine."

Young says that transportation is one of the biggest challenges for the mine.



Kevin Weedmark and Ashley Boehk of the World-Spectator touring about a kilometre underground of Nutrien mine at Scissors Creek north of Rocanville.

"If you were to ask me yesterday what the biggest challenge is, I would have said the rail strike because that has a huge impact on our business. The majority of our material is shipped by rail, and it seems like every year we have one of those type of disruptions. It is either on the rail or on the port so that is always something we are watching. We do understand there are a few other contracts coming up."

"We are seeing strong demand for potash right now, but with that the price is somewhat soft so that is a bit of a challenge. Based on forecast, we are expecting strong demand again next year because potash is pretty affordable right now. Looking at some of our competitors, at some point we are going to see the war on people, where you're fighting over skilled and qualified tradespeople and professionals. We haven't quite seen that yet, but I anticipate in coming years that will be more of a challenge."

New mines means competition for employees

Young says with the new mines coming to Saskatchewan Rocanville mine hasn't seen an impact on recruitment yet, but that might change.

"For our operation we haven't really seen much of a draw from our resources to BHP. It is probably more of a concern for Lanigan because they're neighbouring us there. We haven't seen them hire many full-time people. They are still a couple years away from production so it is obviously a concern of ours, but right now we haven't seen too many people leave. I am sure once we get closer to the fourth quarter of 2026 or the first quarter of 2027 when it comes online. Prior to that you'll probably see more of a pull, but I think our northern mines up by Saskatoon will be most impacted. Certain positions are harder to come by. It is trying to attract young engineers, young professionals that is tougher especially if they go to school in a bigger centre like Toronto or Saskatoon where you have friends and you don't want to leave that. We have been fortunate, we have a few folks that are somewhat from around the area then we get them on board and sometimes they may have a significant other who is also a professional and we get them on board so we were pretty lucky here last year. Then, there is some competition for talent in terms of mechanics and electricians."

Tours encourage a learning experience for all

Young says the mine is a lot bigger than what people think.

"I don't think people understand how big of a footprint we actually are underground, and understand what goes on to make it all work, but that is why we do tours, to get our younger generation from the area that we anticipate the kids that they tour may work at the mine at some point.

but it also gives an opportunity for kids like my own son to see what dad does and where dad works. Thankfully, we are allowed to do this, because we haven't been able to do these tours for awhile."

He said because of the location of the mine not everyone is aware of the operation and how significant it is.

"It is an awareness thing—it is hidden underground. It is hidden north of Rocanville, unless you were to drive by it you would never really know it is there."

Young says the mine's footprint is as big as the city of Saskatoon. "We use lots of tactics to explain the rough size of the mine, but a good comparison is if you overlaid our mine over the city of Saskatoon you would see it is about the same size and as we continue to expand to the west, the overlay of our mine would almost overlay the city of Calgary so if you put it into reference of how big Calgary is or how big Saskatoon is that is the footprint of our mine."

He says Nutrien Rocanville mine has more than a dozen mining machines.

"We have 15 miners in our fleet. Typically for us to hit our production plan we're running about nine in a day depending on the mining sequence some are turning, some are down for preventative maintenance."

Largest potash mine in the world

Young says the mine at Rocanville is the biggest potash mine in the world.

"The Nutrien mine at Rocanville, in terms of volume, ranks number one in Saskatchewan, and is the world's largest potash mine."

Mosaic did claim that they were the largest, but it didn't pan out with their Canpotex numbers. They have the biggest footprint of a mine, but we produce more."

He explains, "The Nutrien assets alone produced around 13-14 million tonnes last year and global demand is around 68-72 million tonnes. We have seen growth about 2.5-2.7 per cent year-over-year. There are years that is down, but always seems to be followed by a year or two where it is up."

Not what people expect

Young explains the mine is different from what most people may think.

"Everybody pictures a mine where you go into this little tunnel, it is really dark, you can touch the walls on either side, there are rocks falling everywhere, it's wet and it's cold, and then you come to Rocanville and it is actually quite the opposite. Our rooms are 8-9 feet tall, 26 feet wide would be our narrowest room, some are up to 66 feet wide, you get off the cage (the shaft) and it is almost 30 feet high by 40 feet wide. It's a lot more open and a lot more air moving than people would expect. I think that would be the biggest wow factor. People never picture this



Justin Young the General Manager of Nutrien mine in Rocanville.

underground. They're expecting they're going to go into this small little hole and they get out in an open area."

Future expansion

Young says the mine sees increasing global demand for potash going forward.

"We're seeing the global growth in demand equal to what the tonnes are coming online from other competitors or other people in the business. By the time we see BHP coming online the global demand for potash—based on 2-3 per cent growth—will be able to absorb those tonnes. So for us, I see our site running roughly about the same going forward. You would have to spend a lot of capital expenses to upgrade things and it probably makes more sense to invest in some of our other facilities at this point. I see steady as it goes right now and we will be continuing to move to the West."

