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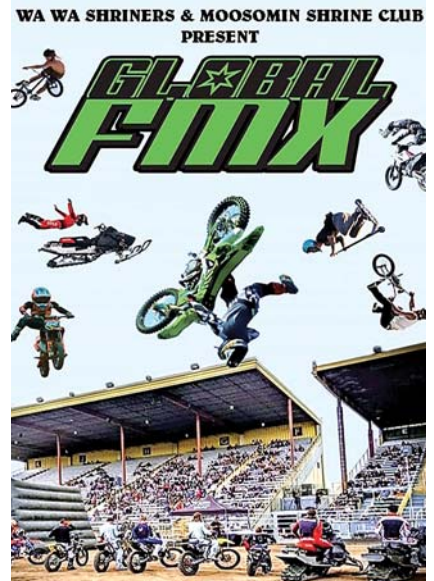
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Above: Wet & Wild will be bringing inflatable beach balls, hoppy horses, bouncy castles and a mechanical bull to Shrine-A-Rama Day in Moosomin on June 4, hosted by the Moosomin Shrine Club. **Right:** Global FMX will be coming to Moosomin on Shrine-A-Rama Day to perform two shows at 1 p.m. and at 5 p.m.

Shrine-A-Rama Day on June 4: FMX bike show, bouncy castles, street hockey, and more

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

Moosomin Shrine-A-Rama Day will be filled with events including two Global FMX bike show performances, Wet & Wild inflatable beach balls and bouncy castles, a street hockey tournament, a basketball free throw contest, a food court full of local restaurants, and an archery demonstration by Fleming Archery. It will be happening on Sunday June 4.

The Moosomin Shrine Club has sometimes hosted a circus in the past, however this year, they chose a different type of entertainment for their annual fundraising event.

"The main attraction is the Global FMX which is freestyle motocross, snowmobile, they do flips and jumps. It's a 90 minute show," said Leo Ilustrisimo of the Moosomin Shrine Club.

"Way back the Shriners always had a circus and because of all the animal rights concerns, we couldn't do the circus anymore so we were looking for other ways of entertaining people and that's how we came about this.

"This is the first year we're doing it, and if it is successful,

they might adopt it in other towns and go across Saskatchewan."

Global FMX is based out of Kelowna, BC. They will be performing in Estevan on June 3 and in Moosomin on June 4.

The two shows in Moosomin will be happening at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the parking lot and field of McNaughton High School.

"One of the members of the Southeast Shrine club—the people who are doing the show in Estevan—he works in Moosomin and he approached us asking if we would be interested in doing a show like this in town," said Ilustrisimo.

"We said we would give it a shot and see if it works. Our club first approached it by reaching out to sponsors to sell tickets for kids, that way Grade 1 to Grade 8 students can go in for free."

Because the event is hosted by the Moosomin Shrine Club, the Southeast Shrine Club, and the Wa Wa Shriners, the proceeds from Shrine-A-Rama Day will be split among the three groups.

"The funds will be split between Wa Wa, Southeast Shrine Club, and Moosomin Shrine Club," Ilustrisimo said.

"It's a three-way split, and some of the proceeds will go towards the Patient Transport Fund. That covers the cost for transportation from when you leave your house to get to the Shrine hospital, and then to come back.

"All of the expenses are covered and that's for the Patient Transport Fund because how it's set up is all of the Shrine hospitals have their own funding and provincial clubs are responsible for transporting the patients from that province. The local share will go towards local community projects, it will be up to our group to decide."

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The Moosomin Shrine Club reached out to local business in the area to get their sponsorship to purchase tickets for students from Grade 1 to Grade 8.

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Second Rocanville Lucky Lottery under way

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

Rocanville's Lucky Lottery has officially started. People can buy tickets for the Lucky Lottery draw which consists of a grand prize for \$100,000, and an early bird draw for \$10,000.

A 50/50 is being held along with the Lucky Lottery. The draw date for both fundraisers will be happening on October 14, at the Rocanville Nutrien Community Hall.

The Lucky Lottery is Rocanville's biggest fundraiser of the year.

"Before expenses, we're hoping to bring in \$250,000, and by the time you take off your expenses I think we'll be around under the \$100,000 range," said Kirby Fowler, Chair of the Lucky Lottery committee.

"We also have the 50/50 draw. The fundraiser is for all facilities in Rocanville.

"It's not just for the pool, the pool will probably end up getting the lion's share, but the rink needs some work this year too.

"The way the lottery license is structured we can give donations to a certain value to other recreation facilities as well."

Last year, Rocanville's Lucky Lottery brought in \$86,000 to help support all of the town's recreation facilities.

Of that \$86,000, the pool received \$60,308, the rec centre received \$8,564, the skating rink received \$8,564, and the golf course received \$8,564.

"We wanted to do it again this year because we saw how positive it was last year," Fowler said

"But, last year was not the first year of the lottery. They ran it for many years when we were trying to get the new rink in town and once the rink was there, it sort of just dropped off. No one was doing it, so we resurrected it last year.

"We see the benefit of the Lucky Lottery. With the population and the facilities that we do have in town, there's definitely a need to continue to support and generate funds for them, so that's why we picked it up.

"The pool was our main focus last year, but the fundraiser is happening with the idea that we'll be supporting all of the community's recreation."

What's different for this year's big draw?

Fowler said the committee learned a lot from last year's Lucky Lottery draws, and plan to organize it differently moving forward.

"This year we are making the draw for the grand prize at a cabaret," said Fowler.

"We are having a closing cabaret where one of the



Volunteers working the phones during the final push for ticket sales at the end of the Rocanville's Lucky Lottery in fall 2022.

groups in town, we're not sure who yet, will be hosting it to raise money for their committee, and we'll be making the draw there, which should generate a bit of excitement.

"As well, we are doing an early bird draw. Rather than a bunch of small prizes there will be a \$10,000 early bird draw instead.

"Selling out by the early bird draw is very possible because we were only about 220 tickets shy of selling out last year. Everyone told us that was amazing because from the previous years, in their first year, I think they barely made money and it got better after that, but we were very close to a sell-out last year.

"The 50/50 wasn't quite a sell-out, but it was close as well."

Starting the Lucky Lottery earlier this year than last year, the committee said they hope to sell out.

"We're pushing for it, that's our hope," said Fowler.

"We learned a lot last year about how to promote it better and how to drive sales. We do have a phone blitz with the radio station which generates a huge amount of ticket sales.

"That is scheduled for the early bird draw which is for September. We're hoping to be sold out by then, and if not, then we may do another radio blast near the draw date before October."

Fowler was asked what how they plan to promote the Lucky Lottery this year.

"We'll have our radio blitz in September which is huge for drawing in people. As well we have posters, there will

be door-to-door sales as well," he said.

"There will be tickets available at various local businesses. We delivered tickets for quite an area around (last year), and we were getting ticket sales from way north of Saskatoon right down to the U.S border."

He said the most successful form of promoting the fundraiser last year was through the radio.

"By far it was the radio," Fowler said. "We were getting calls from farmers in their combines, we would get told to hang on for a minute because they had to unload the combine. There was a lot of action going on there."

Having a longer window to promote the Lucky Lottery will give more time to sell tickets for the fundraiser, he said.

"We were better prepared at the start. It was really done in a hurry last year," said Fowler.

"But, SLGA also had some rule changes around our licensing which we had to get in order. We took a lot of effort to get our licensing in place and be ready for their specifications.

"There's a bit of a restructure and preparation that we had to do that way, now we've got a designated board.

"I'm the chair of the board, we've got our other members. Now that we've seen areas of potential cost savings of our expenses, we know what to do this year.

"It will shock a lot of people how much it costs to run a lottery. It's not just print some tickets and start selling."

Despite the high costs for organizing the fundraiser, Fowler said the committee saw a need for it to help support the recreation services in Rocanville.

"There is a need again for a big fundraiser like this," he said.

"Like I said, the pool is underway, but there's still a third of funding that we can generate for that, as well as for our other facilities that are in need of some TLC.

"That's one of the harder things we're going to have to try and figure out now, is how we divvy this up fairly over time as well because this isn't just for one thing, it's for the entire community."

People can start buying tickets

People can purchase tickets for the Lucky Lottery and 50/50 on the committee's website: www.rocanvillelotto.ca which should be up this week.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Recreation Office in Rocanville, the town office, or by contacting any Rocanville Lucky Lottery board member.

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Moosomin youth named Sask Junior Citizen of the Year

Victor Santos Cardoza of Moosomin has been named one of Saskatchewan's Junior Citizens of the Year for 2023. He will receive the honor from Lieutenant-Governor Russ Mirasty at Government House May 25. Along with the honor, he will receive a \$3,000 bursary. Victor was nominated by Kevin Weedmark.

"I couldn't believe you chose me as a nominee. I personally didn't feel as if I deserved it, but you made it seem as if I were a perfect candidate," said Victor. "So I can't thank you enough and the World-Spectator crew for even considering me."

"I in a million years didn't consider it, but nonetheless I'm grateful and appreciate the opportunity."

He said he was shocked when notified he was one of the four winners, out of hundreds of nominations.

"It came as a shock to me. I was at work when I received the text and I thought 'wow, really, me out of all those people.'

"I guess you could say after everything we've been through this is just another blessing that has come our way."

Victor says he is excited about the ceremony.

"I have a huge invitation list already made. I'm excited to celebrate this milestone."

"It's huge, especially since the whole purpose is to recognize young adults who have been through a lot of hardships. I can say I personally—what my family and I have been through—we've been through a lot, and it's nice to get that recognition and it offers incentives—it doesn't have to be immigrant families or children, it can be anybody—to achieve something greater and shoot for the stars."



Victor Santos Cardoza on Main Street in Moosomin.

"It's unbelievable that blessing after blessing is coming our way. It feels surreal. I never thought that in a million years me and my family would deserve such blessings to come our way. We're hard working people and that's all we are, but it's good to get that recognition still for all the work we've been putting in and all the hardships we have been through."

"It's refreshing that you and everyone else notices that, and to us it's rewarding."

"As soon as he arrived in Moosomin with his family, Victor started taking a leadership role in school. Before his family were Canadian citizens or even permanent residents, Victor joined the Pipestone Air Cadets and became a vital member within that organization," according to his nomination.

"When he was in Grade 10, he became Moosomin's first

youth councillor. He attended every Moosomin town council meeting, and always had helpful input, such as suggesting students at the high school could help with the annual town cleanup, with the result that a large number of high school students assisted with the cleanup, making it the most successful ever. That is just one example—at every council meeting he brought up concerns and the youth viewpoint. His active role as youth councillor encouraged other communities in the area to add youth councillor positions to their town councils."

"Victor came to Moosomin with his family about 10 years ago. The family had left Honduras for Canada. They moved to Moosomin and became part of the community. In 2017, the family's refugee claim was rejected and the family was slated for deportation. The community rallied around the family and an extremely rare ministerial order was issued staying the deportation order."

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Filipino community continues to grow in Moosomin and Rocanville area

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
The Filipino community in the Moosomin and Rocanville area has evolved to about 250 people (60 families) within the last 10 years.

"I think Moosomin has lots of opportunities for growth and I think that's one of the reasons why people are staying around," said Leo Ilustrisimo of the Pinoy Moosomin Community.

"Compared to the city, house prices are much more affordable here. Obviously it's cheaper to live in a small town, but it's also a very progressive and very welcoming community as well.

"Everyone's very friendly in Moosomin, making sure that you're doing okay and adjusting well to the community. People are welcoming and would like for you to stay, I think that's one of the important things.

"It's a combination of those things, it's also a safe town to live in. It's a good town to raise a family. There's lots of good things in Moosomin I think that's why people are staying."

The Pinoy Moosomin Community consists of local Filipinos. The group organizes different events in town and helps newcomers adjust to the Moosomin and Rocanville area.

"Our Filipino community, once a newcomer comes we make sure they have all of the information they need. We try to help out in the best way we can," Ilustrisimo said.

"We always provide that camaraderie for them to feel welcome, and that's always been our goal is to make staying in Moosomin easier for newcomers, especially for the Filipinos."

Ilustrisimo and his family moved to Moosomin in 2013, but has lived in the area since 2009.

The number of Filipino families that move to the community have continued to grow till this day, said Ilustrisimo.

"I think it started in 2013 right until 2019, just before the pandemic every month there would be a family coming into town," he said.

"There's still people coming in. We normally hear about them through recruitment, when Tim Hortons hires people in town, then we know when to expect a few more people."

With a lot of people from the Philippines being skilled workers, Michael Vantomme, president of the Pinoy Moosomin Community, said people come to Moosomin because of the number of job opportunities available in the community.

"Most people who come here at first are hired through the fast food restaurants like Red Barn, Tim Hortons, Dairy Queen, A&W, KFC," said Vantomme.

"They are considered skilled workers here in Canada. Most of them, like my wife, started out at Tim Hortons. She was a manager at one of the fast food



In celebration of Filipino Heritage Month in July 2019, the Pinoy Moosomin Community hosted an event with traditional food and cultural dances for people in the area to enjoy.



The Moosomin Pinoy Basketball Tournament in December, 2022. Every year the Pinoy community hosts a basketball tournament for local teams to play in.

restaurants in the Philippines and so she was hired here because of her experience back home.

"They start out like that, then after you get your permanent residency you can branch out and find other opportunities.

"The economy of the town presents opportunities for us to be employed. The reason we're coming here is for employment."

Benefits of having a Filipino group in town

Having a group in town that helps organize events and get the word out about activities happening

in town has benefitted the Filipino community in Moosomin, said Vantomme.

"With having the organization we have a group of people who are elected officers," he said.

"We have a Facebook page—Pinoy Moosomin Community—where we can inform everyone about activities and make announcements.

"If there are employment opportunities we mention it in there too."

Vantomme said the role of the Pinoy Moosomin Community group is to support current and new Filipinos in the community.

"The organization is mainly to help the Filipino community here, to bond

together," Vantomme said.

"We do activities for the Filipino community. We have basketball tournaments, Family Day, Christmas parties. We're planning to do some camping activities this summer."

He said he would love to see more of the Filipinos in the community come out to events and activities, and invites anyone to get involved.

Events hosted by the Filipino community

Aside from the annual basketball tournament that the Pinoy community hosts in Moosomin, Ilustrisimo

spoke about other events the organization hosts for people in the area.

"One of the projects that we've always wanted to do is showing the community what our culture is like," he said.

"To show activities to promote a better understanding (of our culture).

The more you understand a certain culture, the more you appreciate them.

"For community events we tend to focus on those activities. On July 15 we're planning a cultural show to raise money for the Terry Lynd basketball court."

Because the group is still in the planning stages for the cultural event, Ilustrisimo said more details will follow closer to the event date.

"We've started planning for that, we're also planning some cultural dances and we've already started preparing the traditional costumes," said Ilustrisimo.

"This year we're just focused on the Terry Lynd basketball project. We're heavily involved with that.

"We have a bottle drive on May 6 and another fundraiser on July 15. Another activity that we're doing for our own group to bond is we'll be going to Asessippi for a camp trip."

Ilustrisimo said the Pinoy community has felt supported by people and by the town in Moosomin.

"We're very happy to be a part of the community," said Ilustrisimo.

"The town has always been supportive of all of our projects.

"We're overwhelmed sometimes by how much people would support us, and with comments on the good stuff that we do."

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Moosomin youth named Junior Citizen of the Year

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The family became permanent residents in 2018, and before a large crowd at the family's citizenship ceremony, Victor Junior spoke on behalf of the family and spoke about their long journey to citizenship.

The nomination cited how Victor has inspired others.

"Victor has done a great job of telling his family's story, of what becoming Canadian citizens this year meant to the family. When his family became Canadian citizens, Victor spoke on their behalf at the citizenship ceremony. He and his family also did many media interviews helping people understand the family's journey and what it meant to them to become Canadian citizens.

"In this way, he has inspired people across the province, and in doing such an excellent job as youth councillor, he has inspired other communities around Moosomin to introduce the position to their councils."

