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Dr. Schalk Van der Merwe at one of the first landings of the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance at Moosomin's newly expanded airport this summer, left, and with his wife, Henriette, right.

Dr. Schalk van der Merwe

Local doc named Family Physician of the Year

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Dr. Schalk Van der Merwe has been awarded Family Physician of the Year for Saskatchewan.

Van der Merwe is from South Africa and has lived and served southeast Saskatchewan as a family doctor for the past 25 years. Van der Merwe came to Canada in 1998 and is one of 14 physicians in Moosomin, who also serve smaller communities through local clinics.

"We came to Canada in September of 1998, to Redvers with a four-month plan. We were away for the weekend when Henriette, my wife, saw an ad in the paper that said they were looking for a locum in Redvers for four months and we thought let's go on an adventure.

"We came for four months because I was in a specialty position and then, I was going to go back to South Africa and specialize. I really wanted to do heart transplant surgeries. The first heart transplant surgery ever done was in South Africa in 1969. It still fascinates me to this day.

"We had always decided that if we had kids that I wouldn't do that job because that's a 20 hour a day job, but we'd come for four months, and two weeks before we flew to Canada, Henriette found out that she was pregnant with Heinrich, with our son, but we decided to go anyway.

"I remember we came in August, and all we knew about Canada is that it was cold,

so we came in August and it was hot—we had no shorts and no short sleeve shirts.

"We worked in Redvers from August to December of 1998 and then I met Dr. Crouse at a convention in December and he asked what my plan was after my locum, and I told him that we weren't entirely sure and he said, 'Do you want to come work in Moosomin for a few months?' Then, I talked to Henriette and she said we could extend it for a few months, and 25 years later we're still here."

Stresses of travelling to a new country

Van der Merwe says there were many little stresses when coming to Canada from South Africa. "I remember flying into Regina when there was one luggage carousel. That's all there was.

"I remember landing in Montreal and that was a funny story. I said to the lady who booked our trip, 'We've never been out of the country so please make sure that our hotel is right at the airport,' and she said, 'Yup, no problem!' So we get to Montreal, we get off, everybody is speaking French and we didn't know that was a thing in Canada. We found an agent and I asked where the hotel was and she replied saying it wasn't at this airport. So, my wife who's four weeks pregnant and nauseous, she said, 'I'm going to sit here with all of our suitcases while you go

sort this out.' I had the telephone number for the hotel, but as soon as I pick up the pay phone, it's all in French. I can't speak French and I'm thinking this is not good. I put the phone back and I walked around, then I would come back and pick up the pay phone again because I thought maybe there was a cycle where if you pick it up this time it's in French, but if you pick it up again it would be in English. That went on for maybe an hour and then finally I saw that there was a button you could push for English. So we landed at Dorval and our hotel was at Mirabel because the agent didn't realize that there were two international airports in Montreal.

"We realized just how vast this country is when we got into the aircraft and I asked the flight attendant—in South Africa we can fly across the whole country in two hours—how long it would be to our next stop and she replied, 'Oh, another four and a half hours.' I was shocked and thought four and a half hours in one country was crazy. I remember landing in Regina with wheat fields along the highway and I remember thinking we were going to be safe."

First impressions of Canada

Van der Merwe says he immediately felt at home in Canada.

"I thought this may as well be a farming

community in South Africa because it's exactly the same, the people are the same and just as friendly—it was the same except for the language. I thought that was so cool and things were smooth because I remember getting off the aircraft in Montreal and I had to go through immigration. All of my paperwork was there and when I got off, everything was there, they knew where we were going and what we were here for. Since it was so easy, I had a really good impression."

Interested in medicine

Van der Merwe jokes that he got into medicine because he wanted to know what was behind the "Authorized Personnel Only" doors.

"The sign that says Authorized People Only, I wanted to know what makes you authorized. In the Operating Rooms you always see Authorized People Only and I always thought about what it means, and the answer was go to medical school for seven years and then we'll let you through. Truly that was it, I wanted to know what was through those doors.

Family Physician of the Year

Van der Merwe says his colleagues nominated him for the award.

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Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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Star of the Week

Moosomin Parks and Recreation would like to thank our first star of the week Mr. Bernard Balzer. He donated a nice 4x8 pool table to the Nutrien Sportsplex which gives us a table on both sides of the building—great for Christmas parties!

Mike Schwean Arena Parking Lot

A multi-year struggle at the arena parking lot has come to a much, much appreciated end this summer! Parks and Rec thanks council for their understanding of how busy that parking lot is and as such identified it for 2024 paving. First, the town's public works crew did an amazing job of digging out the slop and replacing it with proper fill. Last week Southwest Paving completed the first lift of asphalt on 80 per cent of the lot! It is an absolute game changer for patrons and staff at the MS Arena, Conexus Convention Centre and Nutrien Sportsplex!

Outdoor Pickle Ball Court Sponsorship Opportunities

With things progressing so well with the Pickleball Court project, we are now out and about looking for sponsors to complete our project. We have multiple opportunities including:

- The Bullpen (rest area): \$10,000
- Naming rights of one court which includes signage: \$10,000
- Naming rights of half a court which includes signage: \$5,000
- Net Sponsors: \$2,500
- Individual Donor Board – Platinum: \$1,000
- Individual Donors – Gold: \$500
- Individual Donors – Silver: \$250

This project is done through the Town of Moosomin, so with that in mind, any donations will be receiving a tax receipt from the Town of Moosomin. Paving and fencing goes up this fall. We still have some work to do but expect the new fun zone and the new pickleball court to have a joint grand opening around June 1, 2025! For further information or to claim sponsorship please call Mike at 435-7578 or by email to msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Outdoor Pickle Ball Court Donor Night!

Moosomin Parks and Recreation along with our local Pickleball Club will be hosting a post-harvest donor night at the Nutrien Sportsplex. This will be an opportunity to get an update on the new outdoor pickleball court project as well as to try the sport out if you have not had an opportunity. The event will be held Friday, October 18 at the Nutrien Sportsplex from 5 to 7 pm. There will be cocktails, supper and an information session for prospective donors from 7 to 9 pm. There will also be an opportunity to try out pickleball at no cost. If you would like information on the project prior to the donor night, by all means feel free to contact Mike at 435-7578.

Free Golf Lessons for Sportsplex Members

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Available times include:

- Friday, October 18 at 5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm and 8 pm
- Saturday, October 19 at 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm or 5 pm.

There is limited space available so registration is accepted on a first-paid first-served basis. To register, contact Mike at 435-7578 or by email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net. The regular price for lessons is \$125/hr but we have a deal that will knock your socks off.

Adults

2024/2025 Sportsplex Members: Lessons free with purchase of regular priced membership
2024 Pipestone Hills Members: Lessons \$75/hr
Non-Members: Lessons \$125/hr

Junior

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Non-Members: Lessons \$75/hr

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msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Mike Schwean Arena

Moosomin Parks and Recreation are busy getting ready for the 2024/2025 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:

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| U13 Girls Tournament | November 2-3 |
| U15 Girls Tournament | November 9-10 |
| U11 Tournament | November 23-24 |
| U13 Tournament | December 7-8 |
| 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 |

Moosomin Senior Rangers Hockey Team

The 2023/2024 Big Six Champion Moosomin Rangers are excited about the 2024/2025 season. That said, we have lost several players from last year's roster and are looking to restock our shelves. If you are interested in skating with the Rangers, please shoot any of these three guys a text!

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| Paul Stapleton General Manager | 434-7479 |
| Jeff Cole Player Development | 435-7141 |
| Ferrel Horn Head Coach | 435-7778 |

Moosomin Senior Rangers Meet and Greet

Coming up on Friday, October 25, the Moosomin Senior Rangers will be holding a meet and greet at the Nutrien Sportsplex. This is a chance for sponsors, fans and volunteers to come out and meet our 2024/2025 Senior Rangers Hockey Team. We will be also holding a little golf tournament, so if you like indoor golfing, you can golf along with Rangers team players. There is no charge to golf! This event is open to the public so no pre-registration is required!

Moosomin Senior Rangers Part of the Community

Our local Rangers are made up of over 90 per cent local athletes. As such, they are extremely invested in the community. Coming up in October, the team is looking to host an exhibition game as a fundraiser for the CT Scanner. Watch for details in the coming week as this should come with a ton of different events tied in!

Mike Schwean Arena Home Team Live

For the second year, MS Arena will be offering the live stream of games with Hometeam Live. If you are looking to purchase viewership please follow the following steps:

- Go to the app at app.hometeamlive.com
 - Signup
 - Register for an account
 - Go to Home Team Standard
 - Select your league or organization
 - Select: Mike Schwean Arena
 - Complete the signup process to stream live
- If you have any questions or issues you can contact support@hometeamlive.com.

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.

Mike Schwean Arena Winter Ice

Moosomin Parks and Recreation Department are now accepting ice bookings for the 2024/2025 winter season. You can phone 435-7578 or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net to book.

