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Events this summer will include the Musical Ride, above left, Living Skies Come Alive, above right, and the Moose Mountain Rodeo, below.

Big summer of events coming up

Moosomin Bulls and Broncs July 15 • Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo July 21-23
Viriden RCMP Musical Ride July 25 • Living Skies Come Alive August 5-6
Elkhorn Homecoming August 4-6 • And many more events featured in this issue

There's a big summer of events coming up in southeast Saskatchewan and southwest Manitoba, ranging from fireworks to rodeos to the world-famous RCMP Musical ride.

June 24 Rocanville Community Day

This year's Rocanville Community Day features performances by Sask Express and Rocanville's own Megan Kelly. The day also includes a pancake breakfast, parade at 11 am, kids zone, sidewalk sales, slo-pitch tournament, show and shine car show, dunk tank, and fireworks at dusk!

June 24-25 Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Moosomin

The Saskatchewan Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association is hosting a weekend event in Moosomin Saturday and Sunday June 24 and 25. The event will start at 10 am Saturday and at 9 am Sunday. This event mixes riding with target shooting.

June 29-July 1 Bobby Vargo Tournament, Kipling

June 29 to July 1 will be the 11th annual Bobby Vargo Memorial Slow-Pitch Tournament in Kipling. Ball games start on Thursday, then on Friday, June 30 along with ball games there's a home run derby and calcutta and silent auction. On Saturday, July 1 the Kipling Firefighters Pan-



cake Breakfast is from 7-11 am, kids activities are from 11 am to 3 pm, ball games begin at 10 am, there's a silent auc-

tion and 50/50, and the day wraps up with fireworks and the Kipling Kidcare Cabaret in the evening.

July 1 Canada Day celebration in Elkhorn

This day will feature a pancake breakfast, a parade, kids' activities at the museum, a threshing display, blacksmith display, supper, and a spark show at dusk, followed by fireworks.

July 14-16 All Folk'd Up, Montmartre

All Folk'd Up is a three day music festival at Kemoca Regional Park at Montmartre. This year's lineup includes Teagan Littlechief, Streetheart, Headpins, The Tilted Kilts, Chris Henderson, Barley Wik, Dan Cugnet, and more!

July 15 Bulls and Broncs, Moosomin

The Bulls and Broncs event will be a full day of fun in Moosomin, starting with the Firemen's pancake breakfast. The Chamber of Commerce parade will take place at 10 am. The Bulls and Broncs, consisting of bull riding, saddle bronc and bareback riding, takes place at the Rodeo Grounds at 7 pm. The Pinoy Moosomin community will also be holding a cultural celebration after the Chamber parade that day.

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Local student part of satellite project

Ryan Aulie has been part of the RADSAT-SK project at the University of Saskatchewan. He and fellow students visited the Canadian Space Agency headquarters in Montreal, and were in Cape Canaveral, Florida June 3 as the satellite is launched toward the International Space Station.

Ryan Aulie helped build first satellite designed, built, and tested in Sask.

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Ryan Aulie, who grew up on a farm at Ryerson and went to school in Redvers, is the mechanical team lead on the RADSAT-SK team. RADSAT-SK is the first satellite ever designed, built, and tested in Saskatchewan.

Aulie, a University of Saskatchewan mechanical engineering student, and other students travelled to Montreal to meet with Canadian Space Agency and Nanoracks officials, put the finishing touches on the satellite, and integrating it with the deployer that will launch it into orbit.

He and other students travelled to Cape Canaveral, Florida to watch RADSAT-SK launch in a SpaceX resupply mission to the International Space Station on June 3.

Following is an interview with Aulie before he headed to Florida:

Tell me about yourself. What are you taking in university?

I'm taking Mechanical Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan, and right now I'm actually on my internship. It's a 16-month internship so I'm coming up on the last three and a half to four months left and then I'll be back in Saskatoon for two more years of university.

What got you interested in engineering?

Just growing up on the farm I always liked taking things apart to see how they work and just kind of understand the workings of things. I've got some old vehicles on the farm that I've kind of been fascinated with, like how they designed them and how they all work. I think that drove me towards Mechanical Engineering.

So at this point, where are you hoping to start your career?

Initially I thought more research and development like designing new products. Right now I'm doing more of a manufacturing internship and I think that's still on the table. I'd like to try some research and development type of stuff and get some experience to see what I like to do because I don't know for sure until I try it—I think kind of designing new products. Space would be really cool to get into, the space industry. Robotics has always been my other interest.

Tell us about the RADSAT-SK Project and how you got involved with it.

It was two and a half years ago, so I believe September 2020 I joined the project.

Actually I'll go farther back. In my first year of university, so 2019-2020, I heard about the project because it was advertised around the university, but I didn't feel like I had enough time to join it. In the second year of university when Covid hit and everything was online, I heard about the project again. So I joined in on one of the recruitment meetings and got hooked on the work that they're doing. It's a really cool project in that we get to send something to space in the end.

I joined the mechanical team and worked with them for about half a year and then I became the structural team lead. I worked some more there and then eventually became the mechanical team lead which is my position right now.

How different is it structurally engineering something for space compared to something that will be used within the atmosphere?

The biggest thing that we had to look at was the vibrations and the forces within the rocket, so kind of still within the atmosphere. But there were also things to consider while we're in space, like there's obviously no air pressure, so some materials actually degrade faster when they're in space, in the direct sunlight and with no air pressure. So we have to be kind of cautious of what kind of materials we use within the satellite. Also thermal was a big part of the design because there's no air—if you think of a big computer, to cool it down you use a fan to blow air on it and

cool it down. In space you don't have the air so you have to use purely radiation. So when something heats up it emits infrared radiation and that's how it cools itself down. So you have to work with different methods to get it to cool down the electronics enough while it's in the direct sunlight.

What does the satellite do?

Our satellite has a payload that was developed by a professor at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Li Chen is an Electrical and Computer Engineering Professor at the University of Saskatchewan and so he, along with his team, developed this experimental dosimeter board which reads cosmic radiation. So we have these dosimeter boards within the satellite and on those dosimeter boards there is a fungal melanin coating which is purified from G-simplex for radiation shielding and that was a part of Dr. Ekaterina Dadachova's team. So that melanin coating is applied to each of the dosimeters on the satellite. So each application has increasing amounts of melanin content and they're getting different readings from each of those dosimeters to see how well that melanin absorbs and blocks the radiation in space.

The idea is to gather data and to see how these different coatings of melanin work as radiation blockers—radiation protection in space. Then possibly in the future they can use that melanin as a radiation blocker in space for electronics, for people and other things.

Is this the first of its kind in terms of this type of experiment?

What we're testing in space have all been tested on the ground, on earth. The idea is to see how that reacts different in the space environment.

I can't say whether or not for sure if this has been done before—I've never heard of it being done.

What stage is the satellite at? You folks have delivered it to the Canadian Space Agency now?

We had an integration trip to the Canadian Space Agency in Montreal. So for that we had seven students and our faculty mentor, Dr. Sean Maw. We flew with the satellite from Saskatoon to Montreal, took it to the CSA headquarters and integrated it with the Nanoracks CubeSat Deployer, and that's the device supplied by a company called Nanoracks from the United States. We load it into that, it gets loaded into the rocket, then that gets blasted off to the International Space Station (ISS) and from there it gets deployed into orbit around Earth.

So what was that like?

What did you get to do there besides delivering the satellite?

It was an amazing experience. They gave us a tour of the Canadian Space Agency, then we got to meet quite a few of the CSA employees. The Nanoracks employees were there helping us to load it into their deployer. So when we got there, we got to go into a laboratory that they had, we opened up the case with our satellite and we did our finishing touches on it to get it ready to load it up. That included charging up the satellite and then getting the final software code put onto it. Then the following day we went into a different laboratory and then there were a few tests that the Nanoracks team wanted to go through with us just to make sure that it would survive in the rocket, that it all fit into the deployer properly and that it will also deploy once it's in space.

What was the most impressive part of that trip and that tour?

Just seeing the Canadian Space Agency headquarters was really cool.

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Sask universities discuss offering more online courses, and possibly blended programs

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

Since the pandemic, more opportunities in online learning have broadened and opened doors for students globally, but more specifically, students rurally, allowing them to complete their post-secondary education from their home communities.

Yet, with more of a demand for additional online courses and undergrad programs that can be completed online, the University of Regina (U of R) and University of Saskatchewan (USask) share what their plans are for offering more online schooling.

U of R explores new blended degree program

A new flexible, blended online and face-to-face post-secondary program is currently in the development stages at the University of Regina (U of R) and University of Saskatchewan (USask) share what their plans are for offering more online schooling.

"There have been conversations recently through a partnership across the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Arts, and the Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance," said Schultz.

"We're looking at, and a possibility, of offering an online completable degree. I'm using the phrase online completable degree because while it's in the early stages of development.

"The intention would be that it wouldn't be online only, but students can choose from a mix of course modalities to fix their needs, interests, and location. For instance, you might be able to take a semester of psychology in Regina, then a semester from a home community, and that flexibility would be focused to the program."

With the new degree program still in the planning stages, Schultz said the university has noticed an increase in requests for more online learning opportunities.

"We're very much in the early stages at exploring the possibility, but we do see the interest and indeed demand for this kind of degree program, primarily from those three faculties," said Schultz.

"I would say there's been some interest that's been expressed to us from both rural Saskatchewan, as well as from areas that have regional colleges on site to be able to access the University of Regina courses in home communities, so either online or face-to-face at the regional colleges.

"There is an interest in that. Anecdotally, I have heard many students who are keen to take part of their program from their communities, for instance a first year.

"One of the things we already offer is a liberal arts cer-



"I took online classes because I like being at home, everything I love is here," said Sunnetta Kamffer, second-year student of University of Regina.

tificate program which is a 10 course program, a full year of courses, that can be taken fully online and can latter into a number of full degree programs that we offer at the university.

"For instance if you were to take the liberal arts certificate, those courses could count towards a social work degree, a business degree, a degree in media arts and performance, science, kinesiology, health studies or arts."

USask looks at more online opportunities

Dr. Nancy Turner, Senior Director of Teaching and Learning Enhancement at the University of Saskatchewan said the university has discussed expanding their online options in post-secondary education as well.

"We have seen an increase in our offerings of online during the pandemic, as well as a lot of discussions about different forms of delivery including what we would call blended," said Turner.

"Some of the programming would still be offered in-person, but more of it would be offered online as well, so a blended approach. Also offerings where you can have a cohort of students on campus and then a cohort of students online learning together. We've been having discussions about all of those modes for offering.

"We've seen an increase in (online) offerings coming out of the pandemic, at the graduate level particularly, but also at the undergraduate level. We do have more fully online courses now than we did pre-pandemic.

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This certainly has been driven by the needs of our students, but also the fit with the academic program.

"We know there are some programs where there's a need for hands-on learning, where the learning outcomes can't be achieved fully online or are certainly more challenging, and so it's both ensuring that we are maintaining that high quality learning experience, and we are providing the type of learning that will allow for achieved outcomes while also responding to the interest and needs of students and service to the province, in terms of the type of provision we have."

Turner was asked if the university has received high enrollment for online courses from students who study rurally.

"We do have work that happens through the regional college network in the province to have that type of programming," Turner said.

"Students can access it directly, they can also connect with their regional college and access the programming that way as well. Certainly we are aware that online programming allows for students to stay in their home communities and continue to advance their studies."

Having additional online courses and programs would expand the university's reach to students, said Turner.

"Certainly it would widen our reach and our service to the province which is really what we're here for, is to ensure that we are accessible and can connect to people in the modes and ways that they want to continue to study, while still maintaining that high quality provision," she said.

"I think that's one of the key benefits we can see in terms of connecting to learners wherever they might be located so they can access the high quality programming we have."

Challenges with online learning

Despite the advantages online learning provides for students and universities, Turner also spoke about the challenges students may face when it comes to studying completely online.

"We learned a lot in the pandemic about both what was possible, but also what some of the challenges are," Turner said.

