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Some of the photos that are included in Dion Manastyrski's book, "Prairie Sunset: A Story of Change."

Sask author celebrates the prairies

A Saskatchewan author has released a book celebrating the rich rural history of the prairie provinces.

Dion Manastyrski grew up on a small farm near Rose Valley, Saskatchewan. The book "Prairie Sunset: A Story of Change" has been a multi-year project across the three prairie provinces to photograph historical places, and gather anecdotes from retired people, along with historical photos from archives, to combine into a fine-art photo book about rural prairie history.

Dion Manastyrski roamed the Canadian prairies, photographing old abandoned houses, barns, schools, and churches. He interviewed over 70

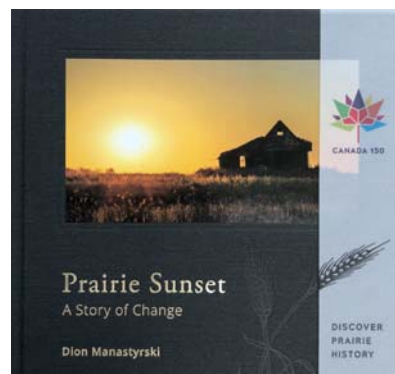
people who lived that past way of life, when the small family farm was at the heart of rural life on the prairies. Also included are 50 historical photos and documents from government archives. The photos and their words are interlaced to tell a story that begins with the pioneer years and covers many aspects of prairie life over the 150 years.

"I searched for understanding as I explored the homesteads of a vanishing era, and I talked to people of the prairies," says Manastyrski. "Collectively they have a remarkable story to tell, and I would like to share this."

"It's a book about hope and dreams, hardship and survival, family and community, and most recently, rapid

change. It highlights the richness of the way of life on the small family farm. This is a story we are all connected to. I wanted to create a fine-art, high quality book about the past, to be handed down to future generations."

After exploring the rural prairies to create this book, Manastyrski is travelling to deliver this story back to the people of the prairies. His goal is to get the book into almost every town and city in the three prairie provinces. The book is so far available in about 200 stores in towns and cities across the prairies, including the World-Spectator in Moosomin. Call 306-435-2445 to reserve a copy. Copies are \$65 each.



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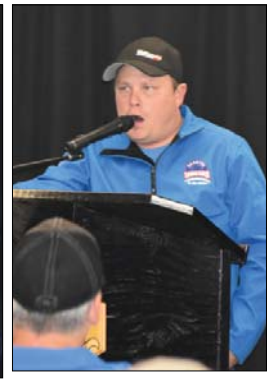


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Above left: Mosaic donated \$15,000 to the Whitewood 2019 SaskTel Tankard which will be held in Whitewood Feb. 6-10, 2019. The cheque was presented at the barbecue kickoff in Whitewood on September 27. Pictured here are Tankard committee members Kelsey Kaban, far left, Chad Kelly, centre, and Bernard Brule on behalf of Mosaic. **Above Center:** Pharmasave donated \$10,000 to the Tankard. From left are Kelsey Kaban, Chad Kelly, both of the Tankard committee, Warren Delmage and Rheanne Delmage of Whitewood and Broadview Pharmasaves. The Delmages are also on the Tankard committee. **Above Right:** Chairman of the Whitewood Curling Club and chairman of the Whitewood committee who will host the 2019 SaskTel Tankard was Chad Kelly, who spoke to a large crowd at the Whitewood Community Centre on Sept. 27 during the Tankard Kickoff barbecue.

SaskTel Tankard kickoff barbecue

On Thursday, Sept. 27, the 2019 SaskTel Tankard committee in Whitewood held a kickoff barbecue which was attended by about 300 people.

During the announcements following supper, a couple

of large donations were made by Mosaic and Pharmasave. On hand to congratulate Whitewood for their bid to host the event was MLA Steven Bonk and Whitewood Mayor Doug Armstrong.