Conexus Convention Centre Fall/Winter Regulars

With Fall closing in we have our regular users at the Convention Centre. Those include:
Cadets: Monday

Pickleball: Monday/Tuesday/Thursday
Gymnastics: Tuesday/Wednesday
Philippine Community: Friday/Sundays

Nutrien Sportsplex Season

We have now set the dates for our opening/closing dates at the Nutrien Sportsplex. The 2024 opening date is scheduled for Thursday, October 24 and the 2025 spring final date is scheduled for Sunday, April 13.

Christmas Bookings

It always seems crazy taking Christmas bookings this early, but every year the best dates fill up early!

- Early Bird pricing (in effect until November 1) includes:
- Two Simulators \$250
 - Four Simulators \$500
 - Two Simulators / Three Bowling Lanes \$300
 - Bowling Alley only \$300
 - Entire Sportsplex \$600
- If you are interested in getting in early and a great date please give Angela a call at 435-3622.

Moosomin Curling Club 2024/2025 Programs

We are now taking registrations for the 2024/2025 Curling season. Our leagues include:

- Monday night Super League Curling (Until Christmas) at 6:30 pm
 - Tuesday night Red Barn Men's Curling at 6:30 pm
 - Wednesday afternoon Borderland Co-op Farmers League at 1 pm
 - Thursday night Celebration Ford League at 6:30 pm
 - Friday afternoon Uptown Hotel Fun league at 1:15 pm
- We are also taking names for spares for the upcoming curling season. To register or for more information please email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Elvis is heading in the building!

Arguably the top Elvis impersonator in Western Canada...Rory Allen...is returning to Moosomin for an encore show! Rory Allen, who does an excellent tribute to the King of Rock and Roll Elvis Presley, will be at the Moosomin Community Theatre on Sunday, October 20 at 2 pm. Tickets are only \$20 and are available in Moosomin at The World-Spectator, Pharmasave, and in Rocanville at Mane-Tain Hair Shop and Gifts. Mary McGonigal will do another amazing job of hosting the show.

There will be a 50/50 draw as well as a door prize draw (donated by Stars AA). All proceeds from the event will go to Stars Air Ambulance. What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

Mary has put on two other shows where the money went to STARS. This spring, STARS called Mary and asked her about taking part in a fundraiser. STARS operates totally on donations. People have been asking Mary when she was going to bring Rory Allen back...so a show was planned.

There will be a drop off spot in front of the theatre which is handy for people who can not walk well. There will also be ticket takers/ushers on site.

When Rory was here in 2022, it was a packed house with every seat sold in advance of the show. As such, patrons are encouraged to buy their tickets early...enjoy an amazing show and support a wonderful cause!

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Moosomin resident Shellee Silverthorn would like to create a youth centre on Main Street.

Local resident pitches youth centre to Chamber

By RYAN KIEDROWSKI
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Shellee Silverthorn was at the Sept. 10 Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting to present her business idea of creating a youth centre.

"I have created a business idea, it's called The Hide-out," Silverthorn explained. "It's designed for children and families—specifically teens—where they can come together. They can be themselves, they can be teens, and they can enjoy time together as well."

The proposed teen centre would feature after school to evening activities, including a central area where Silverthorn envisions an arcade atmosphere.

"They can just go there, hang out with their friends, just enjoy their time together without feeling that they have to be cruising around town, biking around town, and just want to be safe," she said. "In the main area, there will be arcade games for tokens. So then that way kids can come in play as you go, but buy packages as well."

Other aspects of the centre would also allow youth to deal with stressful situations in a healthy way.

"Another part of that will be the rage room," Silverthorn said. "I find that with a lot of our youth, we have a lot of anxiety and depression—times that they feel alone

and times that they need an outreach."

The rage room would utilize an exercise Silverthorn has facilitated with her own teens involving writing down any anxieties on a dinner plate, then smashing the item—and all the negative feelings associated with the item.

"It is one of the best releases that you can have in a controlled setting where you don't feel like you're going to hurt anyone, where you don't feel like anybody's judging you," Silverthorn said. "This is their space."

The centre could also be a gathering place for younger children and their caregivers, allowing for the adults to enjoy fellowship and coffee while the children play in a safe environment.

One question from the floor was if the facility would be staffed, which Silverthorn confirmed it would be. She also noted potential staff would be required to possess certain training and clearances associated with centres that engage youth.

What Silverthorn is looking for help with is procuring the physical space for the centre to call home, whether that be on a rental basis or purchasing property.

Chamber president Kevin Weedmark suggested Silverthorn meet with the Economic Development Committee and EDO Casey McCormac for a closer look at the youth centre plans.

Rory Allen
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Moosomin Community Theatre
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ADULTS

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- Non-Members Lessons \$ 125 / hr


JUNIOR

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Congratulations - 2024 Parks & Recreation Award Winners

Community Hero Award

Mr. Mike Lowe and Mr. Quinn Glasser. For their selfless and heroic efforts in a summer fire in Moosomin.

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

Mr. Lyndon Jacobs. For 40+ years of service to Moosomin Minor Hockey, Moosomin Sr Rangers, Moosomin Minor Ball and Moosomin Parks and Rec Board.

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

Mr. Dave Dahlgren. For 40+ Years of service to the community delivering programs to youth and adults in the music genre.

R.M. Award of Distinction – Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation

Mr. Peter McMullen. For 40+ years of service to Moosomin Minor Hockey, Moosomin Sr Rangers and countless donations to various community Sport / Recreation projects.

Community Councillor's Achievement Award – Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation

Mrs. Dorothy Windsor. For 40+ years of service including but not limited to Moosomin Agriculture Society and Moosomin Arena Auxiliary.

Corporate Community Builder Award

Celebration Ford. Literally hundreds of donations to local and Regional projects including the most recent \$10,000 to the Moosomin Outdoor Pickleball Court Project and the Terry Lynd Basketball Court Project.

Association/Team/Individual of the Year

Mr. Jamieson Plewes. World Iron Man Triathlon Champion and World Ranked Triathlon.

Legends Award

Mrs. Tamela Olafson. Former National Silver Medalist Figure Skater and long time Regional Coach.

Youth Award of Excellence

Molly Martens. Leader, volunteer, athlete and activist at Moosomin McNaughton High School.



Mike Schwan Arena - Winter Ice

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Outdoor Pickle Ball Court - Donor Night


Coming up **Friday, October 18th** we will be hosting an Information Night / Donor Night regarding our Outdoor Pickleball Courts.

Included in the information session will be a FREE supper!!

5pm-7pm
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7pm-9pm
Will be an opportunity to try out Pickleball at no cost (Convention Centre)

If you would like information on the project prior to the donor night, by all means feel free to contact **Mike** at (306)435-7578.



Nutrien Sportsplex - RECFEST 2024

We have scheduled Recfest 2024 for Thursday, October 24th . For those new to town RECFEST is an opportunity to get amazing deals on winter rates at the Nutrien Sportsplex.

THOSE INCLUDE:

- 6 Month Walking Track Memberships**
Regular price \$150.00 RECFEST price \$120.00
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Regular Price \$150.00 RECFEST price \$100.00
- Flex Pass Sportsplex Memberships**
Receive a 10% bonus on all memberships over \$200
- Christmas Parties**
Pay by RECFEST and get an additional 10% off your booking!!

Patrons are also reminded if you are unable to attend RECFEST you are more than welcome to pop into the Rec Office prior to RECFEST where you will receive the same discount pricing as RECFEST.

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Moosomin Town Council

Town to pave alley by thrift store parking lot

BY KARA KINNA

The paving crew is in Moosomin and at their council meeting on Wednesday, the town passed two motions for some additional paving. One motion would see the town split the cost of paving with Tom's Electric for adding a raised paved area on the north side of North Front Street so that the water in that area stays on the roadway instead of running onto the business property. The town and Tom's Electric will each pay \$14,500 for the project.

The town also noted that the thrift store is paving its parking lot and decided to pave the portion of alley running east-west next to the thrift store parking lot. The paving will be done for \$15,400.

The town also passed a motion to hire Action Asphalt to do some crack sealing for \$5,000, primarily on Wright Road.

Access to property

At their last meeting, council received a letter from Garnet and Helen Fawcett requesting that the town develop Bertram Street so that property owned by the Fawcetts west of Heritage Place can be accessed. Bertram Street is an undeveloped street directly south of their land, and the Fawcetts are planning to either develop or sell that land. At their meeting on Wednesday, council passed a motion to do some work on the street in order to make the land accessible to the Fawcetts.

Conference call to be planned regarding eco centre

Council decided to set up a conference call with the Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp (SARRC) to discuss putting a used oil facility at the town landfill. SAARC has approached the town about setting up the facility, however the town has been hesitant to enter into an agreement with SARRC due to the amount of liability for the town, and the cost for the town to permit and maintain the eco centre.

On Wednesday councillor Murray Gray pointed out that if the town does not set up an eco centre, used oil could end up being disposed of in the town landfill.

It was decided a conference call was in order with SAARC to clear up some of the town's concerns.