"Certainly the fit of online provision with the learning outcomes is one of the things that we need to keep in mind. There is sometimes the need for hands-on courses, access to equipment, tools and laboratories, clinical simulations, those types of things that we know we need to have hands-on opportunities for students to learn.

"Those types of things we know we need to continue to offer in face-to-face, again, in flexible ways that we can, but there are some face-to-face provisions that need to continue just to achieve learning outcomes."

Schultz of U of R said one of the main challenges she

noticed students faced with online learning is missing the face-to-face social interactions.

"For the students, one of the things that we experienced through the pandemic that we do hear is that there is something really wonderful about the community and connection on campus," Schultz said.

"That's something, so far, we haven't been able to replicate online. That's one of the reasons I do think an online completable degree might be ideal in many ways, but certainly we do love to connect with students in-person, and we observe that students really enjoy connecting with one another in-person on campus too. I think that is truly one of the greatest challenges."

Schultz was asked what the best approach would be to tackle that challenge of students missing out on connecting with their peers while pursuing post-secondary from an online environment.

"I would say many of our instructors and faculty members do try to create that sense of community within their own online classes, but that's still really within the online class setting," she said.

"Instructors and faculty members will do that through assignments they provide and other discussion interactions, but, those hallway conversations, at least at this point, is really difficult to replicate."

Benefits for studying remotely, says rural student

For her first year of university, Sunette Kamffer of Moosomin enrolled in all online classes as part of her Bachelor of Kinesiology program at the University of Regina.

Kamffer spoke about why she decided to attend U of R for post-secondary.

"It's the closest to me if I have to move there eventually, and I think it's a smaller school than it would be going to Saskatoon," she said.

"I took online classes because I like being at home, everything I love is here. My family's here, the farm's here, my dog's here, my boyfriend's here and work is here, that's the biggest thing I would say."

"I can keep working in Moosomin, and I have a house so I don't have to look for a different apartment to live in and pay expensive rent in the city to only be there for a couple months of the year."

With wanting to pursue her interest in kinesiology at the post-secondary level, Kamffer was asked what she would do if there was no option for online classes in her field.

"I think the decision would be a lot harder to make, whether I would pursue post-secondary or not," she said.

"Because I was in the middle of choosing to do it or not to do it, and since it is online, it was easier. It's more convenient being at home when I'm still able to do it and keep my life somewhat the same."

"But, I do think if it was fully in-person and there was no online options, there's a slight chance I would not be there. I'm just not a big move away from home type of person, it would take a lot more convincing for myself to pack my bags and move to go to school for four years."

After graduating from high school, Kamffer took a year off to work full-time before enrolling into post-secondary. She said being able to keep her job and live in her own house while attending post-secondary online is one of the main benefits she finds from online schooling.

"From the online option I get to stay at home, I get to continue working part-time and make a living that way where it's not just fully based on student loans," said Kamffer.

"Also living conditions, now that I have a house I live in, if I were to move to Regina I would have to get an apartment and lease it for a year, but when you come home for four months of the summer there's no one living in it. So maintaining two houses at the same time, plus driving expenses for moving there and moving back every year would be expensive."

One of the challenges with taking online courses are the technical difficulties, said Kamffer.

"I would definitely say motivation is the a challenge, especially for an online class that's all online because there's not a scheduled class that you have to attend and write notes, everything is based on your own time," she said.

"But with synchronous classes where there are Zoom meetings, there's been lots of times where classes got canceled because the Zoom link wouldn't work and none of the students could get in so we wouldn't have class, but the in-person students would, or sometimes submitting assignments doesn't work because the course's page would be down, stuff like that. Technology is the biggest issue I would say."

Kamffer was asked if she had the choice of finishing the rest of her schooling online or a blended approach, what would she choose.

"Currently, I'm going with the flow," she said smiling. "If they're online that's great, but if they do become in-person then eventually I will take them in-person."

"I can't just quit because they're in-person, but if it was up to me I would do everything online. I understand that for my Bachelor Degree in Kinesiology it makes it harder because there are in-person labs, and because when it comes to a science class or a health care class eventually I'll have to go to clinics to work on people."

"Stuff like that can't always be online because it's not always 100 per cent possible. I think a mix of both would be good, like if I had four classes online and had to drive for one, or even if I had to drive for a couple I would still do it. I also think that would come in with experiencing the big city and getting to know what it's like being there, rather than just doing everything online. I think that's important to at least get away from home to experience that."



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They had a bunch of displays of the previous Canadian contributions to space. We got to see a model of the Canadarm which is the Canadian contribution to the International Space Station—that was really cool.

Then just hearing from the Canadian Space Agency members and just all of their knowledge that they have there. They were helping us out a lot with the satellite throughout the whole project so it was cool to put some faces to the emails and messages that I've been sending back and forth with them.

Are you going to go down for the launch as well?

The launch is planned for June 3 right now. That's when we're scheduled on a SpaceX rocket. On May 30 I take off and spend some time there with the team—I think there's around 25 of us going right now. Then the CSA is having a little get-together for us so we can watch the launch and celebrate there with everybody, with all of the other teams. We weren't the only team in Canada that put together a CubeSat. This was a program put out by the CSA called the Canadian CubeSat Project (CCP for short) and I believe that universities from all across Canada applied for this and have built satellites, so we'll be watching with a few of those universities as well.

Do you know how many other satellites are going to be launched at the same time?

If I remember right, there were five teams at the integration. There will be many other experiments and a re-supply mission to the International Space Station, so a lot of different cargo will be launching, but I believe that it's five other universities that we're launching these CubeSats with.

Will the satellite be deployed from the space station or will it be deployed from the rocket along the way?

No, it goes right to the space station and then from there they grab the Nanoracks deployer, they point it in the right direction and then they deploy it from there. We don't have an exact date for when that deployment is, but we're expecting it to be sometime in July, just because



Ryan Aulie has been part of the RADSAT-SK project at the University of Saskatchewan.

they have a lot of other things going on and the astronauts up there are pretty busy.

How does it feel to be a part of a project like this?

It's crazy actually and I still don't know if it's fully sunk in how big this is. It's just been me and a bunch of my friends working together and with other people as they join. Meeting the CSA kind of put it into perspective what kind of scale we're working on and then I think going down to watch the launch is going to be super. I'm super excited about it.

Has being a part of a project like this changed anything for you in terms of your trajectory as an engineer with what you've learned?

Yeah, it's definitely gotten me more into space. I've always been interested in space but now, dealing with this stuff, I definitely would like to pursue something within the space industry. Even just the knowledge that I've learned from helping to design this satellite, I think it can be applied anywhere. So it's definitely affected me with

where I would like to go—either space or robotics-wise in the future.

What's the most important thing that you've learned through your involvement in this project?

If I were to go with a technical side, with the design project, communication is always very important. It's such a large project and with communication it's always something that can be worked on and bettered.

If I were to go less technical, something I've learned is just to enjoy what you do. This project has been a lot of work but it has definitely paid off in the end and I've enjoyed working on the project. If I didn't enjoy it, it definitely wouldn't pay off as much. It wouldn't feel as great now being less than a month away from having something floating around in space that I've touched with my own hands.

When will you know that the launch is a success? Are there some technicalities that could get in the way of this satellite starting up and transmitting data? Are there some challenges yet?

The launch, of course that's a huge milestone for us and even just getting there I'm super excited about. We launch off the ground on June 3, then we should deploy sometime in July, and after deployment we've got a mechanism in our satellite that will wait 30 minutes after it's been deployed and then it should start up.

There's only certain times that we can talk to it just because the way the orbit works—we can't talk to it once it's on the other side of Earth. We have a little ground station on the university grounds, so that's the first time we'll know whether or not the satellite has turned on properly.

We'll try communicating with it there and if we hear back from it we can do our diagnostics and make sure that it's running right.

If not, we're still super happy that we got to get it this far. We actually learned during this integration trip that, I believe it was, sixty per cent of these satellites start off and work properly after deployment, but again, even just having something up there is a huge accomplishment for all of us and we learned so much along the way.

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Longest waits for CT Scans in SE Sask

Only 6.3 per cent of scans in Yorkton are done within targeted wait times, the lowest in the province

Only 10.6 per cent of scans in Regina are done within targeted wait times

3,409 people on wait lists in Regina, Yorkton and Estevan, more than half of the number across Sask
Population stats show more people within 100 km of Moosomin than of Estevan, which has a scanner

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

CT Scan statistics from Saskatchewan Health show a lack of CT Scanner capacity in southeast Saskatchewan is leading to the longest waits in the province.

Only 6.3 per cent of scans in Yorkton and 10.6 per cent in Regina are completed within the targeted wait times. Yorkton's percentage is the lowest in the province.

The number of scans completed within target waiting times elsewhere in the province are much higher, 38.3 per cent in Melfort, for example, and 33.9 per cent in Swift Current.

There are 2,219 people on the waiting list for scans in Regina (twice the waiting list of Saskatoon), 722 on the waiting list for Yorkton (the highest outside the two major centres), and 473 in Estevan.

The total wait list for those three communities is 3,409, more than half the 6,802 waiting list across the entire province.

And the longest average wait time in the province, 78.5 days, is in Yorkton.

The shortest wait lists in the province are in Swift Current, with only 112 people on the wait list, and Melfort, with 208 people on the wait list.

While there are long wait lists for CT Scans in southeast Saskatchewan, population stats show that Moosomin serves a larger regional population than Estevan, which has a CT Scanner.

There are 56,786 people living within 100 km of Moosomin, compared to 44,939 people within 100 km of Estevan, and 25,984 within 100 km of Kindersley, a regional centre similar to Moosomin.

While Moosomin's population is projected to grow by 20 per cent from the 2016 census to 2032, and by 15 per cent from the current population to 2032, Estevan's is projected to drop by 2 per cent from the census and 0.27 per cent from the current population, and Kindersley's is projected to drop by 13 per cent from the census and 9 per cent from the current population.

'Numbers don't lie,' says Tomlinson

Moosomin Mayor Larry Tomlinson said when he looks at the numbers, he thinks they make it obvious that southeast Saskatchewan has too few CT scanners, and that a CT Scanner to serve the Moosomin region is exactly what is needed to take the pressure off Regina and Yorkton.

"These numbers prove what we've been saying, that we need a CT Scanner in Moosomin," Tomlinson said. "The numbers show you where the need is and the need is here, absolutely. Numbers don't lie."

He said he doesn't believe staffing a CT Scanner in Moosomin should be an issue.

"I don't think staffing would be an issue," he said. "We've got one person working here now who could run a CT Scanner and one who could run a scanner with just a bit of upgrading, and I know we can find another one. There's no doubt about it. We'll have staff to run it and if the foundation needs to help with the training, the foundation will do that."

"Through the foundation, we'll do what we have to do to get it staffed and we're partway already there with staffing."

Meeting with Hindley

He said the community needs to approach Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley with the numbers and again press for a CT Scanner in Moosomin.

"I think we go back to Hindley and press the point saying, 'Here's the reason we need it and it's in black and white on paper. Let's do it.'"

"He did promise that he would meet with us. We had a meeting with him way before Christmas on Zoom and he did promise that he would either meet with us in Regina or come down, so maybe we'll invite him down here to have an in person meeting."

"I think if he sees these numbers he'll

know that Moosomin needs a CT Scanner, and it would help this whole southeast corner."

Help from MDHCF

Tomlinson said the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation will help in any way it can with the effort.

"If we need some help from the founda-

tion, I'm sure the foundation will help with whatever we need to do.

"We haven't even started to fundraise for it but I think there's just over \$100,000 sitting there from donations that have just come in."

See page 15 for a followup interview with Minister Hindley.

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Victor Santos Cardoza receives Junior Citizen Award

Victor Santos Cardoza of Moosomin received a Junior Citizen of the Year Award on May 25 at Government House in Regina. Victor was one of four recipients across the province who received the award for his positive attitude, community service, and involvement in his community.