He says the Rocanville mine will see future expansion at some point.

"There are lots of considerations for a shaft, it is a very large capital investment for that type of infrastructure—when you're spending that kind of money you're doing a lot of feasibility studies to make sure you're spending the right money, at the right time, on the right things. There are other solutions to power, we have things called power wells that is an enclosed hole and you suck your power feed down. Then, you're seeing the push for electric vehicle fleets. If you're moving to electric vehicle fleets you're depleting the amount of diesel particulate matter in the air so you need less ventilation ultimately. There are certain things that

can bridge us to the point where you would need to do a new shaft so I think we are a long way from announcing anything like that, but in a mine our size, you're always looking at all of the alternatives."

Young explains the growth to the west. "We can't go to the east because that is Manitoba. We can't go to the north because that is Mosaic, and as you go to the south the ore body dips and as you go south it gets too deep to mine you would have to look at solution mines for mining a deeper ore body because you get so much pressure on the ground from all the overhead burdens so the deeper the ore body gets, the more pressure on the ground, so at some point there is a line that it doesn't make sense to mine."

What makes the difference in Rocanville to make it the world's largest potash mine?

"The quality of our ore body," says Young. "We have very stable ground which allows us to do three pass mining. The ore grade is strong, but it really comes down to the ore body. Three pass mining is very efficient to do versus stress-relief chevron mining which is what some of our other sites do, so just the efficiency and the operating costs are very low. There are less hazards because there are no clay seams. When you run into those you're doing a lot of bolting which is another added cost."

Young says the Nutrien mine has operated outside of Rocanville for many decades.

"It has been here for 54 years and based on our public disclosures we will continue to be here for the long term. We do have more land to the northwest as well, so we'll see."



A mining machine underground at Scissors Creek mining potash.



Two mining engineers explaining the ore body underground at Nutrien mine in Rocanville.



Above: Ed James snapped a photo of two combines working in a field.



Left: Kevin Weedmark snapped this photo of a combine and grain wagon near Rocanville.

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Above: Brandon, Jett, Wendy, Heather, Alex and Derek Gray enjoying an evening on the boat at Duck Mountain Provincial Park, submitted by Wendy Sagh as part of The World-Spectator's Summer Fun Photo Contest.



Above right: Boston Bell, age 8, caught a big one at Round Lake. Submitted by Kari Lessmeister as part of The World-Spectator's Summer Fun Photo Contest.



Right: Jett and Brandon Gray enjoying an afternoon swim, submitted by Wendy Sagh as part of The World-Spectator's Summer Fun Photo Contest.



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Above: Oaklan Hockley fishing at West End Round Lake. Submitted by Alyssa Hockley as part of The World-Spectator's Summer Fun Photo Contest.

Right: Josie and Ava Norton in an ice cream daze, submitted by Heather Norton as part of The World-Spectator's Summer Fun Photo Contest.

Below Right: Jett Gray getting ready for the summer heat, submitted by Wendy Sagh as part of The World-Spectator's Summer Fun Photo Contest.

Below: Nixon Hockley fishing at West End Round Lake, submitted by Alyssa Hockley as part of The World-Spectator's Summer Fun Photo Contest.



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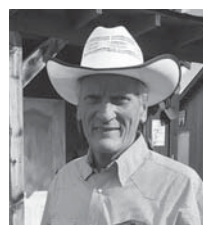
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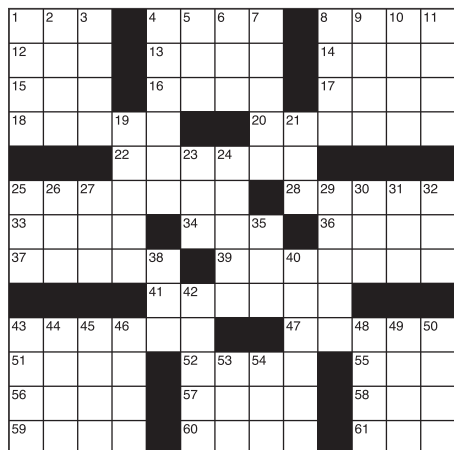
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- 8. Bill
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- 13. Soothing plant
- 14. Wheel rod
- 15. Long time
- 16. Dog's hounder
- 17. Former
- 18. Belief
- 20. Nova or lox
- 22. Deleted
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- 33. Bee or Clara
- 34. Old witch
- 36. Walk in the surf
- 37. ____ rehearsal
- 39. Wanted
- 41. Quake

- 43. Tropical fruit
- 47. Dull
- 51. Cake decorator
- 52. Wild attempt
- 55. Floral wreath
- 56. Duration
- 57. Skier's stick
- 58. Irritate
- 59. Inquires
- 60. Convinced
- 61. Foot part