Update on Bradley Park, Parks and Rec Awards

Moosomin Rec Director Mike Schwane reported to council that the Fun Zone area at Bradley Park is nearly complete. The area consists of a beach volleyball court, horseshoe pits, a disc golf course, a croquet course, a putting green, driving nets and chipping nets.

He also told council that over the summer there have been five to six campers using the campsites at Bradley Park at all times, making for consistent camping at the park.

He also said the award winners have been chosen for the Parks and Rec Awards which will be presented in November.

EDO talks about signage for lots, recovery centre, housing incentive question

In her report to council, Moosomin Economic Development Officer Casey McCormac reported that she is getting signage made for all of the eligible lots where residential property can be built in town, as part of the town's \$30,000 housing incentive.

She also said that another proposal for an additions recovery centre in Moosomin will be submitted to the provincial government by September 30, as the government has a new intake for proposals with a deadline of September 30.

McCormac also told council that Fieldstone Estates, a housing development located in the RM of Moosomin, had asked if there was any way to be included in the town's \$30,000 housing incentive, however the grant that the town received stipulates that it is only for properties within the town of Moosomin.

Presentation on starting a Lions club

Rob Hill made a presentation to council about starting a Lions Club in Moosomin. Hill, who lives in Maryfield, is a global extension team co-ordinator for the Lions, and said his job is to go to different communities and extend Lions Clubs into the communities.

Hill said they would need at least 20 people to sign up in order to start a club in Moosomin, and that Lions Clubs try to work with other service clubs in towns, such as the Kinsmen, Shriners, Knights of Columbus, and so on.

He said the benefit of having a club in Moosomin is the ability to access grants through the Lions ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 US for things like accessible playgrounds and disaster relief.

He left information with the town council for anyone interested in becoming a charter member.

Safety concern for kids at play

Council received a letter from Megan Johnston regarding slowing drivers down on Moose Street as they come up to the yield sign at the corner on Broadway Avenue.



Some of the paving taking place in Moosomin last week, including Moose Street between the Best Western and Canalta hotels, at top, the Commuplex parking lot in centre, and a portion of Mountain Street, at bottom.

"Despite the yield sign, most people drive quite fast down this street," she wrote. "We are very fortunate to have a group of kids (around 10 altogether) that live on Moose St. and play together, often crossing Broadway suddenly and several times throughout their play."

"It would be good to see a children at play sign or stop sign at this intersection."

Council felt putting children at play signs up would lead to too many requests for them around town, as many parts of town have children at play, but decided to move their speed signs to that area in order to slow drivers down.

New 10-year agreement for Canada Community-Building Fund

Council made a motion to enter into a new 10-year municipal funding agreement for the Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly the Municipal Gas Tax Fund), effective April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2034.

The fund is distributed per capita. The town of Moosomin's estimated municipal allocation for 2024-25 is \$169,214.

Library hours will stay the same

Council passed a motion to keep the hours at the Moosomin branch of the Southeast Regional Library the same in 2025 at 35 hours a week.

Redvers Town Council

\$50,000 donation to Redvers Fire Department

By RYAN KIEDROWSKI LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Redvers Fire Department received a generous boost toward a replacement fire truck after The Richardson Foundation donated \$50,000 to the fire department, bumping up the total funds raised to over \$80,000.

"We were very happy about that; like ecstatic about that," beamed Redvers CAO Tricia Pickard. "Actually, it was our fire chief, Brad Hutton, that wrote that proposal."

The search for the right truck is still ongoing, as is the quest for more funding.

"We're still exploring all options, we're waiting for more quotes," Pickard said. "Hopefully in the next month or two, we can put all the information together—new versus used—and then see what is the best solution for future planning."

An official decision hasn't been made whether Redvers is going with a new or used truck.

Graphic design software approved Facing an increased cost to a graphic design program

Town Staff frequently utilize, the item was brought before council for a resolution. Currently, the Canva subscription used by five staff only costs \$199.90 per year. With an increase effective in 2025, that model changes to \$130 per year, per user with a minimum of three people subscribed.

"We are going to keep with our Canva premium, and then we'll do three minimum users," Pickard said. "That was the resolution, to proceed with our premium and have three users and invite the Rec Board to be our third and to do a cost share."

Tree removal

Two rather large trees at the cemetery prompted tree removal after a recent storm knocked one of the trees down, damaging a headstone in the process. Rather than tempt fate with the second pine tree that still precariously stands, the town decided it was time for removal.

"For \$800, we can get that removed, which is a very good price, and then there's another one that we noticed when we were out there that's pretty much dead,"

Pickard explained. "So we may as well cut that one at the same time. I'm still waiting on some quotes for the stump removal, and there's a lot big lilac bush that needs to be removed as well."

Mac's Tree Removal will perform the removal work, a company the town has worked with previously.

Dust control measure tabled

In response to a previous dust control request in alleys, the idea came up to put up speed limit signage stating 20 km/hr would be a good alternative, but the idea will be on hold for now.

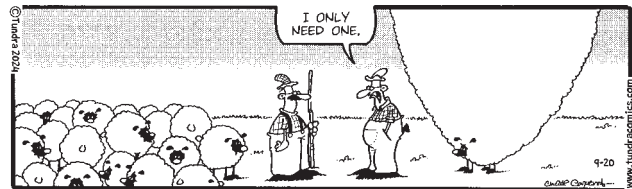
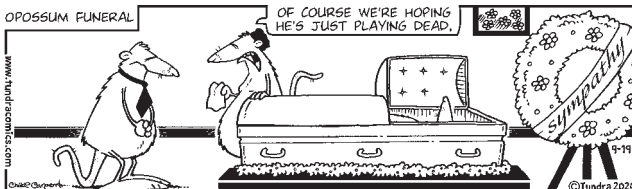
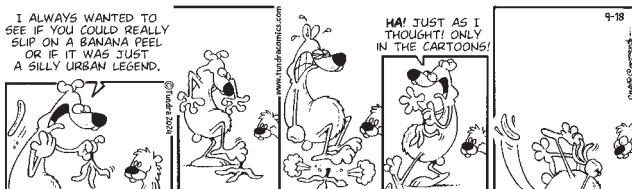
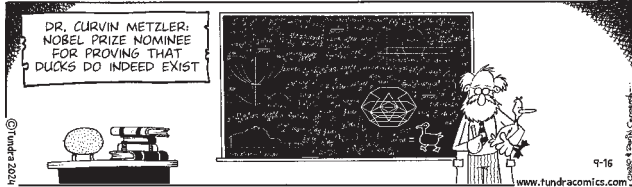
"That actually wasn't approved last night," Pickard confirmed. "We didn't really want to approve something because of our sign vandalism."

Even after the town offered a \$500 reward for information regarding the rash of vandalism over the summer, no tips have been forthcoming. On the plus side, damage to signs has slowed down, so perhaps the criminals are getting the message.

Ultimately, council decided to revisit the speed limit signage in back alleys next year.

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Has Rourke resumed role as CFL's best QB?

When Nathan Rourke returned to the Canadian Football League after two years of trying to make his mark in the National Football League, was he automatically the CFL's No. 1 quarterback?

Not necessarily, even though most CFL fans expected him to pick up where he left off in 2022, a season in which he was named the league's most outstanding Canadian and led the B.C. Lions to a 12-6 record and a spot in the Western Conference final.

Rourke's 2022 stats were amazing. In 10 games, he threw for 335 yards per game, tossed 25 touchdown passes and had only 10 interceptions. He got little more than a quick look with three NFL teams before he realized the NFL grass isn't necessarily greener, although the money certainly was. He earned more than \$500,000 while serving on various teams' practice rosters.

Upon his return to B.C., his numbers were only so-so in his first four games: four TD passes, seven interceptions and a 2-2 record.

The Lions now have two highly-paid quarterbacks: Rourke and veteran Vernon Adams, who hurt his knee in Week 9 but is now back. With Rourke and Adams—that expensive duo is unlikely to stay together in B.C.—the Lions have undoubtedly the best 1-2 QB combination in the league.

The Blue Bombers' duo of Zach Collaros and Chris Streveler would rank as the second-best QB pair while close behind in a one-two punch ranking would be Edmonton's McLeod Bethel-Thompson and Tre Ford. Every other team in the league has one fairly solid quarterback.

Individually, Cody Fajardo of the Grey Cup champion Montreal Alouettes would rank behind Collaros and Rourke, while the rest of the CFL QBs might follow in this order: Trevor Harris of Saskatchewan; Bo Levi Mitchell of Hamilton; Jake Maier of Calgary, Cameron Dukes of Toronto and Dru Brown in Ottawa.

Meanwhile, a quarterback controversy is percolating in Edmonton. Bethel-Thompson was the Elks' starter to



Bruce Penton

open the season, and went 0-7 before winning his first game. Ford, meanwhile, was given two starts and won them both. The Elks are playing much better football these days and with Ford suffering a rib injury, Bethel-Thompson got back on track, leading Edmonton to a Battle of Alberta victory over Calgary on the Labour Day weekend, 35-20. The Elks remained last in the tight West Division, but a 4-8 record after the ugly 0-7 start is indicative of their improved play.

