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Darren Luhtala captured this photo of the Living Skies fireworks exploding above the beach at Moosomin Lake as people watched.

Thousands attend Fireworks Competition

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

The Moosomin Regional Park welcomed thousands of people from all over Saskatchewan and Manitoba this August Long weekend.

Kyle Jeannot, Moosomin Regional Park's Chair of Entertainment, says the weekend was a great turnout for the park.

"The weekend went really well. We figure we had about 3,000 people Saturday night, and around 2,800 on Sunday night so a little bit of a lighter crowd.

"The beer gardens did really well. It was full both nights with both bands and the fireworks show obviously was great each night.

"There was lots of kid activities, Flatland Plumbing and Heating had a dunk tank there I believe they donated \$1,000 to Playfair Daycare. The food trucks seemed happy and all of the vendors said they had a great turnout so it was really good this year."

Positive feedback

Jeannot says he has heard lots of positive comments from this year's fireworks competition.

"People really enjoyed it, and they said everything ran smoothly. We didn't have too many hiccups or any issues—there was a few places where we were short on volunteers for parking, but everybody was pretty happy with how the parking was situated, so it was a positive thing."

The park committee is happy with this

year's turnout. "I think if you look back you almost have to look back as if we're starting it all over again. We can't really compare it to last time prior to Covid when we had that last show, Canada versus China, and had 7,000 people one day. We have to think back to like 10 years ago, and just talking with some of the older board members or the committee members that had helped with years prior, they thought it was equivalent, if not better."

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Rocanville still fundraising for new indoor pool:

Universe Satellite donates \$50,000 to Rocanville Pool

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Universe Satellite has donated \$50,000 to the new Rocanville Indoor Pool. The large contribution has earned Universe Satellite naming rights for the new facility, which will be called the Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre.

The new facility began construction last fall and is on track to open late this coming fall.

Ian Langley of Universe Satellite in Rocanville says the pool is a hub for the community.

"It's great for the community. My Mom used to work at it and my wife used to work here—swimming is important for all the kids and families in town. The kids should all know how to swim, so it is going to be great for the community."

Stan Langley of Universe Satellite says the donation came at the best time.

"I talked to Steve yesterday, and he said it came in perfect timing—they were going to be epoxying the deck soon which they didn't have the money to do. So it was going to be put towards doing the epoxy finish on the deck as well."

Donations welcome

Rocanville's Rec Director, Andrea Logan, says the community is still fundraising for the new indoor pool.



The new logo and name for Rocanville's Indoor Pool, Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre.

"We're still actively fundraising. The next event is going to be the big Grand Opening event that we're hoping to do later this fall. We are currently working on that. I would say everything is going according to plan right now with the pool and opening."

Community excited

Stan Langley says the community is excited to finally see the new facility open.

"I think more and more people are talking about it now. I think everybody is quite excited about it."

"It's going to bring in people into town

like the old days. There are people coming from all over the place for swimming lessons. They're coming from the colonies, Birtle, McAuley, and Elkhorn. So there are a lot of places that come for swimming lessons here and I think the kids that are in lessons are doing extremely well. We have done pretty good in the swimming competitions this year."

Kelsey Selby adds, "Emma Errington broke one of the records for 25-metre fly, and then Amiyah Spencer got three golds and a silver so far. We've already got resumes rolling in and sign-ups in courses for the pool as well."

Great for region

Langley says the pool generates traffic for the town's businesses.

"It will make a huge difference—when people come here they're going to bring their kids for swimming lessons and they're going to go shopping downtown, they are going to go look at other things too around the community."

"I think what's good for the community is good for the surrounding communities too because people from Moosomin can come over and come swimming. We travel there as well. It's a whole community system. So we can benefit the whole community, just not Rocanville but the region."

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Miracle Treat Day this Thursday

All proceeds go toward the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon

BY ASHLEY BOCHER
Moosomin Dairy Queen is hosting Miracle Treat Day this Thursday, August 14 and is hoping to sell 6,000 Blizzards—more than ever.

The proceeds from purchasing a Blizzard on Miracle Treat Day will go toward the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon to help provide lifesaving treatments for kids.

Morgan Kerr of Moosomin Dairy Queen is excited this year to fundraise for the children's hospital.

"Miracle Treat Day is all about giving back. One hundred per cent of net proceeds go to the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon. Miracle Treat Day is a huge supporter and fundraiser for them. I don't think you have to look very far to know somebody that has used the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital and who knows if one day we might need it—somebody will always need it—and now with the Air Ambulance here, I think it is an even better fundraiser. People have quick access to it now."

Regional fundraiser

Moosomin Dairy Queen delivers Blizzards all over the region on Miracle Treat Day to help fundraise and support the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital.

"I think Miracle Treat Day is different for us in Moosomin than it is in Regina and Saskatoon," said Kerr. "I think for us, it is a community project. It involves our surrounding communities, the communities in Moosomin, individuals—everybody comes together to have this donation to the Jim Pattison. It is not just us, but our whole town and surrounding communities."

"We are delivering to Redvers, Langenburg, Esterhazy, Maryfield, Wawota, Rocanville, Virden, we do both the mines. The mines are definitely a major player. Nutrien, their individual workers buy treats for their staff so we usually sell 700 Blizzards there, and then Nutrien matches our sales to \$5,000. Also, Mosaic orders Blizzards and it is usually close to \$5,000 as well in Blizzards. They buy for all of their staff. So there are lots of communities involved in this giant donation."

Support from volunteers

Kerr says many volunteers from the community are always willing to help on Miracle Treat Day.

"We couldn't do it without the volunteers. All of those locations—I stay in Moosomin on the 14th—so we have at least 10 or more volunteers driving. We have drivers go to Mosaic. I'll have to send two drivers to Esterhazy this year—we won't fit all of the Blizzards in one car for Esterhazy."

"I've got a lady going to Langenburg, I have one going to Redvers, Rocanville, Virden, Maryfield—they are selling Blizzards in Maryfield for us. In Esterhazy, there is an RCMP officer there and she is actually selling Blizzards too on Miracle Treat Day so we will send her about 300 Blizzards to sell in Esterhazy. She will advertise it. This year we went to Esterhazy and talked to people about Miracle Treat Day, what it was, and we've had a huge turnout come back from that. It has been very successful. We went to Langenburg too and talked to the businesses and people there because without a Dairy Queen some people don't know what Miracle Treat Day is. We went to Redvers this year and talked to them as well, and the same for Virden."

Special guests at Dairy Queen

Kerr says there will be some special guests help-



Blaze Dunn and Morgan Kerr of Moosomin Dairy Queen on Miracle Treat Day last year. Blaze Dunn is the Child Ambassador of the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital visiting and volunteering at Moosomin Dairy Queen on Miracle Treat Day this August 14.

ing volunteer at Dairy Queen this Miracle Treat Day. "Blaze Dunn is coming again from Carlyle as our Child Ambassador. I think there is going to be a representative from the Jim Pattison. Summer Heide—kids who have used the hospital—is coming to help. We are hoping to get a few other people involved. I want to talk to Mayor Murray Gray to see if he will come down and it would be nice to get an RCMP officer there."

"We have a lot of people who have volunteered to help make Blizzards which is awesome, so many volunteers actually that we are going to have a schedule. The Witch's Brew, Sandra, comes down and helps me write on lids for Blizzards. It is amazing the community involvement."

Kerr explains the services each Miracle

Treat Day donation helps support at the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital. "It provides lifesaving equipment and programs at the Jim Pattison that maybe otherwise they wouldn't be able to have or afford, so without that fundraising the hospital wouldn't have those funds, and Miracle Treat Day is all across Canada to help fund all of the different children's hospitals."

2024 Step Up for Kids Award

Moosomin Dairy Queen was awarded the 2024 Step Up for Kids Miracle Treat Day Award for its continuous increase in yearly sales on Miracle Treat Day.

"I like a challenge and for me it is challenging," Kerr said. "Last year we were honoured to be the 2024 Step Up for Kids Miracle Treat Day Award Winner from the Jim Pattison. That is awarded to the Dairy Queen with year-over-year sales increase on Miracle Treat Day. The Jim Pattison—I think this was the first year they got to choose the winner and so they chose us. That is exciting for us. It is crazy, we are a small town, and we have sold more Blizzards than people that live here. Last year we sold 5,100 Blizzards which is crazy. Some of the major centres don't sell that, but they all keep asking us 'How?' And I say, 'You have to live in Moosomin, that is how.' I think we have a special town, a special community, it is very different, everybody gets behind something like this because your neighbour may use the Jim Pattison—our neighbour used the Jim Pattison. It is not hard to find somebody who has, and we are so lucky to have it in our province and so close. We don't have to go to Toronto or go far to get treatment. Dairy Queen is a kids business and what better to support than a charity for kids, a hospital for children."

Fundraising goal

Kerr says Moosomin Dairy Queen wants to set a record with their fundraising goal this year.

"I am hoping to sell 6,000 Blizzards. I am hoping we break that \$30,000 threshold."

Year after year, sales increase, I think we went from \$5,000 to \$11,000 to \$23,000 to \$27,000 over the last few years. I think just asking people helps us fundraise more. You just have to find people and ask them."