Moosomin Town Councillor Murray Gray wrote a letter of support for Victor's nomination.

As youth councillor, "Victor's values and character helped him become a very important part of our council," Gray wrote. "Due to the circumstances evolving from his families citizenship a few years prior to his appointment Victor had declared that being a youth councillor was the perfect way to repay the community for the efforts in keeping them here in Canada.

"Victor fulfilled his duties right from the beginning with maturity and poise. He would bring legitimate concerns from his peers and engage in conversation to find solutions to these issues. This kind of leadership and representation is commendable for any citizen but to see it from a teenager is just a remarkable feat that makes me so proud to have been involved with.

"Victor's leadership makes him a role model to his peers but also an example of how to be part of a community in such a way as to be genuinely interested in making it a better place to live.

"Victor continues to look for ways to make Moosomin a better place to live. In fact he has stated on numerous occasions that it is his intention to run for councillor in the next municipal election. His honesty, integrity and leadership skills make him the perfect candidate to represent our com-



Victor with his family—father Victor Senior, mother Lesi, and little brother Edward at their Canadian citizenship ceremony.

munity this time as a voting member of council.

"This young man is the epitome of a leader and that fact that he is showing these skills at such a young age is why I wholeheartedly believe that he is the perfect recipient for this award."

Former principal Devona Putland also wrote a letter of support.

"My first experience in knowing Victor Jr. was in his capacity as older brother," she wrote. "He would escort his younger brother to and from school as needed... I admired the patience and compassion that Victor exhibited in his brotherly tasks. Through years of teaching, I can attest to sibling rivalries being alive and well, but for Victor, he took the time and care needed for his brother to feel respected and to have independence in his choices. He showed great maturity for an adolescent.

"Victor not only took his family and academic roles seriously, but also took part in sports, drama, school leadership, Cadets, and his family's church. He had the ability

to add to each of those activities through his skills and volunteerism. In his high school years, he also became the first junior councillor on the Moosomin Town Council.

"When it was time for the Santos-Cardoza family to go for their permanent residency interview in Saskatoon, I drove them to Saskatoon and accompanied them to their appointment. At the end of the interview when the family realized that permanent residency status was granted, there was a request from Victor Junior to go to a Service Canada office in Saskatoon. His goal was to apply for a Canadian Social Insurance number as soon as possible because he could now hold a real job. He soon after began work at a pizza shop. Being conscious that academics may be overshadowed by too much work, I questioned Victor about his other responsibilities and activities as a student. He assured me he was only working 5 to 8 hours per week because that paid for his clothing and entertainment. As a long time educator, this was a powerful example of work ethic and citizenship in a student that I do not often witness.

"I assisted his family on moving day when they bought their home. That day, teenage Victor worked alongside adults in equal or greater capacity. Since his high school graduation, Victor has begun his practical work towards becoming a carpenter, earning his apprenticeship hours and eventually attending classes to attain journeyman status in his chosen profession.

"This year when the Santos family became Canadian citizens, I was honoured to be part of their special day as well as their journey in attaining that status. Victor Junior expressed his heartfelt thanks for all that was done for them. He told me that because their family had been helped, it would be his turn, an honour and duty, to return help. He said to call him any time, and I know if I had a need for help, he'd be one of the first to respond.

"With the above examples, with utmost certainty, I recommend Victor Santos Jr. for Junior Citizen of the Year. His roles within his family, school, and community have all been exemplary and make him a most deserving recipient."

Victor is one of four young people named Junior Citizens of the Year in the province. The other three are Lanea Lafontaine, Sophia Young and Winston Zhao, all of Regina.

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Shown here are The Pipestone and Area Red Hat Divas posing with a London Bobby at the recent Elkhorn Elks' King Charles III Coronation event in Elkhorn.



From left are Brenda Orr, head of the Elkhorn and area Foundation, her niece Brae McKean, and Elkhorn Elks leader Wanda Rhodes. Rhodes presented a cheque for \$5,000 from the Elkhorn Elks towards the upgrading of the Elkhorn Memorial Park playground area.

Elkhorn Elks celebrate the Kings Coronation

BY ED JAMES

With the recent coronation events of King Charles and Queen Camilla, there were celebrations of this event all over the world in both big and small ways.

The always active Elkhorn Elks Club 381 was no exception! The club organized a full day of events that featured many British traditions on Saturday, May 6.

The doors of the hall opened at 1 pm with the hall brightly decorated with British and Canadian flags, red, white and blue bunting and display tables of British Royal and cultural items. Even Paddington Bear was on display. It was all very colorful, but the real color was in the royal and British outfits worn by many of those in attendance.

There were lots of formal gowns, big hats, jewelry, long evening gloves and even a few crowns.

There was a surprise group that really stood out for their color—The Pipestone and Area Red Hat Divas who took over part of the room with their bright red and purple colors and a good measure of involvement and humor in the events.

A few of the gentlemen showed up in tails and top hats and there were even two London Bobbies.

Many of the wonderful costumes were from the Virden Costume Closet.

Once you sat down, members of the Elks Club were on

hand to serve tea with a colorful selection of biscuits and red, white and blue decorated cupcakes. Those attending were asked to bring their own china teacups, which many did!

If you wanted a memory photo, Samantha Cluett from Samantha's Photography was on hand with a regal backdrop for a photo with King Charles! At the photo booth, there were also a number of British props like face masks

and crowns if you wanted to enhance your royal photo sitting.

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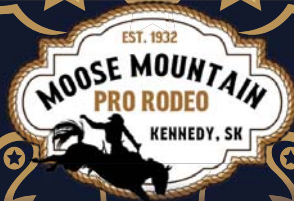
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Reston and Area Committee looking for sponsors for Veteran Banner Project

This year on Remembrance Day, for the first time, veteran banners will hang proudly in Reston and Pipestone, Manitoba.

Veteran Banner programs are becoming more popular across the country as a chance to honour and remember those who have sacrificed so we may live in peace.

With interest growing locally, the Reston and Area Veteran Memorial Banner Committee was formed to implement a Veteran Banner Project.

The purpose of the project is a way to engage the community in honouring their veterans that will contribute to the continued recognition, education and respect from future generations and promote and celebrate Remembrance Day in the local communities.

Banners will hang in the towns of Reston and Pipestone for the first year, and if enough interest is shown in following years, Sinclair and Cromer as well.

Veterans being honoured must be current or past residents or have a tie to the area. The committee says they hope that displaying the names, faces and stories of their veterans will be a visual reminder of their sacrifice.

Any individual, family or organization may sponsor a banner. If you do not have a veteran to sponsor, the committee says they would be happy to co-ordinate a match for you.

If you would like to participate in this project but do not wish to sponsor a veteran, donations will be accepted to help with the cost of hardware needed to hang them. Donations over \$25 will be issued a tax receipt and you will be recognized.

To sponsor a veteran the committee is asking for pertinent information such as name, rank, theater of war, hometown and a photo, preferably of the veteran in uniform.

The committee is also asking for a short biography of the veteran, which will be found on their website, which will come in handy as you can read about the veterans when you view the banners.

Banners will cost \$250 and will be the property of the Veteran Banner Project.

A tax receipt will be issued for your participation and the banners will continue to hang each year as long as they remain in good condition.

Sponsor forms are available at the RM of Pipestone office and Reston District Library.

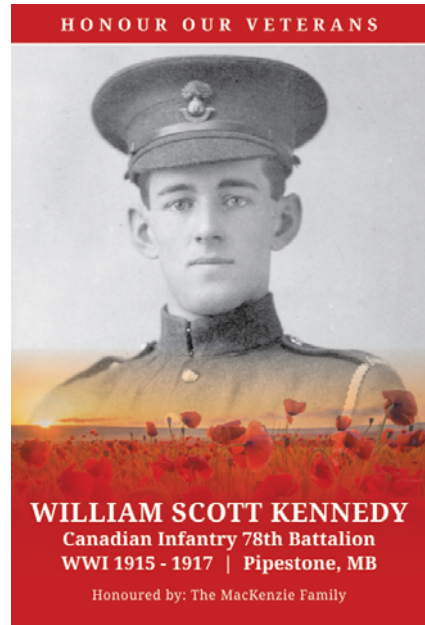
The web page is still under construction but you can access the committee's Facebook page at Reston and Area Veteran Memorial Banners.

Fifty sponsors will be accepted this year on a first-come basis with a deadline for submissions and payment of August 1.

Banners will hang from mid-October to after Remembrance Day. If the limit of 50 is reached your name will go on a list for the following year.

Former Reston resident and graphic designer, Andrea Cook (Andrea Cook Design Co.) came on board to create a unique design. The committee hopes to have a sample banner on display soon.

The Veteran Memorial Banner Committee says they will assist anyone with questions however they can. Members are Kim MacKenzie, Derek Millard, Shawna Millard, Sharon Simms, Sherrill Berry, Garnet Williamson, Cathy Williamson, Clayton Jago and youth representatives, Hanna Wray and Logan Taylor. Or email: veteranbannerproject@gmail.com. Please help us get the word out on this very important project. We will remember them.



A rendition of what the Veteran Banners will look like. Created by former resident and graphic designer, Andrea Cook, these banners will hang in the towns of Reston and Pipestone with hopes of expanding to other towns.

Shrine-A-Rama Day on June 4: FMX bike show, bouncy castles, street hockey, and more

Continued from front

Based on the support from local businesses, the Shriners were able to purchase 1,500 tickets for students from Moosomin, Rocanville, Kipling, Esterhazy and other communities in the area, in order for kids to attend the show for free.

"The idea was brought up by one of our Shrine members, and I'm happy to say that the business community in the area got behind us and we were able to secure 1,500 tickets," said Ilustrisimo.

"We were able to distribute that to the surrounding schools, Moosomin, Rocanville, Maryfield, Wawota, Kennedy, Kipling, Elkhorn. We were able to provide tickets to Grade 1 to Grade 8 students."

Ilustrisimo said he was happy to see the support from local businesses.

"A lot of the work was selling it to the businesses, and we're really thankful for them helping us behind everything," he said.

"At first I wasn't sure how it was going to work, but during the first week of us going out asking for sponsorships we sold about 800 tickets.

"I knew that this was going to be a good project, and because we're coming out of Covid, we haven't really had any big events in town. This will be one of the big events that we're having in town for this year."

For students whose tickets have already been purchased, but who are not able to attend the show, Ilustrisimo requested for

them to let the Shriners know. "The tickets that we gave away to the kids, if somehow they can't make it that day, we ask they please give the tickets back to the schools so they can be redistributed to someone who can attend the show," he said.

Advance tickets selling until June 3

People can purchase advance tickets for \$25 at the World-Spectator, Cork & Bone Bistro, and Mullett's Home Hardware in Moosomin, as well as Co-operators - Moore Agencies in Whitewood.

On the day of the event, tickets will be \$30 at the gate.

"We already sold 1,500 tickets, if we sell another 500 we're thinking there could be more than 2,000 people," he said.

"It's going to be a full day, there's a 1 p.m. show and a 5 p.m. show, but there's going to be stuff happening all around."

The restaurants that will be present at the event are Cork & Bone Bistro, The Red Barn, and TJ's Pizza.

Ilustrisimo said the Shriners are happy to have other community groups and people in town volunteer to help with the day.

"We have all hands on deck, we've recruited help from some other organizations," he said.

"Age Friendly is helping us with the drinks station, the Filipino community is helping us run the Wet & Wild activities,

and the Knights of Columbus are helping us as well."

He said him and the Shriners are excited for the event.

"We just want everyone to show up and

get advance tickets because it's \$25 if you buy it now and \$30 if you buy it at the gate," he said.

"It's going to be fun. We're hoping the weather is going to co-operate."



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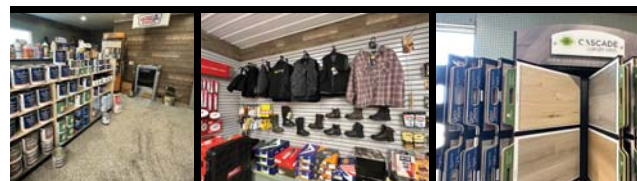
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Does your home need an update? If a full renovation isn't in the cards this spring, here are five fun and inexpensive makeover tips for reinvigorating your home.

1. New accessories

Inexpensive upgrades such as new throw pillows on the couch, a fresh tablecloth in the dining room or a chic frame for a painting or photo will help revitalize your home.

2. Rearrange your furniture

Sometimes changing the layout of a room is all you need to do to make it come alive again. Move your bed to the other side of the room or switch the living room furniture around.

3. Update your bathroom

Replacing accessories like the soap dish, shower curtain and hand towels can make your bathroom feel brand new.

4. Switch up your lighting

A lamp for your bedroom or a new fixture in the dining room will shed new light on a room that's lost its sparkle.

5. DIY upgrades

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Potting Soil
Potting soil has a mixture of organic materials and minerals that help plants grow in containers. Moss, compost and other matter feeds the plants, while minerals like perlite and vermiculite facilitate drainage and prevent the soil from compacting. Additionally, potting soil is sterile, which protects plants from fungi and other pathogens.

Garden Soil
Garden soil is regular dirt enriched with compost or other organic materials. It can be used to create and maintain gardens or raised beds to ensure the soil contains enough nu-

trients to support plant life. Without additives like perlite, garden soil doesn't provide enough drainage for potted plants, but it can help prevent flower beds from drying out by retaining moisture. It's also more affordable than potting mixes.

If you're not sure what type of soil you need, speak with an expert at your local farmers market, nursery or garden centre.

5 mistakes to avoid when cleaning your windows and mirrors

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How to keep your lawn healthy



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- Leave the clippings on the ground. They'll slowly release nitrogen. However, avoid leaving a layer thicker than half a centimetre. This will smother the grass.

- Mow more often but leave it longer. Cutting your grass to a height of six to eight centimetres promotes root development and grass density. It also makes the grass less vulnerable to drought.

- Water only as needed. Water your grass to a depth of about two and a half centimetres a week, including rainfall. Water in the morning to limit evaporation.

- Apply compost. This provides essential nutrients, stimulates root growth and increases resistance to diseases and pests.

How to grow microgreens

Microgreens contain more nutrients than mature vegetables and can be used to add colour, texture and flavour to a variety of dishes. Some of the simplest microgreens to grow are broccoli, cabbage, collards, mustard and radish. Here's how to do it.

1. Cover the bottom of a seed-starting tray with about five to seven centimetres of damp potting soil.
2. Scatter the seeds over the soil in an even layer, then cover them with a bit more damp soil.
3. Mist the surface using a spray bottle, and repeat this once or twice

a day to keep the soil damp but not soaked.

4. Place the container on a sunny windowsill once the sprouts appear, and continue to mist the plants daily.

5. Harvest the microgreens when they're about three to seven centimetres tall (after one to three weeks) using scissors to cut them at soil level.

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Medical residency program in Moosomin will have second resident this summer

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
Moosomin will welcome its second medical resident—Dr. Stephanie Asence—to the community this July as part of Saskatchewan's Family Residency Training Program.

The hosting of medical residents in Moosomin is an extension of the province's medical residency program which includes programs in Regina, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, North Battleford, Prince Albert and La Ronge.

"We matched with Dr. Stephanie Asence. She did her schooling in the Philippines, she's from there originally, and currently lives in Winnipeg," said Dr. Kristin Foy of Moosomin.

Last summer, medical resident Dr. Cara Fallis started her residency in Moosomin and was one of the four residents placed in southeast Saskatchewan, in addition to three other residents located in Weyburn and Humboldt.

Foy spoke about how the residency program has been going this past year with Dr. Fallis.

"It's been going really well. Dr. Fallis has been well received into the community, she's a valued member of our team at this point," Foy said.

"It's been an excellent experience so far. There's been some challenges, it is a new program so I can't say things are 100 per cent perfect. We've had to take it as it goes and take feedback to change things as needed.

"Overall I would say it's going how I envisioned for it to go."

In addition to the one resident coming to Moosomin this year, there will be two residents going to Weyburn and one going to Humboldt, bringing in a total of eight first and second year medical residents in the southeast region.