Victor's family fled Honduras for Canada and narrowly avoided deportation back to Honduras in 2017 with the help of Moosomin community members pushing for them to stay. Victor has given back to his community ever since, serving as Moosomin's first youth councillor on Moosomin Town Council, participating in Air Cadets, organizing a town cleanup, and being a spokesperson for his family and their story. Victor says he plans to run for Moosomin Town Council in the future.

The Junior Citizen award was presented by Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Russ-Mirasty at the ceremony in Regina on May 25. The awards are sponsored by the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association and SaskPower each year.

Top left: Victor receiving his award from Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association president Chris Ashfield.

Top right: Victor shaking the hand of Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty after receiving his medal.

Right: Victor with family, friends and a large group of supporters from Moosomin who came out to see him receive his award. Victor is thankful to the community for being so supportive of his family over the years.



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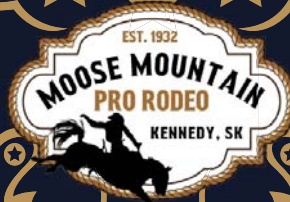
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Walk across Canada for Missing & Murdered Indigenous People

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

An Indigenous couple—Charity and Cameron West—are walking across Canada to bring justice and action for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People across the country.

"The issue is Missing and Murdered Indigenous People across the nation and that includes men, women and children," said Charity.

"I know women have gotten a lot of coverage and that's great because it needs to be brought up, but we also need to speak about our men because our men are going missing and being murdered at a staggering rate."

The couple passed through Moosomin, Saskatchewan on May 24 during their walk across Canada.

Cameron said they are aiming to attract media attention along their journey.

"We're just trying to make the issue loud," said Cameron.

"If we can get media attention like this and you guys spread the word, then the people higher up can't ignore us anymore."

Although there are statistics on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, there seems to be limited to no reports on the number of Indigenous boys and men who have, and continue to go missing all over Canada.

"British Columbia has the highest missing adults



Cameron and Charity West passed through Moosomin last Wednesday during their walk across Canada for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People.

nation wide, and Manitoba is second to that," Charity said.

"It's something that needs to be addressed and talked about at the higher levels.

"We never know how anything is going to go the next day during our walk, but we just keep going. No matter where we stop we meet someone that is amazing and encouraging, and just so supportive so we know we're on the right path. We walk in faith."

Hope to find answers to missing family member

One of the key reasons Charity chose to walk was to bring justice for her son's father who went missing 11 years ago and still has not been found.

"This is just a reality that we've grown up living. You hear about everyone going missing and it's always just been something that happens, until it hap-

pened to myself and my son," she said.

"I don't think anyone can understand the pain when your child is so small and you have to explain that to him.

"Yesterday was really hard for me because not only was it 11 years since

anyone has last seen my son's dad, but we also lost a member of our community.

"When you come from a community that's only 300 people, every loss is monumental, especially when you grow up with them and when you work with

them.

"It was a really tough day, but I ended up getting in contact with some people here in Moosomin and they were absolutely amazing. The kindness and compassion, and the energy was just beautiful."

Having support from people and communities throughout the journey has been helpful, said Cameron.

"We got invited to the Cowessess Powwow, they did a name change to the Arbor to Rook Sparvier, and it was just so humbling for us for them to welcome us there," he said.

"While we were there, Charity said it felt like we were at home."

"It's tough being away from all of our family," added Charity.

With the challenge of missing home and family members throughout their walk, as well as continuously seeing reports on missing and murdered Indigenous people, the couple was asked what helps them push through.

"People who reach out to us, people who stop to say hi or honk when we're walking," said Cameron.

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Hindley on CT Scanner for Moosomin: 'We're taking a very close hard look at this'

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Following the publication by the World-Spectator of CT Scan statistics from across the province, Minister of Rural and Remote Health Everett Hindley says the province is "taking a very close hard look" at a CT Scanner for the region.

Only 6.3 per cent of scans in Yorkton and 10.6 per cent in Regina are completed within the targeted wait times. Yorkton's percentage is the lowest in the province. The total wait list for Regina, Yorkton, and Estevan is 3,409, more than half the 6,802 waiting list across the entire province. The longest average wait time, 78.5 days, is in Yorkton, and 72 per cent of people on the wait list for more than 90 days are waiting for scans in Regina, Yorkton, and Estevan.

While there are long wait lists for CT Scans in southeast Saskatchewan, population stats show that Moosomin serves a larger regional population than Estevan, which has a CT Scanner.

We spoke with Everett Hindley after the article was published in the World-Spectator. The full interview follows.

What's your first reaction when you see those numbers?

Thanks for the opportunity, Kevin. I am aware of and read the story that was published in the Moosomin World-Spectator very recently. We had the chance to talk, not that long ago, about the situation and now you have updated the statistics around it.

That's one of the metrics that we look at in terms of how many people does an area serve and how many people, in this case when it comes to CT services, how many patients are there utilizing that service, not only in terms of what has the trajectory been in the past number of years but what's the potential for whether it's an increase in growth or a decline in the need for that service in the years ahead.

Obviously the numbers there are fairly significant and it shows in terms of the number of people and patients needing and utilizing CT scanner services in that Moosomin area.

Of course something that I've said before is that it's something we would take a look at as government when we're making these decisions about investments as part of each and every budget cycle. We look at where are the pressures and where we need to make some investments to alleviate those pressures.

What's your advice to the local committee? Should they be looking for another meeting? Should they be sitting down with you? Should they be sitting down with someone in that department? What should their next step be in trying to move this forward?

I appreciate the work that's been done by the committee and all of those that are part of the committee. I know this is a significant priority for them and I know there's a number of issues of concern, but this one in particular—look at those that are involved, whether it's the physicians, locally elected leaders, folks with the Chamber of Commerce, people with the Health Care Foundation, with the Community Builders' Alliance and you know, this is a priority for them.

I know this is something that is raised with me on a regular basis by your MLA Steven Bonk as well.

It's been some time since I, myself as the minister, have met with the group and I've got this in the queue in terms of meetings and in terms of follow up meetings that I need to have as the minister.

I will be having a conversation as well with our officials as I may have stated in previous interviews. As we prepare for next year's budget cycle, this will be one of the questions that I will have because the officials will look at this on an annual basis and will present these business cases to myself and Minister Merriman, so I can assure them that I'll be having those conversations with our officials.

To the people that are part of that committee, if they wish to reach out to the Ministry as well, that's also welcomed, I would say, and they should know that their voices are being heard and we're taking a very close hard look at this right now.

An announcement like this, if it were to come, would it come as part of a budget? Is it a big enough purchase to be a budget item?

I think typically it would be, Kevin. Not saying that we don't make announcements outside of the budget cycle, of course, I wouldn't rule that out entirely, but whenever we're looking at something like this where it involves adding on a new service and it involves some operational dollars—it's one thing if it's a one time capital investment or if it's done as a pilot project, that's a bit different.



Minister of Rural and Remote Health Everett Hindley says the province is "taking a very close hard look" at a CT Scanner for the region.

If this were to advance I'm pretty sure the community would not want to see this advancing on a short term basis or as a pilot or something like that.

So there's a process that we have to follow as ministers and not just as Ministers of Health, but every minister regardless of what portfolio they're responsible for, in terms of going through the necessary procedures—whether it's going through a variety of committees or presenting in front of Treasury Board and then ultimately going through the Ministry of Finance. That typically is the process for something like this, is that it would follow that budget cycle.

What do the numbers tell you overall about the adequacy of the current number of CT scanners around the province? It looks like there are not many scans getting done within the proscribed time.

Well I think it shows that there's an increased demand for not just CT services but I think for healthcare in general.

We have a growing population in this province and with that comes some challenges. Again, these are good problems to have, but that being said it's also not lost on us that we don't want to have people waiting lengthy periods of time to get the health care that they need.

So we as the government are trying to balance that and we're trying to address those challenges we see—like when it comes to the surgical wait list as an example, where not only do we have a pre-existing wait list for surgeries but we know that's going to continue to grow as the province grows.

We see that when it comes to that issue, whether it's growth in the province or an aging demographic, that has an impact on the surgical wait list.

The same thing could be argued for CT services and any number of healthcare services.

As we have a population that's expanding in this province, that's something we're trying to do. We do that for a number of reasons—there's a reason why that we as a government want to pursue economic growth and it's for the pros-

perity of this province, but also so that we can invest into the services that people require as part of that growing province and that includes health care.

So, again, we want to ensure that we're doing everything we can to make sure that we're providing health care services to people when they need it and where they need it.

That's not lost on us as we try to make the best possible decisions that we can for the people that we're elected to represent.

Do you agree that these numbers seem to indicate that the greatest need right now would be in Southeast Saskatchewan when you look at the longest wait lists and the number of people waiting?

Yes, just looking at the data that was presented in the reports that you had done through your research, Kevin, I think you look at various areas around the province and what the wait times are and there's pressures in different areas for different needs, whether it's for CT or perhaps it might be for MRI in some other parts of the province as well.

Definitely the data is there to suggest that, and this wouldn't be a surprise.

I've heard it as the minister from your MLA and I've heard it directly from those that are part of the committee who are raising these concerns and there's a growing need.

I think the data backs that up and again there's yet another piece for us as ministers to look at when we're making budget decisions in the months ahead.

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The group from Moosomin was in Regina for the Gutsy Walk.

Over \$18,000 raised for Crohn's & Colitis Canada

Gutsy Walk 2023 is in the books. Crohn's and Colitis Canada, Charlie Leslie and Nancy Apshkrum from Moosomin say thank you to all who donated to their Gutsy Walk.

Local participants raised more than \$18,000 at the Gutsy Walk. Charlie and her team, Charlie's Angels, raised \$3,300. Nancy Apshkrum raised \$15,715.

"Charlie and I both agree that we have amazing family, friends and community," said Apshkrum. "You will hear from us again next year. Together as one."

The 2023 Gutsy Walk took place across Canada on Sunday, June 4. The local participants took part in the Regina event.

The annual event started in 1996 as a way to raise funds and awareness for Crohn's disease and Colitis.

"It's one of those diseases that has got a stigma around it, people don't really talk about it because people don't want to talk about that kind of thing," Trent Linford, said.

"I didn't even start letting people know I had the

disease until my 30's as well."

Crohn's and Colitis are inflammatory bowel diseases that cause swelling of the tissues in the digestive tract.

Common symptoms include abdominal pain, severe diarrhea, fatigue, weight loss and malnutrition.

Whether they're combating the illness or supporting a loved one who does, those who showed up were all hopeful to help out the next generation.

"I think events like this are huge. You've got to talk about the mental health, everything has got to be talked about," Nathan Smith, a team captain with Canada Life explained.

That sentiment, to help those in the next generation and hope for better treatments, was not lost on some of the children who took part in Sunday's walk.

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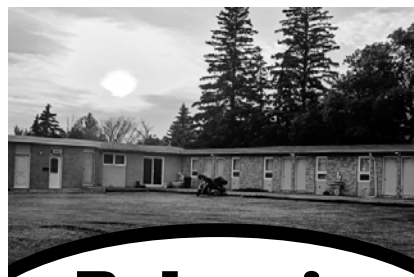
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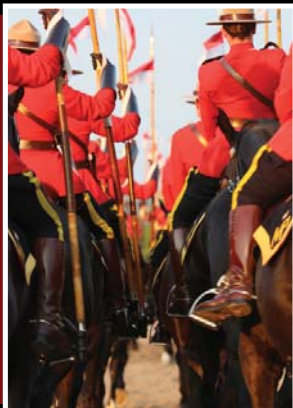
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Walk across Canada for Missing & Murdered Indigenous People

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“Not only that, but when you start to doubt yourself I’ll see another post from people supporting us,” added Charity.

“Also last night there was a post about another girl who went missing in Prince George at 16 years old, but she was found safe in Winnipeg.”

“There needs to be some fundamental changes on how crimes against Indigenous people are handled.

“We want the country to be the best that it can be, and once we deal with how the people are being targeted for this, that trickles down to all demographics. The fact that we get to do this walk for our home country is beautiful, and I really hope it results in some discussions and real changes.