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Magnitude 3.3 earthquake felt in Esterhazy area on August 1

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

On the evening of Aug. 1, people in the Esterhazy area reported feeling an earthquake. The quake shook people's houses, scared their pets, and sloshed the water in their swimming pools, with many saying they thought something had hit their house or a tree had fallen in their yards.

The earthquake was 3.3 in magnitude occurring with an epicentre between Esterhazy and Yarbo, approximately 0.5 km below ground.

"At this time, it's understood that the tremor was related to underground mining activity—something not uncommon in a strong and active mining community like ours," said Esterhazy Mayor Randy Bot. "Esterhazy is proud to be home to one of the world's richest potash deposits, and with that comes occasional ground movement. These events are closely monitored by the mining companies and regulatory bodies to ensure safety remains the top priority."

On average, over 4,000 earthquakes happen every year in Canada, the majority being less than a magnitude 3 and not even felt.

"We've experienced similar tremors in the past, and there is no indication at this time that there is any cause for concern," Mayor Bot said. "Living in a prosperous mining town means we sometimes feel the pulse of the industry beneath our feet. As always, we appreciate the care and attention our mining partners take in their operations, and we remain confident in the safety protocols in place."

According to Earthquakes Canada, 10 reports were received from residents in and around Esterhazy, Yarbo, Gerald, and Tantalton. As Dan Babayak noted, some people didn't even notice the tremors that shook below their feet while others were shocked by them.

"There's people that were outside in their backyards who never felt anything," said the Esterhazy resident. "We were sitting on the deck and it shook our house. My wife was inside, and she thought somebody had run into the house because there was a bang!"

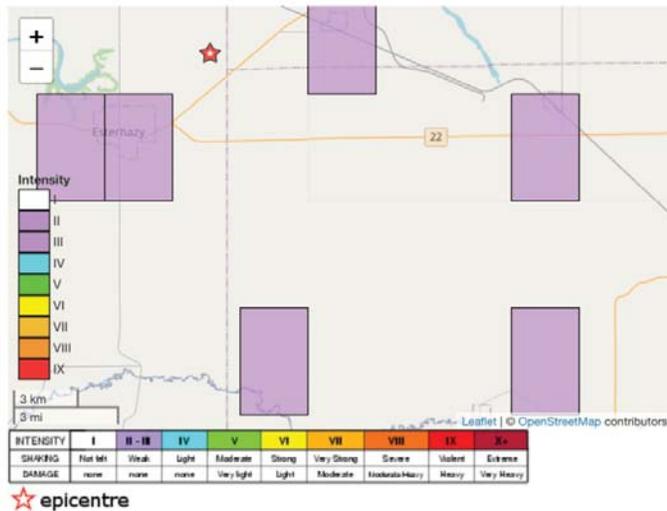
The quake brought back memories for some of a similar event some four decades earlier.

"It was loud, and we thought one of our big trees had fallen on the house," said Bonnie Presiloski. "Last time we felt something like this was more than 40 years ago in Yarbo and that was a 3.9 quake."

Loreen Janette Nagy was close to the epicentre. "We felt it at our place west of Yarbo. The biggest one we have ever felt," she said.

"It almost splashed water out of our

Intensity	Reports
I	0
II	2
III	8
IV	0
V	0
VI	0
VII	0
VIII	0
IX	0
Total	10



A map of where reports of people experiencing the Aug. 1 earthquake originated. The epicentre of the quake is believed to be located between Esterhazy and Yarbo, with residents in Gerald, and Tantalton also feeling the earth move.

Image from Earthquakes Canada

pool," said Darryl Campbell.

Exact cause of the quake not known

Located southeast of the earthquake's epicentre is the Esterhazy K3 potash mine, which was assumed to have played a part in the event. However, Mosaic says there were no notable activities to draw a direct link during that particular workday.

"On Friday, August 1, at approximately 7:30 pm there was a seismic event near Esterhazy, and that included Mosaic Esterhazy operations," Marnel Jones, Director of Government and Public Affairs for The Mosaic Company, told the World-Spectator. "After the event, we completed all of our usual safety checks and inspections without any notable findings. We continued operating as usual that evening, and had an 'all clear' in place by about 10:30 pm."

No damage was reported as a result of the quake, and as Jones explained, it would take a sizeable earthquake to impact their operation.

"We mine the Prairie Evaporate Formation, one of the best potash ore bodies in

the world," she said. "Due to its geological makeup, seismic activity is pretty normal and common. The last notable activity was back in 2021 and before that, 2018. For us to see any significant structural impact, we would have to be reaching more of a 6.0 magnitude. And quite frankly, the buildings and infrastructure are engineered with seismic loading incorporated into the design."

The strongest earthquake recorded in Saskatchewan happened on May 19, 1909 near the border of Montana and North Dakota, which topped a magnitude of 5.5.

"To date, we've really experienced very little impact to our operations besides power outages which occur when things get tripped, which is what's supposed to happen in an event like that," Jones said. "The act of mining itself doesn't necessarily cause seismic events, but mining-induced seismic activity can occur from the salt removal and injection activities that are happening in the area. But this specific event, there was nothing notable with Mosaic operations at that time to report."

Jones added that Mosaic keeps a close eye on what's shaking beneath the surface.

"We monitor seismic activity nationally, and you can see that anytime online," she said. "It's actually quite interesting to see what's happening around us at any given time across Canada."

As of Aug. 6, the official cause of the seismic activity is mining activity related. "They (Mosaic) had confirmed to us this morning that it was mining related," said Allison Bent, a Research Seismologist from Earthquakes Canada. "We suspected it at the beginning, but until we hear from the mine, we can never say for sure because even though Saskatchewan has very, very few natural earthquakes, smaller quakes can happen everywhere."

What exactly triggered the quake is not known at this point, and may never be fully understood according to Bent.

"It may be something that they (Mosaic) were doing a few days prior to that, and not at the exact time," she said. "Usually it's related to current activity, but the earth can slowly rebound or move after things happen, that's why we have aftershocks after a big earthquake sometimes; it hasn't fully adjusted. It's possible that something triggered it, but usually it would be related to current activity."

A few seismic events each year in Esterhazy area

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Allison Bent, a Research Seismologist from Earthquakes Canada, looked back 40 years in a 50 km radius of Esterhazy, finding that there are usually a couple seismic events every year.

"It suggests there are one to two a year," she said of her research. "It's not exactly the same number every year, but they're almost all mining-related. I looked at a 50 km radius, they're almost all in a much tighter area than that, very close to the mine. So, natural earthquakes are very rare, but as I said, small earthquakes can happen anywhere, but bigger ones tend to stick to the known seismically-active areas."

Regions including Coastal British Columbia, the Atlantic, and St. Lawrence River are places where natural earthquakes are more frequent in Canada.

"In excess of 90 per cent of earthquakes worldwide occur at plate boundaries, so that's the west coast of B.C. and the Yukon, they're by far the most active areas in the country," Bent said. "The bulk of what's left over tends to occur at places that probably were at a plate boundary sometime in the distant past; so there's still large areas of weakness. That will be the offshore east coast and along with St. Lawrence. There are small numbers that occur seemingly randomly, and it is the stresses from those distant plate boundaries that do trigger them, but because they're so far away, they tend to be smaller and rare."

Another clue that tells seismologists like Bent that the earthquake was likely caused by some sort of mining activities is the depth of where it happened.

"It depends where the earthquakes are," she said when

asked if there is such a determination of average depth when it comes to earthquakes. "They're different in different places, but that was also one of our hints that it may have been induced or mining related—that it was so shallow. If it was deep, if it had been, say, 10 or 15 km, we would have said probably not, but natural earthquakes can be shallow."

"In eastern Canada, 15 km is about average," Bent continued. "But there's quite a range. They could be 25, 30 km or they might be 5 km. In the Maritimes, in the Appalachian area, they do tend to be a little bit shallower—maybe 5 km—and then in the subduction zones, where one plate is diving underneath another one, they can be much deeper, but it's usually 'kilometres plural,' not less than one."

Bent and her colleagues have been receiving an influx of messages since the Aug. 1 earthquake, something she attributes to the rarity of an occurrence in southeast Saskatchewan.

"I think it's why this has gotten a lot of attention, because they're just less common," she said. "In a place where you're used to magnitude 5 and 6, a 3 is not that exciting! You notice it, you double check, 'was it an earthquake?' and that's the end of it, whereas we notice in areas where they're less common, they generate a lot more interest."

There is no current method to predict when an earthquake will occur, but researchers like Bent have a general idea of where they can happen based on historical data.

"We know where they happen on the whole—we call it the largest probable earthquake rather than the largest possible—and how often they occur on average, but that

really is an average," Bent said. "We can't tell you when the next one will be, and of course, that's what people always want to know, so that's why we work with the hazard maps and put provisions into the building codes, particularly in seismically active areas. We can't tell you if it will happen tomorrow, but we can tell you the likelihood of it happening sometime during the life of a building."

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Sod turning for Esterhazy playground expansion

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

The Lions Club of Esterhazy and council members from the Town of Esterhazy had an official sod turning last Tuesday for the expansion of their playground, which will make it wheelchair accessible.