Foy explained what the process was for Moosomin being selected as one of the hosting communities in the southeast area.

"Dr. Erika Roets and myself were contacted from the University of Saskatchewan College and Medicine about trying to put together a residency program in the southeast area of Saskatchewan," she said.

"Not necessarily in Moosomin itself, but whether that would work or not. We looked at feasibility of the various communities in the southeast. That took into account a lot of different factors.

"One of the big factors is physicians, and making sure there's a good physician complement in the communities. As well as looking at the types of medical care provided in those communities, and whether if the community seemed like a good fit to be able to host residents.

"We felt that Moosomin would be one, and alongside that we also have Weyburn and Humboldt acting as host communities as well.

"Moosomin is certainly on the smaller side for a

residency program, and it is also why we have to utilize Yorkton for some of our speciality rotations. As well, we'll be using Regina for our second year rotations, just to get that extra experience in practice areas that we just don't have the volume of here."

Having medical residents complete their residency in a small community such as Moosomin has many benefits, Foy said.

"In these small towns, Moosomin, Weyburn, Humboldt, we provide a full scope of family practice," she said.

"There's a lot of stuff that we do, especially in Moosomin, we're fairly far from the cities and we try to look after what we can locally here rather than just send everything to a specialist.

"I think it provides a really good learning opportunity for the residents to be able to come here and gain all of the different skills and knowledge that we have."

Process of matching medical residents to communities

Foy explained how about the matching process for pairing medical residents within a community works through the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS).

"There's a huge national matching process called CaRMS. It is the process in which all medical students in Canada, as well as international medical graduates, place their applications for places they may want to do residency, and that's for both family medicine and specialists across Canada," she said.

"In December we review the applications we've gotten and it's a team process. The whole Saskatchewan Family Medicine Residency Program reviews the applications together. We get hundreds of applications and we decide who we want to interview.

"Then we have a provincial interviewing process where we have physicians from each of the residency sites across the program. From there we rank the applicants, and then CaRMS's centralized process takes care of matching people to the places they want to go, and look at who we want.

"Then there's a match day in March where we find out who we matched with. The University of Saskatchewan Family Medicine residency program was very fortunate



Dr. Erika Roets (left) who has been a doctor in Moosomin for 15 years, with second year medical resident Dr. Cara Fallis at Southeast Integrated Care Centre Moosomin.

this year to match all of our seats in the first round, which I don't know that any other university did."

Foy was asked why she thinks medical residents apply to complete their training in rural communities.

"I think people who want to train rural in family medicine are attracted to the idea of coming to a smaller community, and really getting that rural training experience," said Foy.

"I think that's something we offer here in Moosomin. The University of Saskatchewan, in general, I think has a good reputation in their family medicine programs, especially their rural family medicine programs.

"Even though we are a new site I think applicants are seeing that we have the potential to train them to be the types of doctors that they want to be."

Medical resident Dr. Cara Fallis happy with program

As part of Saskatchewan's medical residency program, Dr. Cara Fallis came to Moosomin in July 2022 as the community's first medical resident.

With her first year of residency almost being completed in Moosomin, Fallis spoke about what her experience has been like practicing family medicine in the area.

really steep at the beginning, mostly due to having to grasp so many new systems and processes of medical practice in Saskatchewan, and then also all the new people and names of specialists that are known locally.

"Fortunately, everyone involved, including patients, have been patient and welcoming, so it was easy for me to adjust. Dr. Van and his family invited my family and I to dinner a couple times—these gestures have made me feel at home in Moosomin. The nurses have invited me to group workout classes and team bonding activities too.

"Particular interests for me to gain competence in are women's health and basic procedures. Working with Dr. Erika, Dr. Crouse, and Dr. Kerkhoff at the outpatient department at the hospital has afforded me a wealth of these opportunities, and I am becoming more independent with these skills. I am also interested in mental health and have found there has been a lot of opportunity to learn and discuss with Dr. Theathi who excels in this area.

"In the late fall and early new year, I traveled to Yorkton for specialty rotations in mental health, obstetrics, anesthesia, surgery, and pediatrics. I was able to develop relationships with many of the colleagues that

we often refer patients to, and observe their approach to managing cases in these specialties.

"At this point, Moosomin's obstetrics volumes are fairly low, it was really valuable to be hands-on in a repetitive fashion, and to get feedback from physicians outside of home base.

"As I come towards the half-way point of the program, it has been exciting to develop some increasing independence. I am also benefitting from more consistency with the days I will work at certain locations, like Wednesdays in Whitewood with Dr. Roets.

"I'm sure Dr. Foy would agree that there have been some challenges associated with being a brand new residency site, but she has been incredibly receptive to feedback from all of us—we are four residents in the first year cohort, spread out across Moosomin, Weyburn, and Humboldt.

"Dr. Foy has put together a lot of high-impact exam prep and other practical transition to practice lectures for our academic half-days, and has incorporated topics based on suggestions or requests of residents to ensure that our career interests are being met."

Fallis was asked if there are any differences from doing her residency in a rural community compared to completing it in the city.

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Synthetic materials

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Metal

Metal sheds are lightweight, affordable and easy to assemble. If made from aluminum, the shed won't rust. However, metal sheds are easy to dent and come in fewer designs than those made of synthetic materials.

Wood

Wooden sheds are sturdy and can complement the outside of your home. However, they require considerable maintenance and are more vulnerable to insects and rot than metal and synthetic sheds.

If you're handy, you can design and build your own shed. This way, you can choose its size and appearance. Furthermore, you can insulate the walls to create a workshop. But keep a close eye on your budget. This type of project can easily cost several thousand dollars.

Whether you choose to buy a prefabricated shed or build your own, make sure it's strong enough to withstand inclement weather. Finally, check the laws and regulations in your municipality for building this type of structure.



When to prune your trees and shrubs

Although trees and shrubs can grow very well without intervention, occasional pruning helps promote optimal health. Here's what you need to know.

Flowering

Shrubs like rhododendrons and lilacs bloom from last year's stems, whereas others, like roses and hydrangeas, bloom from new growth. It's best to prune shrubs that flower from old wood immediately after blooming. However, shrubs that bloom on new growth should be trimmed in the spring.

Dormancy

In general, shrubs and trees go dormant in the spring before their buds open. This is the best time for pruning because the plants heal faster. Late fall is also appropriate. However, pruning in the winter should be avoided.

Furthermore, mid-summer is ideal for pruning trees that produce a lot of sap in the spring, like maple, birch and willow.

Lastly, pruning large trees and fruit trees should be left to the experts. For the best results, contact a professional tree pruner in your area.



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Update your bedroom with new curtains and bedding

Does your bedroom need an upgrade? Change the look of the room with new curtains and sheets. Here's how to choose the perfect new linens for your room.

Curtains

When selecting curtains, think about the look you want in the room and then find a fabric that corresponds. Linen and cotton blends are more casual and cheerful, while silk and velvet are refined and regal.

Next, think about the colour and pattern you'd like. You can match your curtains to the colour of the wall and use pattern and texture to make them stand out. Alternatively, you could hang a multi-coloured pattern and make them a focal point.

Bedding

You don't need to match your bedding to your curtains but they should co-ordinate. You can pull a colour from the pattern on your curtains or use a contrasting colour. If you'd like to use

different patterns for your curtains and bedding, stay in the same colour palette.

When buying your sheets, invest in high-quality, natural fabrics.

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Many find that sorting through their belongings brings up various emotions. Can you relate? To lighten the emotional load, start with items with little or no sentimental value, such as leftover renovation materials or take-out containers that can go in the recycling bin.

Once you've done this, sort through

other items. When deciding if you should keep something, ask yourself if it's useful. If you haven't used it in over a year, it's not essential. If you're reluctant to part with an expensive item, remember that you can sell it to someone else who can give it a new life.

If you have several duplicates of nearly identical items, keep only one or two (the least worn, for example). If you've been hoarding clothes that no longer fit, be realistic. Sell them if they're in good shape or donate them to an organization that helps needy people.

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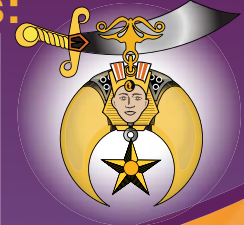


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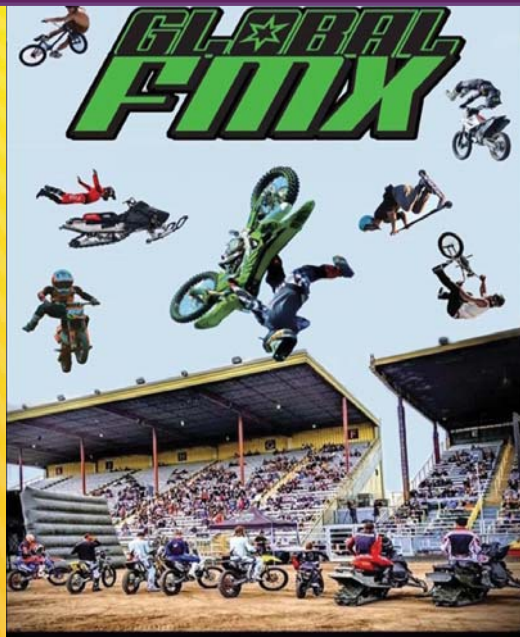
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Covering Southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba

Province makes post-secondary education affordable for Ukrainian newcomers

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Viktoriia Knyhnytska, a Grade 12 student at Wawota, will be going to the University of Saskatchewan this fall thanks to changes announced by the province on May 11.

After the World-Spectator broke the story two weeks ago that Ukrainian newcomers to Canada under the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program must pay international student fees, which are multiple times higher than Canadian fees, and do not qualify for student loans, the province announced May 11 that Ukrainians in Canada under CUAET will pay domestic tuition rates rather than international rates.

After hearing the provincial announcement of the changes, speaking to the provincial media about the impact of the changes, and being introduced in the Legislative Assembly, Viktoriia, who wants to go to university to become a dentist like her parents, said seeing the political system in action, and seeing an issue that affects her addressed, was "awesome."

Both refugees and Canadian residents pay domestic tuition rates, much lower than international student tuition fees. The CUAET program does not categorize Ukrainian arrivals as refugees. As a result, those who want to pursue post-secondary education would be required to pay the higher international student tuition rates, up to \$35,000 a year. "Our government remains committed to supporting Ukrainians who have come to Saskatchewan seeking refuge from war," Advanced Education Minister Gordon Wyant said on May 11.

"These students are in a unique situation. We want them to be able to continue living here to study at one of our excellent post-secondary institutions without causing severe financial hardship for their families."

Among those who may be eligible to pay domestic tuition are approximately two dozen Ukrainian students who will graduate from high school in Saskatchewan this spring. If they choose to pursue post-secondary education in the province, they will now pay the same tuition rates as domestic students.

"Ukrainian arrivals are contributing in many ways to our



Proud moment

Viktoriia Knyhnytska of Wawota was at the Legislature in Regina on May 11 for an announcement by the provincial government that will make post-secondary education more affordable for Ukrainians in Canada under CUAET. The province announced that Ukrainians will now pay the same tuition fees as Canadians and refugees. Viktoriia had raised the issue April 23, Minister Gord Wyant told the World-Spectator April 27 he asked his department for ways to fix the issue, and two weeks later, on May 11, the government announced a new program to fix the disparity in tuition fees.

communities, our labour force, and the rich cultural fabric of Saskatchewan," Wyant said. "They deserve an opportunity to study in Saskatchewan, and hopefully become permanent residents and contribute to the growth and future of our province."

"Saskatchewan has welcomed around 4,000 Ukrainian citizens to the province over a number of months. It has been very gratifying to see our residents, your friends and your neighbours, open their arms and their hearts to help these newcomers get settled and adjust to life in this province."

"We're announcing today that our government will be helping Ukrainian families contribute to our communities, our workforce and our culture."

"We're introducing a process that will help Ukrainian students access secondary education

right here in Saskatchewan. Our government will provide funding to allow Ukrainian students to pay domestic tuition rates at Saskatchewan institutions rather than international ones.

"We all know that post secondary education is a significant investment for students and for their families. There are many financial supports made available to help most students manage the cost but those supports aren't available to Ukrainians who have come here to escape from the war."

"These students deserve a chance to get an education at one of our excellent post secondary institutions without experiencing significant financial hardship. Our government must give these students a chance to stay here near their families and further their education here in Saskatchewan."

"We know that about two

dozen Ukrainian students who came to Canada under the Emergency Travel Program are graduating from Grade 12 this spring and about the same number will graduate next year.

"There may be others who come to Canada through that program who want to get a post secondary education but can't afford it. There are many opportunities available in Saskatchewan for high quality training and rewarding careers. This initiative will give them that chance by allowing them to pay the same tuition as our Saskatchewan residents."

"I also want to note that our government plans to provide some additional financial aid to these students."

"They will receive the same amount of grant funding that a low income Saskatchewan student would receive through the student loan program."

"To the students and to all Ukrainian arrivals, I want to convey our hope that you will be permanent residents in Canada. We want you to stay and we want you to be part of the growth and the future of Saskatchewan."

Program will make a difference for Viktoriia

Viktoriia said now that she will pay the same tuition fees as a Canadian, an education in Saskatchewan is attainable.

She has registered for the University of Saskatchewan to start this fall.

"I want to be a dentist like my Mom and Dad. For international students the cost is \$35,000 for a year, for a domestic student it's \$7,000, so it makes a big difference," she said.

"For us it's really good news to hear that, because we came from Ukraine where there is war, and we're just happy to hear this."

Kay says program may attract more families

Wawota Mayor Kevin Kay said he believes the program will result in more Ukrainian families choosing to locate in Saskatchewan.

"We have some that were looking at Saskatchewan, but tuition was an issue," he said. "Now that we have this program, I'm confident that they will be coming to Saskatchewan."

He said the announcement is important for Wawota, which has attracted a number of Ukrainian families. "We have welcomed 11 families to our community, and this is a very important announcement for us, because there are a number that have graduated high school, a number who are getting ready for higher education, which Ukrainians take very, very seriously, just like Canadians. We are welcoming more Ukrainians to Wawota and this will make a difference."

Kay said the Ukrainian newcomers have quickly become a vital part of the community.

"Several want to become volunteer firefighters now, which is huge for our community. They've started a chess club, they're involved in soccer, and several other community groups."

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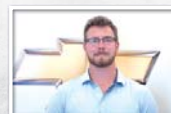
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In Wawota, Carnduff, Stoughton: New funding for EMTs

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

New funding has been announced to fund new Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) positions in communities across Saskatchewan, including three in the south-east—Wawota, Carnduff, and Stoughton.

The funding increase of \$8.8 million includes over \$3.5 million to support the addition of 33 full time equivalent (FTE) positions in 27 communities across Saskatchewan.

"Specific to those three communities, Carnduff it amounts to 0.52 FTE positions, Stoughton 1.67 FTE, and the same in Wawota, 1.67 FTE," Everett Hindley, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health said.

"Each individual ambulance service, they're responsible for determining the optimal staffing mix for the service, whether that breaks down to full-time, part-time, or casual."

The number of positions added to each selected community was based on the demand for service in those areas, said Hindley.

"This is the second year for this program. We launched this program for the first time back in the last budget cycle," he said.

"How they prioritized these communities is they try to stabilize areas that are either frequently out of service, or aren't meeting their response target times that they're trying to get.

"Also, we try to provide some resources to support the emergency department stabilization, what are known as hub hospital sites, but the ministry would have some parameters they work in to try to determine what communities receive the funding.

"I think they would work closely with those operators, whether they're private operators or SHA run ambulance operators, they would work closely with them to determine what are some of the shortfalls that you are experiencing, and how do we bring you to where you need to be."

Wawota will have an additional 1.6 FTE positions

Mayor of Wawota Kevin Kay said the community is thrilled to be receiving an additional 1.67 full time equivalent (FTE) positions for their ambulance services in Wawota.

"It's been a long time coming, but we really need it in our area," said Kay.

"With the community growing the way it is, we need emergency services so we're pretty excited about that."