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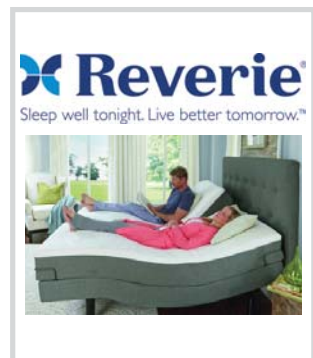
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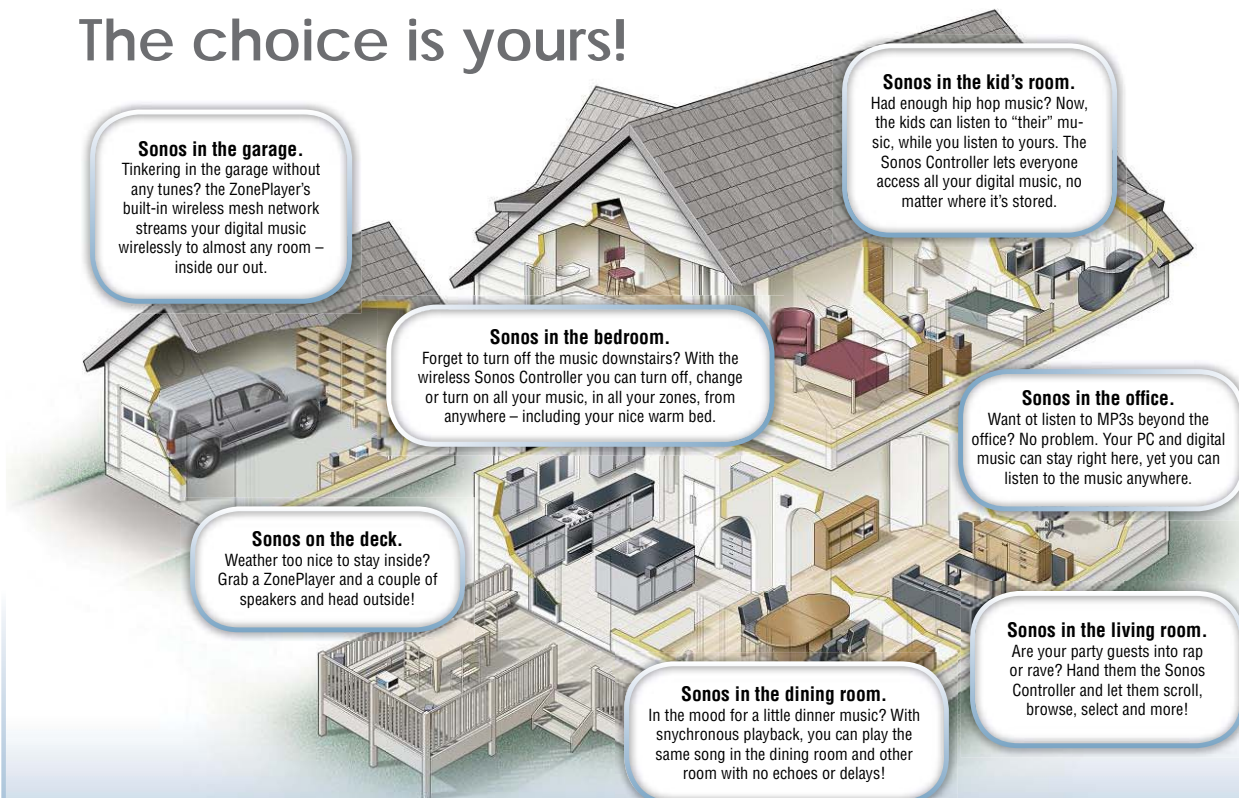
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Girls football opens doors

BY KARA KINNA

In the course of only six months, girls football in Saskatchewan has taken a monumental step forward with the formation of a girls football team in Moosomin followed by the formation of a league consisting of a number of teams in Southeast Saskatchewan.

The girls played games against the other teams in the league this fall through the month of September, and the league is discussing holding its competitive season in the spring.

For many girls it's the first time having a chance to play football at all, while for others, who joined teams and played alongside the boys, it's their first chance getting to play on an all-girls team and in an all-girls league.

For Sarah Richter, Grade 11, from Rocanville, she never thought about playing football until the team was formed.

"I never thought about football, I never thought there would be a girls team," she says. She says she was excited when the girls team was formed.

"I was anxious and excited and wanted to join and thought we are finally going to make history for girls in Saskatchewan. I was quite proud that Moosomin did that," she says.

She says there are benefits to having an all-

girls team and league.

"The benefits are that other girls see that there's a football team and they will be inspired to join or come out and be more confident."

"It's making me feel great. It's making me feel like there's no obstacle in my way."

"Football is just an amazing sport and it gets you fit and in shape, and just gets you out of your house to do some activities."

