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2021 summer events roundup

Events in Southeast Saskatchewan are back this summer, with organizers in various communities excited to once again be hosting rodeos, community days, parades and so on . . .

Following is a list of some of the events in Southeast Saskatchewan that are planned for this summer in different communities in the region:

Moosomin Reopening Celebration

Moosomin • July 17

Moosomin is looking forward to having some fun on Saturday, July 17 with three events that day: The Moosomin Chamber of Commerce parade in the morning at 10 am, the Moosomin Community Market starting at 11 am and running into the afternoon, and the Moosomin Bulls and Broncs event in the evening starting at 7 pm.

The theme of this year's parade is "Goodbye to Covid/Celebrate Reopening" and anyone and everyone is free to join in the parade to help celebrate a return to normalcy this summer!

The Moosomin Community Market runs every Saturday through the summers and will feature a number of local vendors that day.

And the Bulls and Broncs event will take the place of a full Moosomin rodeo this year with bull riding, saddle bronc and bareback riding, as well as beer gardens. The Moosomin Rodeo Committee is planning to be back with a full rodeo in 2022!

88th annual Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo Kennedy • July 24 & 25

This huge annual event, and one of the only pro rodeos in Saskatchewan, is back for the 88th year after being forced to cancel in 2020.

Organizers are excited to be back in action, and are planning to have as normal a rodeo as possible this year.

Because the Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo takes place a week after the Calgary Stampede, the Moose Mountain Rodeo receives many of the same competitors as the Stampede.

The weekend will include a parade on Kennedy's main street on the Saturday starting at noon, followed by a demolition derby and trade show that day. The rodeo will start at 5 pm Saturday.

On Sunday there will be a pancake breakfast from 9 am to noon at the Kennedy Friendship Centre, a cowboy church service at 9:30 am at the rodeo grounds, and the rodeo will start at 2 pm that day.

This exciting event features some of the best bull rid-



A saddle bronc rider at the Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo

ers and bronc riders in the world, so don't miss your chance to witness the action!

Manor Fun Daze Professional Bull Riding Manor • July 24

This annual event will be back for one day in July, and while it's scaled down from years past, the big ticket item—professional bull riding—is a go this year!

The grounds will open at 3 pm. There will be a beef supper from 4-6 pm that day, and beer gardens starting at 4 pm.

The bull riding starts at 6:30 pm.

Spy Hill Sports Days Spy Hill • August 14 & 15

The big draw at Spy Hill Sports Days has always been the chariot and chuckwagon races, and organizers are hoping that they will be able to bring the races back to town this year.

President of the Spy Hill Community Club Jeff Odgers says that the club is planning Sports Days for August.

"We are going to go ahead with the Sports Days rodeo on August 14 and 15. We're going to have a slow-pitch tournament, a tractor pull, a kids rodeo, team roping, and the chuckwagon and chariot races are not ruled out either," Odgers said.

"We're really excited with the community to get going. This is one of the longest-running sports days and rodeos in all of Saskatchewan and we're excited to keep this going and be a part of it."



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Moosomin Regional Park prepares for a busy year

Moosomin Regional Park is gearing up for another busy year.

In 2020 when Covid restrictions began to affect travel, many across the country looked for creative and local ways to enjoy the summer. Because of this, parks saw an increase in bookings and use.

Park Manager at the Moosomin Regional Park Wayne Beckett says this year has already proven to be busier than last, which was busier than the average year before.

"We're considerably ahead of last year's schedule as far as the number of bookings and the length of those bookings. It looks to be another busy season for sure, and that's just following Covid last year. People did more camping because they didn't have many other options and some people bought campers for the first time and used them, and now they're using them again this year," Beckett said.

He explained that last year there were Covid restrictions in place that impacted campers that have since lifted which he attributes to an even busier 2021 season.

"Last year when Covid hit there were a lot of restrictions with spacing between campers and playgrounds weren't open and none of the facilities were available to the public. So it was very restricted when it came to anything to do other than camping. So far this year we have no restric-



The beach on Moosomin Lake in Moosomin Regional Park.

tions like that. As far as the washrooms and the playgrounds and laundromats, everything is open.

"It looks like it's going to be busier, so that's pretty nice. I'm thinking it will be a good year. Just looking at the booking program here I'm guessing we're up about 20 per cent from last year, and last year was the busiest year we've seen in a while."

Beckett notes that while the annual fireworks show was cancelled this year, with all restrictions set to lift on July 11, the park is still looking at having some kind

of event or events.

"We have a pretty nice stage area set up here and whether we host a band or a series of bands or something, I think we will try and do something," he says.

Beckett says that the park is also working on establishing eight 50 amp sites for larger campers that will be made available by July 1.

"One thing we're working on this year is we're designing some 50 amp full-service sites, which is something the public has been asking about over the years. It's becoming more and more of a question that people want to know about if they're traveling through the area with big motorhomes or big campers. They want more power than our regular 30 amp sites and they want full service," said Beckett.

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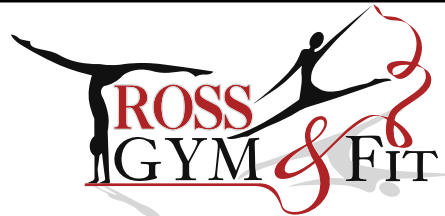
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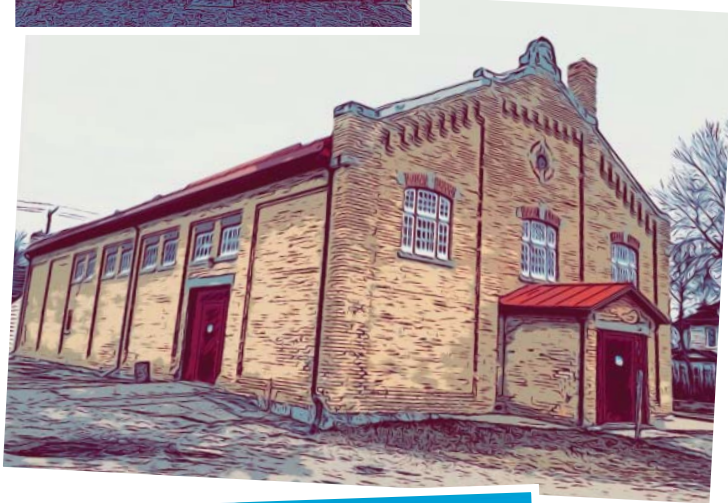
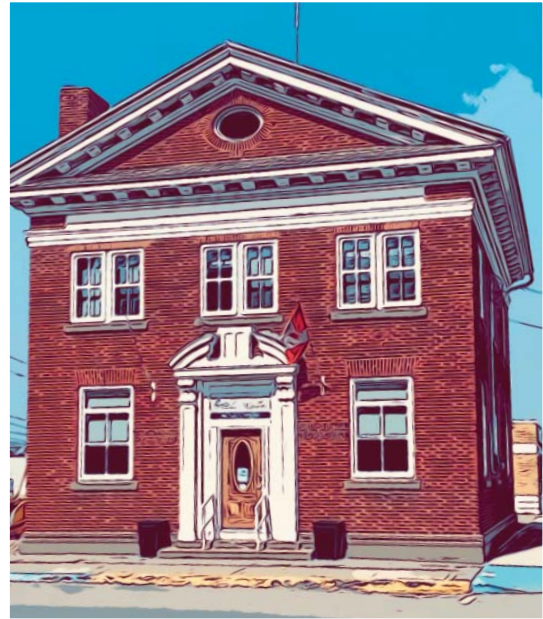
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Left: The McNaughton store. **Right:** The Moosomin grain elevator. **Below left:** The cenotaph and one of the metal fence posts with a painted poppy. **Below right:** Bethel United Church



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A couple of aerial views of Moosomin, Saskatchewan. At right is a view of the hotels and restaurants that have sprung up along Lake Avenue facing the Trans-Canada Highway in the last few years.



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These aerial photos show Moosomin Regional Park and Moosomin Lake from a different perspective



Above: The beach and the boardwalk from above

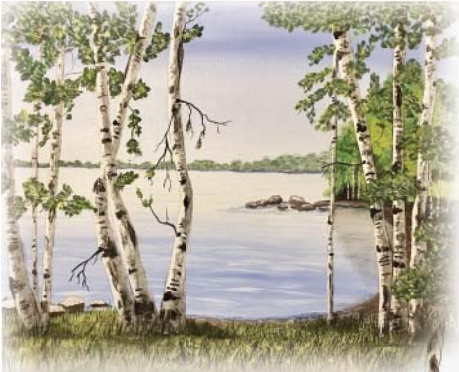


Above: The entire lake and park.
Right: The Circle from the air.



Above: An aerial view showing the beach and Moosomin Lake over to the dam.

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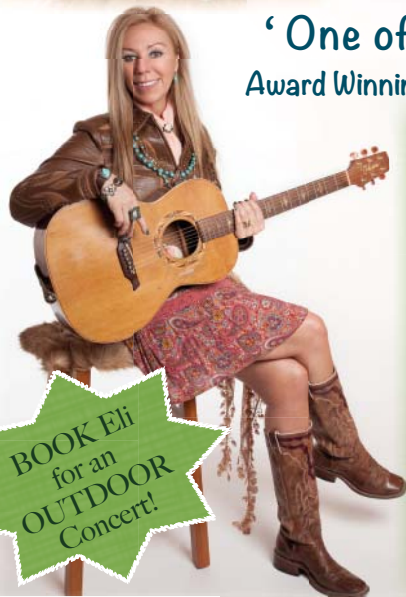


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Here is a list of events planned with major events virtually every

weekend:

2021 Mini British Open
July 16-17

Masters Provincial Baseball
July 23, 24, 25

Friday Night Slo Pitch Windup
July 23, 25

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July 24

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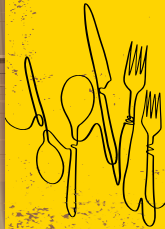
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The Moosomin Museum is a perfect space for any history buff to check out a few of the historic items of southeast Saskatchewan.