“Each group is getting attention from a different place, and I think that’s a beautiful thing. I think it’s so beautiful that so many people selflessly involved themselves in this because we left everything.

“Our son got us a reenter for the house, we left absolutely everything because it’s that big of an issue.

“My main reason is we’re going to have grandchildren and we don’t want them to be vulnerable to be in another statistic.

“At the rate things are going right now, that’s how things are. We want to make this better for future generations, and by making it better for our Indigenous population we’re making it better for all of Canada.”

Goal of reaching St. John’s, N.L.

Cameron and Charity started their walk in Siksika Nation, Alberta and plan to finish in St. John’s, Newfoundland by end of July.

With the goal in mind of raising the issue to as many people as they can across Canada, Charity said she is happy to be part of the many groups who are also walking to bring more attention about the continued number of Missing and Murdered Indigenous people.

“We’re not the only ones, there’s multiple groups going east, going west, and we’re hoping that with those multiple groups that maybe it will get the attention that it deserves and maybe we’ll get some real changes,” she said.



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Former students from Olds College of Agriculture & Technology working on a farm as part of their program. Photo credit: Olds College.

Hebert Grain Ventures launches new scholarship program for Ag students

By SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

On May 30, Hebert Grain Ventures (HGV) announced a new recurring scholarship program for agriculture students attending Olds College of Agriculture & Technology.

In addition to four \$1,000 entrance scholarships being awarded this fall, two of the four students will also be selected for a paid summer 2024 internship at HGV's grain and oilseed farm near Moosomin, Saskatchewan.

Upon completing their internships, both students will have their tuition fees reimbursed up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Jeff Warkentin, Chief Operating Officer at HGV, spoke about why HGV decided to launch the new scholarship.

"There's been lots of headlines lately about the shortage of skilled Ag labour in Canada, and myself and our CFO had been out to Olds College to present to their Ag Tech class," said Warkentin.

"We also hired a summer student this year from the Agriculture & Technology program at Olds College.

"As the management group, we sat down and brainstormed what we can do to access this talent pool on an ongoing basis, and this is what we came up with."

According to a report by RBC's Farmers Wanted, 40 per cent of Canadian farmer operators will retire by 2033, placing the agriculture industry in a precarious state if younger talent fails to step in and fill the void.

Warkentin said the intention for the new scholarship program is to attract agriculture students from all areas, and provide them an opportunity for in-person farming experience.

"Every generation now is another one removed from the farms, we need to pay it forward if we want to access this skilled labour going forward," said Warkentin.

"Ultimately, our goal is to attract them as a summer student and then hopefully, that will lead to full-time employment down the road as well.

"Through our Deep Roots Foundation we also provide scholarships at the high school to Grade 12s in Moosomin, Maryfield, Wawota, Whitewood, and Redvers for anyone furthering their education in Business or Agri-Business."

Warkentin explained why HGV decided to partner with Olds College for the newly introduced scholarship program.

"Predominantly because of their Ag Tech program,

and because there's been a tremendous growth in technology within primary Ag," said Warkentin.

"Also, we just thought Olds College Ag Tech program is a great fit with our operation."

Warkentin said the goal for the new program is to encourage students to come back and work on the farm afterwards.

"I think that Olds College can teach them good theory and we can teach them the practical applications of technology and primary Ag," said Warkentin.

"It's a win-win opportunity. They get to practice, they get to see the practical applications of what they've learned in primary agriculture."

In addition to hiring post-secondary students in previous years, HGV has hired, so far, one student for the summer.

"This year's student has only been with us since the end of April, but he's been fantastic," said Warkentin.

"He actually drove one of our drills for us, and at the moment he's in one of our sprayers learning how to run the sprayer for the summer.

"He's a very hard worker and willing to learn so it's been a great experience."

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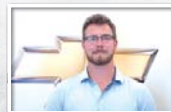
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Big summer of events coming up

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July 21-23 Kennedy Homecoming & 90th Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo

This huge weekend for Kennedy not only includes the community's annual pro rodeo in its 90th year, but an "All Roads Lead Home" concert on the Friday night featuring four music artists who hail from Kennedy—Eli Barsi, Blake Berglund, Heidi Munro with Scott Patrick, and Lane Easton. There is pro rodeo action on both Saturday and Sunday, as well as an acrobatic pilot performance and trick riding performances. The weekend also includes a parade on Saturday at 1 pm followed by a demolition derby, and a performance by the band Switch in the beer gardens on the Saturday night. Sunday also includes a pancake breakfast, cowboy church service, calcutta and demolition derby finals.

July 25 Virden RCMP Musical Ride

The world-famous RCMP Musical Ride is coming Virden on Tuesday, July 25 on the Musical Ride's 150th Anniversary Tour. The Musical Ride will be held at Virden Ag Society Fairgrounds. Gates will open at 5 pm, entertainment starts at 5:30 and the Musical Ride will start at 7 pm. Riding Master for the Musical Ride is Rocanville's Scott Williamson.

August 5-6 Living Skies Come Alive, Moosomin Regional Park

Fireworks on the August long weekend at Moosomin Regional Park are back, but the living skies will be even more alive than previous Living Skies events, as both nights will also feature a drone show. Both the drone show and fireworks will be put on by North Star Fireworks and Entertainment each night.

Aside from the skies coming alive over Moosomin Lake after dark, there are other events that weekend as well. There will be live bands both nights. Odd Man Out will perform on the Saturday night, and Blu Beach Band will perform on the Sunday night. Both performances will be followed by DJ services in the beer gardens.

During the day there will also be kids activities including bumper cars, bouncy castles, 40-foot obstacle course, zorb balls, barn yard, and food trucks will be on site all weekend as well. The Moose Creek General Store will also be open all weekend.

August 4-6 Elkhorn Homecoming

Coinciding with the Elkhorn Western Weekend, Elkhorn, Manitoba will be holding a homecoming weekend that features a Saturday night performance by hometown talent and rising country music artist Kendra Kay. The weekend will also feature a street carnival, live entertainment, historical tours, a parade, a show and shine, beer gardens with a DJ, fireworks, and more!

August 5-6 Elkhorn Western Weekend

Pony chuckwagon and chariot races are the centrepiece of Elkhorn's Western weekend Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6. The event also includes live music with Lyle Baldwin both days, beer gardens, Slo-Pitch, a \$1,500 Dash for Cash and more!

August 5 Wawota Heritage Days

Saturday, August 5 will be Wawola's annual Heritage Day, featuring a pancake breakfast, a parade, kids gymkha-

na, face painting and kids activities. The day wraps up with fireworks and a cabaret with the legendary party band Men Without Shame.

August 11-13 Wolseley 125th Anniversary

The town of Wolseley turns 125 years old and has a huge weekend planned from August 11-13. Friday night includes registration, a jam session, meet and greet, fireworks and a

drive in movie. Saturday includes a pancake breakfast, parade, beach and kids activities, kayaks/canoes, trail riders, slo pitch and pickleball, a show and shine, bounce house, bingo, trade show, historical tours, wagon rides, supper and a cabaret and dance. The weekend wraps up on Sunday with a cowboy church service, historical tours, a barbecue, music in the park, a memorial dedication, water activities, kayaks/canoes, and a golf tournament.

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Terry Haney, president of Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) Fort-Ellice local, Elder Lawrence Belhumeur and Will Goodon of Manitoba Métis Federation Southwest Region (MMFS) cutting the ribbon at the grand opening of the Fort Ellice site on Friday, May 26.



Around 200 people came from different communities such as Brandon, Winnipeg, St. Lazare and surrounding areas to celebrate the grand opening of the Fort Ellice site, located near the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border, just outside of the Village of St. Lazare.

Métis, Francophone community celebrate inauguration of Fort Ellice site

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

It was an emotional day for many Métis families and local community members during the grand opening of the historical Fort Ellice site, located St. Lazare, Manitoba.

Nearly 200 people attended the ceremony for the site on May 26. The \$100,000 project took about three years to create through the help of various organizations and local groups, including CDC P'tite Fourche, RM of Ellice-Archie, Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF), MEME IM Consulting, and more.

"May 26, 2023 will be a historical moment in the story of Fort Ellice II site," said Richard Fiola, president of CDC P'tite Fourche and principal of École Saint-Lazare.

"We are proud to gather around the original site of Fort Ellice II to give it back to the people. Tourists from around the world and visitors from different towns can now come here to appreciate the land.

"It has been an honor for me to be the president of CDC P'tite Fourche during the whole process of this project. Numerous hours have been volunteered by our committee, and different organizations."

The ancestral site has more than 10 different sculptures and plaques outlining the history of Fort Ellice—a major fur trading post established in 1794 by the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) on Beaver Creek.

"This is a lost gem of Canadian history, you have all of the other forts, but this was a major fort that got lost because it was on private property, but I'm glad NCC bought it," said Terry Haney, president of Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) Fort Ellice local.

The land of the historical site was purchased in 2012 by Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC).

Although the idea for the Fort Ellice project started back in 2006, it was not until the last few years that local groups actively started working towards the de-

velopment of the site.

"For the past three years we have met people from the First Nation that have a long story with this site. We also consulted the people of our towns to hear their stories," said Fiola.

"As you walk along the trail on the site, you will see and read different aspects of the lives that were once here at Fort Ellice."

At the ceremony, NCC said they were proud to work with local groups to help contribute towards the project.

"When we were first approached about the Fort Ellice project, for me it's been 20 years, but for NCC and the organization it was 10 years when they made the decision to allow NCC to become the stewards of the site," said Kevin Teneycke, regional vice-president for NCC's Manitoba and Saskatchewan region.

"Immediately we knew that the site is not only important as an ecological gem, but it's also an opportunity to bring together nature, history, culture, and local economy.

"Today marks the official opening of this beautiful community site, and celebrates the people that have worked so hard to bring this to fruition.

"At Nature Conservancy of Canada, we are proud to have worked with those involved to create a space that continues to build on the connections to the land.

"As a gathering place for many generations, it's inspiring to know that future generations have the opportunity to connect with this place and their personal history, and hopefully, strengthen their self of sense and community through a love of nature, and desire to protect the natural world around them."

Close family connection to the site

A local First Nation family—the Boyers—lived at the original location on Beaver Creek at Fort Ellice.

Anne Stubodden, of Gambler First Nation and a

relative to the Boyers, said seeing her family's history on the site was of great sentiment.

"I'm pretty amazed with the turnout, and it feels special to be a part of it, very special," Stubodden said tearfully pointing to one of the plaque's showcasing her family's history.

"I'm just happy that our family is being recognized after how many years, because growing up we were the outsiders, they were so mean to us and to see this happen in 2023 is just amazing."

Stubodden's brother, Rod Boyer, also shared how significant the site is to him.

"Our grandmother and our grandfather were buried someplace here," said Boyer. "It's very touching being here. I never thought it would've happened."

Boyer said the plaques at the site will help share the knowledge of the Métis and First Nation people who worked, and lived near the forks of the Assiniboine and Qu'Appelle Rivers.

"People should know about how we got here, the struggles that our family went through so that we could have a good life today," said Boyer.

"It was their hardship that made us do this grand opening today, and it's so gratifying and satisfying knowing that our family can finally be recognized here from the beginning. Our family's history goes back to 1601 back to the fur trade.

"I hope people can take away the knowledge that was passed through the years from this spot.

"The treaties that were signed, we have to acknowledge what our people wanted for us, and the reason why they signed for us, but now we're finally being recognized for who we are, who we represent and it's all around good."

Boyer's great-nephew, Blake Manulak said he is grateful to see the history of his ancestors at the site.

"When I first sat down and looked at it I was like, that's directly my history, that's my nan's (grandmother's) life," said Manulak, whose grandmother is

Stella Boyer.

"We already knew it was here, but seeing it is a whole different thing, to actually see my family be recognized and that their history is explained here, even though it's not in ground permanently, the fact that it's here is enough."

Manulak said he has been trying to learn more about Métis cultural practices from this family.

"My nan tries to teach me Ojibwe, Michif, and Cree. They're all trying to teach me some part of a culture that I never got a chance to grow up with," he said.