Kay said it is yet to be determined how the 1.67 FTE positions in Wawota will be divided.

"We're not exactly sure how the program is going to be working, whether those positions are going to be offered to current EMTs or if they're going to be putting in applications for other places," he said.

"There's still a lot of questions how it's going to be implemented yet. We're just waiting to see how that's all going to go."

Currently, Wawota has several part time EMTs for their ambulance service in the community.

"We have several part timers, and they're struggling to fill the on-call positions," said Kay.

"We had one come about a year or so ago, and that has relieved a lot of pressure, but it still puts a lot of pressure on that one particular individual."

"Having the extra funding is going to be phenomenal for us. It will be able to relieve some of those people who have been on call for way too long."

Kay was asked if he thinks the community will be able to fill the paramedic positions in Wawota quickly.

"We certainly hope so," he said.

"If we have to, we'll certainly start recruiting and finding a spot for those individuals if required."

"I'm just excited to see what's going to happen, and how it's going to add to our community as we continue to grow."

Additional EMS positions still needing to be filled

In April 2022, the Government of Saskatchewan made an investment of \$7.3 million to support stabilization of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) through additional paramedics, ambulances and funding, in 27 communities across the province with a particular focus on rural, remote, and northern areas.

Hindley was asked if all of those positions in EMS that were added last year had been filled.

"Not as of yet. The last number I had was, I think, about 70 per cent of those new FTEs have been filled," he said.

"That was an update I had earlier in the spring. It may have increased a bit, there's still some work to be done to fill those positions that were previously announced in the earlier budget cycle.

"I still think it's important that we did that last year, that we're continuing that program this year.

"It's important to point out that when it comes to the new resources, we're hoping that we'll have most of these in place—I'm speaking of this year's budget commitment—but, we're hoping to have most of those resources in place by October 1st."

Hindley said part of the reason why the additional EMT

positions have not been fully filled is because a lot of paramedics are still completing their training.

"The reason for that is, part of this has to do with paramedics entering the labour force," said Hindley.

"New paramedic graduates that are completing their training. It takes some time for that to happen, so as those new paramedic graduates enter the labor force, then we anticipate them filling some of these new positions.

"While we of course would like to see them filled as quickly as possible, the reality of the situation is that we are relying on some new graduates to be able to take up some of these new positions.

"That does take some time, but we want to make sure we're filling these all as quickly as we can."

Hindley spoke about how the provincial government came up with the idea of the EMS enhancement program, that primarily focuses on filling the gap of staffing for rural ambulances.

"It's something we've been hearing for a while. We work regularly in terms of communicating with community leadership, but also local health care providers and that includes our very valuable on-the-ground EMS providers," he said.

"Whether it's through tours that myself or Minister Merriman have done, directly to communities and consultations and feedback that we're getting from local groups whether it's foundations, whether it's locally elected councils at towns, villages, cities, RMs, through organizations like SUMA and SARM, through groups like the paramedic Services Chiefs of Saskatchewan who I and Minister Merriman meet with regularly, and then we discuss with our officials, and I know they meet as well with our officials directly."

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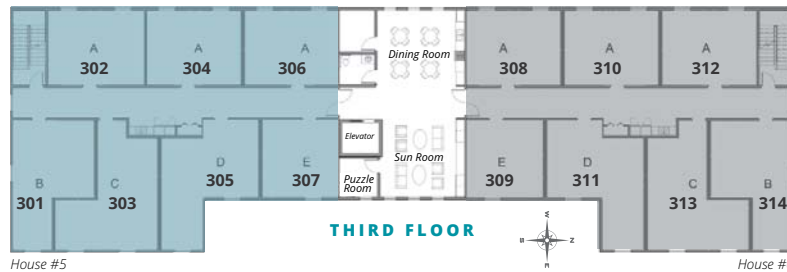


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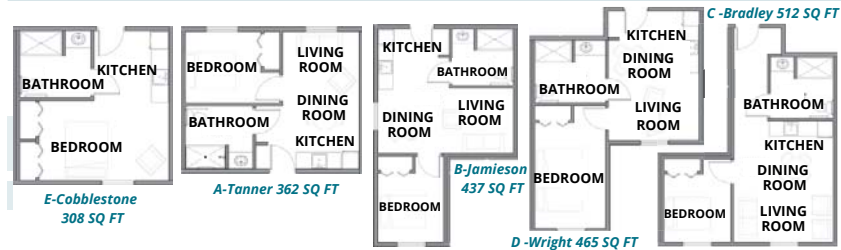
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Anytime Fitness to build new gym in Moosomin

BY KARA KINNA

Anytime Fitness is planning a new gym for Moosomin. The building permit for the gym was approved Wednesday.

The building will be constructed at 414 Main Street, between Park Avenue and Lake Avenue.

The 6,120 square foot building was designed by South Prairie Design of Moosomin.

Keller Developments of Brandon will be the contractor for the building.

Jolene and Eddy De Vries are the owners of the new business, and say they are looking forward to opening up in Moosomin.

"Ever since we opened up in Esterhazy we've been receiving phone calls asking us to open up a gym here," says Eddy. "So that was from back in 2016.

"We had the rights in Melville but we were just struggling a little bit working with the town there, so we moved it to here.

"I was actually shopping for a truck so I chatted with Murray Gray at the time when we were dealing with Melville and the town was not very welcoming and accommodating. Murray just laid it on the line and was like 'whatever we could do to help you guys out, because we need a gym here so bad.' In the citizen polls it was always the top three of what the town requires. So he said, 'Whatever you guys need to do to make this happen, let us know.'

"It's just been such a nice experience dealing with him. So then he got us hooked up with the Economic Development Committee and then took us for a tour around looking for properties. We were hoping to actually be open in 2020 and then obviously Covid hit us and stopped everything dead in its tracks. Since Covid is pretty much over, the cost increase of everything has been a bit of a delay but we're finally on track."

Eddy and Jolene say they have enjoyed dealing with Moosomin.

"It's been amazing. I love Moosomin—it's such an awesome community. Our daughter plays football here too so we drive here



Eddy and Jolene De Vries, the owners of the new Anytime Fitness coming to Moosomin.

from Esterhazy," says Jolene. "In the fall I'm usually here three to five days a week depending on games and we start football this week again.

"Moosomin is an amazing town and we just can't wait to open here."

The Moosomin location will be their third location as they also own Anytime Fitness locations in Esterhazy and Yorkton.

"We find the Anytime Model fits very nicely in the smaller towns," says Jolene.

"If I was in a big city I probably would do something a little different or we'd have to go way bigger, but this model just fits nice for small towns because it has a real community feel and we're not scary. People walk into a gym sometimes and they

get scared, and you don't get that feeling walking into ours. It's not dingy and dark. It's bright and we always have staff there who are there to help, so I think it's a different feel for a lot of people. In the smaller communities, whether it's younger people or older people, women or men, we service anybody."

"The Anytime Model is a very inclusive environment," adds Eddy. "You're not going to get a whole lot of the super, heavy-duty lifters that are going to be intimidating towards new users, but it doesn't exclude them from that either. You could have people who are lifting super heavy and then we could be running a session with some older ladies as well too. Everybody just gets along and that's the model that we're aiming for—to have something

that fits everyone."

"It's basically personal training in either a small group or a personal training format," says Jolene. "So the group training format will generally take 10-12 people in a session, but it's more personal training done in a large group format. So it's not you following along with an instructor at the front because that's a class. You're actually being coached through it and they're watching what you're doing and adjusting the movement. For example, in the session I could have someone that is six weeks off of knee surgery, I could have someone that's had a hip replacement and I could have someone that is an athlete in that same session. The movements will look a little bit different for each of them so that they're working at their own level but we can accommodate them all in that session versus a class. So I can accommodate somebody at a really base foundational level, coming off of injury or surgery, all the way up to an athlete in the same session.

"A class generally denotes that everyone is doing the same movement regardless and there's no personalization there. We definitely try and personalize everything and we do a movement screen on everybody too before they're going into those sessions, so we know where they may struggle with certain movements and where their weak links are, so we can help them move better. The big thing is that we want people aging with better quality of life."

The building in Moosomin will be just over 6,000 square feet.

"Esterhazy is 5,800 square feet and it's a nice size for the size of community that is there," says Eddy. "Moosomin is slightly bigger than Esterhazy. In Yorkton we have 7,600 feet. No matter how big the gym is it always seems like it's too small, but that's like anything else in life. So it's just a nice, usable space so that you can stretch everything out and you're not feeling too crowded. I think it'll be just right and we've had about six years worth of experience learning what works and how to position things. It'll be awesome."

The plan is to hopefully have the gym opened by this fall.

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A rendering of the new Anytime Fitness being built on Main Street in Moosomin.

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"As soon as the frost is out of the ground they'll be breaking ground so we should be open, cross our fingers, in September or October," says Jolene.

The couple say that people in the Moosomin area are excited about the new gym.

"People are super excited. Literally we field dozens of calls a week or emails from people asking. So people are waiting and they're super excited," says Jolene.

"I honestly feel bad because we've been saying that we're coming since 2020 and it's been a long wait for them too, not only us. So I'm excited for them to finally get to see what we do," adds Eddy.

"Construction and cost just didn't cooperate. Basically since Covid the cost of building has gone up—it's costing us almost double. Then the equipment itself that we're purchasing is easily 30 per cent more so you have to go back to the drawing board and recalculate a lot in the meantime."

The gym will likely employ around five to six people. Eddy says the Anytime Fitness model prides itself on cleanliness and safety in its models.

"One of the things that we always get praised on is our cleanliness and for me, you could have the greatest gym in the world and if it's not clean, it turns off a lot of people," says Eddy. "So for us we strive on a clean, warm and welcoming facility. As well the Anytime Model really highlights safety and security. It is a members only facility so everybody has to scan the key fob to get in the door, you can leave your valuables in the cubbies and nobody is ever going to steal them and every person is a registered member so you never have to worry about someone coming in and rifling through your stuff."

"Depending on our layout there are 16-18 security cameras that go in so we can monitor everything. So if something happens and people switch shoes we can look at the cameras and find that. So the security is really high. The other thing I think that makes us a little different is that community feel too and when you walk in it's just clean, it's bright, and it's not dark."

"It's just got a nice feel to it and that's what I felt before we opened our first. We were walking through other gyms to see what we like about certain gyms and certain franchises and the Anytime Model caught my eye because of that."

"The other thing from the success standpoint too is that the equipment that we buy is basically top of the line

equipment," says Jolene. "There isn't anything at a higher level that you could buy and it's always maintained. So you're never going to see stuff broken and if we have a slice in a seat, it is going to be fixed immediately, so you're never going to see duct tape on a seat because some of the vinyl was wrecked—we don't accept that."

"That adds to the user experience to make sure that they're feeling that they're in a quality gym."

"Another nice thing about the Anytime Model too is that once you're a member of one Anytime Fitness, you're a member of all of them," says Eddy. "There's 5,300 Anytimes in the entire world and once you're a member of one, you can use all of them for no additional charge, which is a great feature for someone who's travelling a lot. They could be in Winnipeg one weekend and then work in Vancouver the next. They can fly to Europe or Asia and use all of the clubs there and there's no additional charge for that feature. You literally just scan your key at the door and it opens up any of them."

So what have been the challenges for getting to this point?

"Covid obviously put a real damper on things and all gyms took a pretty big hit with 40 per cent of our industry closed permanently," says Jolene. "Then we saw, even from a banking perspective, banks now consider our industry high risk so that's been a bit of a challenge. It just took time and it's been a long time coming."

The De Vries' say since Covid, opening a new gym can be a risk but they think it's worth it in Moosomin.

"I think number one for here is that the town is growing. If you look at the expansion of the airport, expansion of the services here, for us being one of the first gyms coming into here was important and we think that it's a good fit for the community. Our health and fitness is super important and our health system right now needs to change a little bit with things that are more physical activity and nutrition as part of health care and we think it's

important to get it to every community."

"We're the first line of defense," says Eddy. "If someone has high blood pressure or Type 2 Diabetes, you battle it in the gym first. Gym and food. So we've been chatting with people and obviously that's a huge part of life that we need to make sure people are incorporating and the people here have been so warm and welcoming. It made a nice fit to come here, and we live in Esterhazy so it's not too far away. Dealing with all of the people here, and as soon as we started chatting with Murray and seeing the community, we instantly wanted to come."

What do the De Vries enjoy about running gyms?

"I like the training so I do all of the training and nutrition coaching and all of that," says Jolene. "I like seeing a huge difference if we can get people moving better, off of their diabetes medication, or off of insulin from the health standpoint, it's super, super rewarding. If you look at the industry now, what we see from the marketing perspective, everyone sees the body builders. That's less than two per cent of the population that does that. It's the people coming in that can't go for a bike ride with their kid and we get them to the point where we can get them to the park to play, or get off of their medication. That's the important stuff."

"It's the success stories," says Eddy. "Seeing people come in and they're really shy and super nervous, obviously they have some weight to lose, or other goals that they want to try and accomplish and seeing them succeed in that is so rewarding. Their self esteem comes up. They've shed that 25 pounds and they're more active, they're more energetic, they've got this charisma about them that they didn't have before. That's the rewarding part—seeing the successes of people. Lots of times when they come in they don't believe in themselves and they require a little support and nudging along the way and afterwards they start seeing those goals achieved and they're off to the races."

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Province makes post-secondary education affordable for Ukrainian newcomers

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U of R, U of S presidents refuse to speak on issue

The World-Spectator reached out to both the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan, both when the issue of post-secondary education for Ukrainian students was first raised, and after the government made the announcement May 11.

The World-Spectator requested interviews with both university presidents and both refused to speak on the issue.

Other universities have been more ac-

commodating for Ukrainians under CUAET. Many universities decided on their own to charge Canadian tuition rates to CUAET students. The University of Alberta and Brandon University went farther, charging no tuition at all to Ukrainian students. And the University of Manitoba paid up to \$36,000 to Ukrainian students to cover tuition, books, food, and accommodations, while the U of R and U of S chose to charge international student fees in the tens of thousands of dollars to those same students.

Heather Persson, Chief Communications Officer and Associate Vice-President, Strategic Communications at the U of S provided the following statement: "We welcome the news announced

May 11 from the Government of Saskatchewan and the Ministry of Advanced Education that the province will provide funding to ensure Ukrainian students who arrived in Saskatchewan over the past year under the CUAET program who wish to pursue post-secondary education will pay domestic tuition rates rather than international rates.

"As USask President Peter Stoicheff noted in his message to the campus community in February 2022, Saskatchewan is home to one of Canada's highest populations of people of Ukrainian descent. Our university conducts programming and research related to Ukrainian culture, language, politics, and his-

tory. We have partnerships and student exchanges with institutions in Ukraine. We have deep and strong relationships with Ukraine, and we are committed to continued discussions with all levels of government about how we can best support students coming to our province and country through CUAET."

The university refused to answer questions about why it took action by the provincial government to bring fees for CUAET students in line with other refugees and Canadian students, when other institutions reduced tuition fees for Ukrainian students on their own. The University of Regina would not arrange an interview with its president on the issue.

Sale of first SLGA buildings raises \$2 million

Moosomin, Esterhazy, Carlyle among the first to sell

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Buildings that formerly housed Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming retail liquor stores across Saskatchewan are being sold, and the first seven stores sold have brought in more than \$2 million for the provincial government.

That's on top of the \$45 million the province made from selling the retail liquor permits in February.

The Moosomin and Esterhazy stores were among the first to sell. SLGA has accepted offers for the properties located in the communities of Moosomin, Esterhazy, Carlyle, La Ronge, Buffalo Narrows, Creighton, and Humboldt. The purchase price total for those seven properties is \$2,085,000, an average of about \$300,000 per property. The former Moosomin liquor store is expected to be leased out as commercial space.

"I am pleased with the level of interest we have seen in these buildings," Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority Minister Lori Carr said.

"Selling the properties is another step in the process to wind down SLGA Retail Inc. and the proceeds from the sales will also support important public services across the province."