The museum is located just off Park Avenue in Moosomin—stop in for a trip to the past!

The museum features history from Moosomin and the surrounding area with two old churches, antique automobiles, and a shop with vintage artifacts to display.

According to Museum President Dennis Barry, "The artifacts range from old farm equipment to furniture originally built in Moosomin, and various others."

In addition to the collection of quality vintage vehicles, there is also an array of old farming machinery—including tractors and combines.

A highlight of the museum's collection is the restored Fundge Snowplane.

Snowplanes were built to glide over the snow, powered by a rear propeller. Two of the major snow plane manufacturers in North America were at Moosomin and Spy Hill. The Fudge snow plane, started by Robert Fudge, was made in Moosomin in a factory at the corner of Main and Broadway. Lorch snow planes, named after Karl Lorch, were made in Spy Hill.

The snowplanes were a popular mode of winter trans-



portation when it was more difficult to clear roads in winter.

Inside the museum, you can check out many historical relics including photos, Second World War gear, classic books, hospital equipment, military items, and uniforms.

All items have been donated by members of the community.

The museum is open Wednesday to Sunday afternoons from 1-5 pm in July and August.

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A labyrinth was built in Moosomin in June. The labyrinth is next to Moosomin's new Community Garden and can be accessed through the South Cemetery. Carol Adair and Rev. Carolyn Woodall did a lot of work on the labyrinth. Acting Town Foreman Mike Stein helped place the large rocks. Dana Crosson of West Wind Greenhouse volunteered to do some planting around the large rock at the entrance to the labyrinth. The labyrinth is free for anyone to use. It is a public space that can be used for prayer, meditation and thought as you walk the path the center.

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Other events planned for Moosomin

Along with all of the events planned for Bradley Park this summer (see page 17 for that listing), there are a number of other events taking place in the Moosomin are this summer!

Here are some of the other events planned for the town for the summer of 2021:

Moosomin Reopening Celebration - July 17

Moosomin is looking forward to having some fun on Saturday, July 17 with three events that day: The Moosomin Chamber of Commerce parade in the morning at 10 am, the Moosomin Community Market starting at 11 am and running into the afternoon, and the Moosomin Bulls and Broncs event in the evening starting at 7 pm. The Bulls and Broncs event will include saddle bronc and bareback riding, as well as beer gardens.

Moosomin Lake Events August Long Weekend

While the Living Skies come Alive fireworks have been cancelled this year, the Moosomin

Lake is still planning to have a celebration on the August long weekend that will include live music as well as other events. Watch for details!

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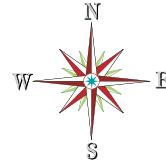
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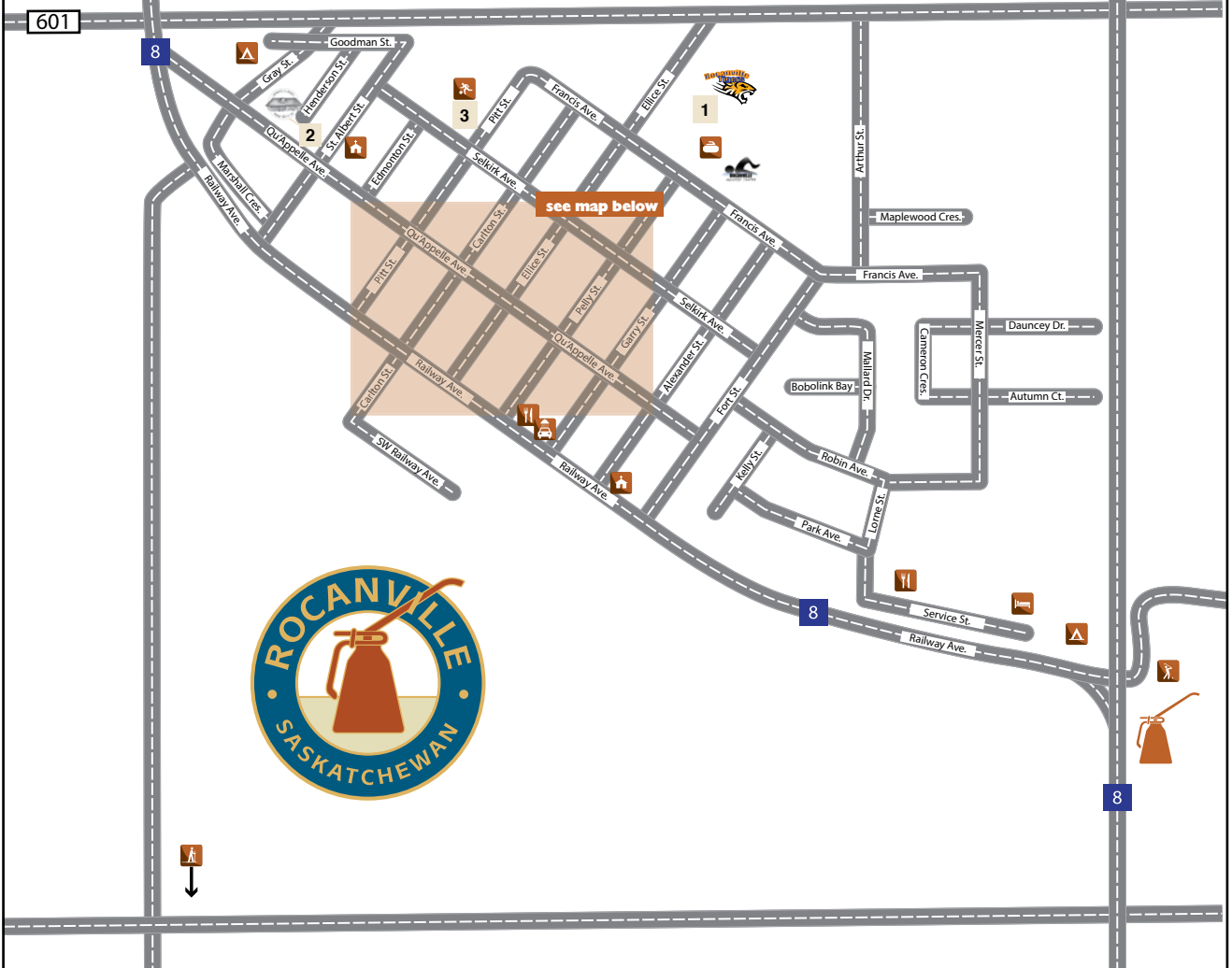


Welcome to Rocanville



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- 1) Rocanville Skating Rink
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- 2) Rocanville & District Museum
- 3) Wilkie Field
- 4) Valley RV Park

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The Rocanville swimming pool is a big part of the community and the only public indoor pool in the area. The indoor heated pool is 25m x 12m with two diving boards (3m and 1m). A new pool lift provides barrier free access to pool for those with joint and mobility problems. There are a wide range of programs available at the pool and this year the town is looking forward to major upgrades at the facility after receiving a \$1.27 million grant for the pool. More information can be found online at <https://www.rocanville.ca/aquatic-centre.php> or on the Rocanville Aquatic Centre Facebook page.

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Fort Esperance is located on
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Fort Esperance was a
fur trade post established
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Visit www.rocanville.ca for more information!

Welwyn Centennial Regional Park anticipates a busy summer

The Welwyn Centennial Regional Park opened for registration in early May and is already nearly booked full.

Caretaker Orville Harper says he is expecting this year to be as busy as last year was.

"I think we'll have another busy year again. We had a busy year last year with the whole Covid thing and I think we'll be just as busy this year. We're already three-quarters full already on our electrical side. We will be filled up over the weekends," said Harper.

"We were really busy last year. We were pretty well full right through the camping season. The camping season started on June 1 last year, that's what the provincial government had said we could do, and from then on we were right full. Even in September people were still camping."

Harper says that he has been camping in the park for many years but has seen an increase in campers through the ongoing pandemic.

He says that in 2020, more people turned to camping in the face of restrictions that prevented travel.

"It's been quite busy. I think more people have got campers and I think they want to camp with them. I've been camping down at the Welwyn lake for about 40 years and there are always lots of people camping, but I think there's been a few more now."

He says in 2020, the Welwyn Centennial Regional Park was not affected by the restrictions due to the large sites the park offers, which allowed for adequate distance from other campers.

"We have large campsites, they're 40 feet wide, some campgrounds your awning is nearly touching the other guy's camper, but here you don't need to worry about that. We're well spaced apart and we're pretty lucky there," said Harper.

Harper says he is looking forward to the rest of the season and remains excited for a busy summer.



The Beach at Welwyn Lake during swimming lessons.

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Walk through history at Rocanville Museum

For those interested in prairie history, you won't be disappointed with a stop at the Rocanville and District Museum. This large agricultural museum boasts an extensive collection of gas and steam engines, a restored CPR station, a school building, general store, an old church, and antique farm machinery and tools.

The museum also sells the famous Symons Oilers as souvenirs. Based out of his machine shop in Rocanville, Ernie Symons sold his oilcan, the Symons Oiler, throughout North America and around the world. Starting with his first 24 oilcans in 1924, production reached its peak during the Second World War. In 1943, Symons delivered 65,000 of his oilers to the Department of Defense for use on military vehicles, including ships, planes, and submarines. With 32 workers on the job that summer, he usually had orders for 50,000 to 60,000 units to be filled.