"The playground is going to be expanded to about double the size. There will be swings and a merry-go-round, and a bunch of other equipment installed," said Dan Babyak, with The Lions Club of Esterhazy. "We wanted a play park and we got that, but now there is not enough accessible equipment. We want swings and other equipment for all kids to play on and enjoy. That is what we worked for, for the last two and a half years."

Babyak said that the idea to expand the playground for accessibility was first introduced to them by a community member.

"We were approached by a member of the community to help raise funds for an accessible play-park, but that dropped away, so the Esterhazy Lions took it up."

The Lions Club of Esterhazy and Town of Esterhazy have been working together to bring this project to life.

"The town provides the land and a letter that says the town will look after the equipment once it's all done," said Babyak. "The other year they gave us grant money."

Babyak said the remainder of the funds raised, were either donated by local busi-

nesses in the community, or raised by hosting Chase the Ace, every week at the Chicken Chef in Esterhazy.

"We get a very good turn out and it's well supported," said Lion John Simpson.

Lions Club International agreed to match the funds raised by The Lions Club of Esterhazy and donate it towards the playground expansion.

"We raised money locally, and Lions Club International matched, so there was \$100,000 that came from Lions Club International," Babyak said.

"We have reached our fundraising goal and are supposed to start construction between the 15th and the 20th of September. The playground is going to have to be closed while the construction is going on, but it should be done by the middle of October. It shouldn't take more than 3-4 weeks."

"Creating a wheelchair accessible playground for everyone was a big part of why we got the funding from Lions International."

Babyak says the community has been very supportive throughout this whole fundraising process.

"The people have been very much supportive. The town says, 'Yes, we will help you out as much as we can, whenever we can' and that's as simple as we can get it."

Town councillor, Bryant Campbell says that wheelchair accessibility is the biggest addition. "There are kids in town

that don't have access to get on swings, or monkey bars or anything like that, so it is just really good to have something for everyone, and to have a playground where all kids can play, with sidewalk access and close enough to downtown."

"PJ Gillen had at least one accessible swing at one point" said councillor William Gale. "They got rid of it probably close to 10 years ago because it was falling apart."

Councillor Dana Paidel says that it is all

about making the community more welcoming.

"It's significant for tourism, and having access to different activities in town. This centre is the heart of the community, and having that access here is important."

The new playground equipment is from a company in Moose Jaw and the rubber is out of Regina.

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Urgent Care Centre hits first-year milestone

Six more to be built around Sask

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The first of its kind Urgent Care Centre in Regina has been in operation for more than a year, with over 41,000 patients having received care thus far. That number is more than double what was first anticipated, illustrating the need for the UCC not only in the Queen City, but as a model for other centres in Saskatchewan.

"Urgent care is something that's relatively new in Saskatchewan, but it is just showing some really good signs at the one facility we have now," said provincial Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill. "I mean, 41,000 patients seen in Regina—and we know that's not just people that live in the city, that's people from surrounding communities as well—that's really exciting to see. It's just giving people another point of access for care."

The Regina UCC location is a blend of medical professionals including family physicians, emergency department physicians, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, psychiatric nurses, laboratory and x-ray technicians. This mix allows the UCC to address a wide range of needs that patients may encounter.

"It's all about providing patients quick access to care," Cockrill told the World-Spectator. "What we really are focusing on is making sure that patients are getting the right level of care in the right place at the right time."

Some of the non-life-threatening emergency services provided at the UCC include treating moderate illness like infections; intravenous therapy; onsite point of care testing and satellite lab services; treating minor injuries (burns, broken bones, stitches), assessing eye injuries, abdominal pain, and shortness of breath; heart telemetry assessment with an electrocardiogram, and diagnostic imaging. Services for mental health and addictions are also provided at the UCC, things such as screening and assessment, counselling, prescriptions, connecting to resources, and providing referrals.

More Urgent Care Centres being constructed

The Regina UCC is the first of what will be many such facilities across the province. Ground has been broken for a UCC in Saskatoon, and plans are to have ad-



Regina's Urgent Care Centre on Albert Street.

ditional locations in Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, North Battleford, plus second locations in both Saskatoon and Regina.

"It's a priority for every patient in the province to be attached to a primary care provider by 2028," Cockrill said. "We're working aggressively on that, but then also providing when you have an emergency or a situation where you can't wait for an appointment with your primary care provider, what are the right options for you? Is it the emergency room? Is it the Urgent Care Centre?"

Saskatoon's first UCC will be near St. Paul's Hospital, taking some of the capacity pressure off that facility's emergency department.

"We're getting very close to being 25 per cent complete at that Urgent Care Centre, which is on the west side, and kind of a unique setup because it's a very specific partnership with Ahtahkakoop Cree Developments," explained Cockrill. "Really a first-of-its-kind partnership in Saskatchewan in the healthcare world."

He also noted that not all UCCs will be the same as needs particular to each community will be researched.

"We are doing some pre-engagement,

and as well with the second sites for Saskatoon and Regina, we're doing pre-engagement with the physician communities in those respective areas of the province, understanding what the specific needs are and what the right solution looks like," Cockrill said. "It's probably going to look different in North Battleford and Prince Albert and Moose Jaw than what we see in Regina with the first Urgent Care Centre, and that's okay, because the needs in those communities are different. I live in the Battlefords, what my community needs is going to look a little bit different than what's on Albert Street (Regina), so it's important that we're engaging with physicians, which we've been doing now for a couple of months, hearing from them, what they're seeing, talking to other folks in the Saskatchewan Health Authority and in the community, and making sure that whatever site we pick, whatever kind of model of care we go with for urgent care in those communities, fits with what the community has already. It complements what the community has, but it's also providing another level of service for residents."

Communities outside the cities gaining UCC facilities will also notice changes, in-

cluding physician recruitment.

"I actually think that having more opportunities for areas of practice in the province is a way that we can continue to be more competitive from a recruitment process perspective," Cockrill said. "The physicians that I've had the opportunity to meet with and talk to, I'm noticing more and more that physicians are looking to have a varied practice in the province, so doing a little bit of this, a little bit of that, being able to keep their skills up in certain areas. I think the opportunity that we have with Urgent Care Centres around the province is for family physicians, obviously, to continue having a patient panel and being able to see patients from a primary care perspective, but then also being able to keep more acute skills up by working in the Urgent Care Centre, not necessarily a full emergency room experience for them, but being able to see patients at a higher level of acuity and make sure that we have those skills built up in our community. Overall, that's helpful in terms of ensuring that acute services—whether it be in small communities like the southeast or in our major centres, that we have more practitioners that can do that type of work."

Changes to SIPPA coming

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The province has been leaning heavily on foreign doctors coming into the province, assessed through the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment program. Implemented in 2011, SIPPA seeks to ensure internationally trained physicians that want to practice in Saskatchewan possess the skills and knowledge to do so. Under a SIPPA contract, physicians are required to serve a minimum of three years in an underserved rural community, but retention has been a looming issue.

"The SIPPA program has been very significant in terms of bringing new doctors into the province and what we've noticed over the last few years is we've had a lower retention rate of keeping those doctors after their return of service," said provincial Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill. "Any time the government is investing in a program, we want to evaluate its success and obviously make that better. We've undertaken a review of the SIPPA program over the last couple of months. Very soon, we're going to be announcing some changes to the SIPPA program."

Changes will be twofold in providing more options for practitioners coming to the province.

"Then number two, trying to strengthen those bonds between the new practitioners and the communities that they come to serve," Cockrill said. "It's really important that we are intentional both at a provincial government level, at the Saskatchewan Health Authority level, but then also at the local municipality level to really

strengthen those bonds when new practitioners come to our province."

While Cockrill held on to details of how that will roll out for the time being, he emphasized the importance of making a lasting impression on new physicians to the province.

"I didn't grow up in Saskatchewan, I had the opportunity to move here," Cockrill said. "I find Saskatchewan to be an incredibly welcoming place, and really, my desire is that the healthcare professionals that we recruit to this province feel that as well and recognize just the incredible quality of life that we have in places like Moosomin, like The Battlefords, like Estevan, like Prince Albert, like Saskatoon and Regina. That's what we want practitioners to feel; really trying to find ways through some of the changes that we can strengthen those bonds very early-on between community and practitioner, so that those practitioners that didn't grow up in Saskatchewan see the opportunity to make a life here."

Part of that strategy will see individual communities playing a larger role as well.

"My desire is for communities to have a larger role in engaging with health care professionals," Cockrill said. "Nobody tells the story about how nice it is to live in a place like Broadview or Kipling like the people who live in Broadview or Kipling. In my community, The Battlefords, I am an evangelist for The Battlefords. I think we really want to strengthen the bonds between communities, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, and practitioners that we may be recruiting."

The need for that more local focus is

something Cockrill believes has been identified from when regional health authorities merged into the singular SHA.