"As a kid I can't say I was ever too interested in it, but in the last four or five years I've really started taking an interest in it.

"I was enrolled in a course to learn Ojibwe, it's all part of my culture and brings a sense of peace and balance when I'm learning and speaking around my family."

Archaeology behind creating the site

Many hours of research went towards creating plaques for the site to help showcase the prolonged

history of Métis families who once lived at Fort Ellice, said Mireille Lamontagne project manager and heritage consultant at MEME IM.

"As the curator and researcher of the project, I had to determine what the needs were and had to go out and get what I needed," said Lamontagne.

"Because it's an archeological site, it meant I needed professional field archeologists so I formed a partnership with Lakehead University, who already had a lot of knowledge about Fort Ellice."

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Three generations of the Boyer family at the Fort Ellice in the Transition Years plaque, located at the Fort Ellice site.

There are 10 different plaques at the historical site, which all describe the history of the first and second Fort Ellice trading posts, which date back to the 1830s.

From left are, (back row) Darryl Mather, Chris Mather, Anne Stubodden, and Blake Manulak, along with (front row) Rod Boyer, Dorothy Chaske, Stella Boyer and Marjorie Boyer.

Inauguration of Fort Ellice Site

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 "Then I worked with the land owners and with the funders," said Lamontagne.

"My job was to write the story, but really, it was all about how I got those stories because I could go into books that were written before, I could go to Wikipedia, but they were not getting to the heart of the story."

"The heart of the story are the people who have always lived here, and their lineages that are still here to this day. They have

all extreme close connections to this place, it means a lot to them.

"They were dispossessed of their lands, and ultimately, that's what today represents is after a great long period—Fort Ellice in general—it represents the great change that happened on the great plains.

"What this site is doing is it's reconnecting communities that have been almost forced apart for many generations, at least three if not four, and this

is like a reclamation and symbolic after the dispossession.

"What it means now is they can also feel ownership of this place that's always been sacred to them, even if it is Nature Conservancy of Canada that owns it, and NCC has been wonderful to work with.

"They really have been the ones that understood how much this meant to the community to actually say to us, we'll give you this spot and you all can make an exhibit."

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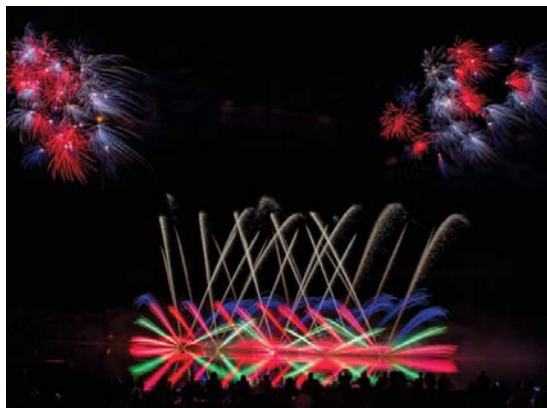
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Living Skies Come Alive fireworks, along with drone shows, will be happening this August long weekend at the Moosomin Regional Park. Shown here are some photos taken by Kim Poole during the last Living Skies Come Alive event.



Drone shows, fireworks for August Long at Moosomin Regional Park

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
The memorable firework show at Moosomin Regional Park—Living Skies Come Alive—will be brought back this summer during the long weekend from August 5 to 6.

In addition to the firework shows, there will also be drone shows included in this year's event.

"The show will start at 10 pm, they'll do the drone show first, which should be about 10 minutes each, and then they'll do the fireworks show," says Karen Hebert with the organizing committee.

"Food trucks and vendors will be here too. All of the bouncy castles for the kids will be here, that stuff will be open from 1 pm to 6 pm on both days.

"Hopefully we'll have people come for supper there and get ready to settle in and watch the firework show."

The kids activities that will take place that weekend include bumper cars, bouncy castles, a 40-foot obstacle course, zorb balls, and a barn yard.

There will be also be live entertainment throughout the weekend with Odd Man Out playing on Saturday, August 5, and Blu Beach Band playing on Sunday, August 6.

Odd Man Out is a dance/party band based in the Grayson area of East Central Saskatchewan, and the Blu Beach Band has become hugely popular in southeast Saskatchewan in recent years.

The weekend will also include about 20 vendors, including businesses and food vendors.

Vendors who are interested can email moosomin-regionalpark@sasktel.net for more information.

Excited to bring back firework shows

After not being able to host the Living Skies Come Alive show for the last three years, Hebert

said she is looking forward to seeing the show once again.

"It's going to be the same company doing the same fireworks shows they did before the pandemic," she said.

"They'll be having a little bit more fireworks on the second night.

"I'm excited, it's a lot of work so I hope we can get enough volunteers, but I am excited to have it back.

"There were so many people that wanted it back. "I'm mostly excited just to see the park full again, just to see everyone here."

Hebert was asked how many people they are expecting to come out for the shows.

"We're hoping for the best. I don't know if we're going to get the crowd we had before, but there sure is a lot of interest," she said.

"I'm hoping 3,000 to 4,000 people per night. I think our last one we had was over 5,000 people per night. I'm hoping 3,000 to 4,000 per night. The camp sites are booked, I don't know how many are in the overflow now, but we're definitely booking up."

Volunteers needed

With there being a lot of work to do in preparation for the event, and during the weekend of the shows, volunteers are needed, said Hebert.

"We are looking for volunteers, that was a big part of our discussion at our last meeting," she said.

"They would mostly be helping on the days of the event, we need help with parking and people moving, stuff like that.

"As well as working the barn, we have to have someone managing the kids events, they'll be needed mostly for managing the days of the event."

People can contact Hebert, Jamie Hintz or Kyle Jeannot if they are interested in volunteering with the event.

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Jorja Stevens was the flag bearer for last year's Moosomin Bulls and Broncs event.



A bronc rider manages to hold on during his ride.

Moosomin Bulls and Broncs on July 15

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

The Moosomin Rodeo will be celebrating the club's 30th anniversary this year at their annual Moosomin Bulls and Broncs event on Saturday, July 15, at the rodeo grounds at Bradley Park.

"The event starts at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.," said Chelan Beckett president of Moosomin Rodeo.

"We'll have the three main rough-stock event, then we added a novice event for novice steer riding and novice horse riding."

"We hope to book a clown for this year. We'll have wild ponies again, and half-time entertainment."

"Then back this year, the first time since before Covid, is we're having a full cabaret with Quinton Blair for our entertainment."

The evening will include bull riding, bareback riding, saddle bronc, and novice rough-stock, as well as beer gardens and music on site.

After the show, there will also be a cabaret and a live performance by Quinton Blair.

"We haven't had a band since before Covid. This year is also Moosomin Rodeo's 30th anniversary and we decided to have a band this year to celebrate that," said Beckett.

"To the committee and the people who have worked with us for quite a few years, it's a pretty big deal that we've



A bull rider's ride comes to a sudden end from last year's event.

come this far through the ups and downs, like the recent years of Covid and other struggles that we have come through whether it was weather, volunteers, it's something that we always had to work through and we've done it for 30 years. That's pretty impressive for a small town thing like this."

Admission for the rodeo and cabaret is \$20, or entry into the cabaret—which starts at 9 p.m.—is \$20. Children five and under are free.

Beckett said she hopes to see people come out to enjoy the evening.

"We would expect nearly a 1,000 people for this year. Last year we were just below

a 1,000, the year before we were just over that," she said.

"People should come, because it's definitely something where we're the only event like this for quite a ways around."

"Virden has a full indoor rodeo. We are a small group so it is a little different than a full rodeo, but there are people who come from a long way to watch this, so for us, it's like a little family reunion. There's always people to see and things to do."

There are 12 core members who are a part of the Moosomin Rodeo committee, all who help plan the annual event, in addition to volunteers who help organize the rodeo.

"We do this event every year because we feel that Moosomin is a very agricultural related community," said Beckett.

"We have local stock contractors, Bobby Stevens brings our bulls with Prime-time Rodeo, they're local to us. All of our sponsors are local, we try to be as local as possible, and keeping things local brings more people out from your own community."

In preparation for the event, Beckett said people are welcome to help out.

"Volunteers are always appreciated the day of, or the day after for clean-up, it's always welcomed," said Beckett.

"If people want to help out they can contact myself or another Moosomin Rodeo committee member and we'll find a spot for them."

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The Redvers Class of 1963 during their graduation. Back row, from left: Raymond Lamotte, Linda Daniels, Val Stuckey, Leo Larsen, Doreen Tonnellier, Richard Nielsen. Front row: Donna Way, Marilyn Sanborn, Sandra Smith, Carol Russill, Colleen Armitage, and Connie Alldred.



The Redvers Class of 1963 today. In back from left are Raymond Lamotte, Linda Girard, Val Stuckey, and Leo Larsen. In front are Donna Brown, Marilyn Carruthers, Sandra Golan, Carol Bender, Colleen Reed and Connie Asmundson. Missing are Richard Nielsen (not located) and Doreen Tonnellier who passed away in 2014.

Redvers classmates hold special reunion

BY KARA KINNA

The weekend of May 26-28 was a special one for a group of former classmates from Redvers. Ten out of the 12 students who graduated in the Class of 1963 gathered for a reunion in Redvers that weekend, along with some students from the Classes of 1960 to 1967, who were also invited to join in the reunion fun.

It marked the fifth time the Class of '63 has held a reunion, and with most in the class now in their late 70s, they admit that for some it may be their last time getting together, making this reunion extra special.

Connie Asmundson from Fishing Lake, Sask. was the main organizer of the reunion, which was hosted on the farm of Dellan and Donna Mohrbutter, with excursions around town for various events, activities, and to see family and friends in the area.

The attendees at the reunion came from B.C., Alberta, Manitoba, and around Saskatchewan.

"It has made us close," says Asmundson. "I've organized these reunions, and Dellan has been a big help—he knows the people that are still around Redvers."

"Being there, visiting these people and knowing that there is a lot of them that we will probably never see again—we're 78 years old, my class—made it extra special."

"On Saturday we had lunch at the Broadway Bakeshop. That's in the original United Church and that's where we graduated from. We never had a gym or auditorium when we were going to school, so we had the grad supper in the hall, which is exactly where we had the lunch the reunion weekend, and then the other part, the main part of the church, is where we were up at the pulpit to receive our diplomas. So when we were organizing the reunion, I thought we have to go to that place!"

"Saturday afternoon a lot of people just went to see family friends that were there."

"The last day, we met



The Class of '64. From left are Dellan Mohrbutter, Marilyn Mason, and Bill Duke.

at Club 19 at Kenosee. We used to go to the dances there at the Kenosee Gardens when we were younger. Two or three of our classmates had cabins there, and a few of them went to look and see where they had their cabins. So we all spent time reminiscing about our own memories too. I went and visited the farm I grew up on and the lady who lives there now is very receptive."

"We had a classmate, Margaret Clemens, who became Margaret Brown from Carlyle, and she is in the hospital in Arcola. She was in our class but didn't graduate with us. And some of the people went out of their way to visit her in the hospital, so that was pretty special too."

Asmundson says growing up in a small town with a small class meant that the group spent a lot of time together when they were

students. "When you only have 12 kids in the class, you do so much together, no matter what team, what club you are in, they are going to be there with you. It's not like when you have 200 students and some do volleyball and some do Girl Guides. In a small town it wasn't just school connections, it was everything we did."

Dellan Mohrbutter, who graduated in the Class of '64, and who hosted the event on his farm along with his wife Donna, says this reunion was special for him as well.

"This one was a little different because I think we all kind of knew this likely would be the last one," he says. "When we left, some of the hugs were a little tighter because we knew we're not going to be here forever."

"And oddly I just got

a text shortly after the reunion. A lady who was at the reunion, her husband texted me that she has gone into intensive care and the prognosis is not good for her. Within 10 days the world is changing already." (She has since passed away).

Aside from visiting and reminiscing, over the weekend the group of reunion guests held a weiner roast, toured the Redvers Union Estates, visited their friend Bill Murray at The

Store (Murray's dad owned the drug store when they were kids), and saw Raymond Lamotte's vintage and model Massey Harris collection.