Symons then spent \$500 securing patents in Canada, the United States, Great Britain, and France. Containers of different sizes with different features were added in later years. With its "wire fence" handle and trademark design, Symons developed an oilcan that is still considered the standard by many today.

On display at the museum are steam engines, threshing machines, stoves, washing machines, grain mills, chinaware, small personal items, household items, tools, switchboards, First Nations artifacts, military items, school desks, and many other items of former years.

There are all sorts of interesting displays at the Rocanville Museum, including a display from when the Kraft Celebration Tour came to Rocanville, and a display dedicated to the time that Rocanville Museum participated in the world record breaking Harvest for Hunger in Langen-



The threshing demonstration at Rocanville Museum Day.

burg.

The old school at the museum has also been modified and turned into an active and historical kids' area with lots of fun stuff for kids to do.

Rocanville Museum also hosts a Museum Day every year to help with finances in September. The day starts with a pancake breakfast and ends with a barbecue beef supper. Demonstrations of pioneer life will be held throughout the day, and there will be entertainment and a threshing demonstration in the afternoon.

The Rocanville Museum is open in July and August from Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and on Sunday from 1 pm to 7 pm.



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Esterhazy has lots to offer!

Esterhazy is a beautiful and bustling town located on Highway 22. From its diverse business sector to numerous local attractions, Esterhazy is a town with a lot to do over the summer months, or all year round!

Some of the major attractions in Esterhazy include a golf course, regional park and campground, pool, potash interpretive centre, walking trails, museum, historic flour mill, and Kaposvar historical site.

There is also a farmers market every Friday on the south side of Highway 22.

Both the golf course and walking trails run through the valley on the north side of Esterhazy, making them scenic and enjoyable and the campground at the regional park is located right between the pool and the golf course, so it's in the perfect spot!

The town also has a new dog park located right along Highway 22 and next to the historical park. There are benches to sit on and trees for shade. The park has an area for smaller or timid dogs and an area for dogs that like to play and roughhouse, with separate entrances for both kinds of dogs.

The town has been putting a big focus on beautification lately, especially at their historical park. The park features lots of flowers and trees as well as a beautiful walking trail, and the town has been beautifying its main street as well.



The Esterhazy Historical Park, including the museum and flour mill (in back).

Some of the attractions that Esterhazy offers include:

ESTERHAZY WALKING TRAIL

The Esterhazy Regional Park took ownership of a trail which was a collection of old roads and bridges and paths cobbled together to form a loop around the Esterhazy Golf Course. The Park board decided to try and revive the trail and used the services of a professional trail builder to do so.

ESTERHAZY FLOUR MILL

This is the only fully equipped flour mill remaining in Saskatchewan that combines an elevator and a mill. Designated as a provincial heritage property in 2005, it also joined the family of national historic sites in 2007 with

its designation as a National Historic Site of Canada. A major project to restore the siding on the flour mill is underway this summer.

KAPOSVAR HISTORICAL SITE

Kaposvar, one of the first Hungarian settlements in Western Canada, was established in 1886. Kaposvar Historical Society preserves, restores and maintains the Kaposvar Historic Site.

ESTERHAZY MUSEUM

The museum houses the tourism office for the area and is involved with town promotions. Tours are offered. There are also seasonal and specialty displays to compliment local interest and activities.

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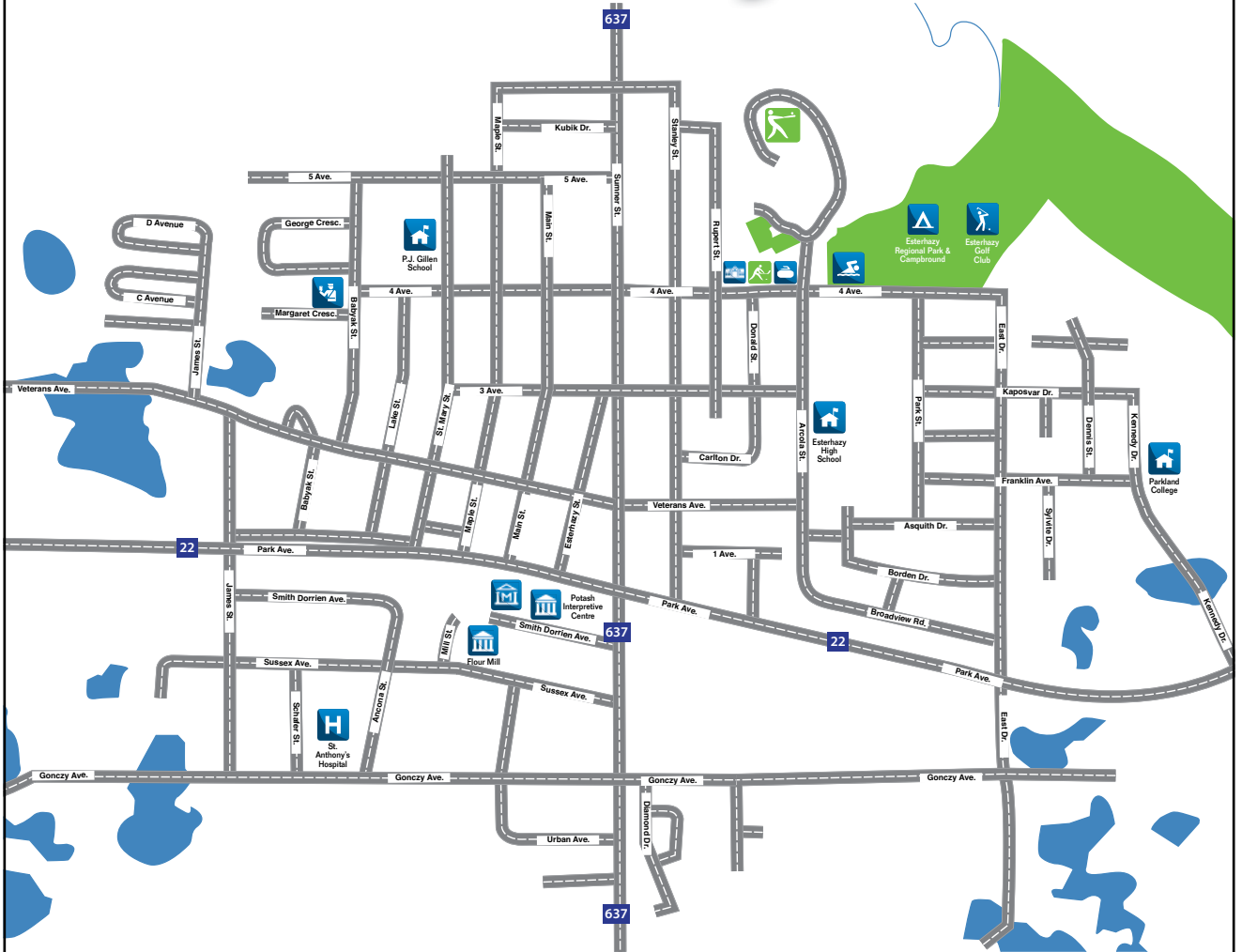
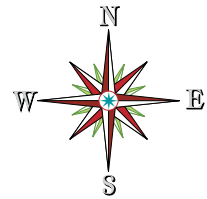
The Saskatchewan Potash Interpretive Centre offers visitors an opportunity to learn the unique history of development—how potash is mined and refined, the uses and contribution of this important mineral. To arrange a tour or for more information, please phone the Visitor Information Centre 306-745-5406 (May to September) or the Town Office 306-745-3942 (October to April) or email town.es-terhazy@sasktel.net

Tourist information may be found at The Visitors Information Centre, located in the Historical Park on Highway 22. There you will also find The Saskatchewan Potash Interpretive Centre, Museum and Flour Mill.

















The Esterhazy golf course winds through the valley on the north side of town and is connected to Esterhazy Regional Park.

Welcome to Esterhazy



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-  Parks/Recreation Areas
-  Baseball Diamond
-  Hockey Rink
-  Curling Rink
-  Swimming Pool
-  Campground
-  Golf Course
-  School
-  RCMP
-  Hospital
-  S.N. Boreen Community Centre
-  Community Museum
-  Potash Interpretive Centre
-  Flour Mill





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Restoration under way on flour mill

Work was under way in June on re-siding the Esterhazy Flour Mill. The Esterhazy Flour Mill was built by James Saunders from 1904 to 1907. There were many hold-ups in the construction of the Esterhazy Flour Mill due to delivery delays for materials, and milling began on June 18, 1907. Saunders, from Whitewood, was a small operator who serviced consumers in the area that surrounded his mills, and sold surplus flour for export. Renovations on the historic building began Monday, May 17. Some wood under the original siding had to be replaced early in the restoration. The Town of Esterhazy received two grants, in the amounts of \$100,000 and \$49,000, to re-side the Flour Mill. The flour mill is a provincial and national historic site, and can be found in Esterhazy's historical park along with the town's museum and potash interpretive centre.

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Curling Rink



Swimming Pool



Campground



Historical Museum



School



Health Centre



Heritage Centre



Town of Whitewood





The inside of Old George's Museum.

Old George's Museum full of treasures

Old George's Museum and Hidden Village is owned by George Chopping and is located on the outskirts of Whitewood, just off Highway 1. It all started in 1984 when Chopping bought an old house that he thought would be perfect for a museum. The house became known as Old George's.

Chopping put a lot of work into making Old George's what it is today. The house, which has 17 rooms and four fireplaces, is also his home. The rooms, from the basement to the attic, are comprised of intricate displays of nearly every antique you can imagine.