"I've identified that as an area that we need to work on, between myself and the Ministry of Health, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, and then groups like SARM and SUMA as well as individual municipalities to say, 'okay, we have a single health authority and there's reasons

for that, because really we are a single health network that we're trying to make work across the province. There is real value in having individual communities speak to why people should come and live and work there. We've been improving our community engagement through the Saskatchewan Health Authority. We still have some work to do there, but I think we're on the right track overall."

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Pipelines key to Canada's economic growth

Canada's growth is slipping as projects stall. Bill C-5 must deliver faster approvals to unlock our economic potential

Canada's economy is running out of steam, and without pipelines to drive new growth, the country risks falling further behind. But unless Ottawa fixes its broken approval system, the projects we need will never get built.

Support for pipelines is strong across the country, including in Quebec. A February SOM-La Presse poll found 59 per cent support for Energy East in Quebec, with just 22 per cent opposed. Earlier MEI polling showed 49 per cent of Quebecers in favour of new pipelines to tidewater, compared with 28 per cent against.

Energy East, cancelled in 2017, would have carried Alberta oil to refineries and ports in Eastern Canada. Northern Gateway, cancelled in 2015, was planned to deliver oil to the B.C. coast for export to Asia. Both were lost opportunities, and Canada can't afford more. Without projects like these, we lose billions in potential revenue, thousands of high-paying jobs, and crucial tax dollars that could fund health care, infrastructure and defence.

Bill C-5, the One Canadian Economy Act, a new federal law meant to speed up approvals for projects deemed in the national interest, was supposed to change this. It promised approvals in under two years. Yet the 20 projects now stalled in Ottawa's environmental approvals process have already taken well over that. In the meantime, global investors are looking elsewhere, especially south of the border, where approval systems are faster and regulatory certainty is higher.

Bill C-5 could override parts of the Impact Assessment Act (IAA), better known as the "no more pipelines" bill. The IAA, passed in 2019, gave Ottawa sweeping powers over natural resource projects, even in areas of exclusive provincial jurisdiction. The Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional in 2023. Yet it remains on the books, along with other federal rules that critics say discourage investment, including the Clean Electricity regulations and the oil and gas emissions cap.

That leaves plenty of uncertainty. Provinces and Indigenous groups may hold a veto under Bill C-5. The prime minister first suggested he and his ministers could unilaterally approve major projects. But when pressed by a reporter about whether he would push through a pipeline opposed by Quebec or B.C., he said: "No, we need to have consensus from all provinces and Indigenous peoples." That response, in my view, raises serious doubts about whether the bill will ever deliver on its promise.

Last week, Prime Minister Mark Carney said it was "highly likely" that a pipeline would make its way onto his government's to-do list of nation-building projects. However, he added that he couldn't guarantee it, given that proposals must come from the private sector. That's telling. Kinder Morgan advanced the Trans Mountain expansion until 2018, when it pulled out, citing mounting political and regulatory uncertainty. Taxpayers are now footing the bill. No private company wants to repeat that experience.

Bill C-5, as it stands, won't fix that uncertainty. Entrepreneurs and investors will still spend millions on proposals while hoping their project catches the eye of the right officials in Ottawa. Only then will they see the faster approvals Bill C-5 promises. All other projects, no matter how beneficial, risk being mired in the same broken process.

This is more than an economic issue—it's about Canada's energy security. Without new pipelines, we remain vulnerable to global supply shocks and are forced to import oil we could easily produce at home. A reliable, self-sufficient energy system means Canadians aren't at the mercy of volatile global markets or geopolitical crises.

Environmental concerns are real, but they should not be used as a blanket excuse to stop development. Modern pipelines are built with strict safety standards, advanced monitoring technology and the ability to transport oil more safely than rail or truck. Critics argue that blocking pipelines doesn't reduce global emissions; it only shifts production and shipping to countries with weaker environmental rules.

If Canada is serious about growth, Bill C-5 cannot apply only to a handful of government-chosen projects. It must extend to all practical, private-sector proposals, including pipelines. Reviving Energy East or Northern Gateway would give Canada a crucial first-mover advantage in world markets and help keep investment dollars from heading south.

By passing Bill C-5, Ottawa has admitted the current approval system is broken. Now it must finish the job. Approvals should be swift by default, not by exception. With Canada's economy struggling to grow, time is of the essence.

This editorial was written by Bronwyn Eyre, former Saskatchewan Minister of Energy and Resources, and a senior fellow at the Montreal Economic Institute, a think tank with offices in Montreal, Ottawa and Calgary.

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WHAT'S THE WEIGHT LIMIT
FOR A CARRIER PIGEON?

Living Skies brightened the August Long weekend

It wasn't until we got out of our truck down at the lake early on Saturday afternoon that I realized how much I had missed having the Living Skies weekend in our area.

Right away it was apparent that there was lots going on and that people were out enjoying the park. There was music, food trucks, a market, a dunk tank, and people out just taking strolls, enjoying the beach and the lake, and popping into the lake store for a quick bite or an ice cream.

Kids were busily scratching chalk art onto the sidewalk of the lake store, as the kids events were underway at that time as well.

It was sunny, it was nice, and everyone was out having fun and enjoying the day.

I loved it. Our regional park is so beautiful, and it was awesome seeing so many people out just relaxing, having fun and appreciating it.

We had a houseful of people coming (kids, dogs, sisters, brothers, parents—the works!), and had been at the grocery store earlier that morning and had also run around town looking for glow sticks. The grocery store was full of people. The stores (most of them!) were out of glow sticks. The town was busy, and it was apparent that the Regional Park's attempt to have a big weekend like they used to during previous Living Skies competitions had worked!

We attended both nights of fireworks, and by the time 10 pm rolled around the beach was pretty packed. There were lots of people out for the fireworks—which were stunning both nights, and well worth the trip out to the lake and the cost of the wrist band.

After the fireworks both nights, the beer gardens were packed as people came out to enjoy the bands and party on two perfect summer nights.

Our family had a blast. On Sunday they took in the market, the food trucks, the kids devoured copious amounts of ice cream from the park store, and spent time at the playground.



Kara Kinna

When the Living Skies fireworks competitions were held previously, our family always used it as an excuse for a big get-together every August long, and for the first time since 2019, we were all back together enjoying that weekend again. It was great, and everyone has assured me they will be back next year. My house was a state of chaos for a few days, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

In the end 5,800 people came through the gates over the course of the weekend at the park for the Living Skies event. This is amazing considering the park took a five-year hiatus from hosting this event, which was initially cancelled due to Covid. Pre-Covid the event had evolved from a provincial competition to an international competition that brought in 5,000 people a night. It was a massive fundraiser for the park, who is bound and determined to have the competition back in a big way moving forward.

It's clear that this weekend can be called nothing other than a success. Our area was buzzing with activity, the local businesses were busy, and the park was full of people. There were also lots of people getting together having a good time with family and friends—one of the most important aspects of the weekend!

Kudos to the hard working fireworks committee for bringing back Living Skies Come Alive! It's a perfect way to make great summer memories that will last a lifetime, raise some money for the park, and promote what our beautiful area of the world has to offer and what makes it so special.

Moosomin Legion receives provincial grant money

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Moosomin Legion was one of the successful recipients of a grant through the Saskatchewan Veterans Service Club Support Program. Launched in 2019, grants of up to \$30,000 are available to groups including Legions, ANAVETS (Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans) Units, and other registered non-profit veterans organizations in Saskatchewan.

For Moosomin, that means an emergency generator will be installed at the Legion Hall in case of a town-wide emergency.

"We applied, and we got the maximum allowable," said Brian Beckett, President of the Moosomin Legion. "On the Town of Moosomin Emergency Measures Act, the Legion branch is one of the safe places to go in the event of a disaster of some sort. We were talking about it at a meeting one night, and we said, 'well, we wouldn't be much good because we wouldn't have any power,' so that's what we've done with this grant is we have bought one of those generators that sit outside the building, and when the power goes off, it cuts in on natural gas."

Should a disaster strike, the generator could power the Legion's coolers and ovens in order to also store and provide food.

"This Veterans Service Club grant has been very good to our branch in particular," Beckett said. "They seem to really want to support the branches that are trying hard, want to be visible, and work within their communities."

This is the third time the Moosomin Legion has benefitted from the annual Veterans Service Club grant, which has previously been used to upgrade the interior of the hall, upgrade to become fully wheelchair accessible, and see the installation of a new lighting, sound, and projection system.

This is the second year in a row that the program has been fully subscribed in one intake with 67 Legion branches, ANAVETS units, and other groups receiving grants.

"Saskatchewan's veterans' service organizations play a vital role—enriching our communities, preserving local history and working tirelessly on behalf of veterans who have faithfully served our province and our country," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross said. "We cannot thank these organizations enough for their continued efforts and look forward to continuing to support this amazing work."

Beckett noted that one goal for the Moosomin Legion is increased visibility.

"I think a lot of the service groups are in the same boat as the Legion, it's all older members, and it's hard to get younger people to join," he said. "I really don't know what's going to happen to service



The Moosomin Legion has received a grant of \$30,000 through the Veterans Service Club Support Program and has used it for a backup generator for the building to be used in emergencies.

Brett Bocek photo

organizations within the next 20 years, but we're working hard. We've got some young members that seem to be very interested, so hopefully they will take on some positions. There's nothing better than volunteering!"