"I think it's important because all girls should have a chance playing football, it's not just guys that should play, girls should play as well."

"I'm wanting to keep going. Throughout the rest of my high school years and college years, I want to pursue football because it's my dream."

Katie Petit, Grade 12, from Bellegarde, has been playing football since 2015 when she started with the Moosomin Generals.

"I've always wanted to play football for as long as I can really remember, probably since I was 11 or so," she says. "I just thought it would be something to do, try a new sport out, and when I went I was really welcome when I showed up to football and I've just loved it ever since."

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Girls football opens doors

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Petit says the Generals welcomed her with open arms, but forming the girls team was an extra bonus when it happened.

"I thought it was pretty cool considering that football is such a great sport and a lot of girls don't want to play because they are scared they are going to get hurt. But this just shows that girls can play in it. And it's nice to be able to play with more girls and not just be the only girl on the boys team.

"It shows girls that they can be as tough as boys and that they can play the same sports and not just stick to dance and softball. If you have a girls team you can express yourself more, you won't be as scared of boys being better than you and making fun of you."

She says seeing a girls league form this year was just one more step forward for the sport.

"It's pretty cool. It just shows from even when I started to play how much the sport has grown in Saskatchewan and how it's been opened up to so much more," she says.

Like a lot of girls in the sport, Petit says she loves the contact side of the sport, and also the way the coaches in Moosomin have faith in their players.

"I like being able to go out and hit people and not get in trouble," she says with a laugh. "And also a big part of it was the coaching staff in Moosomin. I'm not from Moosomin and I never really had that great of coaches and people that believed in me. So when I went to Moosomin the coaches didn't make you feel unwanted. All the players gave you a chance. It was a good place to be."

She hopes football is in her future after high school.

"I plan on playing with the (Regina) Riot after I graduate and see where I can get from there," she says.

Emry Halbgebachs, Grade 9, from Carlyle, started to play football six years ago when she was eight years old. She got her start in Estevan, then joined the Moosomin Generals.

She recalls being a little kid and wanting to play the sport.

"My brothers played before me and I remembered going to their games and I would hate watching their games because I was so bored but I always wanted to play," she says. "So I just wanted to go play instead of sitting and watching on the sidelines.

"When I was a kid I just thought it would be fun to go play and do what my brothers were doing. There were a couple girls on the team in Estevan when I started."

Halbgebachs says she was surprised at how

many girls wanted to play when the Generals formed the girls team, and then when the league came together.

"I thought it was pretty cool, especially when I heard how many girls wanted to join the team, and how many girls there were that wanted to play football. It's cool that they can come out and play with all girls and they don't have to be intimidated by going and playing with the guys and they can come try it out.

"I think it's important because girls should be allowed to do the same sports that guys can. And this way there are the girls that can play during high school, they can play on an all girls team, and when you get older you can go play with the Riot or the women's football league.

"I think it's pretty great. It makes me happy just to know that there's more girls out there like me that want to try football. Before there was the girls team I just thought that I was one of the very few girls willing to come out and try a sport that was so full contact.

"I love getting to go out there and hitting people and block people. I'm a very aggressive person, I guess.

"I would love to continue playing football when I'm in university and play in the women's football league for the Regina Riot or Saskatchewan Valkyries depending on where I go to university."

This season Halbgebachs is playing on three of the Generals teams—the girls team, the junior team and the senior RMFL team.

Jorja Swanson, Grade 10 Maryfield, says she wanted to play football for a few years, but didn't join until the girls program was formed.

"I thought it was good because some girls don't like playing with the boys," she says. "I like it, it's fun. I like you get to tackle people and usually you can't," she says with a laugh. "The coaches are very good at what they do."

Taryn Haubrich, Grade 10, from Moosomin, is plays with both the girls team and the RMFL Generals.

"I started with the junior team first and then started playing in spring with the girls," she says.

"It was something completely new to me because I started off as a dancer and they (the Generals) just kind of said 'hey come out and try it.' And we had a practice with just girls and we started out with just flag, and by the end of the practice we were all in equipment tackling each other.

"After that I was like 'ok I'm doing this.'"

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Elliot Martens passionate about curling

BY DONNA BEUTLER

Elliot Martens, 15, of Moosomin is an inspiring young curler who studies at McNaughton High School during the day and spends a good portion of her after-school hours on the ice.