"Eighty per cent of the items are from Saskatchewan, 15 per cent are from Manitoba, and five per cent are from Alberta. A few other things are from B.C., the Harbour in Toronto, and other travels I have been on," said Chopping.

His oldest item is a 1636 land title deed from England.

"I have a passion for learning about their history, and sharing that knowledge with people who come here," he said. "I also like to show off what I have. We're all big kids, but not everyone wants to admit that."

Nestled behind the house, there is also a 'hidden village' comprised of 30 buildings, including a chapel, saloon, blacksmith shop, Chinese laundromat, a clothing store and much more. There is also a stage people can perform on.

Chopping says he has had guests from across North America, as well as overseas.



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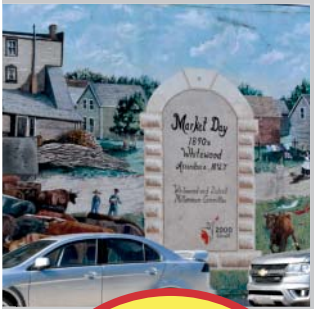
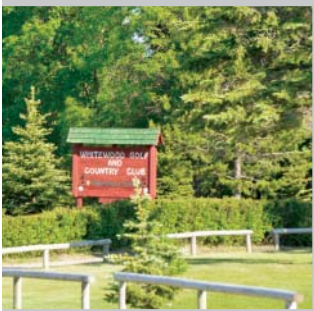
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Located at the crossroads of Highways 1 & 9 in south-eastern Saskatchewan, Whitewood is close to Round Lake in the Qu'Appelle Valley (to the north) and Kenosee Lake and Moose Mountain Provincial Park (to the south). Whitewood proudly boasts a modern campground, a swimming pool and a splash park, and a second-to-none nine-hole grass green golf course. The pool structure underwent extensive updates in 2020 and is ready for the new season. A list of attractions in Whitewood includes:

Larson Park

Larson Park is home to the swimming pool, a splash park, newly renovated ball diamonds, modern campground, kiddies' playground, and picnic area. The golf club boasts a challenging (and immensely enjoyable) nine-hole layout well known locally for its high quality greens. Flat and easy to walk, the course has fairways of average width that are bordered by thick growths of trees and affects a player's strategy on the most difficult hole—the par four 9th.

Walking Trails

Brand new in 2020, the walking trails of Whitewood can be accessed from the Flag Garden on the north end of main street (Lalonde). Get ready for a relaxing little trek alongside the dog park, the golf course and ball diamonds of Whitewood.

Dog Park

Also new in 2020, Whitewood now boasts a large free run dog park. Access to the dog park is also at the Flag Garden on main street (Lalonde).

Millennium Mural

No stop in Whitewood would be complete without seeing our murals, including the Millennium Mural painted on the side of Whitewood Outdoor & Pet Supply store in downtown Whitewood. Local artists have also painted large-scale murals on the side of the former Mon Sherry's Haircare building right near the Co-op grocery store. Another mural is located on the north side of the present Mon Sherry's/Frier's Ag Building right against the gardens ad-



acent to the Heritage Building.

Heritage Centre, Archive Building & Historical Library

Whitewood is home to the award-winning Merchant's Bank Heritage Centre in historical downtown Whitewood. The reclaimed building houses an interpretive display featuring the story of the French Counts of St. Hubert. The centre is open by appointment only. Contact the Town Office at (306) 735-2210. The Archive Building and Historical Library is located at 503 3rd Ave. and is housed in an old restored Methodist church. It is open by appointment only. Contact the Town Office at (306) 735-2210.

Heritage Walking Tour

What better way to explore Whitewood than at your own pace, assisted by the award winning Heritage Walking Tour Guide, where you'll see Whitewood's historical buildings. Stop by the Town Office or Whitewood Museum for a copy of the guide.

Flag Garden

Located at the north end of Lalonde St., the flag garden is comprised of 14 flags standing amidst a beautiful flower garden. The flags represent the ethnic diversity of this area. It's a great place to take a few snapshots, as well as have a picnic.

Museum/Tourist Booth

Whitewood's Historical Museum also houses the Tourist Information Booth and is located at 603 North Railway. Open from mid-May to early September, it features a rural school and an agriculture building. Visitors will find historical information about the early settlers and artifacts from the people of Whitewood area.

Old George's

Whitewood is home to Old George's Museum and Hidden Village with its 1900 period home filled with antiques. Old Geo's is located along the Trans-Canada Highway at Whitewood.

Whitewood Chacachas Rodeo

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About 25 kilometres north of Moosomin on Highway 8, the Rocanville Town and Country Golf Club hosts open fairways and large grass greens for a nine-hole, 3,046-yard, par 35 outing. For more information or to book a tee time, phone 306-645-2640.

Wapella, just west of Moosomin, has a nine-hole, sand green course. Contact the town at 306-532-4343 for more information.

Only a 40-minute drive south of Moosomin, the Redvers & District Golf and Country Club welcomes golfers with a beautifully redone clubhouse. Contact (306) 452-3345 for more information.

The Carlton Trail Regional Park golf course is located about 40 kilometres north of Rocanville on Highway 8. Carlton Trail has nine holes on rolling terrain with PGA style grass greens, and is located within the beautiful park which features bird-watching, nature trails, fishing, and swimming. Call 306-534-4724 for more information.

Esterhazy Golf and Country Club is a nine-hole golf course located on the northeast side of the town of Esterhazy. The course features a clubhouse with a great restaurant and reasonably priced golf cart rentals.

To the south, golfers are just an hour away from the Golf Kenosee in the Moose Mountain Provincial Park. Sitting in a 40,000 hectare park on the highest plateau in the southeast, Golf Kenosee is nestled in a forest of poplar, ash, fir, and white birch in Moose Mountain Provincial Park.

White Bear Golf Course is nearby. When you “Challenge the Bear,” you play one of the top-rated courses in Saskatchewan in the scenic Moose Mountains near Carlyle. The 18-hole championship track is famous for its white silica sand—trucked in from Golden, B.C.—and its white birch forest. This soft spike course opened in 1985 and is part of White Bear Lake Resort located near the



The Pipestone Hills Golf Club by Moosomin is built on the hills of the Pipestone Valley with a view of Moosomin Lake.

shores of White Bear Lake.

Both courses are accessible from Moosomin by going south on Highway 8 to Highway 48. Turn west and travel through Wawota to Highway 9 and turn south.

Further east, enjoy a round at Oak Lake Island Resort's 18-hole championship golf course, or head north to charming Sandy Lake for nine holes in the morning, followed up by nine holes in the afternoon on the rolling greens at Elkhorn Resort at Clear Lake.

Well known for its high quality grass greens, White-wood Golf and Country Club offers a challenging and enjoyable experience that even the most avid golfer will enjoy. A thick growth of trees lining most fairways and strategically placed water hazards add to the challenge of this nine hole course.

The Virden Wellview Golf Club was established in 1892, making it Manitoba's oldest active golf club.

The Pleasant Valley Golf Club, nestled in the Pembina Valley near Pelican Lake, is an 18-hole championship course that offers elevations rising up to 125 feet. This course is proud of its rolling greens, tree lined fairways, and winding creek!

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The Kenosee Superslides are one of the major attractions in the Moose Mountain area.

Moose Mountains made for summer fun

Trees, hills, lakes, hiking trails, campsites, golf courses, restaurants, a casino, and a large waterslide complex—these are just a few of the attractions that draw visitors from a wide area to the Moose Mountains.

Moose Mountain Provincial Park, the resort village of Kenosee Lake, and White Bear Lake on White Bear First Nation provide the perfect destination for a summer get-away.

Located less than an hour southwest of Moosomin on Highway 9, the area is an easy drive for a day trip or a weekend.

The area includes: Two excellent 18-hole golf courses, riding stables, a mini-golf facility, a casino with high calibre entertainment, cabarets and bars, a year-round luxury resort, restaurants, a large waterslide complex, and tennis courts.

Of course, camping, hiking, and fishing are a given at any provincial park, and Moose Mountain is no exception.

There are a number of events offered in the park during the summer. The events are primarily held for school groups during May and June, and once the tourism season begins in July and August, events are held every day for park visitors.

Some of the student and youth activities include camping, geocaching, orienteering, hiking, and pond studies.

Some of the activities held at the park during the summer include canoeing, kayaking, and hiking. There is also a solar oven in the park which is used for baking as well as kids' crafts.

The artists' colony at Moose Mountain Provincial Park features well-known artists showing their work, restaurants and bars like the Moosehead and the Bar Bar are



The beach at Kenosee Lake

well worth a visit, and the Red Market Barn just north of Kenosee attracts huge crowds for Sunday markets all summer.

One of the largest draws to the White Bear First Nation is the Bear Claw Casino, which features regular entertainment, however White Bear also offers cabins, a beach and a lake for tourists who want to make it a vacation destination, as well as a recently renovated hotel at the casino.

Need to keep the kids busy? There is plenty for children to do in the Moose Mountain area. The Kenosee Superslides offer a full water park with everything from kiddie slides to a free-fall plunge. The Superslides are easily a place where you can spend all day long playing in the bright sun and cool water.

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The Redvers Log Cabin Tourist Booth and Campground is open seven days a week until the September long weekend. The tourist booth and campground are located on Highway 13 beside the landmark statue of the Red Coat Mountie on his horse. The log cabin is famous for its home-made Saskatoon pie and ice cream! Enjoy a slice of pie while you visit, or take a whole pie home with you! The small gift shop previews local crafts and Saskatchewan souvenirs.

At campground travelers can enjoy clean washroom and shower facilities and have access to onsite internet communication services. Both serviced and non serviced sites are available. A secluded picnic area is available for large gatherings, with a playground and shelter close by.