SLGA Retail Inc. owned 19 of its 34 store properties. Five of the buildings will be repurposed for other government organizations. The remaining buildings that have not yet been sold and are not being repurposed for other government uses will be sold in the coming weeks.

In February, 35 liquor licence permits owned by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority were auctioned off—and the total bids amounted to more than \$45 million.

The auction ran from Feb. 6 to Feb. 24 and final bids ranged from \$450,000 in towns like Carlyle to nearly \$3.3 million in the town of La Ronge.

"We are pleased to see these auctions come to a successful conclusion," the minister responsible for SLGA Lori Carr said at the time.

Between Moosomin and Esterhazy alone, the province took in a combined \$1,315,000 from selling the retail liquor permits.

The Esterhazy permit sold for \$685,000,



The former SLGA liquor store in Moosomin, above, along with the stores in Esterhazy, Carlyle, and four other locations, have sold for a combined \$2 million. The Moosomin store is expected to be offered for lease as commercial space.

while the Moosomin permit sold for \$630,000.

Those permits simply give the buyer the right to open a liquor store, they did not include the buildings.

Moosomin Mayor Larry Tomlinson said at the time he was surprised to see the town's liquor permit sold for that amount.

"I was kind of shocked it went that high. It was a surprise," said Tomlinson.

"I think they must have looked at the town and think it's worth paying that much money and putting a business in town for it."

"It looks good for the town, it looks like we are progressive and they have faith in coming to town. It looks like they

know the town is growing and that it will be a good viable business."

"It's actually a really, really good sign that people have some confidence in this community to be able to go out and spend that kind of money on a permit just to be able to sell liquor, without even having a building," says Esterhazy Mayor Grant Forster at the time of the retail liquor license sale.

"That's a really good sign that there is some confidence in what this community is able to provide. From an overall standpoint, anyone from council that I have talked to is pretty impressed with that."

"I have to say I was surprised. When the permit sold for our first private store,

it came in somewhere in that \$300,000 range. So to have it more than double was quite surprising."

Stephanie Choma, Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) spokesperson said the winning bidders of the permits will be disclosed after the permits are issued.

"Once all of the qualifications are met, the permit is issued and the operator opens their business," Choma said.

"The timelines to issue permits will range widely, depending how soon businesses submit/meet all application requirements, secure locations, hire staff, get setup to operate, etc."

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Next steps for moving forward with new health care facility in Esterhazy

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

Esterhazy Health Foundation plans to raise additional funds in the near future for the new hospital and long term care facility building planned for the Town of Esterhazy.

"The foundation will be focused on how do we figure out how much money we need, and what this project is going to cost," said Don Hood, chair of St. Anthony's Hospital Foundation.

Due to the initial 20 per cent of the town's contribution for building the new facility reflecting 2011 numbers, Hood said the foundation's role will be to raise the remaining amount they need, that reflect the costs of today's numbers.

Once the foundation has an estimated cost of the additional funds required from the Town of Esterhazy, they will start actively fundraising.

Shortly after the Government of Saskatchewan's 2023 budget was released—announcing that funding for Esterhazy's new hospital and long term care facility will be included—representatives from the provincial government and Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) met with the foundation, along with other local groups and town councillors to discuss the facility's initial planning stages.

"The meeting was just the start of the planning process," said Hood.

"We're in a period of crazy inflation. The only study we have was done in 2011. We had work done with that study provided, with a little bit of escalation, and came up with our 20 per cent, provided with \$10 million.

"That was done a few years ago, before inflation went crazy. Now we have to try and determine what is that capital cost going to look like and what is our 20 per cent going to be now, and how we are going to raise that money.

"That's the focus of the foundation. It's absolutely critical we figure out what that amount of money is as best as we can."

Coming up with the additional funds for the new facility will be challenging, said Hood.

"If you wait until the last minute it's very difficult," he said.

"We started fundraising in 2009 and we raised our \$10 million a number of years ago. In that period of time there was very little inflation, but lately it's crazy.

"We don't have a number that we can focus on right now. We've got to figure that out.

"Once we figure it out, we'll identify towns, RMs that can help us. We might also do some fundraising projects.



The Esterhazy Health Foundation and the Government of Saskatchewan are in their initial planning stages for building a new hospital and long term care facility in the Town of Esterhazy.

"Although we're not running a charity golf tournament, the charity golf is raising money every year. They raise about \$200,000 a year."

Equipment transferrable to new hospital

In addition to the town's 20 per cent contribution, they are also responsible for covering 100 per cent of the furniture and equipment needed for the new facility.

"We're doing some of the furniture and fixtures of the equipment now," Hood said.

"We're buying things we need in the existing hospital that can be easily moved to the new hospital. That will help us with the 100 per cent of equipment furnishing cost.

"The 20 per cent is a big number we've got to get our head around it and see what it is."

With the foundation and community working towards a new facility for over a decade, Hood said they were relieved to

finally receive funding when this year's provincial budget was announced.

"It was wonderful, amazing news," he said.

"We've been waiting for it for a long time. We were so happy when it came along. It's just great that we can move forward and get this project underway."

Having a new facility will bring a lot of benefits to the community of Esterhazy and surrounding area.

"It's going to be wonderful to the community," said Hood.

"Right now, we have two facilities that are in very poor shape: the hospital and the care home. It will be nice to move to something that is modern, that can provide better service to the patients, and it will be wonderful for the health care workers who work there."

Hood said he has been

dedicated to helping with this project because of how essential it is for the community.

"We need it. Governments have lots of challenges with everyone wanting something done, 'we need money for this, we need money for that,'" he said.

"We knew they understood our project was important, and that they would get to it, and, it happened. We're very happy."

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In response to concerns of producers:

Province considers extending deer season to cut numbers

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
Saskatchewan Environment Minister Dana Skoropad told the Plain & Valley that the provincial government will be providing more hunting tags to help address the overpopulation of deer.

In addition, the province will be looking at extending the hunting season in areas with an overpopulation problem as a long term solution for tackling the out of control deer population.

"We've identified a number of hot spots whether it's for elk, whether it's for whitetail deer, whether it's for mule deer, and it varies as you go around the province," said Skoropad.

"We've identified those hot spots, and in many of those cases we will be providing more hunting opportunities to better manage these wildlife populations."

Skoropad said the resolution came forward after the ministry of environment met with various people including SARM, the SUMA advisory committee, the Wildlife Advisory Committee, RMs, towns, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance, and conservation officers.

"This is for the regulated hunting, to allow more opportunities for hunting,"



Growing numbers of mule deer have been causing issues for farmers across Saskatchewan. Alvin Nixon took this photo of mule deer in the area.

Skoropad said. "I'm giving you an exclusive here—we're also working on a long term so-

lution as well, that involves the possibility of looking at extended hunting season opportunities, where we

are still experiencing some management challenges.

"The management challenges were identified late

into the regular hunting season, and we're really using hunting as our primary tool as we've always done,

but allowing it to be a little more flexible as well as to be able to manage that."

With the exploding deer population causing problems for farmers—deer getting into feedstocks for livestock producers and getting into grain bags—Skoropad said the department wants to work with landowners.

"Right now we are trying to manage the wildlife population through the regulated hunting," he said.

"As far as working with the landowners, we encourage them to certainly reach out to us. We need to understand where these hot spots are so that we can make adjustments where necessary.

"We encourage them to reach out to conservation officers, and work through their conservation officers. That's where we'll be going as of now."

Tracking of deer numbers across the province

Skoropad spoke about the methods the Government of Saskatchewan uses to track the deer population across the province.

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"We've got a number of mechanisms in place to track deer numbers. As far as the ministry goes, we do aerial and ground surveys," he said.

"We also take in hunter surveys. There's also field reports that come in from the general public in addition to information that the RMs and communities would share with us, information that our Wildlife Advisory Committee would have as well. It all comes together that way."

Based on the feedback from people across the province, Skoropad said they have noticed this year's deer numbers being higher compared to previous years. However, it varies for the different areas. "What we do notice this year in particular, there's significant herding of the deer," he said.

"I certainly don't want to speak to one area of the province in this regard, but certainly as the generality winter came around early, and it looks like we're not quite through it, this has created a challenge," said Skoropad.

"We're looking at many cases of food shortage, shelter issues as well, and deer travel many kilometres in some cases when winters are like that.

"We're hearing a lot of herding which does then create issues, and issues that we hear from producers, ranchers and residents of many communities.

"It depends on what area you're in, in the province, and depends on what species you're looking at. The last couple of years we've had a really good habitat so we certainly see it a little bit higher.

"Thus, we try to inform the individual wildlife management zone to work as best as we can."

Skoropad explained what the government's policy is for managing the extensive number of deer in RMs and farmlands that are causing issues for farmers. "What we try to do each and every year

is manage deer and other species in the province, wildlife in the province, through regulated hunting," said Skoropad.

"That becomes our main tool and we certainly try to get it right when it comes to the hunting allocations in each of the wildlife management zones.

"Beyond that, we certainly encourage landowners, or otherwise, to engage with their local conservation officers who have a number of strategies.

"Also, more particular for producers and ranchers, to work with Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation. There's some funding available for some preventive measures that can be put in place."

The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation allows farmers to apply for compensation for livestock and feedstock damage.

"That said, there certainly are some variables there and we know the weather is a really big variable, but those are certainly some tools that we've got in place presently," he said.

Skoropad said the concerns about deer on peoples properties have only been raised in certain areas of the province.

"I wouldn't say it's been across the province, but I would certainly say in areas of the province," he said.

"As I mentioned before, it depends on the species as well. What's a problem in one area as far as the population goes in some cases is not even a point of conversation in another.

"We've certainly heard, and we've worked closely, we'll continue to work closely, I want to stress, with SARM in particular.

"We met with SARM just a number of weeks ago and we'll continue regular touch points throughout the year to ensure that we're really being able to address this appropriately.

"As well to hear and understand fully what's happening on the ground."

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New USask researcher focuses on growing forage production



Kelln will be supervising Tyler Peterson when he starts his master's degree this spring. His research will begin in the greenhouse one plant at a time before he takes his work to the field next year.

Dr. Breeanna Kelln (PhD) loves to connect the dots, even when the dots are scattered and seemingly unrelated.

"I don't fit into any box. I do interdisciplinary work and because of that, I'm connecting all these different pieces and I find the work to be super exciting," said Kelln, assistant professor in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources and the Beef Industry Research Chair in Integrated Forage Management and Utilization at the University of Saskatchewan. She holds a joint appointment in the departments of Plant Sciences, and Animal and Poultry Science.

"Connecting the dots between the soil, the plants and the animal is so needed from an industry perspective. And when I say it's important for industry, who is industry? It's the guys and the gals feeding cows in minus-40 weather. It's our duty to provide them with the resources to do that properly and efficiently and profitably. It's also our responsibility to help them tell their story, especially when the environment comes into play."

Kelln has been connecting her own dots for years. After high school, she wasn't interested in attending university but her mom enrolled her anyway. She quit school at Christmas, got her Class 1A truck driver licence and started driving a super-B truck hauling grain and fertilizer across the Prairies.

"More than 20 years ago, that was quite unique - a single woman driving a super B," she laughed. While it was a good life for a couple of years, Kelln knew it wasn't what she wanted as a career. Because she thought she wasn't smart enough for university, Kelln applied to attend Lakeland College. It wasn't long before she realized two things: she was smart enough because she is a hard worker and she fit in with other students who were also interested in the livestock industry. After her first year, she transferred to USask. At the university, she studied under

Dr. Bart Lardner (PhD), completing her fourth-year project looking at winter feeding options for cattle. That, in turn, led to a more in-depth look as a master's student in her thesis, The effects of winter-feeding systems on beef cow performance, soil nutrients, crop yield and system economics. She completed her master's degree, also under Lardner's supervision, in 2010.

"I caught the research bug. Research really is the forefront of knowledge.

We got lots of traction with that extensive winter-feeding research. I was able to do presentations on our research and be a real service to producers by teaching them what we learned."

Lardner encouraged her to get a job in industry before starting a PhD program. For almost 10 years, Kelln worked as an agronomist for various companies helping producers find ways to grow crops more efficiently and profitably while protecting the environment.

Meanwhile, Kelln and her husband, Greg Hill, were building their farm near Duval, Sask., about 90 km north of Regina.

Although they were both raised on farms, their operation is akin to a start-up. Because they didn't inherit any land or cattle, they have purchased all their land from family

and neighbours. Over the years, they grew their land base and cow herd to 1,000 head. They disbursed their cow herd in 2019 and have diversified their operation from strictly a cow-calf operation to a mixed farm with a small cow herd, tame and native forages, grain crops including oilseeds, cereals and pulses,

and even a commercial laying hen barn built in 2020.

"We laugh about where we are as a family. We are great business partners. Greg's the hands-on partner and pushes for constant growth of our operation. I'll drive truck, but I'm not that involved in day-to-day operations.

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Medical residency program

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"This is tough for me to fairly comment on since I have no residency experience in a city to compare to," she said.

"During my time in cities as a medical student, the most obvious difference is that I would never see any patient outside of the hospital, whereas here it is daily that you are able to develop rapport with patients by saying hello on the street, or passing them at Tim Hortons or Red Barn. I think this helps facilitate trust between patients and doctors.

"Another big difference is longitudinal exposure to inpatient and emergency medicine that rural medicine offers.

"Last one I can think of without adding too much bias, would be access to investigations and imaging. CT is a big one."

Based on her experience in southeast Saskatchewan, Fallis said she would recommend other residents to do their residency in a rural setting. "Everyone considering family medicine should consider doing their residency in a rural site, in my opinion," said Fallis.

"Rural training has set me up to be very prepared to adapt to a massive variety of health and social situations, as well as logistical navigation of the health system. Being far away from specialists really places a lot of demand on a family doctor's medical knowledge.

"In two years, I'm sure I won't have seen everything there is to see, but our clinical training in combination with the academic curriculum and simulation training makes me confident that I will be as prepared as possible.

"Rural sites will allow the resident to be the first in line for any learning opportunity, compared to other settings where there are a lot of other residents that have to share the learning, and it is common for senior residents to take priority over first-year learners.

"That said, there is also no one to hide behind, you really have to know your stuff and learn quickly on how to navigate the answers to the things you don't."

Fallis said her experience living in Moosomin has been great.

"The community has such a variety of things to do, especially if you enjoy being active," she said.

"My family has been able to adjust well and my son is thriving in the school and day care here. The generosity of folks feels like no other place I have lived.

"My husband has been able to get involved with community basketball which is his passion, and there seems to be some community interest in growing that sport, which is exciting for us.

"I have enjoyed the chance to attend a couple of small theater productions in Moosomin and surrounding area, and they have been fantastic."

After her residency is completed, Fallis said she plans to stay in the community for an additional two years to complete her return of service.

"My family and I have decided that we would like to stay in Moosomin for my return of service to Saskatchewan for sure, which is two years after residency finishes," she said.



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In Wawota, Carnduff, Stoughton: New funding for EMTs

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"We've been trying to get a handle on what some of the issues are out there, and this is one of the things that's been identified to us at the elected level to say that 'we need some assistance with this.'"

Moosomin looking to fill staff for third ambulance

Last year, the provincial government provided \$11 million in funding to increase EMS services, which included funding for a third ambulance crew with three full-time employees in Moosomin.

However due to a shortage of paramedics, Walter Hutchinson, owner of Hutch Ambulance Moosomin, said they are still trying to find people to fill those positions.

"We haven't been able to fill our third car yet. We're still looking to do that," said Hutchinson.

"I'm expecting to hire an additional person here in the next month. We're just waiting for them to finish their practicum and things like that.

"We're getting more, it's just we've had a number of staff leave because there's lots of opportunities out there. People have left here so I've been able to fill those positions, but nothing on top of what we were originally at."

Breakdown of \$8.8 million provincial funding in EMS

The increase of \$8.8 million annual funding in the 2023-24 provincial budget will support Emergency Medical Services (EMS) improvements for 31 Saskatchewan communities by adding rural and remote ground ambulance staff, expanding community paramedicine, addressing wage parity issues, and providing more operational funding for contracted EMS operators and communication upgrades.