The week after Labour Day, only B.C. and Winnipeg were above .500, at 7-6, with Saskatchewan three points behind. Edmonton had 10 points and Calgary eight. Things weren't quite as tight in the East, as the Alouettes won 10 of their first 12 games.

The West race should be fun to watch, though. The Elks have been resuscitated, the Bombers are rounding into form after a slow start and Rourke is eager to show CFL fans he still has what it takes to shine north of the 49th parallel.

• New York Post reader Ken Mortenson, after a graphic near the start of the North Carolina-Minnesota football game on Fox said a key to the game was for UNC to 'Play Complimentary Football.': "Apparently victory for UNC is based on saying only nice things to the Gophers during the game."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Charles Barkley ripped the WNBA for their jealous and petty response to

all the publicity Caitlin Clark is getting. Apparently the WNBA stands for women nasty, bitter, antagonistic."

• Comedy writer Torben Rolfesen of Vancouver: "Lake Mary, Florida won the Little League World Series in the most Little League way imaginable: A walk-off bunt that scored the winning run on an error. The losing team was probably distracted by an ice cream truck."

• Another one from Rolfesen: "Starting lineup payrolls: Yankees \$182 million, Tigers \$8 million. So one team had the budget of Kong; Skull Island and the other of Little Miss Sunshine. Miss Sunshine won the series 2 games to 1, by the way."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Just heard the SF Giants are hitting .195 with runners in scoring position since the all-star break. Worst in baseball. Yes, including the Chicago White Sox. Does this team need a hitting coach or a psychologist?"

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Major League Baseball recently suspended six players in Toronto's farm system for using PEDs. The Blue Jays immediately investigated to see who had been corrupting their minors."

• Another one from Currie: "A CBC commentator said a cornerstone of Buddhism is learning to live with disappointment. It's also a cornerstone of being a Chicago White Sox fan."

• Headline at the onion.com: "Man Starstruck To See Caitlin Clark, Indiana Fever At Greyhound Bus Station"

• Fark.com headline: "Even David Beckham's son can't bend it like him since he's apparently traded in his soccer cleats for Fashion Week."

• Headline at fark.com, taking a shot at a particular brand of beer: "Bud Light to offer custom cans and bottles for cities with NHL teams. In other news, beer and hockey fans continue to wait for an actual beer and hockey tie-in."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

St. Lazare News

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Ben and Beth Talcott were long weekend visitors with the Hayden and Totte families.

Peter and Mel Baxter visited Phil and Isabelle DeCorby and helped with the clean up after the storm.

Approximately twenty people attended Picnic in the Park. They played games, had lunch and enjoyed each others' company.

Good luck to all our students and teachers who are returning to school this fall. M. Noah Lemoine joins the staff at Ecole St. Lazare this year. He will be teaching Physical Education as well as some high school classes.

Welcome to our new students, Angele Bohemier, Helene Cadieux, Violette DeCorby, Bennett Fouillard, Gage Grose, Raddix Gueret, Joulaya Lakhall, Brielle Muhanuzi, Axel Petracek, Ainsley Petracek, Allya Petracek, Harper Prynne, Henry Prynne, Georgia Robidoux, and Phoenix Starr.

Club Fort Ellice is looking for a volunteer to call Bingo from 1-4 on Thursdays. If you have some free time—please call 204-683-2425.

Keep your eyes open for posters with information on the upcoming Fall supper!

Welwyn News

Phyllis Harper
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Sympathy to the Clark family and friends on the passing of their mother Sophie Clark in Yorkton on August 30. The funeral service was on Saturday, September 24 in the Trinity United Church with Rev. Barb Wilkins officiating and the choir singing two of her favourites, "The Church in the Wildwood" and "Amazing Grace." Following the interment at Welwyn Cemetery there was lunch and fellowship in the Welwyn rink.

Welcome back to Barb Wilkins and Ray Bortolotto following their trip to Ontario to visit family.

Joe and Pat Santer attended the wedding of their grandson Cody Fowlie to Chloe Phaneuff at Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba, on Saturday, August 31.

Cathy Johnston was a recent visitor in Edmonton to visit her daughters Montana and Maddi and their families.

Wawota News

Myrna Olson
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Garry Dickson has returned home after a three week trip to Innisfail, Ontario, to visit family. He was able to connect with 25 family members including a six-month-old great-great niece and an 18-month-old great-great nephew. He also saw a great-great-nephew and his parents from Sweden. Bill and Linda McKinnon brought him home and spent a week in Wawota before returning home on September 9.

A celebration of John Richard's life was held on September 7. This event was held at Cimarron and Jenn Prince's acreage west of Wawota. John passed away earlier this summer.

Sympathy to Darren and Kathy Olson and family and Marlene Penney on the passing of Kathy's brother David Nordal and Marlene's brother-in-law. He passed away in Regina on August 7 at the age of 69 years old.

Sympathy to Don Cox and family on the passing of Alice Cox. She passed away on August 17 at the age of 81 years. Her funeral service will be held on October 5 at the Kennedy Hall.

Happy 85th birthday to Ethel Choo Foo. She enjoyed celebrating recently at a family-planned birthday party.

Happy anniversary to Harold and Jane Laich. They cel-

ebrated with family and friends at a 50th wedding anniversary party.

We finished a busy summer with a visit from relatives, Britt Schnell from Nanaimo, B.C. (She was in Saskatchewan to attend two weddings of her and Riley's).

On Labour Day we also had a visit from my nephew and his wife Shane and Maia Brehaut, Greyson, Finn and Desmond from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. We last saw Shane when he was six years old, which was over 30 years ago. We especially enjoyed meeting the boys as it brought back memories of when Grant's boys were young.

I would be amiss if I did not mention the Annual Terry Fox Walk. Terry Fox, who had a leg amputated due to cancer, started his historic walk at the East Coast on September 1, 1980. After 143 days and 5,373 km he was forced to stop at Thunder Bay as his cancer had returned. This event is celebrated throughout the world and over \$750,000,000 has been raised for cancer research. This is one of my favorite charities as over 80 per cent of all donations go to cancer research—which is one of the best records of any charities. A single dream—a world of hope!

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MacLeod School Terry Fox Walk

Students at MacLeod Elementary School in Moosomin participated in a Terry Fox Walk on Friday. Each student was asked to bring a toonie (or more if they wished) as their donation for the Terry Fox Foundation. After the walk, students were treated to Dairy Queen Blizzards that were purchased by sponsors during Miracle Treat Day in August.



Rural and Remote Health Minister speaks at Chamber meeting

Minister sees a path forward for Moosomin CT scanner

By RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Tim McLeod, the Saskatchewan Minister of Rural and Remote Health, was invited to speak at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday. MacLeod also spoke about finding a path forward for a CT scanner in Moosomin.

He opened his time at the podium by wishing his colleague, Steven Bonk, well in his future political endeavours.

"First and foremost, I want to acknowledge current MLA and your next Member of Parliament, Steven Bonk," McLeod said. "Steven and I were seat mates last year, and I'll tell you, I wasn't done learning from Steven yet, so I'm a little bit disappointed that he's leaving us at the provincial level, but he's certainly going to do a fantastic job for Souris-Moose Mountain at the federal level."

McLeod was quick to highlight some of the achievements Moosomin has made in recent years, pointing to having a strong complement of 14 physicians in the community. He also acknowledged the medical residency training program that was added to Moosomin in 2021, and mentioned the Rural Physician Incentive Program increasing to \$200,000 over five years.

"Your provincial government is providing valuable tools to help Moosomin continue to recruit, train, incentivize and retain physicians for years to come," McLeod said. "Moosomin has also seen success with other healthcare staffing since we initiated the Health Human Resources Action Plan, which was first announced in the fall of 2022—two RNs, a CLXT and two MRTs have been successfully recruited to Moosomin as a result of that program. I was also pleased to see that the Moosomin Airport upgrade project is underway, which when completed, will support access for the air ambulance—another critical piece to our healthcare system."

Commitment to CT scanner

The biggest topic McLeod was anticipated to broach was that of a CT scanner coming to Moosomin. Back in March, McLeod said that the government had found a path forward for a local CT scanner, but details needed to be ironed out.

"We're excited to continue to work together with the community," McLeod told the World-Spectator moments before the Chamber meeting. "I know on Budget Day last spring, we were excited to be able to say that we're committed to finding a path forward for the community, because this is something that has certainly been on the radar for some time, and that's certainly something I'm happy to talk to the community about here today."

McLeod explained that what makes the plan for Moosomin unique is that the proposal falls outside of current Saskatchewan Health Authority policy, requiring the development of a supplemental policy that would be viable for Moosomin, but could be used for similar proposals that may come forward from other communities in the future.

"Determining what is possible in Moosomin is an important consideration," McLeod told those gathered at the Chamber meeting. "I understand that there may be a desire to have a CT scanner located within the hospital, the challenge would be finding space that works. The SHA has advised that there's currently no unused space in the hospital. They've also advised that, on a technical level, the current ultrasound room is not large enough to accommodate a CT scanner. They've also advised that a formal assessment is required in order to determine whether usable space may exist and what significant renovations may be required to accommodate that. I also understand that representatives of the community had preliminary conversations with Prairie Sky Medical Imaging to clarify how privately-operated medical imaging providers operate in the current system."