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The pool, above, and saskatoon pie served at the tourist booth, below left!





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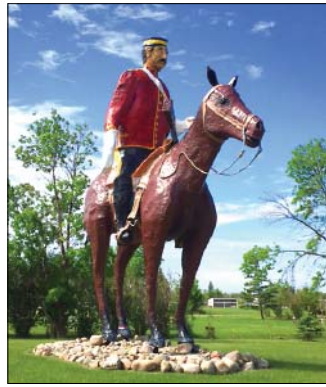
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The Red Coat Mountie on his horse, left, and a ball game at the Redvers ball diamonds.

Redvers welcomes visitors!

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Starting in July, there will also be farmers markets held at the campground on Wednesday afternoons! For reservations or more information contact 306-452-3276.

The Redvers Golf and Country Club is open until October and boasts a modern clubhouse as well as ir-

rigated grass greens.

The Redvers Swimming Pool underwent a significant upgrade in 2019. The pool is now equipped with zero entry and a splash park area.

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Left: Beautiful Bekevar Church located 8 miles south of Kipling. The design of the church was inspired by the twin-spired church in Debrecen, Hungary.

Below left: Parents and tots at the Kipling pool.

Below: The famous Guinness World Record world's largest paperclip.



Kipling worth exploring this summer!

Driving by, Kipling may appear to be just another small town in Saskatchewan. However, if you take the time to tour around you will see that it has many of the amenities that you would find in a larger center, but with the small-town advantage!

During the summer months, residents enjoy watching ball games, going for a dip in the pool that is located next to the campgrounds, a soak in the hot tub after a workout at the local gym, or an afternoon of golf at the town's nine-hole grass green course.

Visitors can have their picture taken in front of the Guinness World Records "World's Largest Paperclip" located in the beautiful Bell Park or take in the mural by Janet Blackstock located on the side of Balfour Drugs on the corner of 6th Ave and Main Street. They can also visit the famous paperclip house at 503 Main Street, now a restaurant and known as The Paperclip Cottage. Afterwards, take a stroll on the town's Heritage Walking Tour or visit the museum grounds and take a short trip out to view the century-old fully restored Bekevar Church.

The twin-spired church in Debrecen, Hungary, influenced the design of the Bekevar Presbyterian Church, lo-

cated eight miles southeast of Kipling. The church was the cultural center of the Hungarian community for many years. The church is still used for special occasions. Guided tours are available throughout the summer months.

For more on what to do in the Kipling area this summer visit the town's website at townofkipling.ca

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We know this much is true; if physical distancing is our new reality, what better place to visit than a small city with loads of outdoor activities and parks. Weyburn stands out in this regard, so those who are looking for a fun getaway this summer should visit this welcoming and beautiful place. This is your personal invitation to #ExploreWeyburn, to learn about our rich history and experience our beautiful parks and trails, all while keeping you and your family safe.

Weyburn has many amenities for visitors to enjoy. We were named the Best Place to Live on the Prairies by McLean's Magazine for three years in a row due to our high quality of life, low crime rate and numerous amenities for a community of our size. Our restaurants and local businesses are doing their part to create safe spaces and are eager to serve you in the hospitable fashion that is the "norm." Take a glance at our dining guide on our Tourism Weyburn website to get a feel for the delicious variety of options ranging from quaint cafes to upscale full-service restaurants. In addition, our accommodations guide allows you to navigate the perfect spot for your overnight stay.

Missing that shopping experience? Many of Weyburn's unique shops offer one of a kind items that you will be excited to bring home. Our local stores give you the variety and customer service that the online space lacks. Take a walk within our beautiful downtown where you will be greeted by welcome signs on their door.

Fill your soul with fresh air within Weyburn's numerous parks and green spaces. The "gem" of our community, centrally located within the city, is Jubilee park. This park boasts acres of pristine space where you can perfect your "social distancing." Jubilee park is located adjacent to a new future elementary school and recreation and culture centre currently under construction and set to open in the fall of 2021. In addition to Jubilee park, Riverside campground and park is worth checking out. Sites are currently available for booking within this full-service campground, which is easily accessible from Highways 39 and 35.

Physical activity is so important to the health of the



community and Weyburn ranks atop the best in our fully accessible walking path system that boasts nearly 10 km of connecting pathways. Weyburn's picturesque Tatagwa trail system and parks are an ideal place to walk your dog, go for a run, ride your bike, or boost your happiness by simply observing nature's beauty. Tatagwa Parkway consists of two areas—the Signal Hill Nature Habitat and the Red Coat Nature Habitat, which are protected from vehicle traffic. Picnic tables and park benches are placed throughout the parkway.

Take a walk back through time and enjoy the history of Weyburn virtually on our Crocus Tour. This newly launched, app driven audio tour enables the history of Weyburn to come to life. Walk, run, drive or bike the short 5 km route and learn everything you wanted to know about the rich history of our community in a narrated format. This is a perfect safe activity to enjoy with family members of all ages.

Looking for a short road trip outside Weyburn's city limits? There are numerous exciting stops to make. Book a tee time at the Weyburn Golf Course and enjoy a round of golf on the course that is the home of Graham Delaet. Venture to Nickle Lake Regional park, where it's like arriving at an oasis in the middle of the Saskatchewan Prairie. Take a quick drive to Mainprize Regional Park, known for its unique link-style golf course and prize wall-eye catches. This list could go on and on.

As you plan your Staycation this summer, make sure to plan ahead by visiting our website at www.weyburn-tourism.com where our digital Tourism Guide is located. Put a visit to Weyburn and area at the top of your list this summer and stay safe!



Experience Estevan this summer!

There's no shortage of things to do in the Estevan area, which is home to some great fishing, a beautiful regional park, great golf, and much more! The city invites visitors to experience some of these great amenities on offer over the summer months.

"One of the most unique experiences in Estevan is largemouth bass fishing," says Rebecca Westling, Destination, Marketing and Communications Consultant. "We are the only place in Saskatchewan where a person can come and fish for largemouth bass. The reason is because the Boundary Dam Reservoir does not freeze over and it makes it a great habitat for the bass." Westling adds that two bass fishing tournaments are held each year in the spring and fall.

Westling says Estevan's parks also make the city unique. "Woodlawn Regional Park is quite well used," she says. "There is a day park that people can go to along the Souris River. There are walking trails, and people kayak and canoe down the river, and they fish in the river as well. There is a dog park right nearby."

Kayak, canoe and paddleboard rentals are all available right at the park, and the river is also a great place to do some shore fishing. Maps are available for those looking to explore the river. The maps also point visitors in the direction of "Snapperland," an area along Long Creek where common snapping turtles can be sighted. These fascinating, ancient creatures can live up to 100 years old, and Long Creek is loaded with them! Visit Estevan.ca and click on the Experience Estevan blog for more information on Snapperland.

"Woodlawn Regional Park has two sites," Westling con-



Above: Kids enjoying one of the splash pads in Estevan.

tinues. "There is the Souris River site that's used for camping and is right near the TS&M Woodlawn Golf Course. And then there is the Boundary Dam site, and that's on the Boundary Dam reservoir. The reservoir has fishing and swimming and beach volleyball."

There are also three splash pads at various locations around the city that people can take advantage of this summer—at Royal Heights Veterans Memorial Park, Padwick Park, and a brand new splash pad at the Dennis Moore Centennial Park.

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Westling says the city will also have its playpark programs starting after the Canada Day weekend. This drop-in programming for children includes crafts in the morning, and fun in the paddling pool in the afternoon. There will be three parks that will be used for the program—Rusty Duce, Hillcrest and Hillside. The craft portion of the program runs from 10 am to noon, and the swimming runs from 1-5 pm each day. Kids can come and go as they please, with organizers asking that younger children be supervised by a guardian.

There are also two free audio tours of the area available for tourists and residents to enjoy. The Backroads of Estevan Audio Tour hearkens back to a long-time Sunday tradition in Saskatchewan. Participants who take the tour will see areas of Estevan and the surrounding communities along the backroads which are filled with historical sites, fantastic lookouts, and local folklore. From learning about the massive drag lines that mine coal in the area, to historical stories of murder, mine strikes, and treasure, the tour is a vivid treat for the imagination.

The city of Estevan and Souris Valley Museum also offer a Historical Walking Tour of the city. "Participants can walk the streets of Estevan where the fascinating history tells extraordinary stories," says Westling. "On this tour participants will learn about the buildings in the city and listen to stories of who built them. They can learn where the first school was built and immerse themselves in the coal miners strike."

Both tours with instructions can be found online at Estevan.ca

Westling also says visitors can mark their calendars now for an event coming up in March of 2022—the Energy Dash and Splash which includes a winter foot race at Boundary Dam capped off by a polar bear dip!

More information on everything Estevan has to offer can be found online at Estevan.ca



Above: Fishing for bass at Boundary Dam.

Below: One of the snapping turtles on Long Creek.



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Summer fun in the town of Oxbow

Located in the southeast corner of Saskatchewan, Oxbow is a thriving and progressive community. The nearby Moose Creek Regional Park, Bow Valley Park and Souris Valley are breathtaking year-round, and home to an abundance of wildlife.

Following are a few of the attractions in Oxbow and area:

Bow Valley Park

Bow Valley Park is nestled in Souris Valley, south of Oxbow just off of Marconi Road. There are well treed camp sites with full services. The Souris River runs along side the park. The park also includes a dock to launch kayaks and canoes, a boat launch, pavilion, potable drinking water, a children's playground, showers and bathrooms, ball diamonds, a batting cage, outdoor theatre, and RV dumping station.