Wawota, Whitewood, Grenfell all receive grants

A number of other local legions have received grants through the 2025-26 Saskatchewan Veterans Service Club Support Program.

The Wawota Legion received \$28,600 for new flooring in the club rooms and kitchen and to replace wainscoting and wall covering with tongue and groove in the club rooms.

Whitewood has received \$9,955 for roof repairs and Repair roof and to sand and refinish flooring in the hall.

Grenfell legion received \$23,803 for room ceiling, painting the floor in the drill kitchen roof repair, windows, the meeting hall, outside step repair and plastic tables.

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Miracle Treat Day this Thursday

All proceeds go toward the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon

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"In Redvers, I put it on their community page and the lady who runs the library called me saying, 'There are people who want Blizzards here, but they are not a business. We will be a pick-up point, can we make that work?' And I was like 'Yes! Absolutely!' So she is selling Blizzards out of the library in Redvers," said Kerr. "So whatever she sends me we will fulfill with Blizzards. We don't say no to a Blizzard wherever. I think you just have to ask."

Moosomin Dairy Queen has raised about \$70,000 for the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital over the last couple of years. "It has been 30 years or so," explained Kerr. "It has been a long time. I don't know how long Miracle Treat Day has been happening. Just over those couple of years like the last four or so that is about \$70,000 and that is a lot of money to raise, but I think it is important."

She adds, "It is a good day. It is easy to sell a Blizzard for a good cause. It is ice cream! Who doesn't want ice cream? I always tell people they are calorie free that day—they are for the kids, so it's calorie free!"

All proceeds go to Children's Hospital in Saskatchewan

Kerr explains each Blizzard sold in Saskatchewan helps fundraise for the Children's Hospital in Saskatchewan.

"However many Blizzards we sell out of our store goes to the Jim Pattison and we are very transparent in that. If you were to buy a Blizzard in Brandon it would go to the children's hospital in Winnipeg. Each province has their own children's hospital. Years ago, it used to just go to Children's Miracle Network and get lumped together and I think when it changed is when our vision and mindset changed. For me, it was hard to sell a Blizzard for a hospital in Toronto, but the Jim Pattison in Saskatoon that is easy to sell and it is easy to get behind because it is our local children's hospital. We do sell Blizzards to Virden and I am transparent that the money goes to the Jim Pattison in Saskatoon. Nobody seems to care, they're excited to get the Blizzards, and I am sure there are people in Manitoba that have used Saskatchewan and vice versa."

Pre-orders wanted

Kerr says they are asking communities to submit their pre-orders as soon as possible.

"We are looking for businesses to get in pre-orders—as many Blizzards as we can sell. Volunteers are easy—people want to come and make Blizzards which is awesome. Lots of businesses get involved for instance, Sharpe's, they have always been a huge help to us. They drive our Blizzards to the mines so Mosaic and Rocanville's Scissors Creek. They often send staff to help make Blizzards, the school teachers—I've got six school teachers this year that are coming to help, their kids are coming. We just need businesses and people to buy the Blizzards we make."

Moosomin Dairy Queen allows businesses to sponsor school classrooms for Miracle Treat Day as well.

"We ask for sponsors for the schools," Kerr explained. "In the fall, I then contact the schools and they pick a day to have Blizzards delivered. Last year, we had Moosomin, Wapella, Maryfield, Wawota, Kennedy, Rocanville, and the Elementary School in Esterhazy all sponsored. The day care in Rocanville, the day care in Moo-



Ashley Bochek photos

At left, Blaze Dunn and Dairy Queen employee, Dylan Mannle on Miracle Treat Day last year. At right, Blaze helping make Blizzards at Moosomin Dairy Queen last year.

somin, the Bryant House, the KinAbility Centre, it is amazing the amount of Blizzards people buy for someone else and that is also what we tell people—if you don't want the extra calories here is another option and a lot of people we talk to are interested in sponsoring a classroom. It is an easy way to raise the funds and we ring them all through on Miracle Treat Day so the proceeds go to the Jim Pattison and then throughout the school year, they pick whenever they want the Blizzards. Esterhazy didn't get theirs delivered until May of this year because they wanted it for a track and field day. So it is a creative way to sell Blizzards to businesses that have a smaller staff or for instance, Celebration Ford sponsored four classrooms last year, that is an incredible donation."

Kerr adds that Miracle Treat Day is all about the kids. "It is in support of kids. All proceeds go to the children's hospital. It helps us reach our goal and I think it helps get people excited when they see those numbers—we had one guy at Redvers or Langenburg that said, 'Yea, yea I'll look at this,' as he is walking up the stairs reading he says, 'Wait, you sold 5,000 Blizzards last year?' And I said, 'Yes!' And he replied, 'Oh, we are getting in on this!' People get excited about that kind of stuff. The effort is definitely worth it."

Kerr explains the different awards Dairy Queens across the country can receive for fundraising over the years. "I do know the Step Up for Kids Award that the Jim Pattison awarded us is year-over-year sales increase on Miracle Treat Day so it isn't necessarily the top selling Dairy Queen, but year-over-year increase. To be honest a lot of the time it goes to a brand new store because the year before they sold zero and then sell \$3,000 so that is an increase, but the Jim Pattison got to choose their own last year so they were very excited to award it to us."

"There is an award called the Miracle Maker Award, which I have been after for

years. It is a Canada-wide award. I don't think anybody in Saskatchewan or Manitoba has ever won it. I think it is always Ontario, BC, Edmonton quite often because the Stollery Kids is a huge hospital there and there is a huge amount of money there, but last year it came down to two Dairy Queens one in Ontario and one in Moosomin, Saskatchewan. So pretty exciting. The Jim Pattison is gunning for us to win this award and we are hoping. They wanted us to send an email of a list of

things we do in the community from January to December and the list went on and on, which is great, and we love that, so that will hopefully boost our application because it is not just about this sale and the Dairy Queen that sells the most Blizzards, so we will see. I couldn't believe we were even considered because usually it is these huge centres that are noticed.

"It is nice to get awards, but really I just want to sell Blizzards and make the donation."



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Living Skies Come Alive 2025

From bands to a market to the fireworks themselves, there was lots going on during the Living Skies Come Alive weekend at Moosomin Regional Park on the August long weekend.



Pelicans on the lake.



The Sean Taylor Band performing on Sunday night.



Kids decked out in glow sticks before the fireworks.



The Sunday night fireworks over the beach



Kids on the big chair by the park store.



Remy Thievin with his face painted.



Kids doing chalk art in front of the store.



The Saturday night fireworks

Thousands attend Fireworks Competition

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Back next year

Jeannot says the committee plans to renew the August Long Fireworks Competition as an annual event again.

"We are definitely planning on doing it next year. We are maybe going to try to keep it a Canadian thing for now, maybe see if we can get someone further out west, or there was a discussion maybe an east coast thing and then try and have an east coast theme, getting some food trucks with seafood and that theme so that is in the back of our mind.

"Obviously it's only a week past. We are looking at maybe doing more local talent the first night of the beer gardens instead of bringing in two bands next year. We do have a lot of local talent in the area and so we think let's give them some exposure."

Alberta Fireworks Champions

Jeannot says the fireworks were judged by locals this year, who gave the win to Alberta.

"We actually had super expert judges. So we had two judges and then three girls judging that are quite heavily involved in dance and it worked out well because there were things that I didn't notice that they were telling me about. For instance, the first night only had four songs to it where the second night had five songs in the same amount of time, the fireworks

were more on beat and timed better the second night. They had a whole list of reasons. They did a really good job at it.

"So for next year we are going to try and get the Alberta team back to try and defend their title."

Jeannot says the market drew in a big crowd at the park this year. "The market helped pull a lot of people in this year. I also think just in general people being able to come back and enjoy the entertainment, and just being able to get together with family—there were a lot of family reunions and gatherings out there this weekend, which was great to see. Then you're getting all of the younger people coming out to enjoy the show too and people just bring their family for the day to enjoy the park."

Jeannot adds visitors travelled from all over southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba for the event.

"We had travellers from Regina, Brandon, a lot of Manitoba people, some from Estevan and Weyburn area. There were some people travelling through town just by chance, a couple from Louisiana, and two guys from Australia—they just happened to be passing through. The two guys from Australia came through a week before and found out about the show and stayed and they were just traveling across Canada, so that technically was our furthest, but the farthest travel just for the show was Regina and Brandon. Which I think is a big draw for people to come for

the weekend. The hotels were busy too, we were talking to Canalta and they said they were booked up solid with people coming out on the long weekend."

Thankful for volunteers

Jeannot says many community groups helped volunteer during the long weekend.

"We had hired the Filipino group to help with parking so they helped us with that, and we are going to make a donation to the Terry Lynd Basketball Court to thank them. We actually had a cabin owner and seasonal site owner meeting two weeks before the event and passed around a piece a paper with what people could do to help, and by the end of that we had it pretty much full.

"Moosomin Age Friendly stepped up and helped sell 50/50s. The volunteers turned out really well. There were a few places we could have had a few more hands, but overall we were covered. The volunteers were a huge help."