The grade 10 student is also involved with her high school volleyball team and is a member of her high school's SRC, and helps with the Little Rockers curling program.

"I first started curling when I was about 10 years old, in Grade 5," Martens said.

"I had just finished my last year of figure skating and wanted to try something new, so my mom entered me in some curling clinics and youth spiels in Moosomin and Maryfield," she said.

Martens participates not only in high school curling but also in league nights and bonspiels.

As part of a high school team consisting of herself as skip, third Dharma Boutin, second Mady Barry and lead Cloe McDonald, Martens travels to surrounding towns where her team has competed in many bonspiels and clinics, many of them in Maryfield, a town whose name is synonymous with the sport of curling.

The team is coached by Carli Sweeting, Martens' mom.

"I have been a part of McNaughton's school curling program for a few years," Sweeting said.

"Not that I curled a lot previously," she added. "I was coaxed into the school program mainly because I was from Maryfield," she explained.

Maryfield is known for their successful curlers, though Sweeting modestly claims that doesn't include her.

She has taken several teams to school districts over the past few years, some girls teams, some boys, some mixed.

Martens said her high school team has played together for three years now.

In their first year together, they lost out in the final at junior districts, but in their second year, they won junior districts and placed second last year, allowing them to advance to regionals.

"At regionals we kicked butt," Martens said of her team's first place win, and from there it was off to provincials.

"At provincials, we placed fourth overall in the province," Martens said. "This was a huge accomplishment for this team because Cloe and I weren't even seniors yet and we were the youngest team at the event."

Martens plays regularly in the ladies night league in Moosomin as well, skipping a team and staying on top of her game.

Martens is also a member of a competitive team that plays in a junior super league in Brandon for teams under the age of 21.

Coached by Cam Thompson of Maryfield, this competitive team is skipped by Martens, third is played by Hanna Johnson of Wawota, second is Reece Thompson of Maryfield and lead is Brooke Armstrong of Regina.

"During a typical season," Martens said, "I curl almost every day after school and almost every weekend my competitive team is either away at a bonspiel or qualifier, or in Brandon at the U21 super league." Martens' team curls from October through until March and Martens attends many camps throughout the off-season to keep her from "getting rusty."

Martens has also attended the Nipawin Prairieland Curling Camp for the past three years (during the summer), and has been to several Viteria Youth Curling camps in Maryfield and Regina.

Along with her competitive team members, she has qualified for a Canada Winter Games high performance training program. This program offered the girls two weekends camps and other mental and physical training throughout the summer.

Martens talked about her team's accomplishments on the competitive circuit, saying their first win was at the U21 qualifying playoff where they won one game. They couldn't make it to the second U21 qualifier but in the third and final, they left with a 2-3 record.

"That was a huge accomplishment for us," Martens said, "considering how young we were compared to



Elliot Martens, centre, with Val Sweeting, left, and Brad Gushue at the Mixed Doubles Olympic Trials in Portage la Prairie in January 2018.

our competitors."

"We also took part in the Brandon super league where we won the consolation bracket and came in 9th out of 15 teams. This was also a huge accomplishment because it was also a U21 event."

Martens' team also competed in the Saskatchewan Winter Games districts last year in Lampman and in the U18 districts in Maryfield.

Though they didn't advance to provincials, they earned the chance to qualify for the Canada Winter Games High Performance Training Program offered by CurlSask. The team was one of the top six juvenile female teams to participate and offered them on- and off-ice training from mentor coach Merv Fonger.

This particular training program also offered one on one consultations with a sports psychologist, nutritionist, and injury prevention specialist, allowing them, as Martens says, "to grow as a team and improve our game."

With an obvious passion for the sport of curling, Martens says she looks forward for the season to come every year, spending most of her spare time on the ice or watching the pros on TV.

"I love curling because it is a sport that I can really use a strategy for and it is almost like playing a big puzzle every time," Martens said.

"My family have been big curling fans for a long time and I come from a curling community (Maryfield), making it easier to do what I love."

This young curling enthusiast has a few mentors that she acknowledges as being instrumental in growing her love for the game.

"My local mentors are my mom and my dad and the

rest of the family," Martens said. "They do so much for me, whether it's driving me across the province for a weekend or cheering for me behind the glass."