Oxbow Heritage Walk

In 2012 Otto Neuman and Mike Bartolf toured the town with Alan Hamann of Access Communications to point out Oxbow's historic homes, churches and commercial buildings. Enjoy this 30 minute trip down memory lane!

Ralph Allen Memorial Museum

Once a soon-to-be-abandoned CPR station, citizens of Oxbow banded together to create a small prairie town museum that has received attention and interest from individuals across Canada, and from as far away as Australia and the UK.

The museum's collection includes numerous historical artifacts of Oxbow



Oxbow's Bow Valley Park on the Souris River.

and area, featuring the area's main industries of agriculture and oil; rail-roading and other forms of transportation; medical equipment; geological and archaeological items; telegraph, newspaper and other modes of communication; and a wide variety of artifacts of domestic and community life, from pioneer times to more recent years.

The former train station building also has historical significance in that it was the former childhood home of Ralph Allen, one of Canada's top-flight journalists, war correspondent, magazine editor and author. Ralph Allen's father, Glenn, was the Oxbow CPR Station Agent from 1923-38.

Oxbow Community Pool

The Oxbow Community Pool is new outdoor facility (2019) with a swimming pool and paddling splash park. Red Cross Swimming Lessons are offered in June, July and August. Public

Swimming is offered in the afternoons. Check out the Facebook page for schedules.

Moose Creek Golf Course

Moose Creek Golf Course is a beautiful grass green nine-hole golf course. Power cart rentals are available. Moose Creek Golf Course is located 4 miles north and 1.5 miles west of Oxbow.

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Above: Downtown Oxbow.
Below: Cenotaph Park.
Left: Oxbow Pool



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St Lazare got its beginning as a Roman Catholic mission in the 1820's. It was founded by Oblate Father Jules DeCorby, who had immigrated from France in 1867.

Father DeCorby was at this time attached to the mission at Lebret, Saskatchewan. Father DeCorby named this new mission St Lazare to commemorate the place in France from which he departed on his journey to Canada.

The mission was located at the junction of the Qu'Appelle and the Assiniboine Rivers, approximately 3 miles north of the Hudson Bay Company's Fort Ellice. Church services in those early years were held in the homes of these early settlers, which were mostly Métis families. Since

Father DeCorby was very nomadic, traveling from mission to mission, other missionaries from Lebret helped with the St Lazare mission, namely Fathers St. Germain, Campeau and Lepage.

In 1880, a log Church was built and Father DeCorby became the first resident priest. At about this time, a French Canadian, Delphis Chartier and family, arrived at Fort Ellice via steamboat and settled at the mission. He eventually opened a post office, October 1st, 1895, and various other businesses. In 1895, Father DeCorby was replaced by Father

Léon Favreau and in 1898 a new stone Church was constructed under the supervision of Mr. Chartier. The new Church was blessed by the Archbishop of St Boniface Adelard Langevin, in 1899. A stone rectory was also built at this time.


In 1900, Father Favreau conducted a census of the mission. The census which included men, women and children was 89 families, 456 souls in all broken down as follows. Métis 342, French Canadians 34, French 15, Irish 30, Scotch 19 and Germans 18. On May 13, 1909, the mission of St Lazare was declared a parish by the Archbishop of St Boniface Adelard Langevin.

On July 7, 1883, the Rural Municipality of Ellice was born, with its headquarters at Fort Ellice. With the decline of the fort and the emergence of St Lazare, its permanent headquarters were moved to St Lazare with the first meeting in the space rented from Father Favreau on January 6th, 1902. In 1905, the merchants of the mission anticipated the coming of the railway and began relocating to what is the present day location of the Village of St Lazare. Records indicate the railroad opened in 1908.

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A mural painted on the front of the Antique Auto Museum was one of four projects completed in Elkhorn with funding through the Manitoba Build 150 fund and the Elkhorn and Area Foundation.

Take a drive back in time at the Elkhorn Antique Automobile Museum

The Elkhorn Auto Museum, located just off Highway 1 in Elkhorn, Manitoba is a good place to stop for a quick drive into history.

The museum has been running each summer since 1967. Most of the automobile collection was donated by Isaac Clarkson, who passed away in 1971 at the age of 58.

There are over 90 vehicles on display, ranging from a 1908 Reo to a 1976 Jaguar. Automobiles aren't the only items to see at the museum. There are First Nations artifacts, guns, licence plates, spark plugs, tools, oxen yokes, bicycles, and household items on display.

A separate building houses farm equipment such as tractors and threshing machines. Most of the tractors have steel tires.

There is also an old farm house from the early 1900s that has been restored by the museum committee and moved onto the museum grounds, as well as an old school building at the museum where people can view old maps, desks, and posters.

One of the biggest events held at the museum each year is the Elkhorn Museum Day on July 1. The day usually includes a parade, a threshing demonstration, demonstrations of pioneer life, and many activities at the museum grounds.

The Automobile Museum is wheelchair accessible and even provides wheelchairs for people to wheel around the displays.

The museum is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until the end of September. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$2 for students. Preschoolers are free.

Be sure to check out the Manitoba Antique Auto Museum while in the area!



Above: Kids playing in the sand with cars on display at the background during a Canada Day celebration. **Below:** The annual threshing demonstration held on Canada Day each year.



Historic Kirkella church finds new home

BY ED JAMES

There is not much left of the community of Kirkella, located just west of Elkhorn on the Trans-Canada Highway. At one time it had a grain elevator, school, store, post office, a community hall and band and a church. Today there are a few homes and the church is still standing, but time and mother nature were taking its toll on it.

The Kirkella Anglican Church was built in 1906 and held its last service in 1971. Since its closing, the ownership was passed onto the Chrisp family of the community.

Just down the road heading east is the village of Elkhorn, with its antique auto museum and other museum display buildings, that show the turn of the century history of Southwest Manitoba and Southeast Saskatchewan. The members of the museum's Restoration Club felt that the church would make a good addition to the museum site displays.

Last fall the building was moved and a cement foundation built for it. During the winter months work was started on the steeple and bell tower, that had been removed during the move.

At the workshop of Lynn Tutthill, volunteers worked on restoring the church, with local building contractor Blaine Kliever doing some of the more technical repairs. Lifelong village resident and active volunteer, Lee Hodson, took on a special restoration task. Using the original ornate wooden cross from on top of the steeple, he made a replica replacement that is now in place.

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Right: The Kirkella Anglican Church at its new home at the Elkhorn Antique Automobile Museum. The church is undergoing a full restoration, by mainly volunteers, to restore it to its 1906 look.



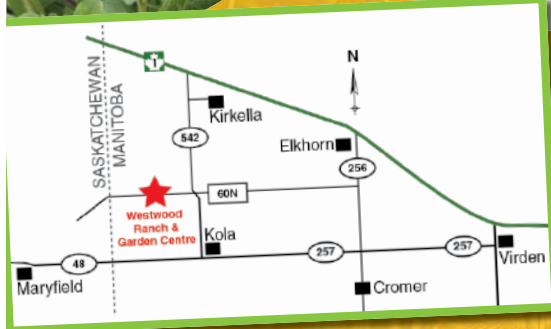


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"It's a double stop shop," says owner Mark Humphries. "The parents usually go off with the kids and pick plants and then they can be entertained afterwards with the animals and everything else. It makes for a good day out."

In addition to the greenhouses at Westwood, there is a small zoo on site that features everything from exotic animals to farm animals, as well as a gold mine where kids can sluice for gold, an assault course, a full out-

door play area, a model train display, and a small gift shop and concession. While the assault course, outdoor play area and some other activities will likely be restricted this year due to Covid-19, the animals will still be on display.

Westwood's animals include zebras—which Humphries says are the only zebras in Manitoba or Saskatchewan—lemurs, ostriches, emus, parrots, lots of different farm animals, including sheep, pigs, goats, and horses, miniature ponies and foals, exotic birds, fish, a rabbit village that kids can go into, jumping horses, donkeys, a bearded dragon, and wallaroos.

Westwood Ranch has grown in popularity over the year. Aside from daily visitors, Westwood Ranch also does school and corporate tours, as well as tours for people with disabilities, as the location is wheelchair accessible. Humphries says they have had up to 9,400 visitors some summers. Westwood Ranch is open seven days a week. More information can be found on their ad on Page 62, at www.westwoodgardencentre.com or by calling 204-845-2002.



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Architectural styles are varied with most of the heritage being of either fieldstone or brick construction.

Many of the structures are unique in Western Canada, in architectural style and purpose.

Examples include the Aud Theater, which is unique in style as an example of a restored turn of the century opera house.

Another example is St Mary's Anglican Church, whose unique fieldstone construction exemplifies 1800s English style construction using abutments and high pitched roofs.

Virден's unique history as an early railroad center has also left the community with a central business district, rich with heritage brick buildings, constructed at the turn of the century.

Following is a bit more detail on just a few of the heritage buildings that make Virден unique:

Canadian Pacific Railway Station

Located at 425 - 6th Avenue S, the Canadian Railway Station was constructed in 1900 after the original wood frame station burnt in 1899.

It has been restored and declared a heritage building in 1994. Its unique fieldstone and overhanging eaves style was common with many rail stations in larger centers.

In the early years, many new immigrant farmers and businessmen would have first disembarked from the train at this location and passed through the doors of this station.

Today, it houses community based organizations including the Virден and Area Arts Council and the Virден Chamber of Commerce. Also included is an art gallery and a separate board room area.

The Aud Theater 228 Wellington Street

The Aud Theatre was built in 1911 as part of the municipal building. The building was open to the public on February 29, 1912. The building consisted of a government telephone exchange room, new court room, three large offices, and the opera house, costing \$32,500.