He says the winner of their 50/50 from the weekend has decided to donate some of their winnings back.

"We ended up grossing \$16,200 so we gave away \$8,100. Lori Shepherd from Moosomin won it, and she's making a donation back. We are trying to put all of that 50/50 money toward the playground for the camping area up top for the kids, because they don't really have a play structure up there so that's our goal to get that

rolling and when she heard that she had won she was pretty excited, and we are so excited she has decided she is going to make a donation back."

Great fundraiser for lake

Jeannot says the August Long Fireworks Competition is a great fundraiser to maintain and update Moosomin Regional Park.

"We definitely broke even. So far, all that I know is that we made money on the 50/50 as of right now, we have a meeting in the next few weeks just to see how the park did. It's a fundraiser to improve the area, and put money back into the park so everything that gets raised from this event turns around and goes back into the park. It's not our goal to go and raise a bunch of money either though, our goal is to provide entertainment for the public and to have people come out, camp, enjoy the show, enjoy some live music, and have a good weekend."

He adds, "We can actually relax now and not be worried about how it's going to turn out. You know in the back of your mind you're always like 'Okay, we sold this many wrist bands,' and always watching the weather, and the lake has had good weather each year on August Long. They've never had a bad weekend. This year on Sunday was a little gloomy but it wasn't horrible. It's better than 40 degrees in the sun. I'm glad it has passed and it will be good to see how the fundraising turned out."



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Sleep schedule: strategies for transitioning from summer



Shifting from a relaxed summer sleep schedule to a structured school routine can be challenging for children and parents. Here are some strategies to make the transition smoother:

Encourage physical activity

Regular exercise can help children fall asleep faster and enjoy deeper sleep. Encourage outdoor play or physical activities during the day, but avoid vigorous exercise close to bedtime.

Gradually adjust bedtime

Adjust your child's bedtime and wake-up times about a week before school starts, shifting them earlier by 15 to 30 minutes each night until you reach the desired schedule. This gradual transition will help your child's body adjust to the new routine without feeling too abrupt.

Sticking to the same schedule on weekends is essential to maintain a consistent sleep pattern!

Limit screen time before bed

Encourage your child to power down electronic devices at least an hour before bedtime to reduce exposure to blue light, which can disrupt sleep patterns. If your child must use electronic devices before bedtime, consider using blue light filters or adjusting the brightness settings to reduce the impact on sleep.

Create a calming bedtime routine

Establish a consistent bedtime routine to signal your child that it's time to wind down and prepare for sleep. This includes activities like reading, bathing or listening to soft music. Try to create a relaxing environment in your child's bedroom by adjusting the lighting and temperature to promote better sleep.

These tips can help your child ease into a new sleep schedule and start the school year feeling well-rested and ready to learn.

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Wawota Heritage Day

Wawota Heritage Day was held on Saturday, August 2. It was a full day of events starting with a pancake breakfast and parade, followed by live music, a petting zoo, gymkhana, Little Buckers rodeo, food vendors, bouncers, mini golf, zorb ball, a magician, archery, a beef supper, cabaret and fireworks.

Angela Ulrich photos



Kids having a blast on the giant super waterslide.



Young sharpshooters at the archery booth.



Barbara Dennis won top honors for best fruit pie.



Oscar the unicorn was a fan favorite for young and old at the Saddle Ridge petting zoo.



Little Buckers Youth Gymkhana High point winners – Elliot Englot (left) with his horse Farrah won the 12 and under age division. Scarlett Englot (right) with her horse Peppy won the 8 and under division. The duo travelled from Candiac to compete and enjoy the day.



Danielle Frederickson, owner of Saddle Ridge petting zoo, brought even more smiles to children with providing pony rides.

Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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Parks and Recreation Omission/Apology

With Communities in Bloom Judges in town, the Parks and Rec Awards on and all the day-to-day stuff going on, I mis-spoke at our Parks and Rec Awards speeches.

In awarding Cooper Bratton the Athlete of the Year, I said he becomes the third Moosomin Minor Hockey Player to win the Telus Cup (mentioning Jason Miller and Dakota Boutin). Of course, he actually become the fourth Moosomin Minor Hockey Player as missed in that speech was Kyle Bochek.

Kyle was part of the 2018 ND Hounds. That 2018 Hounds team would defeat Cantonniers de MAGOG (Quebec entry) by a 5-1 score in the championship game to become the first AAA Midget team in Canada to win five TELUS Cup Championships.

My sincere apologies to Kyle. With all the buzz about the Fantastic 4, Moosomin now has their own Fantastic 4 who are all proud members of an elite group who have won TELUS Cups!

- Jason Miller: Tisdale Trojans
- Dakota Boutin: Prince Albert Mintos
- Kyle Bochek: Notre Dame Hounds
- Cooper Bratton: Regina Pat C's

Parks and Recreation Award Winners

I would like to offer one final congratulations to our 2025 Parks and Recreation Award winners. They truly are an outstanding group!

- Mayor's Award of Distinction - Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation: Lyla Smart - Communities in Bloom
- Mayor's Award of Distinction - Culture/Music and Performing Arts: Sherrie Meredith - Lifetime Achievement
- RM Award of Distinction - Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation: Carol Fawcett - Communities in Bloom
- Community Councilor's Achievement Award - Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation: Jasmine Davidson - Communities in Bloom
- Corporate Community Builder Award: Nutrien - Communities in Bloom
- Association / Individual / Team of the Year: Cooper Bratten - 2024/2025 TELUS Cup Champion
- Legends Award: Tara Billings (Smart)-Volleyball NCAA/Team Canada/Pro
- Youth Award of Excellence: Charlie Leslie - Youth Achievement

Communities in Bloom - Judges Visit

Another judges visit has come and gone. This is the first time we have been visited by national judges since the early 2000s!

On behalf of our Parks and Rec Department and Town of Moosomin, I would like to thank all the residents of Moosomin, Moosomin Regional Park, RM of Moosomin and Pipestone Hills Golf Club for having our entry look so amazing!

Every judges visit spurs new ideas . . . and we have a couple doozies!

Now we will wait a few weeks for the judges to give us their comments and suggestions. Fingers crossed we do well, but the big "win" is in having the area looking so perfect over the summer of 2025!

I am closing out this section with some parting comments by our judges: "We want to sincerely thank all of the staff, volunteers and communities for the warm welcome. We appreciate the generosity, the time you took to share information and the thoughtful tours that helped us learn about the great work you do. It was a pleasure to spend time with such a dedicated and passionate group of people."

"Thank you again for everything! See you in Stratford October 16-18 for the National Symposium!"

Larry & Christine

Moosomin Senior Rangers -2025/2026

The 2025/2026 season is right around the corner. If you are interested in any of the positions below, please contact Mike at 435-7578 or by email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net.

- Player
- Rangers Game Day Operations
- Rangers Alumni Club
- Rangers Booster Club

PJHL Steelhawks Player Applications

If you are interested in suiting up for the Steelhawks in their inaugural season, please go to their facebook page where you will find a form to fill in and submit. The Steelhawks are looking for players born in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007.

PJHL Steelhawks looking for part-time employers

PJHL's Moosomin Steelhawks are now looking for part-time work for rostered players for the 2025/2026 hockey season. If you would be interested in employing a Steelhawk part time you can find out more information by contacting Blake at 1-403-427-0134.

PJHL Steelhawks looking for billets

PJHL's Moosomin Steelhawks are now looking for billets for the 2025/2026 hockey season. If you would be interested in finding out more information, please contact Blake at 1-403-427-0134.

PJHL Steelhawks Schedule

The Steelhawks have announce their 2025/2026 schedule. Here is a look at their 21 home games at the Mike Schwean Arena:

October

Friday, Oct. 10 vs Assiniboia 8 pm
Saturday, Oct. 11 vs Fort Knox 8 pm
Friday, Oct. 17 vs Royals 8 pm
Saturday, Oct. 18 vs Quakers 8 pm
Friday, Oct. 24 vs Storm 8 pm
Saturday, Oct. 25 vs PA 8 pm
Friday, Oct. 31 vs CR 8 pm

November

Saturday, Nov. 1 vs Westleys 8 pm
Friday, Nov. 7 vs Fort 8 pm
Saturday, Nov. 8 vs Martinville 8 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 11 vs Foxes 8 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 19 vs Caps 8 pm

December

Friday, Dec. 5 vs Foxes 8 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 17 vs Storm 8 pm
Friday Dec. 19 vs Caps 8 pm

January

Friday, Jan. 16 vs Assiniboia 8 pm
Saturday, Jan. 17 vs Assiniboia 8 pm
Friday, Jan. 23 vs Storm 8 pm
Saturday, Jan. 24 vs Foxes 8 pm
Friday, Jan. 30 vs Fort 8 pm
February - Friday, Feb. 6 vs Caps 8 pm

Conexus Convention Centre open weekends

With around half the year left we still have some great weekend openings for weddings, anniversaries, cabarets, Christmas parties and more.