"If you look at what we announced in this year's budget, which is about \$8.8 million, but it breaks down into several key areas," he said.

"In terms of how that \$8.8 million breaks down, about \$3.5 million will support the additional 33 FTEs across 27 communities in the province.

"\$2.6 million of that \$8.8 million will go to support wage parity funding for paramedics working for contracted services.

"\$866,000 to support a two per cent grant increase for con-

tracted ambulance operators to mitigate some of the rising operational pressures they're facing.

"\$739,000 will go to support the program operational costs for the expansion of community paramedicine physicians in other areas of the province. There's some funding there about \$510,000 to upgrade and replace the SHA's EMS radios.

"Then the final portion is about \$495,000 to support what they call Next Generation 911 technology upgrades for the three EMS medical communication and co-ordination centres.

"You can see there's a number of different areas that have been identified with us as being priorities for ground EMS, and so we're trying to provide support through this funding."

Hindley said these programs are hopefully the start to filling the gap of staff that emergency medical services in rural communities face.

"I think it's important. We've seen some positive feedback from the paramedic services chiefs of Saskatchewan," he said.

"I know that I've heard positive feedback. As an example, last year's announcement we announced funding for a number of these positions for a series of communities, and I know I received feedback as the minister from those who were recipients of that funding saying they were very grateful for it, but I also received phone calls and emails and correspondents from communities saying how can we become part of this.

"We had to explain this was the amount of funding we had for last year's budget. Again, just speaking with some of those communities now that are recipients of this new funding in this year's budget, they're grateful to have this and realize that they're being recognized in terms of receiving some of the support.

"I think this will help with some of the challenges that we're facing out there. We've been hearing, of course, that we're very grateful for the work that's being done by our ground EMS.

"As an example of what this will do, by increasing the number of funded paramedic positions and the capacity of ambulance services that's what this funding does, and that will help with response times as an example.

"That's where I think this is going to help further enhance what we're doing for rural EMS in the province. This funding allows to increase the hours that some of these communities

are able to operate their ambulances, and therefore, I think, for better patient care."



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New USask researcher focuses on growing forage production

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"I enjoy helping with planning and management of the farm, but I don't want to be on the farm full-time. While I love being involved in our farm, I need my own thing."

Kelln defended her PhD thesis, Improving grazing capacity through introduction of bloat free legumes in existing pasture stands, in August 2022. But she is quick to dismiss the notion that she's the brain and Greg's the brawn.

"I learn so much more from Greg most days of the week because his knowledge of the cow-calf business and of how our farm works is incredible. This is his life's work."

It's a perspective Kelln takes when she is talking with cattle and forage producers.

"When I go to give a talk, I'm likely going to learn just as much, if not more, from the people sitting in the audience than I am able to teach them. It's a humbling experience."

Kelln divides her time between research, extension and, starting next year, teaching. All three

are connected and feed into each other. Sometimes researchers drive change as they test out new ideas but sometimes it's the producers driving the change. Early adopters and innovators in the cattle business will often try something new even to researchers. And then the researchers are catching up, testing out the ideas to determine if they warrant a change in practice.

"Let's put some numbers and stats to what those early adopters are doing so we can understand exactly what's happening on farm. That's really important so other producers can decide whether they are going to adopt that practice or not, or maybe the early adopters are on the right track and we can tweak it a bit and make a good idea even better."

"Going back to my husband, I use him somewhat as a litmus test in terms of what are good ideas and what are practical ideas, what is easily implemented. In my role at the university, I want to expand and talk to all kinds of producers to find out what



Dr. Bree Kelln (PhD) presented her integrated forage systems research proposal at the Beef and Forage Research Forum on March 2.

they are doing, what they are needing. Let's work together to benefit the industry."

Kelln becomes animated when talking about her research ideas.

"The fun part is starting from scratch with a question, working it through a project and then being

able to deliver that information to the producers. The future is now. The research that I want to do is research that's going to be applicable and make a difference on farms now with best management practices and blueprints that producers can take to their farms."

Kelln will be supervising a master's student starting this spring. Leading the team that includes soil scientist Dr. Jeff Schoenau (PhD) and plant scientist Dr. Bill Biliget (PhD), Kelln and the others will work together to determine the optimal seeding rate for legumes when a producer decides to sod-seed a pasture in need of rejuvenation or seed a mixed species forage blend. It seems like a basic question, but it's one

that hasn't been answered. If rejuvenating pastures is important, and it is, it's equally important to provide guidelines based on science on how to do that, says Kelln.

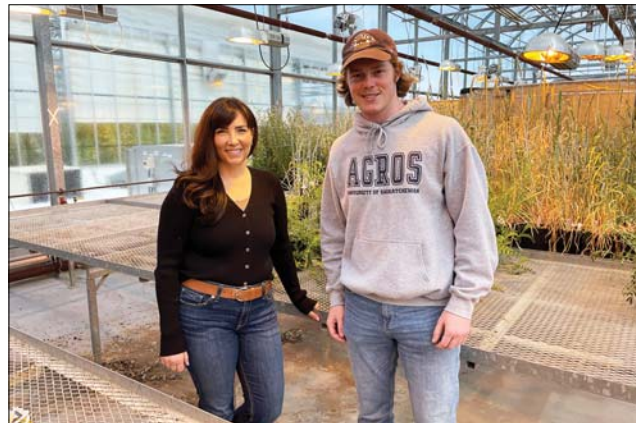
The issue is critical. Beef and forage producers are facing higher land prices and using fewer acres for hay and pasture. Between 2011 and 2016, hay and pasture area in Canada declined by 1.1 million hectares as farmers converted land to annual crop production. Much of the land that is used for perennial forage is becoming less and less productive with yields decreasing. From 1980 to 1990, the 10-year average was 2.2 tons per acre compared to the average over the past 10 years, 2012 to 2022, which was 1.7 tons per acre.

"It's essential to have healthy forages. Forages are providing a feed source for cattle, which is incredibly important to grow our industry, but they are also providing ecological goods and services, they are providing habitat for endangered species, they are providing environmental benefits."

The Beef Industry Research Chair in Integrated Forage Management and Utilization was established in response to concerns raised by the beef and forage industries. Funding for the chair comes from a variety of organizations including the Beef Cattle Research Council, the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association, the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, and the Global Institute for Food Security at USask.

If producers on the Prairies are going to increase beef production, they will need to feed their animals.

Kelln is eager to help. "I'm not a patient person," she laughed. "Nothing is ever happening fast enough for me. I feel a huge responsibility and I want to deliver on this."



With Dr. Bree Kelln's (PhD) supervision, Tyler Peterson's research will involve seeding cicer milkvetch, sanfoin and alfalfa, each with meadow bromegrass, to identify optimal seeding rates for such binary blends. Peterson, who grew up on a mixed farm between Dalmeny and Langham, graduated from Dalmeny High School in 2019.

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Spring seeding underway in Saskatchewan

Seeding is underway in Saskatchewan, with nine per cent of the crop in the ground, according to the first Crop Report of the season on May 11.

"Saskatchewan is a global leader in agricultural trade because of the abundance of high-quality, sustainably-produced crops grown in our province," Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "As producers undertake the significant investment of spring seeding, we encourage them to be aware of their surroundings, be farm safe and ask everyone to be mindful of the farm equipment on roadways during this busy season."

Saskatchewan is home to more than 40 per cent of Canada's cultivated farmland, producing nearly 35 million tonnes of total crop production in 2022.

Seeding was delayed in the month of April due to cool weather and spring snowstorms. Fields had to warm up and dry out before work could begin. The provincial seeding progress of nine per cent is behind the five-year average (2018-2022) of 23 per cent. Seeding is furthest advanced

in the southwest, west-central and northwest regions. Seeding progress is slower in the eastern regions where snowfall was heavier and water in fields is taking longer to disappear.

The northwest leads with seeding progress at 17 per cent, while the west central and southwest are at 14 and 13 per cent respectively. The northeast has seven per cent seeding complete, which is ahead of normal for this time of year. The southeast and east central regions have wetter fields than the rest of the province and both sit at three per cent seeded.

The most rainfall over the past week was recorded in the Marengo area with 35 mm. The Rocklens area received 10 mm and the Webb and Hazenmore areas received seven mm, and many more areas of the province received between one to five mm of rain over the week. Producers in the southwest and west central regions are already raising concerns about how dry their fields are and are hoping for a good soaking rain once the majority of seeding is finished.

Topsoil moisture for cropland is rated as five per cent surplus, 72 per cent adequate, 21 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay and pasture land is rated as two

per cent surplus, 66 per cent adequate, 28 per cent short and four per cent very short. While these conditions show improvement over last fall, producers are hoping for more rain in June and July.

The winter snowfall was rated as 34 per cent above normal, 48 per cent normal and 18 per cent below normal. Livestock producers in areas that did not receive adequate snowfall are anticipating minor to moderate water shortages over the next two months if they do not receive a significant rainfall.

Snowmelt runoff improved this spring compared to previous years with 21 per cent of crop reporters receiving above normal, 57 per cent normal and 22 per cent below normal levels of runoff. Of these reporters, 75 per cent reported that the amount of runoff received would fill dug-outs and water bodies in their area which is reassuring news for livestock producers who have had two difficult years with water quality and quantity.

Calving is coming to an end and livestock producers will soon begin assessing their pastures and moving cattle out when they can. Producers who are running low on feed for their livestock have already started moving some of their herd to pasture to help reduce feed consumption.



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Moosomin is one of the communities in the area that is growing because of development in southeast Saskatchewan. Moosomin is the fastest growing community in rural Saskatchewan and is projected to grow by a further 15 per cent by 2032. Above is an overview aerial shot of the community, and inset is a view of some of the new businesses that have developed along Lake Avenue, facing the Trans-Canada Highway, in recent years.

Moosomin area an example of growth • Moosomin projected to grow by 15 per cent by 2032: Lots of development potential in SE Sask, SW Manitoba

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

As the mining, manufacturing, energy, and agriculture industries continue to develop, the economy is growing in southeast Saskatchewan, leading to growth in many communities.

Major economic drivers in the area include:

- **Vaderstad Langbank**, which is a major manufacturer in the area, producing seeders. Vaderstad added a second production shift in the last year and has added significantly to its workforce, including hiring some new Canadians from Ukraine.

- **Nutrien Rocanville**. There has been significant growth at Nutrien Rocanville, says GM Justin Young. "You can easily say the staff has doubled," said Young. "Before my time we were at about 400 employees when we were doing half of the capacity. We doubled our workers since the expansion, and we've seen certain areas of the business grow. "For example, we've seen the amount of capital spend required to continue to operate a facility this large grow, so we built our own capital management team on site."

Nutrien Rocanville has close to 900 direct employees in addition to many contractors.

"We have 895 employees right now," said Young. "The number of contractors varies. There are peak seasons. In a turnaround we've been up to 1,200 to 1,400 contractors alone, plus all our employees. There's been days where the swipe-ins at security were over 2,000 people."

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With major projects underpinning the regional economy, local communities are able to expand and grow.

Moosomin is a community that has added new services, new recreational facilities, new businesses, and new residents over the last several years.

The town of Moosomin is projected to grow by 15 per cent by 2032. It had a growth rate of 10.4 per cent between the 2011 and 2016 censuses, making it the fastest growing community in rural Saskatchewan. Moosomin had grown by 8.9 per cent between the 2006 and 2011 censuses.

Growth in the town of Moosomin is projected to ramp up in future years, reaching 1.4 per cent per year from 2027 to 2032.

New businesses

Moosomin has grown substantially in the last 10 years, with an entire commercial district developed along the Trans-Canada Highway, including new restaurants, hotels, car dealers, and implement dealerships.

THESE BUSINESSES HAVE OPENED
IN MOOSSOMIN IN 2022 AND 2023

- **EECOL Electric** has a grand opening coming up for its new facility in Moosomin, which opened earlier this year.
- **Haven Clothing** opened a new store on Main Street in

Moosomin late last summer.

- **Hearing and Wellness by Porchlight**, providing hearing testing in Moosomin.

- **Broadway Commons**, a new professional building that has opened at the corner of Main and Broadway in downtown Moosomin, meeting the need for additional professional office space in Moosomin.

- **Michael White Psychology & Therapy Services**, providing services in Broadway Commons.

- **Bridges and Company law office**, which is located at Broadway Commons, providing Moosomin with a second law office.

- **Urban Market** opened a brand new store in Moosomin last summer, featuring local arts and crafts, local food, and more.

- **Borderland Co-op Liquor Store**, located next to Borderland's C-Store, Gas Bar, and Car Wash. The new liquor store, the third in the community, opened last spring.

THESE BUSINESSES ARE UNDER
CONSTRUCTION OR ARE OPENING SOON:

- **Anytime Fitness** plans to open a new gym on Main Street in Moosomin later this year. Construction will start soon on the 6,120 square foot gym. It will be owned by Eddy and Jolene DeVries. They say the believe Moosomin has a strong future and is an excellent place to invest.

- **Cobblestone House**. This new 42-bed long-term care/assisted living facility is being developed next to Pipestone Villas by Bridge Road Developments and Kohr Capital, with Care By Design helping with the operating side. The building is currently under construction. The facility will complement the senior services provided by the Southeast Integrated Care Centre, Pipestone Villas, and public senior housing in Moosomin. Local investment was raised to build the facility.

- **Skout Brewing** is building a microbrewery on the east side of Moosomin. Skout Brewing will feature locally grown hops from Shepherd Farms.

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Diverse Population • Diversified Economy • Boundless Opportunities

- Located at the centre of oil, potash & agriculture.
- Commercial development land available.
- Billions of dollars of new investment within 20 miles.

The town of Moosomin is a progressive community of 3,300 people in southeast Saskatchewan. Moosomin is surrounded by potash mining, rich farmland, oil, pipelines, and manufacturing industries, which make our economy vibrant.

Moosomin is on the Trans-Canada Highway and the CP Main Line, and has become a regional service centre with a wide variety of professional services, a business sector that ranges from unique retailers to major farm equipment dealers and vehicle dealers, and has a strong and active Chamber of Commerce. The town's economic development committee aims to help local entrepreneurs develop their businesses, as well as recruit outside businesses to locate in our community.

The town has a **tax incentive program** providing a year free of taxes on new Commercial construction valued at \$150,000 and over.

Our health care and recreation facilities are second to none! The Southeast Integrated Care Centre and Moosomin Family Practice Centre serve a wide area of southeast Saskatchewan and southwest Manitoba. We offer a full range of recreation. The Nutrien Sportsplex offers indoor activities from sports simulators to glow bowling.

For visitors we offer three new hotels perfect for hosting sports teams or conferences, a museum, rodeo, and Moosomin Regional Park, which hosts an annual fireworks competition, camping, boating, swimming and fishing in the summer, and ice fishing in the winter.

"This is the place to do business in Saskatchewan."
—Josef Tesar, Owner of Motel 6

"It's a good place to build and develop a dealership."
—Bob Mazer, MazerGroup



Some of the new businesses opened in Moosomin in recent years

New and expanded businesses in recent years

- New Borderland Co-op Liquor Store
- New Broadway Commons Professional Building
- New Hearing Clinic and Sleep Clinic
- New Private Home Care Service
- New Borderland Co-op head office
- New South Prairie Design office
- New Dodge Dealership
- New SaskPower building
- New IJack manufacturing plant
- 25,000 square foot MazerGroup Dealership
- NAPA Auto Parts dealership
- 25,000 square foot Co-op Home Centre
- Three new hotels on Highway 1
- Pipestone Villas Phase I and II
- Eastgate Business Park
- Flaman Sales and Rentals
- New restaurants: Cork and Bone Bistro, The Crate House, Ukrainian Buffet
- EECOL
- New assisted Living Facility
- Exhale Yoga
- Haven Clothing

Premium Residential Lots Available

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Moosomin area an example of growth: Lots of development potential in SE Sask, SW Manitoba

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EDO enthusiastic about prospects for growth

Moosomin Economic Development Officer Casey McCormac says she sees a lot happening in Moosomin right now, and sees lots of potential in future

"Moosomin is obviously growing right now," she said. "We are good at making different groups feel welcome, people like the Filipinos and Ukrainians, so just being open and welcoming brings more people, then our local businesses come together and help promote the community, and also just the people of Moosomin are so great I think it attracts people. For example we just had this smile cookie fundraiser for the MacLeod Elementary and we had the most sales in all of Saskatchewan. Moosomin is a town that supports one another and it's a town that people recognize as something different, and they want to be part of that."