The population at this time was about 1,500. The Aud Theatre was built by W.T. Manser. The comedy "the Misogynist" was the first to play in the theatre. The Great Eastern Sign



St Mary's Anglican Church in Virден is a unique example of fieldstone construction.

Photo illustration by Kevin Weedmark

Painting Co. of Toronto supplied the 22x30ft curtain. During the '30s and '40s the Aud was a movie theatre.

The ceiling on the stage was originally 40ft high but it was lowered to 24ft to save heat. The building was originally heated by steam which was replaced with electric heat in 1984-85 after the renovation and re-opening in 1983. When the theatre fell into disrepair it closed as a movie theatre and the town council was preparing to demolish it.

A local steering committee was formed to save it, and after substantial renovations, it was re-opened in 1983. The lower level consists of 257 seats and the upper level consists of 210 seats. The majestic curve of the balcony gives the audience a panoramic view of the stage. On either side of this are two double decker boxes or loges which add an air of sophistication.

St Mary's Anglican Church 633 9th Street

This structure is a great example of fieldstone construction.

Much of the stone for the fieldstone construction came from along the top of the Assiniboine River Valley.

The first church was a frame structure built by Clayton and Sons in 1885. This was the first church building in Virден.

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Saul of Carberry with carpentry done by Mr. Harrington of Winnipeg.

Walter Chesterton, a Winnipeg architect, designed this notable structure while building the school across the street.

The cloister and fence were added in 1952.

The church features two stained glass windows created by famous artist and sculptor Leo Mol.

The church also features a stained glass medallion window.

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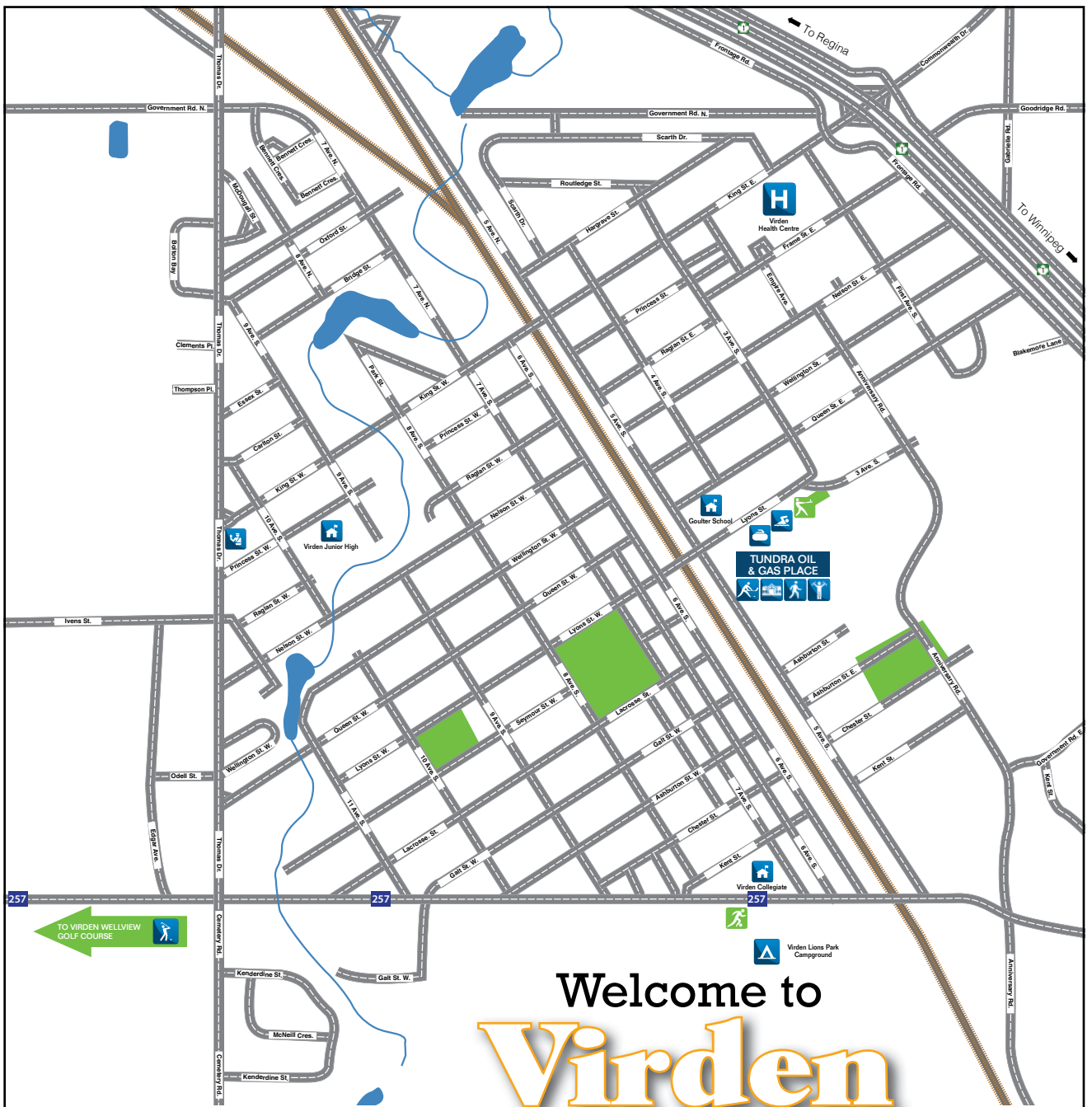
Located at 677 - 9th Avenue, this house is today a private residence.

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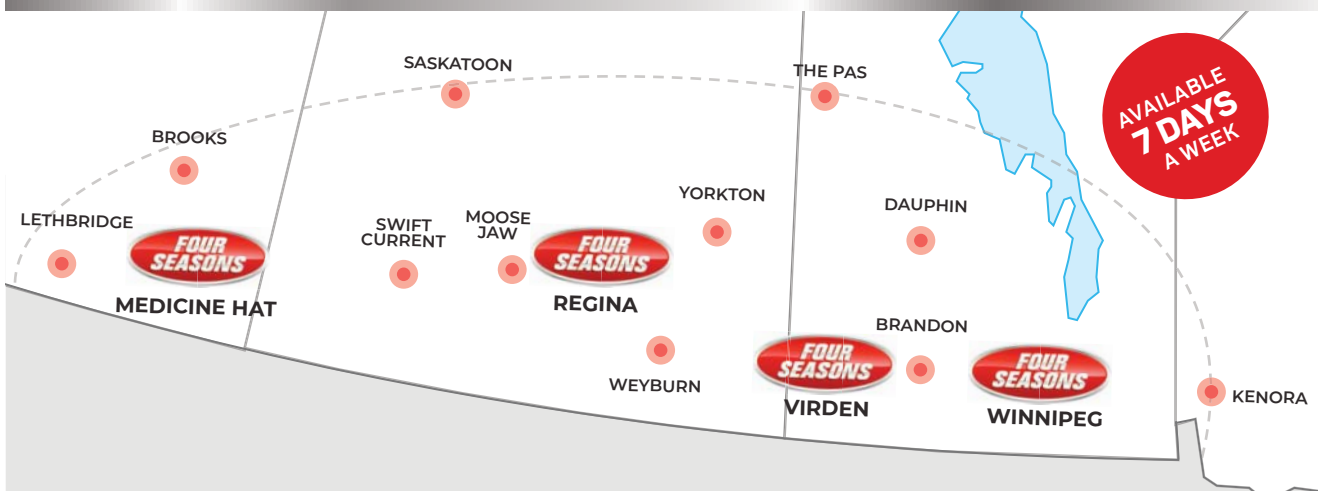
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Virden is a regional hub in Southwest Manitoba. Serving a population of over 13,000, the area is home to over 200 local business. Here are some things to experience in Virden this summer:

The Aud Theatre

In 1911, Virden was Manitoba's ninth largest centre and the civic buildings were inadequate for a community of 1500. W.T. Manser, Virden's foremost builder at the time erected a building that housed municipal offices, a courtroom and a larger opera house. With its outstanding acoustics and classical style, it has been recognized as one of the best concert halls of its size in Western Canada. Today, the Aud is home to an annual music and arts festival, local theatre productions, school Christmas concerts and a performance by top notch travelling performers from across the country. (204) 748-1982.

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Virden & District Swimming Pool

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Virden Pioneer Home Museum

Established in 1970, the museum holds over 6,000 items relating to the Victorian era of Virden's history as displayed in the main house. The original home itself was constructed in 1888 and the three additional annexes were constructed at a later date to display items from the subsequent era's depicting our local heritage and culture.



The Virden Aud Theatre above, and the Pioneer Home Museum below.



The Virden swimming pool, above, and Virden Lions Campground below.





Above: Aspen Grove Campground is a cozy campground located on the Trans-Canada Highway between Virden and Oak Lake that has an outdoor heated pool, horseshoe pits, sand volleyball court, mini golf course, and outdoor shuffle board and checker board, among other things.



Left: Parc P'tite Fourche in St. Lazare offers camping right at the forks of the Assiniboine and Qu'Appelle Rivers. St. Lazare is a unique francophone and Métis community nestled in the valley where the Qu'Appelle and the Assiniboine meet.



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- The RCA Museum at Shilo
- The Brandon General Museum and Archives
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Riding Mountain National Park: A gem in western Manitoba

Summer is the perfect time to venture to the outdoors and take advantage of the warm weather for a few months. Many people head to the beach to soak up the sun while others gather family and friends and set up tents and RVs in the woods.

Riding Mountain National Park in Western Manitoba has something for everyone.

The park has back country trails for those people that like going out in the wilderness and experiencing nature first hand, there's a townsite where there are shops and restaurants for those who don't like getting their hands dirty, there's a beautiful lake for the beach bums, and there is natural beauty everywhere you look.