Here is a look at our remaining weekend schedule:

August 15-17	Booked - Wedding
August 22-24	Open
August 29-31	Open
September 5-7	Open
September 12-14	Open
September 19-21	Booked-MFRA Trade Show
September 26-28	Open
October 3-5	Open
October 10-12	Open
October 17-19	Open
October 24-26	Open
November 1	Open
November 7-9	Open
November 14-16	Open
November 21-23	Open
November 28-30	Booked - XMAS Party
December 5-7	Open
December 12-14	Open
December 19-21	Booked - Cabaret
December 26-28	Open

Moosomin Pickleball Club

Moosomin has formed a formal Pickleball Club registered with Pickleball Saskatchewan and Pickleball Canada. Membership will come with multiple benefits both locally and beyond. If you are interested in becoming a founding member of the club, please go onto the Sask Pickleball website and follow their registration instructions.

Cost to join from June to December is set at \$25. This includes fees to Pickleball Saskatchewan and Canada. Once registered, please give the Recreation Office a call at 435-3622 and let us know you have registered so we can get you included on the club group text.

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Residents can go online and book court time at moosomin.pickleplanner.com

Costs for court time include:

Pickleball Members	No charge
Non Members	\$10 per hour

Walk-ons can use the court at no cost, however booked times take priority and will bump walk-ons.

Pickleball Equipment

For those wanting to try out the game, we have great news for you as we have multiple racquets and balls for you to use at no cost at the Sports Equipment Library located by the courts.

Parks and Rec

Our Biggest Leisure Guide Ever!

Moosomin Parks and Recreation is undertaking the biggest Leisure Guide we have ever put together. Facilities, programs and contacts will headline the booklet along with wonderful pictures of all our community has to offer. Our booklet will focus on sport, culture and recreation with a strong pinch of heritage.

If you have a group or a facility you would like to see

included, please contact the Recreation Office.

This project has been made possible by grant funding from the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association.

Borderland Co-op Aquaplex season

Summer lovers beware . . . our swimming season is now down to a few weeks with our last day scheduled for Friday, August 22. Hope it is hot and sunny and everyone gets out and enjoys the pool for the tail end of the 2025 season!

2025 Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Registrations

Moosomin Parks and Recreation Department are still accepting lesson registrations. Here is the remaining summer set:

Public Set #6: August 11 to August 22

Disc Golf Clinic

We are excited to partner with Sask Disc Golf to design our 9-hole course at Bradley Park. At the same time, they will be putting on a "how to" clinic.

If you are interested in taking part in the clinic, please contact Mike at 435-7578.

Bradley Park Camping

Moosomin Parks and Rec have camping spots at Bradley Park. Campers have three options for locations:

- Bradley Park Main Parking Lot - Includes 30-amp individual power and Individual water
- Rodeo Parking Lot - Includes 20-amp community power and community water
- Generals Parking Lot - Includes 30-amp individual power and Individual water

To book or to check availability please log onto Let's Camp at letscomp.ca. Make sure you distinguish between Moosomin Regional Park and Town of Moosomin as we both use Let's Camp services.

Moosomin Visual Arts Centre

This is what is happening at the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre over the month of August. This is subject to updates as artists and classes come available. It's best if viewers keep an eye on the "Classes" page of the website (<https://www.moosominvac.com/>) for the most current information.

Monday, August 11 at 1 - 4 pm Kids' Summer Art Camp - Ages 6-8 with Claudia Griffin

Tuesday, August 12 at 9 am - 4 pm Kids' Summer Art Camp - Ages 6-8 with Claudia Griffin

Wednesday, August 13 at 7 - 4 pm Kids' Summer Art Camp - Ages 6-8 with Claudia Griffin

Thursday, August 14 at 9 am - 4 pm Kids' Summer Art Camp - Ages 6-8 with Claudia Griffin

Friday, August 15 at 9 am - 4 pm Kids' Summer Art Camp - Ages 6-8 with Claudia Griffin

Monday, August 18 at 1 - 4 pm Summer Pop-Up Art Class for Teenagers with Jim Borah

7 - 9 pm Open Studio

Wednesday, August 20 at 9 am - 12 pm Sewing Bee

Thursday, August 21 at 7 - 9 am Extreme Beginner Wheel Pottery with Kristin Foy

Friday, August 22 at 7 - 9 pm Crystal Journey Sonic Sound Concert with David Hickey

Sunday, August 24 at 1 - 5 pm Open Studio

Monday, August 25 at 1 - 4 pm Summer Pop-Up Art Class for Teenagers with Jim Borah

Tuesday, August 26 at 7 - 9 pm Moosomin and District Arts Council (MADAC) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

2026 Moosomin & Rocanville calendar

Submit your best local photos for the 2026 Moosomin and Rocanville Calendar! The theme is "Our Corner of the World," and we're looking for photos taken in Moosomin, Rocanville, or the surrounding RMs. Entries are open until October 31, 2025. Learn more and submit your photos online at www.moosomin.com/calendar-contest

Memorial Trees at the Labyrinth Park

If anyone is interested in planting a Memorial Tree at the Labyrinth Park we would love to hear from you! Please contact Carol at 434-8843.

Mike Schwean Arena Winter 2025/2026

Moosomin Parks and Recreation Department are currently accepting bookings for special winter events for the 2025/2026 season. For information or to book please contact Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Moosomin Senior Club 2025 programs

Moosomin Senior Club meet at the Sportsplex multiple times weekly for a wide range of activities from cards to bowling to shuffleboard and more!

If you would like more information on all their programs and services, please contact Orey at 435-6788.

Crops developing rapidly

Crops have rapidly developed due to warm temperatures and dry conditions in many areas across the province over the past week. Early seeded crops are nearing maturity in many areas, and rain would likely not benefit these crops at this stage. Producers are still hoping for rain to help with grain fill in later-seeded crops.

Isolated thunderstorms brought significant rainfall to some areas last week, while many areas had negligible precipitation. The Old Wives area received the most rainfall in the province with 132 millimetres (mm), followed closely by the Vanguard area with 119 mm and the Cadillac area with 95 mm. The Dollard and Neidpath areas also received significant rainfall with 74 mm and 72 mm, respectively.

Despite significant rainfall in a few ar-

reas of the province, dry conditions were widespread this week which caused overall topsoil moisture levels to fall from last week. Provincial topsoil moisture levels for cropland areas are five per cent surplus, 54 per cent adequate, 33 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Hayland topsoil moisture is four per cent surplus, 48 per cent adequate, 37 per cent short and 11 per cent very short. Pasture topsoil moisture is four per cent surplus, 52 per cent adequate, 32 per cent short and 12 per cent very short.

Crop development varies across the province. Rapid crop development due to limited moisture has resulted in a higher percentage of crops being ahead of normal stages than two weeks ago. Crops in areas that have received sufficient rain so far this year are generally at normal stages while moisture-stressed crops are

typically ahead of normal growth stages.

The dry conditions for much of the season in certain areas have led to some producers starting to harvest early seeded crops. Provincially, harvest is one per cent complete with most of this progress occurring in the southwest. Winter cereal crops are furthest ahead, with 13 per cent of winter wheat and seven per cent of fall rye harvested. Harvest has also started for pulse crops, and one per cent of lentils and peas have been combined so far. Although most producers in the province have not started harvesting, it is their primary focus as they are currently servicing equipment, hauling grain and cleaning bins to prepare.

Many pastures are in good to fair condition this year, but a notable portion are in poor condition due to limited precipitation in certain areas. Currently, six per

cent of pastures are in excellent condition, 36 per cent are good, 32 per cent are fair, 19 per cent are poor and eight per cent are in very poor condition.

Last week, minor crop damage was reported in areas experiencing hot temperatures paired with dry conditions. There were also reports of grasshoppers, wind and wildlife causing minor crop damage in certain areas.

As producers are preparing for and beginning harvest, there will be increased farm equipment traffic on public roadways. Drivers are reminded to exercise patience and caution when encountering large equipment on the road. Additionally, farm equipment operating in dry fields can present a fire risk. Producers are encouraged to take safety precautions to mitigate fire risk and ensure harvest efforts are conducted safely.

Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

"Small Town, Big Spirit" Weekly Challenge

This week's Communities in Bloom Challenge encourages you to clean up any garbage that may have blown into your yard. Together, we can make our town a beautiful place for both residents and visitors to enjoy!

Senior Housing Development Information Night

We are so excited to tell you about new rental homes for seniors coming soon to Rocanville!

Join us for a brief information session to hear the details and have your questions answered.

This night will include:

- 15-minute presentation
- Question period
- Meet the owners

When: Monday August 18, 2025
Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Rocanville Community Hall
(808 Francis Avenue)

Escape the Ordinary This Summer

Treat your guests – or yourself – to a relaxing and inspiring experience at Darsart Studio & Gallery. Just south of Rocanville! Step into a private creative oasis – a peaceful, inspiring space designed for you to unwind, create and connect with your imagination. You can explore:

Crafts, watercolour and acrylic painting, or stained glass. Whether you are a beginner or seasoned artist, there's something inspiring waiting for you! Let's bring your ideas to life!

Text or message Darlene at 306-434-8861 or find on Facebook "Darsart Rocanville"

Rocanville Minor Hockey

Mark your calendars! Rocanville Minor Hockey registration opens August 1. Any registrations after September 1st will be subject to late fees.