She said the credit for the town's growth goes to



MOOSOMIN EDO CASEY MCCORMAC

the local people. "I think it's the people that we have here. They like to support one another and support local, and it shows."

She said there are a lot of opportunities for the town moving forward.

"I think that it's just going to keep growing," she said. "There are a few things in the works that might become reality in the future and I think it's just going to help Moosomin grow and grow. Some of the things we're working on are huge. They would bring so many more jobs and so many more people if they all happened, which I hope they do. It would be amazing for Moosomin."

What does she think Moosomin has to do to keep things going in the right direction?

"People need to continue to support local businesses and continue to show the kind of community support they always have, and continue to welcome people coming into the area," says McCormac.

She said the community has a strong reputation across the province.

"I think that most people recognize that Moosomin is a growing community and that it's an awesome place to be," she says. "No matter where I go, someone always knows about Moosomin because of the publicity from some of the things the town has done, because of how welcoming Moosomin is and how it's growing. The rest of Saskatchewan realizes how great Moosomin is."

McCormac says she is excited for the future.

"I'm very excited," she said. "It'll be awesome if everything works out and all of the stuff that we're working on happens, along with what is already happening. It's an exciting time."

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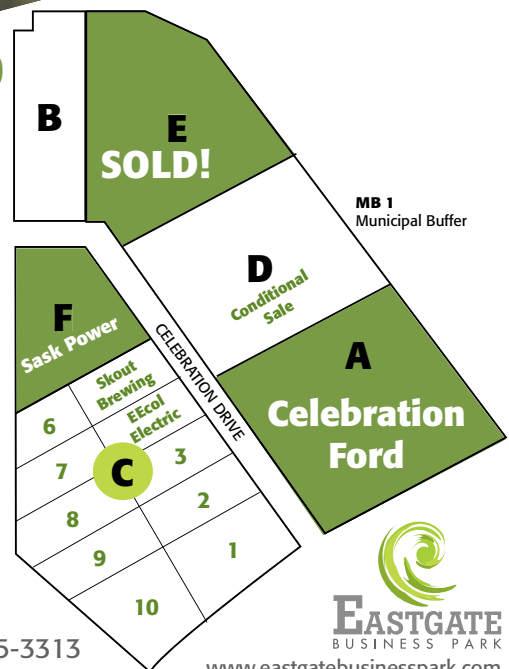
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| Parcel C-3: 0.76 Acres | Parcel C-8: 0.97 Acres |
| Parcel C-4: 0.76 Acres | Parcel C-9: 0.93 Acres |
| Parcel C-5: 0.77 Acres | Parcel C-10: 1.63 Acres |



Contact Bill Thorn at 306-435-9790 or Tyler Thorn at 306-435-3313



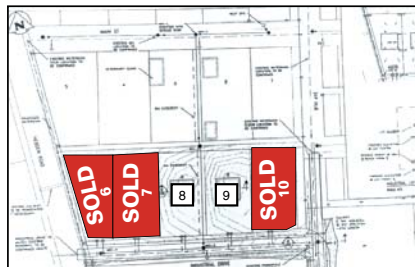


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- Water treatment plant upgrades 2017/18
- Paved streets with concrete curb, gutter and storm sewers
- Concrete sidewalks
- Regular garbage and curbside recycling
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- RCMP detachment
- Pre K - 12 education facilities
- Medical clinic, dental clinic, visiting optometrist, massage therapist, veterinary clinic
- **Public health office**
- Licensed daycare & creative playschool
- Swimming pool, skating & curling arena, tennis, pickle ball and basketball courts, soccer, pitch and ball diamonds, public parks and playgrounds
- Nine hole golf course with grass greens
- Seniors living complex
- Walking tour and walking trail
- Library
- Museum
- Integrated Health Care Facility, including long term care
- Diverse business sector
- Handy Van



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- Utilities to curb
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Kipling is conveniently located just one and a half hours drive from the cities of Yorkton, Regina, Estevan and Weyburn.





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Community Futures Sunrise helps to build the region: One idea at a time

The success of our communities is dependent on all of us. Municipalities, community organizations, business owners and yes, even residents. Community Futures Sunrise (CF Sunrise) plays a key role, too; they encourage community and economic development in communities throughout the southeast by providing support and advice to those trying to make a difference.

"Community Futures Sunrise stands behind all aspects of community building, especially when it comes to economic development and business growth," shared Christina Birch, Regional Economic Development Coordinator for CF Sunrise.

"We spend a lot of time working one-on-one with businesses and communities trying to grow and diversify their economy. Every community that contacts me has a different need; they're working on various projects, have different assets and as a result, they have different opportunities available to them," added Birch.

In short, Birch and the work she leads within CF Sunrise focuses on the notion that rural communities thrive when businesses do and vice versa. Birch works with communities and businesses spread throughout southeast Saskatchewan, and as a result, the support offered is diverse.

"Community building is my passion, so I strive to develop programming that supports individual communities and their economic development initiatives. For some communities, that might mean a brainstorming session or training for their economic development stakeholders, while other communities are looking for support in the development of marketing campaigns or creating an economic development committee."

In some circumstances, communities are unsure of where to start. CF Sunrise can help through its Strategic Doing Program. The session sets aside dedicated time for



Community builder and internationally known speaker Doug Griffiths speaking in Moosomin in March about collaboration, co-operation, and the future of communities.

stakeholders to sit down, roll up their sleeves and get some work done.

Birch, a certified Strategic Doing facilitator, said, "The sessions are one of the most effective ways to get the ball rolling on community and economic development initiatives. The program is action-focused and results-driven, so there is less paper and more doing. Communities that have participated in the region are having great success. They are achieving their goals much quicker than they anticipated. It's really been great to see!"

Attracting new businesses to a community is no easy task but is one that many communities focus on. "If attracting new

businesses was easy, there would be no such thing as an empty storefront or an empty lot," said Birch. "We help communities learn how to become investment ready and how to promote themselves as a place to develop a business. We work with communities to assess their readiness and to develop promotional materials such as community profiles or marketing campaigns."

Many communities focus their time and resources on attracting new businesses to their community; however, some studies show that up to 80% of job creation within a community results from existing businesses expanding. Birch states that failure

to meet the needs of the current business community is a missed opportunity.

"While communities tend to focus on bringing new investment in, helping to support the businesses and entrepreneurs already in one's community can have a significant impact on the local economy. I work with communities to learn about their local businesses' needs and concerns, and to identify opportunities for support. We use that information to help municipalities develop easy-to-implement strategies that contribute to the overall retention and expansion of local businesses."

CF Sunrise also helps support tourism in southeast Saskatchewan and is responsible for the Explore SE Sask initiative. "Tourism has the ability to play an important role in our regional economy," said Birch. "We know that communities who are able to attract visitors experience an increase in wealth driven by external dollars. Businesses have the opportunity to gain new customers and communities have the opportunity to showcase their community as a place to visit, live or start a new business."

Birch knows that economic development can feel daunting to communities, but encourages them to connect with her. "Sometimes communities don't know where to start, but we are here to provide that support," said Birch. "There is a ripple effect that happens when communities start focusing on economic development. Businesses come, they innovate and diversify the economy; they're involved with the local community by contributing to organizations and charities, they help with the workforce, and all of that impact, trickles down into a better quality of life for its residents."

For more information on the support that CF Sunrise can provide your community, contact Christina at 306-861-7013 or ecdev@cfsunrise.ca.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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ONE IDEA AT A TIME.

Get started by contacting:

Christina Birch
Regional Economic Development Coordinator

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Attracting new businesses to your community is not an easy task. Let us help your community become investment-ready with one-on-one support. We are here to help your community grow.

BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION

Did you know that up to 80% of job creation in a community is the result of existing businesses expanding? If you are interested in growing your community, contact us today for strategies on how to support business growth in your community.

COMMUNITY PROMOTION

You know your community is great... We know your community is great... But does everyone else know your community is great? Marketing your community is key to attracting new businesses, residents and visitors. Contact us and learn simple and effective ways to start promoting your community today.

STRATEGIC DOING

Is your organization spinning its wheels? Maybe you have ideas but don't know where to begin? Organizations like yours have benefited greatly from our action-focused, results-driven Strategic Doing sessions. Contact our certified facilitator, Christina Birch, for more information.

REGIONAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Is your community a destination? Does it have the potential to become one? Developing the visitor economy is an important step in attracting new visitors, diversifying the economy and showcasing your community! If this sounds interesting to you, contact us today.

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Plain & Valley DEVELOPMENT ISSUE



Above: The ball diamonds

Below: Oxbow Prairie Heights School

Above: Oxbow view from the Valley

Right: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Oxbow

Below: Galloway Health Centre



Invest and prosper in Oxbow!



Residential, Commercial and Industrial property available

- Pre-K to Grade 12 School
- Galloway Health Centre
- Family Medical Clinic
- Seniors Assisted living
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- Groomed x-country ski trails
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- Walking Trails & Playgrounds
- Hockey & Curling Arena
- Campground & kayak launch

Oxbow a thriving, progressive community

Located in the southeast corner of Saskatchewan, Oxbow is a thriving and progressive community that offers its residents many reasons to call it home. With a new school, medical care, and safe living, it's an ideal place to live. The community spirit is strong, with more than 60 active volunteer groups. Oxbow boasts the Bow Valley Park, situated in the picturesque Souris Valley, a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts.

Oxbow provides a range of healthcare options, including the Galloway Health Centre, Wellness Centre, and Family Medical Clinic. The town also has a modern school that caters to students from Pre-K to Grade 12. Oxbow has numerous dining options, a grocery store, two banks with ATMs, a pharmacy, Timber Mart, and Farmers Market, among others. If you are considering moving to our community, our local real estate agents are available to assist you.

At Oxbow, we are excited to welcome new business development. We offer a range of opportunities to help you build your own business or purchase one of the available commercial buildings.

If you are looking for recreation, we have you covered. You will be busy with our new Junior Olympic swimming pool, hockey arena, curling rink, walking trails, disc golf course, groomed cross-country ski trails, kayak launch, and 9-hole grass green golf course.

In our community, we value inclusivity and embrace our community's diverse cultures. We take pride in celebrating this diversity through Culture Days, Multiculturalism Day, Canada Day, and National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Our community is truly a beautiful melting pot of cultures.

Explore the breathtaking Bow Valley Park and partake in various activities, including camping, walking trails, disc golf, kayak launch, outdoor stage, stunning ball diamonds, and groomed cross-country ski trails. The Oxbow Arts and Culture Committee is set to host the Bow Valley Jambooree on August 12 in the park. This event has been nominated for festival of the year by SCMA. It's a must-see event!

Whether relocating, starting a business, or simply passing by, Oxbow welcomes you! We are thrilled to welcome you here.



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Above: The Tony Day Family Medical Clinic. **Left:** People enjoying an event in Memorial Park. **Below:** The pool and the Carduff Educational Complex. **Below left:** The ball diamonds.



Carnduff: We could be your next home!

You will find the Town of Carnduff nestled in the extreme southeast corner of Saskatchewan, located along Highway 18 at the junction of Highway 18 and 318. A short 30 km drive to the east sees you enter Manitoba and a short 30 km drive southeast you will find the Sherwood, North Dakota port of entry into the United States. We are approximately 3 hours southeast of Regina.

Our community is home to 1,150 residents with a broad range of demographics from young children to the elderly. According to the Statistics Canada 2021 release, our largest demographic includes the age range from 10-14 and ages 40 to 44. It truly is a great place to raise a family!

The main industries in our community and surrounding area are oil and agriculture. Carnduff and area is home to a number of production, maintenance and trucking companies that all support the oil industry. The agriculture industry continues to offer employment opportunities near the community. We currently have industrial property for sale in our north industrial subdivision. These lots are approximately 3.4 to 6 acre parcels with direct access to Highway 18 and 318.

Our community is very fortunate to have a diverse retail business community. We have a little taste of many things including groceries, hardware, clothing, gifts, greenhouse, bowling, homemade pizza, fine dining, family dining and the list goes on. If you are looking for a place to call home for your next business venture or an expansion of a current operation, we would be happy to hear from you! Not only do we invite you to check out our community from a business perspective but we invite you to check us out as maybe your next place to call home!

Carnduff has so much to offer its residents for a community of our size. There are a number of recreational opportunities within the community. The arena is host to minor hockey teams of all age categories, a senior hockey team and a skating club. The curling rink offers regular league and senior curling. The Carnduff Gymnastics club offers both recreational and competitive gymnastics. If archery is your thing, the Antler River Archery Club runs from fall to spring with weeknight shooting.

In the summertime, you can catch baseball and softball at one of the best small town diamond complexes in the province and check out a full lineup of minor teams as well as a senior mens and ladies team. This year the diamonds are excited to play host to the U11 Softball Sask Provincial Championships running July 7 to 9. Recently a youth lacrosse program has started. The Carnduff Golf Club offers a fantastic 9-hole grass green course and plays host to a number of tournaments throughout the season. The Carnduff Swimming Pool opens June through August each summer and offers swimming lessons and fitness classes in addition to hours of public swimming. If you're looking for a date night or some fun for the family, the Carnduff Community Theatre offers new release movies on Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout the entire year.

When it comes to education, Carnduff has a K-12 school which opened in 2004 and also offers a Pre-K program. For working parents looking for childcare, Carnduff is home to the Carnduff Community Daycare which operates out of our Dean Fraser Community Centre. The daycare offers services Monday to Friday from 6 am to 6 pm for children of all ages.

Access to health care is an important aspect to anyone. The Town works closely with the RM of Mount Pleasant and are proud of our joint venture, The Tony Day Family Medical Clinic (TDFMC). Through partnership with the SE Medical Group, the clinic offers family physician services. The TDFMC is also home to Southeast Eyecare (open two days per week), an office for the Public Health nurse and laboratory blood work services (offered one day bi-weekly) limiting the need to travel outside the community for these services.

We invite you to come check out our community and all that we have to offer. We hope you will like what you see and maybe someday you will call Carnduff home too! While you are here checking out our community we encourage you to take "A Walk To Remember," which is a walking tour of our community of the history of the businesses and landmarks within our community telling our story. It's a truly great place to live!

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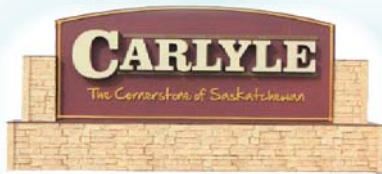
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Industrial Road (with access to Highway 318)

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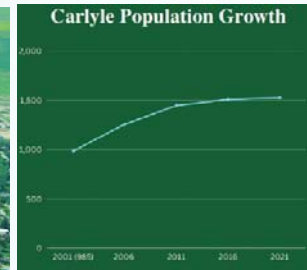
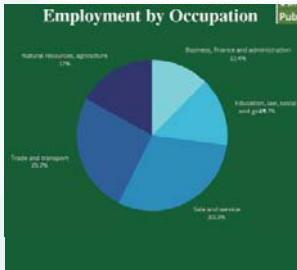
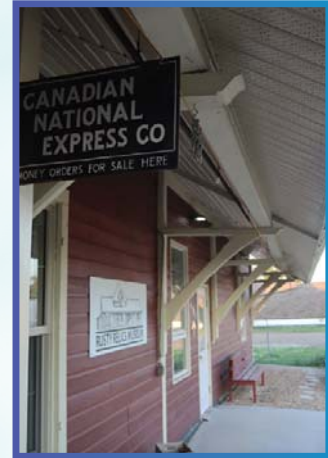


The Town of Carlyle HAS IT!!