The main campground includes more than 500 campsites and there are five other campgrounds within the park.

Upon driving into the township of Wasagaming at Clear Lake, small shops, businesses and cottages sit on either

side of the street. Once reaching the lake, just to the left is a lawn where families and friends can be seen tossing a frisbee to one another. Just beyond is the main beach where beach towels and children with sand toys spread across the shore. A pier lies to the left, leading out to the marina, where The Martese, a 95-passenger tour boat is anchored.

Other activities include golfing, boating, horseback riding, and hiking on more than 400 km of trails.

The Wasagaming area offers mini-golf, tennis courts, bike rentals, boat rentals and fishing. The Visitor Centre offers a junior naturalist program called Critter Camp for younger patrons. The Clear Lake Golf Course features 18 holes, some of them tough but all providing a scenic view.

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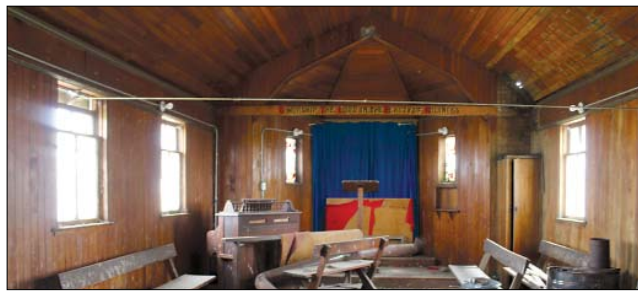
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The interior of the 115-year-old Kirkella Anglican Church. A cleanup will begin inside and some of the church pews are already being restored.

Historic Kirkella church finds new home

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Recently, Lynn Tutthill brought in lifting machinery to place the bell tower and steeple on the church. He had to wait for two days because of the high winds that blew through the area. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, no completion date is known, but club members are restoring some of the original furniture that was left in the church. A work crew of volunteers with mops and brooms will be needed at a later date to clean up the inside of the building and do some painting and decorating.

The warmer weather will allow a local contractor to start work on replacing the roof and windows.

However, most of the work on the overall project has been done by volunteers from local communities who have put in hundreds of hours on the project, with many more needed to complete the restoration of the historic church.

The funds for the project have been raised from fundraisers by the Restoration Club and from government grants and many personal donations. A recent development that will add to the project is the donation of a suitable bell. Historic research showed that the church did not have a bell, but the Chrisp family of Kirkella are going to donate the old Kirkella community school house bell to the church project that they had saved.

Volunteers also hope that the church baptismal font that disappeared a few years ago will show up!

The end result of all these efforts will be to bring the church as close as possible to what a turn of the century prairie church looked like. And perhaps it might bring back memories of the many services and people whose ancestors attended the church!

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A new camping and boating season is here and Willie Kuzub, the owner of West End Resort and Campground at Round Lake is excited about the addition of 80 new seasonal sites to his campground. The addition marks a significant expansion for the resort, which now has 150 seasonal sites and 30 sites for short-term campers, for a total of 180 campsites.

The seasonal sites in the new expansion have already sold out for the summer or 2021, and Kuzub is now working on Phase Two, a second expansion that will see even more sites added to the resort, with bookings to take place in August this year for the summer of 2022.

Kuzub has big plans for West End Resort, and the addition of the new campsites is just one more step toward realizing a larger vision. Last year, after years of work deepening an inlet on the lake, Kuzub opened a new marina at West End Resort with 50 boat slips that allow campers and boaters to keep their boats on the water all season long. He has since added more boat slips to accommodate the extra campers since the expansion.

The new sites that Kuzub has added are large—50 by 60 feet, and include sod, a large area to back in a camper, ample room for a deck and fire pit, and even room for a shed if campers want it.

Kuzub says his new marina has been a draw and with an increase in campers last year across the Prairies due to Covid-19, he expects another busy season at West End Resort.

“Our marina is making a big difference,” he says. “When people can put their boats there and leave them tied up and come and go as they please, and when it takes five minutes to jump in your boat and go out onto the lake versus going through the motions of having the hassle to load it and unload it, it makes a big difference for people.”

Aside from the new marina and the new seasonal sites, Kuzub also wants to increase the activities that are available at the resort.

“There are a lot of other things we are going to do this year,” he says. “We’re going to start a kids’ club where every Saturday the kids can come down around 9 o’clock and we are going to have crafts for them to do, maybe a nature hike—stuff like that. We will start with an hour every Saturday, but we will probably bump it up a bit.

“We are actually going to have a food truck that’s going to be on site all year—Lizzie’s Prairie Fields, out of Round Lake. She will offer some traditional food truck menu items as well as some healthier stuff. She plans to provide culturally diverse food choices that are locally sourced. She wants to use locally grown stuff whenever possible.



The campsites and marina at West End Resort.

“And then we are going to have a few different variations of yoga a few times a week. The yoga started last year and it went off well for the last few weeks of the summer. It was still into September when they were doing yoga.”

Kuzub says he has also started to develop a gravel walking path along the marina and wants to continue to lengthen the path so it can be used by walkers or golf carts. He also has added wifi to the campground, as well as the ability for boats to fuel up right on the lake, and is also planning on holding outdoor movie nights with a large inflatable screen a few times a month, as well as a flea market on Sundays. In 2022 he hopes to add swimming lessons to the list of activities offered at the resort.

“We are really trying to create more things to do so you’re not just going camping, going out on the lake then coming back to eat and go to sleep,” he says. “We are trying to create more activities. Pickleball might be an option down the road. Maybe a tennis court or volleyball nets. Whether it’s walking trails, or golf cart trails, or quad trails, it just gives people stuff to do.”

Kuzub says West End Resort has evolved to have a community-like atmosphere over the years.

“It is like a community and everyone watches out for everyone’s kids down there, it doesn’t matter who they are. Everyone is kind of raising everyone’s kids down there.”

He says there are also lots of people who come out for a day trip.

“We’ve been getting a lot of folks from all over the lake coming by just to go for a walk and get out and it’s kind of neat. The atmosphere down by the marina is kind of unique because it’s something that has not been on our lake ever, so now you get people just bringing their boats in to go on a country cruise. They will come and idle through there and then with the turtles and other wildlife there too, it’s kind of a sightseeing experience and relaxing drive.”



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Any regular priced item



Ukrainian
all you can eat buffet

10% OFF Pizza or Ukrainian Buffet
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ONE NIGHT FREE CAMPING FOR THE 2021 SEASON
PER CAMPER REGISTRATION
ONE TIME USE ONLY

REDVERS LOG CABIN CAMPGROUND
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SPY HILL SPORTS DAYS

August 14 & 15, 2021

- ▶ **Rodeo**
- ▶ **Slo-Pitch**
- ▶ **Tractor Pull**
- ▶ **Beer Gardens**
*Chariot & Chuckwagon Races
to be determined*

**For more information contact
Jeff: 306-740-8025**

**To register a slo-pitch team
contact Corbin: 306-743-7456**





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Purchase one regular priced item
at the boutique and get the second item
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**SAVE
\$5.00**

Save \$5.00 off the
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Expires August 31, 2021

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Katja McCord LPN, FCN
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\$20.00**

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building centre

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Expires October 31, 2021

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- ✓ Selection of fresh sandwiches
- ✓ Slushies, cold drinks and more!
- ✓ Snack foods and convenience items
- ✓ F'real Milkshakes & Smoothies
- ✓ Clean washrooms
- ✓ Truckers lounge with showers and washer & dryer
- ✓ Gas Bar and Cardlock
- ✓ RV Dump, fire wood, fireworks and fish bait
- ✓ Auto & Cylinder Propane
- ✓ Touchless Car Wash (Moosomin)

Grocery Stores

- ✓ Full-service for your summer grocery needs.
- ✓ Fresh meat counter and butchered seasoned meats with anything you need to BBQ.
- ✓ Fresh produce, daily baking of breads and baked goods.
- ✓ Great selection of desserts and cakes and fruit trays.
- ✓ Good selection of ready meals and sandwiches with a fresh full deli counter with big selection of cheese.
- ✓ We have all the goods you need with all the snacks you can think of!



Home Centres

- ✓ Camping supplies
- ✓ RV supplies
- ✓ BBQ's and all the utensils
- ✓ Fishing supplies
- ✓ Automotive supplies
- ✓ Outdoor living
- ✓ Gardening supplies
- ✓ Full selection of all building material and supplies



Visit one of our locations in:

Moosomin

- Food Store: 306-435-3825
- Home Centre: 306-435-2642
- C-Store/Gas Bar/Cardlock: 306-435-3785

Rocanville

- Food Store: 306-645-2160
- Home Centre: 306-645-2152
- C-Store/Gas Bar/Cardlock: 306-645-0557

Whitewood

- Food Store: 306-735-2412
- Home & Agro: 306-735-2410
- C-Store/Gas Bar/Cardlock: 306-735-1404



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NEW 50' X 60' CAMPSITES READY IN 2022!

Expansion of at least 40 NEW SITES
with additional boat slips



West End Resort & Campground

Beautiful Campground on the shores of Round Lake in the Qu'Appelle Valley

306-793-4365

306-740-7804

PHASE 1: SOLD OUT

PHASE 2:

Taking bookings for Phase 2 in August
Reserve your campsite for the 2022 season!

FIRST DEPOSITS GET FIRST CHOICE OF SITES

- ▶ Beautiful campground on the shores of Round Lake in the Qu'Appelle Valley
- ▶ Full Service Camping (seasonal or nightly)
- ▶ Cabin & hall rentals
- ▶ Marina and boat launch
- ▶ Wifi
- ▶ Events and Activities
- ▶ Store, Playground & more!