- 9. Test
- 10. Singing voice
- 11. Sharp-edged
- 19. Thaws
- 21. Magazine fillers
- 23. Fireplace dust
- 24. Sun shield
- 25. Rage
- 26. "____ Miss Brooks"
- 27. Buck
- 29. Spin
- 30. Paddle's cousin
- 31. Emotional poem
- 32. Escorted
- 35. Opal or ruby
- 38. Pig enclosure
- 40. Wept
- 42. Grates
- 43. Pocket bread

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ROY OSWALD LONSETH
AUGUST 8, 1929 -
AUGUST 28, 2024

Roy Oswald Lonseth, late of Humboldt, Saskatchewan, and formerly of Calgary, Alberta, and Rocanville, Saskatchewan, passed away peacefully on August 28, 2024, at the age of 95 years.

He was predeceased by his parents Andrew and Josephine (nee Hanson), his

wife Wilma (nee Webster), and his second wife Frances Alford (nee Puffalt). He was also predeceased by his daughter Julie McDermid.

He is survived by his daughter Sherrie (Dave) Gullacher, and their children Annah (Jarrett) Merasty, Chelsea (Kyle) Nadiger, Nathan; son-in-law, Dale McDermid (Colleen), and their family Rob (Holly), Adam (Cody), John, Robert; son Dale (Darlene) and their children Eric (Taylor), Scott (Mataya), Andrew (McKayla), Chris (Maya), and daughter Linda.

He is also survived by five great-grandchildren: Eli Nadiger, Anya Nadiger, Sophia Lonseth (Eric), Luna Lonseth (Andrew) and Jack (Chris); step-daughters Sandi (Greg) Chamberlain, and their daughters Raquel (Kyun) Jeung (and daughter

Frankie) and Megan; and Shelley (Doug) Lapp, and their family Evan and Erin.

Visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, September 5, 2024, from 7-8:30 pm at Carscadden Funeral Chapel, Moosomin, Saskatchewan.

The funeral service will take place on Friday, September 6, 2024, at 10:30 am at Rocanville Nutrien Hall, Rocanville, Saskatchewan. Interment will follow in the Webster Cemetery.

Family and friends so wishing may make donations, in memory of Roy, to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society. To leave an online message of condolence, please visit www.speersfuneralchapel.com.

Please note there will be a livestream of the service available at www.speersfuneralchapel.com.



RHONDA LYNN FLETCHER
Rhonda Lynn Fletcher of Moosomin, Saskatchewan, passed away on Monday, August 26, 2024 at the age of 63 years. She was born to Marilyn Steinson and the late Edward "Casey"

Steinson in Regina, Saskatchewan.

She married Bradford Fletcher in 1994, where they started their life together in Moosomin, Saskatchewan.

Rhonda is survived by her mother Marilyn; brothers Cory (Sharon) and Tal (Donna); husband Brad; daughter Courtney (David) and grandchildren Lennyn, Luna, and Liv Kemp; step-children Vonda, James, and Matthew (Tiffany); and grandchildren Hogan, Harlo, Dylan, Jordean, Cayleigh, Brooklyn, Jacey and Finley; as well as aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Rhonda started her career as an RN in Regina, and then worked the majority of her career in Moo-

somin, where you could always count on her to brighten the workday with her infectious smile.

Rhonda was immensely proud of her family and leaves behind beautiful memories.

Interment will be held at the South Cemetery on October 12 for immediate family, and following a Celebration of Life will be held at 2:30 pm at the Moosomin Legion Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Regina Palliative Care Unit, Allan Blair Cancer Centre, or Southeast Integrated Care Centre Moosomin.

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TOWN OF MOOSOMIN

ZONING BYLAW AMEDMENT - PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 207 of the Planning and Development Act, 2007, that the town of Moosomin intends to pass a bylaw to amend the Town of Moosomin Zoning Bylaw as hereinafter provided.

Purpose:
The intent of the bylaw is to rezone the following land from Urban Holding (UH) to Residential Medium (R2), in order to allow for authorized usage of the property, for uses as listed in the Town of Moosomin Zoning Bylaw and its amendments:

- Blk/Par 1. Plan 101985330. Extension 0.

NOTICE

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Explanation:
The specific reason for the amendment is to change the authorized usage of this land of this property, in order to allow for a single or multi-unit residential dwelling(s), per regulations within the Town of Moosomin Zoning Bylaw and its amendments.

Bylaw Inspection:
The bylaw may be inspected by any interested person, at the Town Office on any judicial day between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Copies are available to persons at a cost of \$1.00.

Public Hearing:
Representations respecting the bylaw will be considered by the Council on the 25th day of September, 2024, in the Town Office at 701 Main Street at 7:00 pm. Council shall hear any person or group of persons acting on their behalf, who wish to make a representation.

Issued at the Town of Moosomin this 26th day of August 2024.
Paul Listrom
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