With a private model, the provider would need to determine whether or not a sufficient business case would exist, where privately-operated medical imaging providers are required to provide one free scan to the healthcare



Rural and Remote Health Minister speaking at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting.

system for each one done privately.

"Privately-operated medical imaging providers may have contracts with the SHA to provide scans to the SHA outside the two for one system, if the SHA determines that they need that for their capacity," McLeod further explained, adding that the private operators typically do not offer emergency scans and usually operate during daytime hours.

What McLeod does see as a greater challenge is that of staffing. Medical Radiation Technologists are in high demand throughout the healthcare system nationwide right now, and are difficult to recruit.

"We appreciate the community's offer to contribute to the training on the healthcare side, we need to be mindful that this challenge extends beyond Moosomin and needs to be viewed in the big picture across the board," McLeod said. "The ability to staff a CT scanner in any rural community—whether it is Moosomin or any other community that may come after—is our greatest concern. We are actively exploring potential solutions to address this issue with broader solutions that we have not yet fully fleshed out or otherwise confirmed to be viable."

Mayor Larry Tomlinson asked McLeod what kind of timeline would be available in order to move ahead on the CT scanner project.

"Anything that's been asked of us, we've done," he said, pointing to strides made locally through recruiting and financial commitments.

"I can't give you a firm timeline, unfortunately, but I think if we put our heads together, we can find that path," he said.

Another question referenced wait times of three to four months for a CT scan, wondering if long wait times translate to a greater overall need.

"If you've got a few individuals who are waiting because they're going to the next nearest community, the

wait times at each of those communities is different, right? The wait time in Moose Jaw is going to be different than the wait time in Yorkton, and it's going to be different than the wait time in Regina," answered McLeod. "The SHA and the providers are trying to load level where possible, but some patients—for whatever reason—maybe they can't make it to the next nearest community. Maybe they simply choose not to, and they'd rather wait on the list for their preferred location. There's a variety of factors that we have to look at, and you can't look at any isolated single case to make that determination."

McLeod confirmed that load levels at each site are being monitored and capacities are being met.

"The two-for-one system has been incredibly successful to those that want to speed up their timeline and get through the system faster, that option is there for those that can afford it as well," he said.

Sparse staff also contributes to those long wait times. "Adding another CT scanner that needs to be staffed kind of spreads that shortage further," explained Assistant Deputy Health Minister Ingrid Kirby. "So that's one of our challenges here is staffing. It's not the fact that we need more equipment—that we need more physical CTs—it's the staffing that's challenging."

Last year, the province added 550 post-secondary training seats across 18 health programs (including MRT), but Kirby noted there will be a wait for the next batch of grads to formally hit the workforce.

"We did increase the number of training seats for MRTs, unfortunately, the regulator also increased the length of training, they added six more months to it," she said.

The program at Saskatoon-based Saskatchewan Polytechnic begins in September and runs for 96 weeks. Applications for the two-year program open on Oct. 1 then close on Feb. 15, and students can expect a total base tuition of just over \$28,000. A career in general radiology can also lead to specializing in certain fields such as computerized tomography, mammography or angiography.

"It's a designation that's used a lot in the health system in a lot of really key critical areas," Kirby explained. "Even with the numbers we've added for training, it's still not enough to meet our current need level."

Next steps for Moosomin

Given the unique situation Moosomin finds itself in, the question of where to go from here was asked.

Chamber president Kevin Weedmark asked how a supplemental policy reflecting that uniqueness could be drafted. To illustrate his point, Weedmark pointed to facts such as the high number of doctors in town (the highest number per capita in the province), Moosomin being the only community of 3,000 in Canada where a medical residency can be done, and being the smallest centre in Saskatchewan to offer oncology.

"We think that we're unique in all these ways, and is there some way that can be reflected in this supplemental policy?" Weedmark asked.

In his reply, McLeod noted the importance of crafting policy reflecting the specific needs of Moosomin and surrounding areas.

"I would say Kevin, exactly for those reasons, is why we're working with the community and why we want to work with the community so that we aren't creating a policy outside of your needs and what this community can offer," he said. "The path forward, I believe, is in conversation and collaboration between the Ministry and the community so that we can identify what are those unique qualities and maximize on those in the policy that ultimately we can craft together."

"The next step forward would be to strike a committee that we can work with directly through the Ministry, and that we can meet and discuss those issues that we were just talking about earlier," McLeod continued. "What's it going to look like? Where could it fit? We can bring officials to that meeting that are going to say, 'here are the dimensions of what you're going to need, here are the requirements in terms of lead-lined walls' and all of that sort of thing. Then the community can bring to us the options that we can present to meet those criteria."

Grenfell and Esterhazy projects discussed

By RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Progress on the care home in Grenfell and the hospital in Esterhazy were also discussed with Minister Tim McLeod at the Chamber meeting Tuesday.

Progress on the care home in Grenfell continues to be paused, pushing the 2025 project completion deadline one more year. Grenfell has been without a long term care home since 2018 when mold forced the closure of the existing facility plus relocation of around 20 people until a new home could be built. Excitement abounded last October when smiling faces posed for news cameras at the official sod-turning ceremony, but the project had to be retendered.

"The contract was re-tendered," McLeod confirmed. "It was originally awarded, and then there were some concerns about not just cost overruns, but about the delivery of the project as an entirety. I'm hopeful that we'll have further announcements to make in that regard in the weeks and months ahead."

As for the new hospital promised to Esterhazy, McLeod says, "we're working on it."

"We have several capital projects going on across the province, as you're aware, and the Esterhazy hospital is certainly one of those," he told the World-Spectator. "It's in the queue as we work through the many capital investments that we're making across the province, particularly in long-term care and health care."

He explained that part of the delay in projects happens in the behind-the-scenes work; things the general public simply isn't privy to along the way.

"There's a process that happens from the time that we make an announcement, working through Sask Builds, through the procurement, through the design phase," McLeod said. "There's got to be assessments done and that sort of thing, and that all takes time. I know from the public's perspective that can be frustrating, but in order to be good stewards of the taxpayer's money and make sure that the projects go ahead as planned and we get the product that ultimately the communities need, we have to follow that process. Unfortunately, it does take some time."

McNaughton High School Grade 12 Awards

Molly Martens wins Governor General Award

McNaughton High School in Moosomin held its Grade 12 awards night on August 32, recognizing award winners from the 2024 Grade 12 graduating class.

The top academic award, the Governor General's Medal, went to Molly Martens. The Governor General's Medal is given to the graduate with the highest overall average.

General proficiency awards also went to Zoie Ferguson (silver) for the second highest overall average, and Andrei Ayala (bronze) for the third highest overall average.

The evening also consisted of individual subject awards, scholarships, athletic awards and distinction awards. Following is the full list of award winners.

ELA A30

- 1 - Andrei Ayala
- 1 - Chloe Szafron
- 2 - Molly Martens
- 3 - Sadie Hollingshead
- 3 - Rylee MacPherson

ELA B30

- 1 - Zoie Ferguson
- 2 - Molly Martens
- 3 - Shaughnessy Fingas

History 30

- 1 - Molly Martens
- 2 - Zoie Ferguson
- 3 - Andrei Ayala

Workplace and Apprenticeship Math 30

- 1 - Brennan Powell

Pre-Calculus 30

- 1 - Molly Martens
- 2 - Zoie Ferguson
- 2 - Andrei Ayala
- 3 - Brodi Fidelak

Calculus 30

- 1 - Zoie Ferguson
- 2 - Molly Martens
- 3 - Brodi Fidelak

Chemistry 30

- 1 - Molly Martens
- 2 - Zoie Ferguson
- 3 - Andrei Ayala

Physics 30

- 1 - Molly Martens
- 2 - Brodi Fidelak
- 3 - Zoie Ferguson

Agriculture 30

- 1 - Sadie Hollingshead
- 1 - Reaghan McConnell

Financial Literacy 20

- 3 - Savannah Boardman

Psychology 30

- 3 - Shaughnessy Fingas

Forensic Science 20

- 1 - Brodi Fidelak
- 3 - Sumer Balogh
- 3 - Chloe Szafron

Creative Writing 20

- 2 - Charlton Rivamonte
- 3 - Andrei Ayala

Home Economics 10

- 2 - Kyla Flaman
- 2 - Rylee MacPherson
- 3 - Shaughnessy Fingas

Home Economics 20/30

- 1 - Molly Martens
- 1 - Reaghan McConnell
- 2 - Rylee MacPherson
- 2 - Dayna Szmuto
- 3 - Savannah Boardman

Industrial Arts 20/30

- 1 - Brodi Fidelak

Commercial Cooking 10

- 2 - Sadie Hollingshead

Commercial Cooking 20/30

- 2 - Maci Thompson

Emergency Services Response Training 20

- 1 - Kennedy Easton
- 2 - Sumer Balogh
- 2 - Chloe Szafron

Career and Work Exploration 10

- 1 - Molly Martens
- 2 - Rooen Locke

Career and Work Exploration 20/30

- 1 - Sumer Balogh
- 1 - Kyla Flaman
- 3 - TJ Schenn

Photography 10

- 1 - Shaughnessy Fingas

Photography 20/30

- 1 - Andrei Ayala
- 1 - Charlton Rivamonte
- 2 - Zoie Ferguson

Visual Arts 10

- 1 - Charlton Rivamonte

Visual Arts 20/30

- 1 - Andrei Ayala

Communications Media 20/30

- 1 - Charlton Rivamonte

High Achievement



Molly Martens wins Governor General Award

Molly Martens was presented with the Governor General Award by Principal Sherrie Meredith. Martens also won General Proficiency Gold, the English Award, History Award, Math Award, Science Award, Mark Bateman & Sinclair Harrison Student of the Year Award, Moosomin Dental Centre Award, Moosomin Hospital Auxiliary Award, Most Diligent Female Award, Senior Female Leadership Award, Senior Top Participant Award, South East Cornerstone Public School Division Award, and a High Achievement Certificate (85% average and above).