AGM will be held September 8 at 7 pm in the rec centre. Here's your chance to provide some input and help us grow minor hockey in town!

Youth Golf Tuesday's

Rocanville Town and Country Golf Course brings you Youth Golf on Tuesday's!

\$5 entry
August 5 – 1:30 pm
August 12, 19, 26, - 9:30 am
Shot gun start
Flights – 12 and over
12 and under

August 5th and 19th – 2-man scramble
August 12th and 26th – Individual score
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Haunted Museum Night

Dare to enter... if you're brave enough. Step into the shadows of the Rocanville Museum Friday, August 16 from 8 – 10 pm for a chilling night of exploring the grounds, local legends, and eerie encounters.

When: August 16
Time: 8 – 10 pm

Explore the dark corners of the museum after hours, where the past comes alive in the most haunting ways.

Mysterious sounds, eerie stories and ghostly surprises await. If you have any questions, email us @ staff.rocانvillemuseum@gmail.com. Come if you dare...

Bingo at the Museum

Join us for two exciting afternoons of bingo at the Rocanville Museum on:

August 19
From 1 – 3 pm

Enjoy some fun and good company in a unique and historic setting! Bring your lucky charm and join the fun! Everyone is welcome – bring a friend!

If you have any questions, email us @ staff.rocانvillemuseum@gmail.com

Rocanville Town and Country Golf Club

Men's Night – Every Monday!

Don't miss out – fun for everyone at the Rocanville Town and Country Golf Club!

Rocanville Library

Explore everything the library has to offer, from books and digital resources to hands-on programs for all ages!

Open Hours:

- Wednesday: 9 am – 12 pm & 1:30 – 5:30 pm
- Thursday & Friday: 1:30 – 5:30 pm

Programming Highlights:

- Mystery Book Reading Challenge – Month of August
- Outdoor Games Kit – Giant Tic Tac Toe & Dodgeball – Month of August

- Bingo Reading Challenge – Month of August
- Kids Tie-Dye Day – August 13 (during regular hours)
- Teen Tie-Dye Day – August 14 (during regular hours)
- Kids Craft – August 20 10 – 11:30 am
- Pancake Breakfast – August 27 10 – 11:30 am
- Board Game Night – August 29 7 pm

Did you know? We have a variety of board games available to borrow!

Do you have a hobby/skill you would like to share with the community? If so, reach out to Jeri to set up a program at the library!

Career Fair

Rocanville Economic Development would like to invite you to participate in our 1st local career fair!

When: October 15, 2025

Location: Rocanville Nutrien Community Hall

For more information email @ rocanville.rec@sasktel.net. Whether you are seeking a new job, exploring career changes, or looking to grow your network – this is the event for you!

Summer Program

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Group Walking

Lace up your runners, bring a friend and join us at the Rec Centre on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 for group walk. Everyone Welcome.

Puzzle Swap

Our puzzle shelf could use a little love! Have any puzzles you're ready to part with? Donate them to our puzzle swap! We would greatly appreciate it. The Rec Centre is open Monday – Thursday from 8 am – 3 pm for puzzles to be dropped off/ swapped out.

Pickle Ball

Tuesday nights from 7 – 9 pm at the Rocanville Rec Centre.
\$5/person

Rocanville Community Centre

Start Your Day with Coffee & Conversation
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Visitors with Joe and Pat Santer recently were Mark, Deannie, Jade Fowlie, Janelle, Sophie, Murphy, and Coady all of Airdrie, Alberta. On the long weekend Cruz Paterson friend Kyrena of Balgonie visited Cruz's grandparents Joe and Pat Santer.

Jason and Tricia Harper of Edmonton visited on the weekend with her parents Murray and Elaine Crump and took Kinley and Blake home after their visit with their grandparents.
Holly Taphome of Winnipeg, Manitoba

visited on the weekend with her mother Helen Stewart.

Tinika Bodenstaff of Regina was a recent visitor with her mother Audrey and brother Sandy.

Get well wishes to Margaret Karras, a patient in Moosomin hospital.

Orville and Phyllis Harper and Shiela Marsh were Brandon visitors on Monday.

Doug and Barb Cuthill went to Neepawa on Sunday to watch Will show his steer "Kid Rock" on the final day of the Manitoba Beef Round up.



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From left are Derek Ecklund, Brandon Hudym, and Nichole Kessel of Flatland Plumbing, and Terri Low and Ami Leduc of Playfair Daycare.

Dunk tank raises \$1,000 for Playfair Daycare

BY NICOLE TAYLOR
 During the August long weekend at Moosomin Regional Park, a dunk tank sponsored and operated by Flatland Plumbing and Heating raised \$1,000, which was donated to the construction of the new daycare in Moosomin.
 "I have been thinking about doing this for years, I thought it would be a cool idea to do some sort of charity at the fireworks competition," said Brandon Hudym.
 "We finally had the opportunity to do it this year. It was an opportunity for Flatland to get out there and show an emphasis on how we are trying to be more supportive towards the community."
 Hudym and his partner, Nichole Kessel, were a couple of the volunteers working the dunk tank at the park and said they saw over 300 people at the dunk tank.
 "Nichole used to be the director of the daycare in Whitewood," said Hudym.

"I have extensive knowledge from our supper-time conversations of the daycare system's desperate need for financial support. That was a big influence on our decision to donate to the new daycare.
 "I've had three boys go through the daycare system. They have always been huge supporters, even when I had personal things going on in my life, so I figured this would be a good place to put the money," said Hudym.
 Flatland rented the dunk tank from A1 Rentals in Brandon. "You can get it for a weekend. So we went to Brandon to pick it up. We were thinking about doing this again because apparently you can rent the tank for \$900 a month, maybe next year we could try and time it so that we hit a bunch of events. It would be an interesting opportunity, and a neat team-building exercise," said Hudym. "That is just an idea, it's not something we have committed to."

During the August long weekend, lake-goers could throw one ball for \$2, and for \$5 you could throw three balls. "We regulated it within reason," said Hudym, "like if there was a little kid that couldn't do much, we based it off of different things."
 Hudym and Kessel say that the community was very supportive and had a lot of fun with the dunk tank.
 "One gentleman gave us a \$100 bill and said, 'Just keep them coming 'til we get them knocked in the water,'" said Hudym. "There were a couple people showing up with handfuls of cash. The kids would want to go in, and they would go heckle their parents for cash. The next day, I could tell they were given a certain set

amount because then they would throw all day."
 "There was a couple groups that ended up donating over \$100 to dunk their boss," said Kessel. "My boss at Dancel and DJ let us use equipment so we put on some tunes, and used the microphone to get things going. Kyle Jeannot put us right beside the laundromat, so we had electricity and hose already hooked up and waiting for us," said Kessel.
 So far, Playfair Daycare has raised \$1.5 million for the construction of the second daycare building.
 "It is wonderful," said Terri Low with Playfair Daycare. "Every last donation we get is so much appreciated, we need it."

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Paige Allison and Westlyn Stevenson enjoying the races last Sunday at the Elkhorn Western Weekend.

Another great Elkhorn Western Weekend

BY ED JAMES

The 11th annual Elkhorn Elks Western weekend on the August long weekend was a winner with warm weather, lots of chariot and chuckwagon racking, and other events for all ages.

The three-day event saw racing teams from all over Western Canada and from U.S. states near the border. During all the races the bleachers were filled with spectators, and further along the fence line, half ton trucks were backed up to the rail with a few lawn chairs in the truck boxes for a better view.

As with all Western Weekend events, the bar and music tent area were always busy. There was also lots for the

children with large inflatable bounce castles, and and hot dogs and burgers available at the concession.

The weekend featured live music, with three different performers.

Throughout the weekend there were ongoing and spirited games of cornhole that kept a lot of people involved and amused as well as a number of softball games. During the chariot races or the chuckwagon races, the race announcer kept the crowd on their toes with his catch phrase "the wagons are flying with wheels of fire!"

The food service for the weekend at the race site was great with the new on-site kitchen facilities with a Saturday night special and a great cold plate ham supper that

included homemade pie for dessert.

"The Elkhorn Western Weekend was another great success," said Kevin Tutthill with the Elkhorn Elks. "We had 15 chuckwagon teams and 27 chariot teams running this weekend with the action on the track being first rate. The EDCC slow pitch tournament was down a bit in numbers, but a few of the games were close matches on the ball diamond, it was reported. The cornhole tournament had 24 teams enter."

"Since the inception of the Elkhorn Western Weekend led by the Elks Club, our goal has been to always to spread out the fundraising to as many community groups as possible and we believe that was achieved."



Racers in the fast paced chariot races.



A young cowboy hitches a ride on his dad's chariot rig after the race is over.



The chuck wagon races with their "wheels on fire" during the races.

Ed James photos



During the chariot races, speed and skill are all important and a good measure of luck!

Elkhorn Western Weekend



Elkhorn Elk's mascot Charlie greeting kids at the Elkhorn Western weekend.



Some children practicing the corn hole game.



The Fraggle Rock Band with Charlie at the Elkhorn Western Weekend.



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