Whether you are choosing a place to live, work, establish a business or visit - you will be pleased with everything Carlyle has to offer. Carlyle is nestled in the Southeast corner of SK, deep in the Bakken Formation, close to the Manitoba and North Dakota borders at the junction of Hwy 9 & Hwy 13. On average Carlyle experiences a daily traffic count of almost 4400 vehicles. Carlyle is located under the wide-open living skies of SE SK, in amongst some fabulous lakes. Moose Mountain Provincial Park and White Bear Lake Resort are both within a very short drive. The Rural Municipality of Moose Mountain #63 is the municipality that surrounds Carlyle and is home to some pretty great gems itself!



Although the beautiful original train station is now serving as Carlyle's Rusty Relics Museum and Tourist Information booth, the CNR still goes through Carlyle and carries such freight as oil and grains. Carlyle is also proud to boast it has an airport - CJQ3, with a 10-28 3155x75 asphalt runway, in operation since 1956.



Carlyle continues to see steady and continuous growth and has a population of 1524 according to the 2021 census. Our library hosts a monthly community night to help welcome these new families and cultures into our community.

Carlyle and area have a strong, qualified and dynamic work force that continues to grow year after year. Carlyle's unemployment rate is low at 3.7. The average age is 38.8. The average income of households in 2020 was \$107,200. The average employment income in 2020 for a full-time, full-year worker is \$84,400. 67% of people in Carlyle own their own house and the average value of a home is \$266,000.

Carlyle is the largest town in the area and has a strong resilient economy that has a wide variety of diverse businesses that not only cater to local residents, nearby towns and tourists, but to people world-wide. The business directory on the town website has over 180 registered businesses offering some of the best shopping and services available anywhere! Carlyle's trading area includes over 33,000 people, which doesn't include any global or internet customers! Carlyle's slogan is #carlylehasit and our business community really helps support this with the huge variety of goods and services they provide. You can find anything from farm and agriculture suppliers and manufacturing, oil and gas companies and all of their supporting services and trades, auto and RV & Leisure dealerships, private health services such as: dental, optometry, chiropractic, therapy and counselling, and veterinary services to name a few. Our Main Street is already unique with its center parking, but it also offers so many exceptional retailers and destination businesses with an amazing selection of fabulous products and that special small-town service. Main Street also has some amazing smells with its selection of restaurants, florists and spas and the smell of cinnamon buns coming from the bakeries!! Carlyle is famous for its cinnamon buns!

Many Carlyle businesses are long-time, well-established companies with long term employees, but new businesses are added to the directory all the time. Doing business in Carlyle is easy and welcomed! Carlyle has a progressive, business and development - minded council and administration who want to see Carlyle grow and prosper even more than it already is. Carlyle's council vision statement is, "Carlyle is an inclusive and welcoming community which provides a dynamic and sustainable living environment for families and businesses to thrive." The Town of Carlyle offers a tax incentive for new development and as a personal touch, the Town of Carlyle also gives new plants to all our new businesses and residents as a way of saying Thank-You for putting down roots and helping our community grow.





CARLYLE LOTS FOR SALE

Call town office for more information 306-453-2363

Carlyle is perfectly situated, and offers many services and products, making it easier for many businesses to operate from here. Our infrastructure is well looked after and in good shape. Almost all of our roads are paved, and our public works crew provide amazing service. Many, many times they have worked throughout the night to clear fresh snow from our roadways AND back alleys – above and beyond!! We have weekly curbside garbage collection and bi-weekly recycling collection, as well as a transfer station with designated hours. Carlyle has a modern water treatment plant that produces reverse osmosis water. Carlyle also has many options for high speed internet and fibre optic networks.

In 2021 the Town of Carlyle in partnership with the RM of Moose Mountain opened a new \$2.5 million fire hall which is run by an approximate 20 person on-call volunteer crew. Carlyle is also home to a 13 member RCMP detachment with an additional three members in Traffic Services, among other support staff. Supreme Ambulance operates out of Carlyle and offers 24hr ambulance care.

Carlyle is home to a nursing home, Moose Mountain Lodge, as well as independent senior apartments at Golden Heritage Court, and senior homes at Lions Pride Estates. The Town of Carlyle is also happy to have a transit van available for our seniors and handicapped residents to use, as well as the Happy Gang Senior Center. Carlyle Housing Authority operates many properties for low-income residents and seniors, and when available, to the general population. Private apartments, houses, and other homes for rent are available. The Town of Carlyle has residential and commercial properties and lots available for purchase. Please see our website for more information or give us a call! Carlyle also has real estate agents listed on our town website that would be more than happy to show you their available properties for sale.

The Town of Carlyle and The RM of Moose Mountain have a partnership for our community’s recreation and culture programs. Together they contribute \$50,000 per year towards our programs and capital funding. Carlyle’s community assets and quality of life keep improving every day. Council and administration have invested in long term planning and have made a strategic plan for Carlyle’s future. Council’s mission statement is, “As leaders, the purpose of the council of the Town of Carlyle is to create and manage sustainable programs and services for the betterment of our community.” The Town of Carlyle now has a Parks, Recreation and Culture Department with 4 staff that manage most of our town’s recreational facilities. There have been many upgrades and improvements to our already great existing facilities in the past couple years. Many new programs have been introduced for our residents and guests to enjoy as well, such as adult swim lessons, water polo clinic, yoga in the park, snowshoes free for use on the walking trails, and the read-walk program are just a few! Carlyle has so many great recreational assets; Ball diamonds, golf course, soccer fields, zero-entry pool with outdoor hot tub and water features, splash park, campground, moto-x track, off-leash dog park, drive-in, curling, hockey and figure skating, lacrosse, gymnastics, karate, book club at the library, walking trails, programs at the museum, CFY Family Centre & library... the list is endless!! Not only are there so many things to do in Carlyle, but with a short drive the possibilities really are endless, the quality of life in the cornerstone of Saskatchewan is amazing!!

The Town of Carlyle is very excited that a new 30-space licensed daycare has recently opened within town. This, along with other registered day homes in Carlyle will aid in helping our workforce stay strong.

It was announced in the 2023 Saskatchewan Budget that Carlyle has received funding for the planning of a new Pre K-12 school. This will be an incredible asset to our community and we hope will only help attract new residents and businesses. The Carlyle Community Complex Foundation was also established to raise funds for additional space requirements in a new school build and the possibility of a multi-phase community centre. Early planning stages are just beginning, but everyone in town is excited for what this means for our community!!

If you would like any other information on moving to Carlyle, opening a business, or what you should do for a weekend trip, please call the Town of Carlyle office – we are more than happy to help and to welcome you!!






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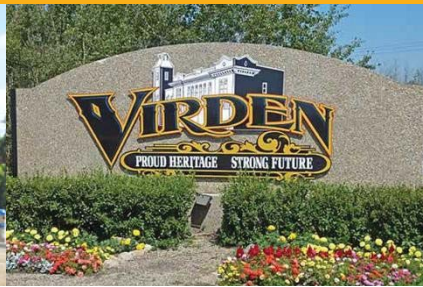
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Incentive Tax Credit

Construction or renovation of commercial properties can generate a rebate of new general municipal taxes.

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Upgrade the exterior of a commercial building to receive a 50/50 matching grant on eligible expense



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Above left: The CP Station in Virden
Above right: The splash park in Elkhorn.
Right: Millennium Bed in Virden
Below left: The Virden pool.
Below right: Shopping at a local business.



The Town of Virden and the RM of Wallace-Woodworth: Collaboration, continued growth and success

Collaboration for continued growth and success is the forefront of Virden and RM of Wallace-Woodworth's priorities.

The communities are focused on revitalization and beautification with a store improvement program in Wallace-Woodworth and a major community revitalization project for the Town of Virden. Two new murals, public art projects in all communities, including Elkhorn, Kenton and Kola, and events coming back are rejuvenating the area. The Town of Virden also has a storefront improvement grant, which supports projects that focus on upgrading business facade improvements within the Town of Virden.

Both the Town and RM adopted new tax incentive programs to provide reducing tax breaks on new con-

struction for up to five years. We are promoting these incentives and opportunities together to encourage expansion and growth for benefit of the entire region. The Town of Virden provides tax incentives for new multiple-unit residential development, and new, or expanding, commercial and industrial developments.

The Town of Virden located within the RM of Wallace-Woodworth is centered at the junction of the Trans-Canada Highway and Highway 83, placing it at the halfway point between the major cities of Winnipeg and Regina. Offering a vast business sector that ranges from unique retailers to agriculture/oil and gas support business, custom software technology and personal services, the area is the centre of it all.

Regional Partnerships

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RM of Pipestone Welcomes Businesses and Families

The Rural Municipality of Pipestone is a beautiful area located in Southwest Manitoba. It is known for its great lifestyle for businesses and families. The region is made up of four small towns, each with its own unique charm and culture.

The Municipality has a low cost of living, which makes it a great place for families looking for an affordable lifestyle. The cost of housing is also low, and there are various properties available in the region. There is a great school and daycare, a healthcare facility, and recreational amenities, which make it an attractive location for families.

Purchasing an existing home can qualify you for 3% of the purchase price up to \$4,000. A new house can qualify for 3% of the building cost up to \$6,000. What an invite!

For businesses, the RM of Pipestone offers a supportive environment that encourages entrepreneurship and innovation. New businesses can qualify for a Business Real Property grant of up to \$32,000 on their purchase of an existing business or development of new property. Reeve Archie McPherson states, "While Reston acts as a hub for business in the region, there is opportunity throughout the municipality."

The region has a diverse economy, which includes agriculture, oil, and tourism. The area is also strategically located, making it a convenient location for businesses looking to access various markets. The RM of Pipestone also offers a great quality of life. The RM has playgrounds, a golf course and hiking trails. Head down



Above: The RM of Pipestone's Spray Park. Left: A subdivision in Reston where the lots were sold for \$10.



Lake Avenue in Reston and you will find a beautiful nine-hole golf course with a brand new clubhouse, spray park with a waterslide, full-service campground, and Reston Lake. To complete the fun, a brand-new skate park was opened in

September 2021 just behind the RES Centre. We hope you consider the RM of Pipestone as a place to relocate or visit in the future! Be on the lookout as new \$10 lots are frequently being developed.

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The Cobblestone House in Moosomin is planned to be open in June. Jim Yeaman of Care by Design spoke about plans for opening the long-term care and assisted living facility at the Chamber of Commerce meeting in Moosomin in April.

Cobblestone House expected to be open in June

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

At the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting on April 25, Jim Yeaman of Care by Design informed chamber members that the Cobblestone House in Moosomin will be open some time in June of this year.

The building will serve as a long-term care and assisted living facility with 42 units. It is located next to Pipestone Villas on Wright Road in Moosomin.

"I was here a year ago, in April last year, and we had our official sod turning for the Cobblestone House," Yeaman told Chamber members.

"A year later we're looking at an opening date some time in June. We don't have a specific date it's hard to pin down.

"The response in the community has been terrific so far. Out of the 42 rooms with the three floors, half of the rooms have been spoken for and reserved. That's been a tremendous response."

Yeaman said they are looking to hire up to 16 employees to work at the facility.

"We have hired a nurse manager who is a local person from the community. Her name is Amber Hintz," said Yeaman.

"We're very excited about Amber. She's full of enthusiasm and has a real drive about her. We're happy to have her on board.

"Our next step would be to send out some help wanted ads. We need to hire some employees. We're looking to have 16 employees, roughly. The enthusiasm in Moosomin is outstanding, and I'm hoping that's not an issue for us. We're looking for cooks, if there's anyone here who wants to cook for a living that will be great, personal support

workers, and activity people as well as some care staff.

"That will be going out the first part in May and then we'll start hiring once we get a firm occupancy date.

"There will be lots of announcements and lots of publicity about when the opening date will be. We'll keep everyone posted on that."

Layout of the facility

With half of the 42 rooms in the Cobblestone House already being reserved, one of Chamber members at the meeting asked Yeaman how quickly the facility usually fills up.

"That's hard to say, we're hoping by six months we'll be full," he said.

"When we open the home up we don't move everyone in at one time. We bring in a few at a time and get a good

routine for the staff and for the residents themselves."

The residents who have reserved their spots in the facility are from Moosomin and surrounding areas, Yeaman said.

He spoke about how each floor in the building is dedicated to a specific service.

"The main floor is for personal care, which are levels three and four, and usually those rooms will be last to fill. People need that on a necessity basis," Yeaman said.

"The top floor is for independent living. The second floor is for assisted living, those that need some assistance, and the first floor is for personal care. It's for individuals who need assistance for their every day needs.

"The second floor is the one that has had the biggest response."

Yeaman said there will be an open house to the public when an opening date is set for the Cobblestone House.

Steven Bonk, MLA for Moosomin Constituency

Economic development is of crucial importance to our region. I salute all of the communities in Southeast Saskatchewan for their efforts.

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Keller Developments of Brandon plans to build two 12-unit apartment buildings on South Front Street between Ogilvie and Alberni. The town of Moosomin will extend a water line to make the development possible.



Two apartment buildings planned for Moosomin

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The Brandon developer who is planning to build two apartment buildings in Moosomin this spring says he has had his eye on the community for a long time and says he believes Moosomin has a lot of potential for growth.

"Moosomin has always been on my radar," says Evan Keller. "I actually worked at RBC about 10 years ago, covering that area. I was a commercial account manager for Royal Bank so that helped me get familiar with the area. I have friends that live in the area as well so I have watched it grow over the years and I've always had my eye on it. There's been a few people from Moosomin that have reached out to us and kind of knocked on our door about coming there as well—different people from the community."

"Our most recent connection would be Kim from Royal Lepage. We work with Royal Lepage here in Brandon and they connected us with Kim and she's been fantastic in helping us navigate our dealings in the community."

He said he has found it easy to work with local businesses and the town.

"We did spend some time in the community talking to a few business owners a couple months back. Overall it's been all positive and dealing with the town has been good. I would say that it's a little easier doing business in Moosomin than let's say a city like Brandon. It definitely was a lot simpler that way. Smaller communities tend to be a little more that way—the council and mayors are a lot more receptive and more open to do business the old school way. You have a conversation, do what you say you're going to do, shake hands and move forward. I always like doing business that way. That's one of the perks of working with a growing centre like Moosomin that still has their rural roots."

He said this is a good time to be investing in Moosomin.

"It seems like Moosomin is hitting a critical mass in terms of where it's located and what it's up to. I think doing business in Saskatchewan in general is a bit easier than Manitoba, I would say from what I've gathered so far. There's definitely more of a pro-business and pro-growth feel so it's kind of neat to see that."

"I definitely like what I'm seeing in Moosomin. We always take it step-by-step."

"I think Moosomin has a lot of potential and I think if everything lines up here the way we hope and we get going, then as soon as we get this one locked in place then we'll start looking for something else there, I would think, right away."

"Our intentions are to start construction on the project this spring. We are a pretty vertically-integrated company. We have a lumber store, an electrical company, all those things in house, but we're very open to working with local contractors."

"We're thankful for all of the support. There's been many open doors as we came into the community. We met with some business owners and sort of got a feel for it over the last little while," he said.

"I think there's lots of positive things happening here," said Keller.

"We sort of sensed it, I guess. Even in Brandon you can sense what's going on out here. We see the housing need, we sort of have had a success in that multi-residential world, it just seemed like a natural fit to look down the highway."

"We have done projects here in Moosomin before, we did frame the hotel next door."

The two 12-unit apartment buildings will be built on South Front Street between Ogilvie and Alberni.

"The apartments will be for rent, we are going to put the buildings in the market. That's just our mode of operation as we don't keep everything, we keep about 50 per cent of what we do," said Keller.

"We are prepared to keep what we are going to build, but if there's local investors that want to buy it and have us manage it, we're 100 per cent open to that."

He said Keller Developments is planning to build mostly two bedroom and three bedroom units, as of right now.

Construction is expected to start in May or June of this year, and should be completed around the 12 month mark.

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