Certificates (85% and above)

- Andrei Ayala
- Sumer Balogh
- Savannah Boardman
- Zoie Ferguson
- Brodi Fidelak
- Shaughnessy Fingas
- Sadie Hollingshead
- Matthew MacDonald
- Rylee MacPherson
- Molly Martens
- Reaghan McConnell
- Walker Murphy
- Charlton Rivamonte
- Chloe Szafron
- Dayna Szmuto

- General Proficiency Bronze sponsored by McNaughton High School staff - Andrei Ayala

- General Proficiency Silver sponsored by Moosomin Elks - Zoie Ferguson
- General Proficiency Gold sponsored by MNP - Molly Martens
- Governor General's

Medallion - Molly Martens

Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

- English Award sponsored by Nutrien: Molly Martens
- History Award sponsored by Moosomin Royal Canadian Legion: Molly Martens
- Math Award sponsored by Moosomin Pharmasave: Zoie Ferguson and Molly Martens
- Science Award sponsored by Moosomin Knights of Columbus: Molly Martens
- Carscadden Technical School Scholarship sponsored by the Carscadden family: Hayden Tilley
- Carscadden University Scholarship sponsored by the Carscadden family: Zoie Ferguson
- Carter Lawrence Memorial Scholarship sponsored by Moosomin Minor Hockey: Tayson Cherry
- Colleen McPhee Memorial Scholarship sponsored by MNP: Tayson Cherry
- Congeniality Award sponsored by Precision Operating Ltd.: Eric Jacobi
- Denise Tippett Senior Girls' Basketball Award: Chloe Szafron
- Dr. Ken Metzger Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Metzger family: Chloe Szafron
- Endicott Technical School Award: Chloe Szafron
- Endicott University Award: Zoie Ferguson
- Fairlight Legion Bursary: Brodi Fidelak
- Hazel Pilsforth Memorial Scholarship sponsored by Moosomin Agricultural Society: Walker Murphy
- Lindsey Mullett Senior

Girls' Volleyball Memorial Award: Chloe Szafron

- Mark Bateman and Sinclair Harrison Student of the Year Award sponsored by Gaia Power: Molly Martens

- Moosomin Dental Centre Award: Molly Martens
- Moosomin Hospital Auxiliary Award: Molly Martens

- Moosomin Kinsmen and Kinettes Award: Shaughnessy Fingas

- Moosomin Rodeo Scholarship: Austin Norgan

- Moosomin Thrift Store Scholarship: Molly Martens
- Most Diligent Female Award sponsored by Moosomin Knights of Columbus: Molly Martens

- Most Diligent Male Award sponsored by Moosomin Knights of Columbus: Brodi Fidelak

- Muriel Dickinson Memorial Scholarship: Molly Martens

- Rhonda Garrett Senior Drama Memorial Award: Reaghan McConnell

- RM of Moosomin Scholarship: Molly Martens
- Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Scholarships: Sumer Balogh and Savannah Boardman

- Senior Female Athlete of the Year Award: Chloe Szafron

- Senior Male Athlete of the Year Award: Rooen Locke

- Senior Female Leadership Award sponsored by McNaughton SRC: Molly Martens

- Senior Male Leadership Award sponsored by McNaughton SRC: Rooen Locke

- Senior Top Participant Award: Molly Martens

- South East Cornerstone Public School Division Award: Molly Martens

- South East Cornerstone Public School Division Teachers' Association Scholarship: Zoie Ferguson

- T.S.A. and Margaret Clandinin Scholarships: Tayson Cherry, Brodi Fidelak, Shaughnessy Fingas, Sadie Hollingshead, Kale Holmstrom, Rooen Locke, Matthew MacDonald, Rylee MacPherson, Walker Murphy, Austin Norgan, Gurtaran Samra, and Hayden Tilley



Brodi Fidelak receiving the Most Diligent Male Award from Victor Santos.



Reaghan McConnell receiving the Rhonda Garrett Memorial Drama Award from Sherrie Meredith.



Andrei Ayala receiving the General Proficiency Bronze Award from Sherrie Meredith.

2023-2024 McNaughton High School Grade 12 Awards Ceremony



Reaghan McConnell (left) and Sadie Hollingshead (right) receiving the Agriculture 30 awards from Pat McDonald (middle).



Sumer Balogh (left) and Kyla Flaman (right) receiving the Career & Work Exploration 20/30 Awards from Pat McDonald (middle).



Verna Cherry accepting the Carter Lawrence Memorial Scholarship on behalf of Tayson Cherry from Jake Weidenhamer.



Kennedi Easton receiving the Emergency Services Response Training 20 Award from Pat McDonald.



Austin Norgan receiving the Moosomin Rodeo Scholarship from Mike Sidoryk.



Sumer Balogh and Savannah Boardman received the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Scholarships.



ELA A30 Awards were received by Rylee MacPherson, Sadie Hollingshead, Andrei Ayala and Molly Martens. Missing is Chloe Szafron.



Home Economics Awards were given to (back) Savannah Boardman, Rylee MacPherson, Kyla Flaman and (front) Reaghan McConnell, Molly Martens, and Dayna Szmuto. Missing is Shaughnessy Fingas.

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The week included student activities as part of the gathering, which McNaughton High School students were a part of.

Margie Gibson photos





McNaughton High students attend Treaty 4 Gathering

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For the past 30 years, an annual gathering has taken place in the Qu'Appelle Valley to reconnect, recognize and honor the spirit and intent of Treaty 4. This week-long gathering takes place on the original site that Treaty 4 was entered into, during the week of the anniversary that Treaty 4 was made.

The week included student activities as part of the gathering, which McNaughton High School students were a part of.

The Treaty Four Gathering brings in over 20,000 First Nations and non-First Nations people to the community of Fort Qu'Appelle. The Gathering provides the opportunity to educate the public on Treaties and what it means to be a beneficiary of Treaty 4.

Joey Light photos



Westman RCMP Report

76 calls for service

During the week of September 1 to September 7, Westman RCMP received a total of 76 calls for service. Of the 76 calls, 25 were traffic related including seven moving traffic/speeding violations. Also included in the calls for service were five disturbing the peace/cause disturbance files, one suspicious person/vehicle/property file, two false alarms, three mischief files, three wellbeing checks, six assault files, four failure to comply with order files and four Mental Health Act files.

\$469 speeding ticket

On September 2, during a routine traffic patrol on Highway 256 in the RM of Pipestone, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 122 km/hr in a 90 km/hr zone. A traffic stop was conducted and driver was issued a traffic offence notice for speeding, which carries a fine of \$469.

\$391 speeding ticket

On September 3, during a routine traffic patrol on

Highway 257 in the RM of Wallace-Woodworth, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 126 km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone. A traffic stop was conducted and driver was issued a traffic offence notice for speeding, which carries a fine of \$391.

Assault with weapon charge

On September 6, RCMP were dispatched to of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation for a report that there was yelling coming from a road by an individual's house. First Nations Safety Officers, along with RCMP, attended and an individual was transported to hospital for treatment. A male was arrested and charged with assault with a weapon. He will appear in court in September.

36-year-old charged after 911 call

On September 6, RCMP dispatch received a 911 hang up. On the call back, RCMP were informed that a male had broken into a residence, damaged property, attempted to remove a woman's clothing and leave with

their child. RCMP investigated and this resulted in a 36-year-old male being charged with adult breaking and entering into a residence with intent, adult sexual assault, adult mischief under \$5,000 including damage to property, and two counts of adult failing to comply with undertaking conditions.

Numbers to call

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

Report a crime anonymously

If you witness a crime and wish to remain anonymous please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Crime stoppers is entirely confidential and completely anonymous. The tip line is not traceable and they do not subscribe to caller ID or call display.



Samantha Seagris photos

Rocanville School welcome back barbecue

The Rocanville School Community Council hosted a welcome back to school barbecue on Thursday evening. Students and family members were treated to free burgers and hot dogs to celebrate the new school year.