They also attended a catered meal with over 40 people at the Mohrbutters' shop. The meal was catered by Rising Phoenix in Redvers.

Phil Wilk also came with his guitar and played songs from the 1950s and 1960s at the reunion.

"Everybody was having

a good time, we weren't doing anything big and exciting, we were just being seniors I guess," says Asmundson with a laugh.

As for whether or not there will be another reunion organized, she says she's not totally ruling it out.

"I had quite a few people come and say 'I hope you have a plan for the next ten years.' And them somebody said 'maybe five years,' so who knows. Never say never!"



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The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) administers the Wildlife Damage Prevention Fund. Producers can receive funding for steps taken to prevent wildlife damage to feed supplies. Funding for fencing is available. Producers who have received compensation greater than \$2,000 per feed storage site may be eligible to receive a fence package to protect their future feed supplies. SCIC will inform eligible producers of prevention options and work with them to determine the appropriate package. Once a fence is constructed, a site is no longer eligible for wildlife damage compensation.

Saskatchewan producers are eligible for compensation on damaged crops and livestock caused by wildlife through the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program. Producers should reach out to their local SCIC office by calling 1-888-935-0000 as soon as damage is detected.

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Understanding Canadian farmland rental rates: FCC analysis

Farm Credit Canada (FCC) has released an analysis of the rent-to-price ratio for cultivated farmland in Canada. The rent-to-price ratio is obtained by crossing cash rental rates and the Farmland Values Report data. A ratio trending lower suggests that cash rental rates are appreciating at a slower pace than land values. Conversely, an increase in the ratio indicates that rental rates are increasing faster than land values. This information can help producers make decisions around buying versus renting land.

The national rent-to-price ratio in 2022 was 2.55 per cent, compared to 2.5 per cent in 2021. In Saskatchewan and Alberta, there were slight year-over-year increases. The RP ratio increased to 3.1 per cent and 2.6 per cent respectively, while all other provinces saw decreases.

"There are several economic conditions that impact the cost of renting land in Canada. Land values, the availability of land and its quality can all drive the price to rent," explains J.P. Gervais, FCC's chief economist.

There is provincial fluctuation in cash rental rates and land values which creates a significant range in the minimum and maximum ratios for each province. The high-end rent-to-price ratio is typically for land with the lowest value per acre in the province.

Around 40 per cent of Canadian farmland is rented. Typically, renting is less expensive than purchasing and the lower the ratio, the better the renting option becomes. For young farmers and new entrants, renting is seen

	2022	2021
*British Columbia	n/a	n/a
Alberta	2.60%	2.20%
Saskatchewan	3.10%	3.00%
Manitoba	2.40%	2.50%
Ontario	1.40%	1.45%
Quebec	1.50%	1.60%
New Brunswick	2.40%	2.50%
Nova Scotia	1.25%	1.60%
Prince Edward Island	4.35%	5.20%
Canada	2.55%	2.50%

*British Columbia did not have enough lease data to produce a confident ratio

Average provincial rent-to-price ratio 2022 and 2021

as a viable option to free up capital that would otherwise be tied up in purchasing and instead can be put towards financing options for other machinery or inputs.

Another important consideration when deciding whether to buy or rent is understanding the relationship between rental rates and cropland revenues. Rental rates as a proportion of crop gross revenues have declined since 2020, but crop input costs have increased significantly, putting pressures on profitability.

consider the economic conditions in their area and ultimately make calculated decisions for their operations.

"Deciding whether to buy or rent is a strategic decision unique to each producer," said Gervais. "There is a lot to consider, including interest rates, yields, commodity prices and input costs. Open communication and collaboration between landowners and renters creates a quality, long-term relationship. Matched with a risk management plan and business strategy, producers have the building blocks for success."

Understanding the rent-to-price ratio can be a useful tool in helping producers plan in their area and ultimately make calculated decisions for their operations.



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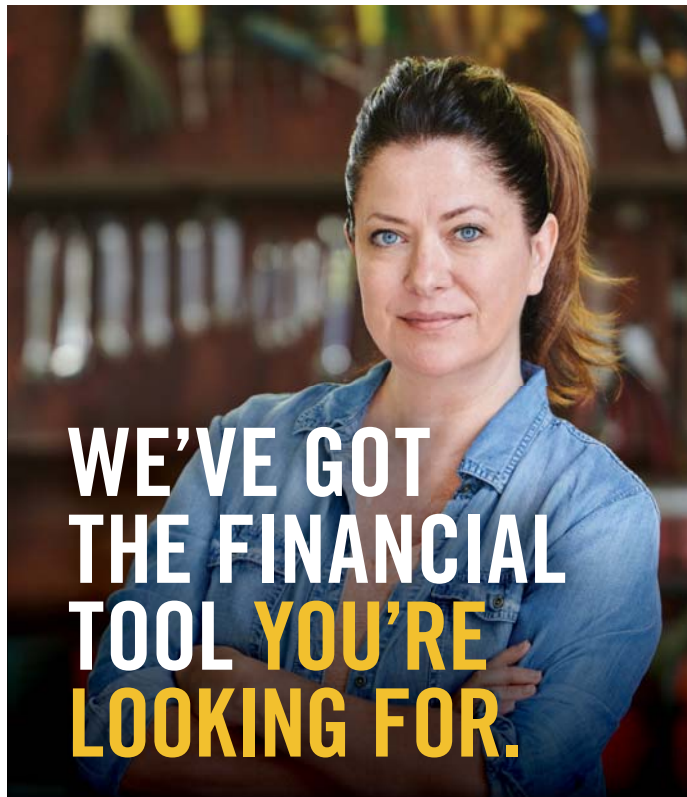
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"Our province is known internationally as a source of safe, reliable and sustainably produced food, but we're also being recognized for the quality equipment we use to grow it," Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "The made-in-Saskatchewan equipment our businesses design and create has a market that extends around the world, and these products are clearly in demand. We're very proud of our innovative manufacturers and the success they're creating in communities across the province."

Saskatchewan's agricultural manufacturing sector—which specializes in short-line manufacturing of equipment for precision dryland farming—is well-dispersed between urban and rural

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"While the current experiences of individual operations within the different agriculture and food sectors are varied, we hope those who identify with these challenges will use this credit line as an opportunity to work through their current position and build back stronger than before," said Perreault.

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Spring always brings seeding adventures

Oh the smell of freshly tilled dirt! This is what I love most about seeding—the smell of the dirt once the air drill has made its pass through the field. For all of us ‘old’ former ‘summerfallowers,’ there was no smell quite like the fresh turned-over dirt, right? What I remember most from my teenage years working summerfallow fields was that smell as I rolled along on the old 1850 cab-less Cockshutt tractor with my 14’ wide cultivator behind me. Well maybe it was 20’ wide, I’m not really sure anymore. Of course, the smell of dirt was one thing, but the layer of it over your entire body was less than wonderful.

A mere four weeks ago, give or take, we were ATVing across the fields wondering when the snow along the fence lines would disappear and a handful of days later, May 7 to be exact, we were up and rolling! Our little excursion that day took us along the creek that we often quad through and which runs along our land. As we curved around and through the creek, I asked my better half if the bears would be awake yet from their wintery sleep. I swear he had no sooner said, “Of course they’re awake now” when right in front of us were two one-year-old cubs. We didn’t get much of a look at them before they bounded off through the trees and deeper down into the creek, more scared of us than we of them.

As the men keep things rolling in the seeding department, my contribution is almost imperceptible. Meals. In. The. Field. By the woman who hates to cook. So far the scalloped potatoes didn’t pass muster because the slow cooker did exactly as its name implies—cooked slowly and not entirely completely. As for the air-fried pork chops, they also need a bit of work. There seems no amount of recipe-searching or diligent attempts that help me out when it comes to kitchen duty. I am doomed. Fortunately for me, a rainfall or two allowed me to take a break from my four-straight-day run of meals in the field.

And that break took me on a mini-trip to the city to see the youngest of our grands (9 and 6) one weekend, I had a little chat with my grandson that first night to remind him that in the morning, since he gets up at 5:30/6 a.m. even on weekends, he could just be really quiet for an hour or two until the rest of the household started waking up.... Or he could just roll over and go back to sleep until like 8 o’clock perhaps.

The next morning (at 6:49 a.m. no less) I was literally pulled from my warm, fuzzy dream when I heard him call, “Grandma!” My eyes popped open to his little face leaning over me. “What?!” I said, fully expecting something of a serious nature to be revealed to my fog-thickened brain. He smiled the sweetest of smiles and in the sweetest of voices said, “Good morning, Grandma!” and off he went. Now how can you beat that awakening? And so I am reminded (yet again) that the most special things in my life are not things at all.

It was May 10 when some serious-looking clouds were building in the west and north as I was making lunch. Nevertheless, I headed north with my lunch bucket only to be stopped our miles out of town by ice-covered highways created from marbles of hail. The fields all around me were white with hail—how often does it hail in May, I wondered. By the time I reached the farm a mile or two further north,



I could see that there had been a bit of a downpour which meant only one thing—my guy would no longer be seeding. Where the heck was he? Why hasn’t he phoned me? When I found him, he was checking his half-ton closely for hail dents. Luckily it was dent-free but mud-free it was not and now, nor was my previously relatively clean truck—back it had to go to Donna’s front yard truck wash...again!

Just as the men are seeding this year’s crop, the twins (now 12) are also seeding. It’s priceless to watch. They worked up a little patch (4’x6’) of ground right next to the dog house last year and seeded wheat. This year they got the little tiller roaring away and have worked two small patches. Their seeding plan includes wheat and oats and to make their soil better, they ATV’d over to the field next door to where there is an old barn bottom to haul some pallets of that wonderfully soft dirt over to their ‘field’ and work it in. To ensure their crop is kept safe from dogs and deer and people, they have fenced it all in and now they’ll be crop checking all year long just like their Grandpa does.

As the farm grands and their mother sat around the campfire out at the farm the other night, they were chatting about their upcoming days—their 4-H steers, baseball, homework and all the things going on in their world. Every now and then, from across the yard, the twins would get a call (as in a yell as opposed to a phone call) from their dad: “Boys!” and both boys would respond with the same identical response at exactly the same time: “What do you want?” “Need a ride to the semi,” (or whatever instruction he had for them) Dad would yell back and off the boys would go with the side-by-side to ‘uber’ dad over somewhere before settling back in around the fire until the next call came. I see cell phones in the twins’ future very soon.

Our ‘farm’ granddaughter

(14), who loves to side-by-side from one field to another was telling her mom one day as they were coming from the north towards their farm that she could see the old barn on their place. When mom told her that technically that farm with the old barn is Grandma and Grandpa’s farm, Sierra was a little surprised. “What?!” she said, “You mean I have been trespassing all this time?” And that started the campfire chuckles in all their simplicity and hilarity. Right up until homework time that is and that apparently always comes much too quickly on a beautiful warm evening on the farm—for both the kids and the grandma.

On one of my crazy run-here, run-there days between town and the farm, I was in a mad dash to make lunch for my granddaughter who comes over from school at noon, pack lunches for the guys in the field, get the cinnamon buns out of the oven, get the laundry dried and folded so I could get it out to the camper for hubby and I inadvertently managed (from my handy-dandy fanny pack in which I carry my phone) to Facetime none other than Kevin and Kara. With my head practically in the dryer, I am pretty sure they were as surprised to see my face (or perhaps the inside of my dryer) as I was to see them. As it was, the clothes got folded, the kids got fed, the cinnamon buns turned out quite lovely and the men got fed, albeit a bit late.

When a friend asked me to proofread something he wrote the other day, following the passing of his wife four months ago after her two-year battle with cancer, it was another reminder to me to take the time to really enjoy each day and each special person in my life and I hope that despite this very busy time of year for farmers and ag industry workers, that there is nothing more important than the people who help make our days go ‘round. Make every day the best it can be for the people you hold close to you because without them, your life would be oh so empty.