2024 Parks and Recreation Award winners announced

BY MIKE SCHWEAN
RECREATION DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe but 2024 will be the 12th Annual Moosomin Parks and Recreation Awards Ceremony. This year we will be holding the event on Friday, November 19 in conjunction with Creative Visions.

We would like to thank all those in the community who took the time to make nominations in 2024!

Congratulations to our 2024 Parks and Recreation Award winners!

Community Hero Award

Mr. Mike Lowe and Mr. Quinn Glasser

For their selfless and heroic efforts in a summer fire in Moosomin.

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

Mr. Lyndon Jacobs

For 40+ years of service to Moosomin Minor Hockey, Moosomin Senior Rangers, Moosomin Minor Ball and Moosomin Parks and Recreation Board.

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

Mr. Dave Dahlgren

For 40+ years of service to the community delivering programs to youth and adults in the music genre.

**R.M. Award of Distinction
Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation**

Mr. Peter McMullen

For 40+ years of service to Moosomin Minor Hockey, Moosomin Senior Rangers and countless donations to various community sport/ recreation projects.

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

Mrs. Dorothy Windsor

For 40+ years of service, including but not limited to, the Moosomin Agriculture Society and Moosomin Arena Auxiliary.

**Corporate Community Builder Award
Celebration Ford**

For literally hundreds of donations to local and regional projects, including the most recent \$10,000 donation to the Moosomin Outdoor Pickleball Court Project and the Terry Lynd Basketball Court Project.

**Association/Team/Individual of the Year
Mr. Jamieson Plewes**

World Iron Man Triathlon Champion and World Ranked Triathlon.

Legends Award

Mrs. Tamala Olafson

Former National Silver Medalist Figure Skater and long time regional coach.

Youth Award of Excellence

Molly Martens

Leader, volunteer, athlete and activist at Moosomin

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Kipling Town Council

Town to purchase portable speed signs

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

In an update to a concern originally brought forward last month, Kipling Town Council further discussed the question of how to curb speeding on 4th Street during their regular meeting on Sept. 9.

Councillor Devin Draper presented the concern as neighbours noticed an increase in speeding motorists particularly between the 200 and 400 blocks of 4th Street. Town staff had investigated one possible remedy Draper proposed, that of portable speed bumps, which could also be funded through an SGI traffic safety fund grant. Instead of the temporary speed bumps proposed, the area would actually require speed humps, which are much wider and more costly.

"Those were \$1,500 per hump, and you would need four of them to do two locations," Acting Administrator Andrew Rygh said. "You would put two on the street because you need to have it allow for water drainage."

The cost of four permanent speed humps would come to around \$6,000, and could complicate snow removal in the area they are placed.

Discussion then turned to speed signs as a deterrent, which could also collect data while reminding fast drivers to slow down.

"You can move them from place to place, and the discussion was had that if we got radar signs, we could actually monitor the speed in a number of different locations, collect data on it, and then once that data is collected, then we can determine whether we need to move to next steps," said Rygh. "The hope is that the radar signs will help suppress the speed in locations."

Council made a motion to move forward with the purchase of portable speed signs, contingent on total project funding through the SGI traffic safety fund.

Paving work completed

Kipling residents may have noticed increased paving activity recently as Southwest Paving came to town a few weeks ago.

A large portion of their activity was patch work due to regular wear and tear, plus water main breaks, but they also repaved a few blocks as well.

"They did one block of 8th Avenue, one block of 3rd Street, and then one block of 3rd Avenue, and then patchwork," Rygh explained. "A number of residents benefited from having Southwest Paving in town, and they took the opportunity to get their driveways either resurfaced or paved."

The cost for all the paving work comes to \$250,000, which budgeted for the work.

Signage and visibility

In his Acting Administrator's report, Rygh updated Council on several items of interest. Firstly, signage for the Curling Club and Arena is ready and has been delivered.

The town is still waiting on replacing the crosswalk sign at the intersection of 6th Avenue and Railway Street. Responsibility for replacing the crosswalk sign falls on the provincial Department of Highways, who Rygh noted has been notified of the issue.

"We have been in touch with them quite regularly to get our crosswalk sign replaced, and we keep being told that it's going to be looked after, but it's been a number of months now," Rygh said.

One block over on the corner of 7th Avenue and Railway Street, hedges have been blocking line of sight for motorists. The hedge trimming item had been brought to Council's attention last month, and Rygh was pleased to report a positive outcome thus far.

"That's gone well, and we're going to assess the progress this week," he said.

Election meeting on Wednesday

Municipal election season is fast approaching with the Call for Nominations officially posted in Kipling on Sept. 13. Mayor Pat Jackson is not planning to run again, and for many weeks has spoken of holding a public meeting about serving on town council.

"It's to encourage people to ask questions and get a better understanding of what it takes so that they're willing to volunteer or step up and put their name in," Rygh explained.

The Sept. 18 meet and greet will be held at the Community Centre from 6 to 8 pm and hosted by Mayor Jackson, who has 20 years experience on Council.

Ball park shelter almost complete

Work on a shelter at the ball diamonds is 95 per cent complete according to Rygh. The only real work right now is deciding on serving doors—either go ahead with the current design, or go with a new aluminum roll-up style.

"The ones that were put in place will require a little bit of work to make them functional, and there's discussion of whether or not we abandon that style and move to an aluminum roll up door," Rygh said.

A space was also created for an air conditioning unit in the cooler room, which will be installed after winter.

"We'll pull it out, we'll keep it probably in storage at the arena, and then put it in place next spring, when we get started

with that season," Rygh said.

Ash trees safe

After a Dutch elm disease survey was conducted on local spruce trees in July, the suggestion of an ash tree assessment came to the town, citing concerns of the emerald ash borer beetle. Fortunately, the tree studies noted neither Dutch elm disease nor the beetle prevalent in Kipling. However, there is one issue still facing a few trees in town.

"Zero evidence of emerald ash borer was found, so our trees are safe," Rygh said. "They did note that they saw some frost cracks and mechanical damage that we might want to monitor."

Frost cracks can cause damage and compromise the strength of affected trees, making them less likely to with-

stand high winds.

"Depending on the wind, what kind of force it puts on, it can actually torque the tree and tear it right down," Rygh said.

Seasonal wifi

An item from the Foreman's Report noted the need for wifi at the arena, but it will travel during the off season. A pair of installations will be made—one at the arena and another at the pool—only used when the season dictates.

"We'll disconnect it at the arena and save the six months worth of cost, and then disconnect it at the pool and save that so really, we're paying for one connection, and there is minimal extra cost for the setup," Rygh explained, citing the price tag as being \$60.

Looking Back

Five years ago, 2019: MNP's Cook-Off Challenge raised \$2,048 with about 200 meals sold. MNP went head-to-head against Nixon Electric—people could try a sandwich from each competitor and vote for the winner.

Enbridge made a \$5,000 donation to the Redvers Fire Department and the money was to be used to help the fire department purchase self contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs).

Ten years ago, 2014:

Steven Bonk was nominated as the Saskatchewan Party candidate in the Moosomin riding.

The town was busy building Hussein Drive on the west end of Moosomin in preparation for paving in the new subdivision.

Moosomin's Bethel United Church marked 125 years. To mark the anniversary there was a special service followed by a barbecue and cake cutting. Anne Norgan spoke on the history of the church.

Fifteen years ago, 2009:

Moosomin town council decided to join the Moosomin Airport Authority following a presentation by local pilot Rob Austin. Austin challenged council to join the airport authority and to take the lead on improvements to the airport. "I was here two years ago and you told me the hospital was your biggest priority," Austin told council members. "Well, the hospital is done and I'm back. My feeling is that the town of Moosomin should be taking a leadership role. The town really should take responsibility for the airport. You have to look at the airport as important to

Moosomin as the hospital."

Twenty years ago, 2004:

Alice Chadney participated in the Terry Fox Run for the 19th consecutive year at age 88; The original stone masonry was restored as part of the ongoing renovations to the McNaughton Building; The Moosomin Kinettes and Tilley's Furniture donated two chairs and ottomans to Moosomin Union Hospital.

One hundred years ago, 1924

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More than \$16.8 million to be invested in rural roads

On Thursday, the Government of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) announced more than \$16.8 million of investment for 13 rural road projects, which will help producers ship goods more efficiently and support the province's export-based economy.

Under the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth (RIRG) program, the Ministry of Highways will invest more than \$5.3 million toward the projects and rural municipalities (RMs) will fund the remaining \$11.5 million this construction season.

The RM of Hazelwood No. 94 is one of those RMs. Hazelwood will receive \$500,000 under the RIRG program. The RM will contribute \$530,390, for a total project cost of \$1,030,390.

The RM of Elcapo No. 154 will also be receiving funding under the program. Elcapo will receive \$279,326 under the program, and will spend \$279,327 for a total project cost of \$558,653.

"These investments recognize the important role our rural municipal roads play in Saskatchewan's strong and growing export-based economy," Highways Minister Lori Carr said. "They are part of an integrated transportation network that supports our local industries, rural communities and enhances our province's quality of life."