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Sustainability Incentive Program reopens with industry partners

Farm Credit Canada's (FCC) Sustainability Incentive Program is once again open to applicants in partnership with the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (CRSB) and McCain Foods.

FCC encourages eligible cattle producers and potato growers to explore the benefits of receiving incentive payments by increasing the adoption of sustainable practices through the CRSB certification initiative and the McCain Foods potato growers' framework. Anyone who applied to the program in 2022 and new eligible applicants are now able to apply for this year's incentive payments.

"FCC is happy to be reopening applications for our sustainability programs. We are in a unique position to work with individual sectors in the agriculture and food industry on their sustainability goals," explains Curtis Grainger, FCC's director of sustainability programs. "The progress we're seeing looks different depending on the sector and on an individual's operation. That's why the established, verified initiatives at CRSB and McCain Foods are important partnerships that allow us to support producers with their individual needs."

The goal of the Sustainability Incentive Program is to recognize and encourage customers as they adopt sustainable agricultural practices. Incentive payments are calculated on a portion of a customer's lending with FCC. Producers are required to continue to meet the requirements and certification of their respective program to be eligible for the annual incentive payment. Complete details are available at fcc.ca.

The CRSB works with third-party certification bodies (Verified Beef Production Plus, Where Food Comes From and Ontario Corn Fed Beef Quality Assurance Program) to provide audited certification to its Sustainable Beef Production Standard at the cow-calf, background and feed-lot level.

"FCC has shown up in a big way for CRSB certified producers, recognizing the

time and investment it takes to maintain certification and continuously improve production practices," says Ryan Beierbach, CRSB Chair and Saskatchewan producer. "The partnership between CRSB and FCC has been pivotal to the growth of the Certified Sustainable Beef Framework over the past year. We've seen increased interest and retention in CRSB certifications and as a producer myself, I am proud of FCC acknowledging beef producers' commitment to sustainable production."

Beierbach notes that increased consumer demand for certified sustainable beef in the marketplace puts CRSB certified producers in an excellent position moving forward.

McCain Foods is an excellent partner in the FCC Sustainability Incentive Program by providing matching incentive payments to eligible producers. Their framework guides producers on their sustainability journeys. McCain Foods has a goal to implement sustainable agricultural practices across 100 per cent of its potato acreage worldwide by 2030.

"As a global leader in the food industry, McCain Foods is committed to promote sustainable agriculture practices," says Daniel Metheringham, McCain Food's vice-president of agriculture. "We are proud to work in partnership with FCC to incentivize and support farmers in their transition to regenerative agriculture. This collaboration exemplifies our shared commitment to creating programs that foster environmental stewardship, improve farm resilience, and build a more sustainable future for our communities and our planet."

Canadian producers have always focused on what is best for their land and livestock, while meeting the challenges of the market and the needs of consumers. The future will require continued innovation and the adoption of new practices and technologies as an ongoing part of business planning and risk management.

FCC continues to look for opportunities to incentivize producers who participate in industry-led sustainability initiatives that have established systems for verification and measurement of best management practices.



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Record year for Saskatchewan mineral sales in 2022

Saskatchewan's mining industry reached an all-time high value of sales last year, more than doubling the previous record. Mineral sales for 2022 were over \$19.4 billion. Contributing factors included increased production and higher prices in response to supply disruptions, along with ever-increasing global demand.

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Securing the Future: Saskatchewan's Critical Minerals Strategy, will further drive investment in the province to increase exploration and grow the mining sector.

Saskatchewan is home to occurrences of 23 of the 31 critical minerals on Canada's list, nearly half of the world's known reserves of potash, and the world's largest high-grade uranium deposits. Abundant mineral resources, backed by a strong regulatory environment, competitive royalty and investment incentives, and a high-quality geological database have attracted most of the major global mining companies to the province.

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high-grade uranium deposits. World-Spectator Editor Kevin Weedmark spoke with Energy and Resources Minister Jim Reiter about the record mineral sales.

I'm looking at the stats for the mineral sales in 2022 and I'm just wondering what you think are the different factors that have contributed to setting that record?

You know the bulk of it, of course, is potash. The demand and the price of it went extremely high for a period of time there, although it's back down a bit more now. So

potash is the bulk of that and it's because of the geopolitical situation which was largely driving it.

How important is mining—specifically potash mining—to the provincial economy and to the provincial government's coffers?

Hugely important and we think that it's going to get more so.

Obviously the royalties are

extremely important. You mentioned potash specifically—there's about 5,400 direct potash jobs in the province.

If you take direct and indirect right across the mining sector it's about 26,000 jobs, so it's huge. Potash and uranium alone count for about 12 per cent of the provincial GDP, so it's very, very important and we think that it's going to be expanding and becoming even more important.

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Nutrien's Lanigan potash site recently used tele-remote technology to successfully mine a production wing without a single person entering the area

The potash industry has seen numerous near misses and, unfortunately, some serious injuries and fatalities when operators are working on an active mining face in recent years. That's one of the reasons that potash operators across the province are implementing tele-remote technology—an innovative solution to help improve operational and safety processes in underground mining.

Staff members from Nutrien's extensive network of six potash mines have been working together on developing the technology and recently Nutrien's Lanigan's potash site used this technology to successfully mine a production wing without a single person entering the area, enabling a step change in the stress relief mining process. After over 50 years of mining at Nutrien, it is the first time a wing has been cut with no people present.

"Collaboration between the sites has been instrumental in Nutrien's success when developing and implementing tele-remote/automation technology across the potash business unit," says Owen Gunther, Automation Project Lead, Lanigan. "This collaboration has allowed us to develop at a strong pace and replicate proven solutions."

The success of this project started with Nutrien's Culture of Care where everyone is empowered to lead, collaborate, challenge and trust. This vision enabled Nutrien to succeed by focusing on the following three pillars: People, Process and Technology. Through extensive collaboration between sites, Nutrien developed technology that enabled them to change the way they operate. Countless hours were spent ensuring that the process uses the technology in the safest and most efficient manner possible. Nutrien worked



with the people directly impacted by the change in process and technology by guaranteeing that the technology provides the people with the appropriate tools to perform their jobs safely and efficiently in this new way of operating. There was constant collaboration and commitment between each of the potash sites, strong alignment from the front line to senior leadership, engineering, operations, Next Generation Potash, IT teams and cross-network collaboration among autonomous mining operations teams. By coupling these three pillars together and investing in a dedicated site team to support the three pillars, the Nutrien potash team was positioned for success.

About tele-remote technology and how it improves safety

Through a combination of Radar, LIDAR, advanced sensing systems and cutting-edge AI powered technologies, tele-Remote technology allows operators to operate the mining machine from a remote location, removing the operators from the active mining area and allowing changes to the way Nutrien

can structure its operating strategies.

Safety risks to the operators are significantly reduced, including the exposure to back, sidewall and roof hazards, trip hazards and equipment hazards. Using this technology has several benefits to the operator by reducing noise exposure, improving air quality, ergonomics and other working conditions for the operators.

Operational processes were also positively impacted, and productivity increased, due to the fact the equipment can operate

seamlessly through breaks and shift changes through the new operating strategies.

Key technologies

Of course, there were challenges to implementing the tele-remote technology, but the team was able to successfully overcome them by using the following key technologies:

- Ventilation Technology that enables Nutrien to continuously mine without personnel having to be in the active mining area and hang traditional line brat-



tice ventilation.

- A complete re-think on borer trip conditions enabled remote exception handling and alarm acknowledgement to eliminate the need for operations to enter the hazardous location to resolve fault condition.

- Remote stand-alone hydraulic system to disconnect the borer from support equipment and enable it to drop power and remotely back out separately.

- Camera technology that prevails against high levels of airborne dust and provides operators with a high-definition experience.

- Radar Technology provides the operator with a real-time three-dimensional view of the borer and support equipment which complements the camera technology when dust levels are high.

- Advanced Instrumentation allows the operators

to have real-time accurate mining machine metrics. This improves the tele-remote operating experience by providing the operator with information that enables them to operate with higher degrees of accuracy.

"This achievement illustrates Nutrien's dedication to its Culture of Care and also demonstrates that Nutrien's potash business unit can safely and effectively mine any pass in a stress relief mining environment without requiring people to be at the active face," said Trevor Berg, Senior Vice President, Potash Operations. "This advancement significantly improves the safety of the operators by reducing exposures, while increasing overall productivity. This is a safety success story where we have truly changed the way we operate mining equipment."

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April oil and gas public offering brings in \$1.1 million

The Government of Saskatchewan's Crown petroleum and natural gas public offering held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, has raised \$11,113,459.75 for the province.

Of the 147 parcels posted this sale, 105 parcels received acceptable bids. These bids covered 22,424.53 hectares.

The Estevan area saw the most interest, bringing in \$6,439,086.16 for 50 leases totaling 4,346.132 hectares.

The Lloydminster area also saw considerable interest, bringing in \$3,294,125.35 for 36 leases and two exploration licences totaling 9,617.094 hectares.

The highest bonus bid received on a lease in this offering is \$2,615,989.22 for a 258.7-hectare lease located northeast of Midale. This bid was also the highest dollar per hectare received in this offering, at \$10,112.37 per hectare. Buffalo Hill Resources Ltd. was awarded this lease.

An exploration licence, totaling 747.744 hectares, received a bonus bid of \$1,165,650.64 or \$1,558.89 per hectare. This licence is located east of Maidstone and was awarded to Millennium Land Ltd.

The next scheduled date for a public offering in Saskatchewan is June 6, 2023.



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Sask has record mineral sales in 2022

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As mining companies are looking to invest, a lot of them have options of going to different jurisdictions. How do you think the province rates for investment attraction compare to other jurisdictions?

I think the best that I can do there, rather than just my opinion, the Fraser Institute annually does a survey and rates investment attractiveness for mining worldwide.

The latest version just came out a week or two ago, and Saskatchewan rates first in Canada and third in the world.

Then there are some other parts to that survey as well, where we rank well. We also rank number two in the world for mineral potential.

So we think we're doing pretty good right now but we want to do better, and so a couple of months ago we released a critical mineral strategy to incentivize more exploration to hopefully get more mines built and hopefully do even better.

What are the main components of that strategy?

There are several points to it. There are four goals and then a couple of tax incentives we have in place and then we're also going to be spending more investment in public geoscience data which helps the exploration companies a lot. So \$2.4 million in this upcoming year in technology and automation.

What are the main drivers of future growth in Saskatchewan mining?

I think you're going to see two parts to that. You're going to see increasing worldwide demand.

Critical minerals are going to be more and more in demand and we have 23 of the 31 minerals that are on the federal government critical mineral list.

The other thing that I think you're going to see help drive it in Saskatchewan is, I mentioned the Critical Mineral Strategy, those tax incentives, those goals we have I think have been very well received by the industry.

I spoke at an event last night and talked to a bunch of industry people again, we're getting good feedback, so we're pretty excited about that.

At this point do you think that there's anything more the province could or should be doing to encourage mining development? Do you think with everything how it's set up right now, is it a competitive jurisdiction or is there anything else that the government could do to encourage further development?

We can always do better. Even though we're ranking pretty well as number one in Canada and pretty high worldwide, we can always do better.

That's what drove the critical mineral strategy. So I think what you're going to see now, that will be a work in



Saskatchewan Minister of Energy and Resources Jim Reiter

progress, that strategy.

You'll see it targeted at the exploration side which is really important right now.

As we move on with that we're going to look at production or processing so we'll probably make some changes at some point down the road, but I think we're targeting the areas we should right now.

Where do you see the mining sector going in the next five, ten, fifteen years?

I think we're going to see more potash and uranium

mining in Saskatchewan.

Those are our two big ones now so I think you're going to see more and more of that being produced and then we're showing a lot of potential in a number of other areas.

Helium looks very promising. We've got a copper mine that's going to be built in northern Saskatchewan—that's going to be very exciting and is going to employ people there. Lithium is showing promise and then of course rare earth elements are getting a lot of attention.