"SARM is pleased to see these projects receive funding assistance," SARM Acting President Bill Huber said. "Rural Saskatchewan has significant transportation infrastructure needs. Many of the goods and resources the province exports originate in our rural municipalities. Improving RM roads pays major economic returns to all of Saskatchewan. SARM looks forward to continued partnership with the Ministry of Highways to administer the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Program into future."



Projects this year range from clay capping, base and sub-base work, grading and surface strengthening.


"The RIRG Grant underscores provincial commitment to improving rural road infrastructure," RM of Eldon No. 471 Reeve Larry Lundquist said. "Funding from this program greatly assists our municipality in managing our most important infrastructure asset—our high-traffic roads."

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Administered by SARM, the provincially-funded RIRG program invests in constructing and upgrading RM road infrastructure. RIRG funding is up to 50 per cent per project to a maximum of \$500,000 for a road and to a maximum \$1 million for a large culvert or bridge. RMs fund the remaining project costs.

RIRG oversight is provided by a Program Management Board made up of members from SARM and the Ministry of Highways.

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24	19	101247500 Ext 28 <small>(As described on Certificate of Title 92R51992, description 28)</small>			
1	85	60M00384 Ext 0 <small>(As described on Certificate of Title 91R06900)</small>	\$2,692.90	\$56.88	\$2,749.78
17	94	68R41591 Ext 0 <small>(As described on Certificate of Title 94R09419)</small>	\$1,496.58	\$56.88	\$1,553.46
38	94	76R56720 Ext 0 <small>(As described on Certificate of Title 82R48826)</small>	\$1,313.30	\$56.88	\$1,370.18
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Dated this 16th day of September, 2024.
Paul Listrom - Treasurer

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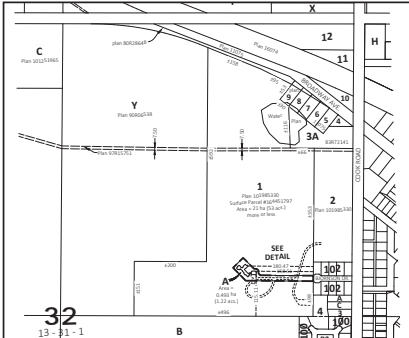


ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT - PUBLIC NOTICE

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 Low (R1), in order to allow for authorized usage of the property, for uses as listed in the Town of Moosomin Zoning Bylaw and its amendments, as shown in bold outline and as described below:

- Plan of Proposed Subdivision within Parcel 1, Plan 101985330 NE 1/4 Section 32, Twp. 13, Rge. 31, W1M**



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 residential dwelling(s), per regulations within the Town of Moosomin Zoning Bylaw and it's 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 9th day of October, 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.

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Dr. Schalk van der Merwe Local doc named Family Physician of the Year

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"Ross Kerkhoff had told me he was going to nominate me for this award and I just thought 'whatever,' because there are a lot of people who do great work, not just in this province, but in the country, so I didn't think I would have much of a chance. I thanked Ross for doing the work because it's a long process," Dr. Van said.

"I was sitting in the hospital when my phone rang and it wasn't a number I had as a contact, but I saw it was from Saskatoon so I thought maybe it was the College of Physicians.

"I answered the phone and the guy said he was the President of the College of Family Physicians of Saskatchewan, to tell me that I had won this award.

"At first I thought it was just one of my friends that was messing with me, but he was serious.

"Then I got an email a little bit later from the College of Family Physicians saying congratulations and telling me that I won the award. That was really cool."

Van der Merwe says there was a lot of work for his colleagues to submit to nominate him for the award.

"You have to be nominated by one of your colleagues, then the mayor, Larry Tomlinson had to write something, the nursing staff, then my office staff wrote some stuff, and so did some of my colleagues. Then it gets assessed by a group of people because there are a lot of worthy applicants. Then you are notified if you're chosen."

Appreciates recognition

Van der Merwe says he is very excited to attend the conference to accept the award.

"I have never won anything like this," he said. "It is such an overwhelming feeling because it's hard to think that people actually recognize what you do.

"To win it for the province—my first



Schalk van der Merwe and a few of his colleagues at the Moosomin Family Practice Centre

thought is this is pretty cool, and then my next thought is this is a huge responsibility.

"We have to go to Vancouver for the

conference so I thought I can't not wear something green for the Riders. It's a national conference and I won something, I have to represent the province. I was actually in the Rider store last week wondering what I am going to wear."

He says it took awhile to believe he won the award.

"I had thanked the person on the phone and then after I thought I can't believe this is real. I called my wife about it, but then thought I would keep it to myself because I want to see it first and believe it myself.

"Then, the email came so I knew it was real and then thought I'll tell some people. I talked to Dr. Ross and my colleagues thanking them for nominating me and having their support."

He says there is a national conference each year. "There is a conference every year and they alternate where it is going to be between western and eastern Canada. So this year it just happened to be in Vancouver, then next year it will be somewhere in the east or the Atlantic provinces. There is a College of Family Physicians of Canada which is equal to the Royal College of Specialists or the Royal College for surgeons or radiologists. It is the national governing body."

Excited for event

Van der Merwe says there will be a

presentation at the conference before he is presented with his award.

"There is a presentation about me. They asked me to send pictures of where I am from, where you work, and then they present them at the conference.

"Ashley (Bochek) and I went around and took some pictures showcasing the town a few weeks ago for the presentation at the event."

He says he is looking forward to the event. "I am looking very forward to it. I actually went out and bought a new suit. The Saskatchewan chapter has an event on September 29 so they will be presenting some stuff there as well."

Van der Merwe thinks award programs are a great way to recognize the outstanding people in the profession.

"I think there are lots of people that work without any recognition and I think the most important part of an award like this is to recognize not only individuals but the team around them. It is great for me to get the award, but really without having people to support you, that wouldn't happen. Medicine specifically, if you don't have the team, it isn't happening. You need your nurse team, lab team, x-ray team, so I think there is lots of value to it. Especially if you're selected by your peers in your province, there is lots of value in that."

Sask Provides \$225,000 to support rural economic development

On Sept. 10, the province announced a new funding agreement with the Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance (SEDA) to support rural investment readiness. The province will provide SEDA with \$225,000 to enhance investment readiness in rural Saskatchewan.

"Today's investment by our government will help ensure that rural communities across the province are ready to attract new investment and benefit from Saskatchewan's rapidly growing economy," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Collaboration between government and organizations like SEDA is an important component of Saskatchewan's investment attraction strategy to secure the next decade of growth in the province. Supporting rural economic development is one of the many ways we are protecting and promoting Saskatchewan and supporting our strong and vibrant communities."

The funding will be matched by PrairiesCan for a combined total of \$450,000 over two years.

"The world is investing in Saskatchewan to meet the needs of a more sustainable global economic future," Federal Minister for PrairiesCan Dan Vandal said. "This support to SEDA will assist rural regions in Saskatchewan prepare for new investment and new economic opportunities, to build stronger rural communities with good local jobs. Our government recognizes that we cannot have a prosperous Canada without successful, competitive, and thriving rural communities."

The project will help targeted regions and local businesses to prepare for investment and growth. This work will help protect and promote the province to the benefit of all those who work and live in

Saskatchewan.

"This project aligns with SEDA's mandate to support Saskatchewan's economic development ecosystem," SEDA CEO Verona Thibault said. "We look forward to engaging with industry and enhancing investment readiness in rural areas of the province over the next two years."

Saskatchewan is committed to fostering a competitive business environment where all businesses can succeed. The province will continue to build on this now and into the future, creating more jobs and opportunities for the people who call this province home.

Saskatchewan currently has the lowest rate of inflation according to the Consumer Price Index, at 1.4 per cent. Exports are experiencing significant growth, totaling over \$101.9 billion for 2022 and 2023 combined. This is a 52.2 per cent increase from the previous two-year period of 2020-21, which saw \$66.9 billion in total exports.

Statistics Canada's latest GDP numbers also indicate that Saskatchewan's 2023 real GDP reached an all-time high of \$77.9 billion, increasing by 1.2 billion, or 1.6 per cent. This places Saskatchewan second in the nation for real GDP growth, and above the national average of 1.2 per cent.

Private capital investment is projected to reach \$14.2 billion in 2024, an increase of 14.4 per cent over 2023. This is the highest anticipated percentage increase in Canada.

Earlier this year, the province revealed "Securing the Next Decade of Growth: Saskatchewan's Investment Attraction Strategy," in conjunction with the launch of the investSK.ca website. These initiatives are positioned to amplify growth in Saskatchewan, serving as pivotal instruments in driving further development.

OBITUARIES



GWEN TURNMIRE
Gwen passed away in the early hours of September 9 at the Southeast Integrated Care Centre in Moosomin.

She is predeceased by her father Gerald (Jerry) Turnmire and mother Emma (Peggy); three of her brothers: Pat, Jim and Dennis; and husbands Donald Cook and Ed Behr. Gwen is survived

by her children Laurina (Jacques) Huberdeau, Bruce (Therese) Cook and Michael (Leanne) Cook as well as six grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her brother Chris (Lorna) Turnmire.

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