So that's just a few of them and it goes beyond that too. One of the goals I mentioned was that by 2030 we want to double the critical minerals that are being produced and we think we're going to get there.

While the big two, potash and uranium, continue to be the big two, you're going to see it branch out from there as well.



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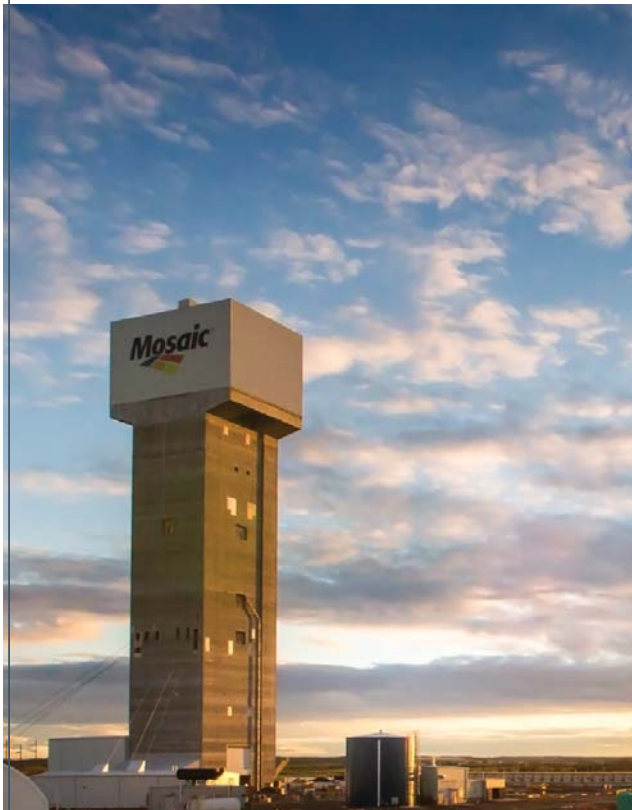
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Saskatchewan third in the world for mining investment attractiveness

For the third year in a row, Saskatchewan has ranked first in Canada and in the top three in the world for mining investment attractiveness.

“Saskatchewan continues to be a stand-out jurisdiction to invest in because of our outstanding resource potential and strong policies that support mineral exploration and development,” Energy and Resources Minister Jim Reiter said.

The Fraser Institute’s 2022 Annual Survey of Mining Companies measured 62 jurisdictions around the world on two main areas - mineral potential and policy

perception - to come up with an overall attractiveness ranking for investment.

Overall, Saskatchewan ranked third in the world for investment attractiveness in this year’s survey. Nevada ranked first, and Western Australia second. Saskatchewan also ranked second in the world for mineral potential.

“It is no surprise that Saskatchewan remains the best jurisdiction in Canada for mining investment attractiveness and one of the top jurisdictions globally,” Foran Mining Executive Chairman and CEO Dan Myerson said. “A business-friendly

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“The potential is here and largely untapped,” Reiter said. “Since this survey was done, we’ve announced additional tax and exploration incentives, along with a critical minerals strategy to drive new investment. These will all positively impact the industry in the province.”

In this year’s budget the Saskatchewan

Mineral Exploration Tax Credit was increased from 10 to 30 per cent. The Targeted Mineral Exploration Incentive was also expanded from \$750,000 to \$4 million annually and applied to all hard rock exploration/drilling across the province. In addition, a further \$2.4 million of new funding was committed to improve access to geological data by explorers.

In 2023-24, the Government of Saskatchewan will also review environmental exploration permitting in the province to ensure timely and efficient processes for explorers and developers.

Vermilion Energy supports post-secondary scholarships with multi year partnership

Southeast College is pleased to announce a renewed scholarship partnership with Vermilion Energy Inc. Vermilion Energy has committed to a \$9,000 contribution, spread over the next three years, to support the ongoing education and success of Southeast College students.

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Accelerated site closure program a success

Over 8,800 inactive oil and gas wells and facilities in Saskatchewan were capped or closed under the Accelerated Site Closure Program. The program was announced in 2020 and provided \$400 million directly to Saskatchewan-based oil and gas service companies.

"This work would not have been possible without the dedication of Saskatchewan's oil and gas service sector, which stepped up to get the work done within a relatively short timeframe," Energy and Resources Minister Jim Reiter said.

Funding was provided from the Government of Canada and administered through the Saskatchewan Research Council. Saskatchewan successfully spent 100 per cent of funds allocated to the province. Funding went to more than 900 unique Saskatchewan-based oil and gas service companies, supporting an estimated 2,500 jobs over the life of the program. That includes about 1,790 jobs directly in the oil and gas service sector.

Over \$90 million of program funds were spent in support of Indigenous participation. Over \$32 million was used for projects on reserve lands and eligible Indigenous service companies completed over \$59 million in site closure work under the program.

"The program provided an opportunity for a num-

ber of First Nations and Métis businesses to continue to operate through the Covid-19 pandemic in the oil and gas sector," Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence President and CEO Sheldon Wuttunee said. "This means that many First Nations and Métis people were also working and the investment in reclaiming inactive sites and facilities means continued use for generations to come."

The Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence, in collaboration with the program, secured successful outcomes for Indigenous communities and businesses, helping to facilitate new partnerships within Saskatchewan's oil and gas industry.

Many former oil and gas sites will be returned to their natural state or previous use. The work has mediated and reclaimed lands across the province, including on reserve lands.

WORK COMPLETED:

- Over 8,800 well abandonments completed;
- Over 3,400 flowline abandonments completed;
- Over 14,000 site remediation and reclamation activities conducted; and
- Over 18,500 unique oil and gas sites saw site closure work completed.



Manitoba government investing \$1.55 million to support mineral sector development

The Manitoba government is granting \$1.55 million to the Mining Association of Manitoba Inc. (MAMI) and the Communities Economic Development Fund (CEDF) to support mineral exploration and development in the province, Economic Development, Investment and Trade Minister Jeff Wharton announced on May 25.

"Driven by the emerging green economy, changing regulatory environments and evolving stakeholder expectations, the global demand for critical minerals is at an all-time high," said Wharton. "With an abundance of clean, renewable energy, and the minerals deemed critical for emerging technologies, Manitoba has a strong foundation to advance its competitive edge and become a leader within this transformative economy."

The minister noted that partnering with existing organizations that have well-established relationships with industry, communities, Indigenous rights-holders, educational institutions, and other stakeholders is the most effective way to achieve the outcomes and priorities of the Manitoba government.

"Manitoba's critical minerals work supports the federal government's mineral development objectives, which include encouraging economic growth, promoting environmental protection, advancing reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, fostering diverse and inclusive communities, and enhancing global security and partnerships," said Wharton.

As the primary industry association in the province, the Mining Associa-



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tion of Manitoba Inc. is in a unique position to market and promote Manitoba's mining sector to the public as well as domestic and international investors, the minister noted, adding that MAMI's projects will work to advance targeted initiatives within critical mineral development hubs.

These projects include:

- launching an education and development campaign that highlights Manitoba's lithium potential and its role in the transition to a green economy;
- implementing employment readiness programs that include training on general mining operations, safety guidelines and environmental standards;
- developing new, comprehensive mineral and exploration guidelines that outline provincial

standards and industry best practices; and

- supporting the development, marketing, and outreach for mining and mineral conferences in Manitoba.

"Manitoba is on the cusp of a new era in sustainable mining. MAMI is excited for the opportunity to assist with demonstrating the economic opportunity for Manitobans and the world," said Stacy Kennedy, president, MAMI. "Manitoba can be a leader in the extraction of critical minerals, which is a critical part of the solution for combating climate change."

The CEDF is Manitoba's northern economic development partner, with a mandate to unleash the economic power of the north through leadership in community building, creating connections and

advancing building development.

CEDF's projects under this agreement include:

- conducting a jurisdictional scan of industry support programs and providing recommendations on incentives that could increase the competitiveness of Manitoba's mining sector;
- developing a plan to attract new talent and secure foreign workers to meet labour market demands; and
- launching an education and advocacy campaign that markets the tremendous potential of mining as both a solution to climate change and a driver of sustainable economic growth.

"The mining industry has employed thousands and contributed billions to Manitoba's economy both in direct and indirect jobs, particularly in the northern region of the prov-

ince," said Chris Thevenot, CEO, CEDF. "This planning support will help ensure mineral development is a key component of a strong provincial and northern economy going forward and will better prepare the region for the many opportunities the mineral sector presents."

The minister noted these investments address recommendations from the Look North report and action plan and the Manitoba - First Nations Mineral Development Protocol, which highlighted the need to prioritize mineral exploration and advance strategic partnerships to harness Manitoba's mineral resources potential and advance economic reconciliation.

For more information on mineral resources and development in Manitoba, visit www.manitoba.ca/iem



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Saskatchewan has the potential to lead in helium liquefaction

A new report looking at the feasibility of developing a commercial-scale helium liquefier in Saskatchewan has found that it could open broader helium markets, create jobs, and provide a positive financial return for owners.

The report, Helium Liquefaction in Saskatchewan, looked at the economics of several scenarios for the construction and operation of a liquefier in Saskatchewan. All scenarios showed a positive return on investment over the life of the project, based on the current supply and estimated

price of helium. The report was done by the Saskatchewan Research Council.

"Research is key to understanding potential opportunities and identifying barriers to investment," Energy and Resources Minister Jim Reiter said. "Information like this is valuable to industry when making their financial decisions."

Helium is one of Canada's 31 critical minerals. It's used in a variety of scientific, medical, and technological applications. Helium cools superconducting magnets in MRI (magnetic

resonance imaging) machines, separates hot gases and ultra-cold liquids during rocket launches and is used to make smart phones and fibre optic cable.

Helium is a gas that is typically turned into a liquid for cost-effective shipping. Six truckloads of helium in gas form equal one truckload of liquid helium. Currently, Saskatchewan helium is sent to Colorado to be liquefied. The ability to liquefy helium in Saskatchewan would further facilitate opportunities for producers in the overseas markets.

This report supports commitments in the Government of Saskatchewan's Helium Action Plan: From Exploration to Exports, to contribute to the goal of Saskatchewan producing 10 per cent of the world's helium supply by 2030.

The Government of Saskatchewan will also use the information to seek federal funding through helium's position on Canada's Critical Minerals List.



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The front queen bed welcomes you to a good night's rest. The two burner range inside or exterior flat top griddle make meal prep easy. Enjoy meals with the indoor/outdoor table in the slide or under the 12' power awning. The rear corner bathroom has a radius shower with a skylight above for natural lighting as you get ready each morning.



2022 DUTCHMEN ATLAS 29428HF
MSRP \$80,773
SALE PRICE \$69,275
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Atlas Fifth Wheel. Modern and fully-featured fifth-wheel RVs have been designed to give families space to live and play during long stretches. Plus, they're packed with the amenities that matter to travelers most, like expansive living spaces, inviting residential furniture, and kitchens loaded with top-of-the-line appliances.



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1 Slide, Bunks, Easy Towing\$27,900

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4 Slides, Bunk House Outdoor Kitchen\$64,500

NO GST! 2019 Vibe 26 RK
1 Slide, Front Bedroom\$42,500

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1 Slide, 2 Recliners, EQ Hitch included\$31,900

NO GST! 2013 Cougar 31S0B
2 Slides, Large Bunk Room\$27,900

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1 Slide, 2 Recliners, EQ hitch included\$14,900

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NO GST! 2019 Hideout 262RES
2 Slides, used twice\$37,995

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3 slides, one owner, Theatre seating, Trifold\$46,900

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6 slides, 3 sofas, on demand hot water, generator, one owner\$85,000

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3 slides, 2 fridges, one owner\$51,500

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3 Slides, Outdoor Kitchen\$44,900

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2 Slides, Drop down Bed and Dinette, Genset 5500 WT.\$49,900

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1 Slide\$15,500

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2 -3500 lb. Axies, 4-D-Rings\$11,900

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Cab, New Tires, gone through ready to go\$7,500

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Tank Tested never used\$1,350

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