Martens has another family mentor who has been a huge inspiration for her—Val Sweeting, the Edmonton curler who skipped Alberta to silver medals in the 2014 and 2015 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

"One of my biggest inspirations to curling is my cousin, Val Sweeting," Martens said.

"She has shown me the passion someone can have for the sport and how far someone can go in the sport. Every once in a while I get the opportunity to talk curling with her."

"She has showed me how much dedication, time and effort it will take to succeed in curling."

Martens says her cousin has taught her that you will start on the bottom and you will have to build your success up.

"I have watched her on TV and gone to watch her in person," Martens said of Sweeting.

"I have also learned a lot of strategy from watching her and many other people on TV. I'm very lucky to have a professional curler in my family that can help me along my path to becoming just like her!"

Another curler who greatly inspires Martens is Brad Gushie, an Olympic gold medalist (2006 Winter Olympics) and Brier winner in both 2017 and 2018.

"I love watching Brad Gushie and he's a really good curler. I have actually had the amazing experience of getting to meet him," Martens said of her opportunity to meet Gushie.

"When you get the chance to meet your favorite athletes, it makes you like them even more," she says.

Martens spreads her love of the game of curling to the 'little rockers' of Moosomin as well, sharing her techniques with future curlers. This allows her to take a break from training while still doing what she loves. Plus she has the opportunity to help young curlers understand the game, and that's something she is really enjoying.

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Oil by rail exploding in Canada

With many new pipeline projects stalled and existing ones running at capacity, oilpatch producers are turning increasingly to rail to transport their product—resulting in an 800 per cent increase in the volume of oil travelling on Canada's railways since 2012.

And yet, despite constrained pipeline capacities, oilpatch output has continued to increase to meet market demand. The new Suncor-run Fort Hills mine will pump out 150,000 more barrels a day on its own.

In 2017, Canadian crude oil supply grew to 4.2 million barrels a day—exceeding total pipeline capacity leaving Western Canada. As a result, a record-setting volume of oilpatch output is now moving by rail to refineries in the U.S.

According to data collected by the National Energy Board, the volume of crude-by-rail has increased substantially since April 2012.

Back then, rail volume topped out at a relatively paltry 28,517 barrels per day. As of July of this year, it's now over 200,000 barrels a day on Canada's railways.

A new record of 204,000 barrels a day was set in August.

And with oilsands production still expected to grow substantially, according to a forecast by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, crude-by-rail volume is unlikely to drop until producers can put their product in new pipelines.

A report prepared by Scotiabank projected an increase to at least 300,000 barrels a day by rail by December 2018.

"Given the multitude of challenges currently faced by Canadian energy infrastructure projects, many in the industry increasingly see oil-by-rail as less of a temporary Band-Aid and more as a permanent, flexible component of the supply chain to a Canadian energy sector seemingly unable to push a major pipeline project to the finish line," Rory Johnston, an analyst with Scotiabank Economics, said in his report released Friday.

On Thursday, Cenovus Energy, one of the largest producers in Canada, signed a deal to move 100,000 barrels of its own heavy crude oil on Canadian railways to the U.S. Gulf Coast to be refined.

The push to get Canadian product south is driven by price: Alberta oil is selling at a steep discount compared to U.S. blends, leaving billions of dollars on the table and out of government coffers.

Western Canadian Select, which includes product from the oilsands, trades at just \$30.62 US—less than half of the \$73.36 that West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the U.S. gold standard, fetches on the open market.

The differential between Western Canada Select and West Texas Intermediate has also been hitting new highs recently.

While the increase in crude-by-rail is good news for shareholders at the country's two largest rail-



ways, Canadian National and Canadian Pacific, there are concerns about just how safe transporting large volumes of oil by rail is for communities along the railway lines.

"Pipelines have 4.5 times fewer accidents/spills than oil-by-rail and while every oil spill represents a catastrophe, spills from pipelines do not hold a candle to the apocalyptic aftermath of rail accidents," Blair King, an oil spill remediation specialist from Langley, B.C., said in his submission to a panel studying the Trans Mountain expansion.

U.S. Congressional researchers also found that pipelines are safer than transporting by rail in a study on the matter.

"In general, pipelines could provide safer, less expensive transportation than railroads ... Shipment of oil by rail is, in many cases, an alternative to new pipeline development. This involves tradeoffs in terms of both transportation capacity and safety," the report concluded.

"These concerns have been underscored by a series of major incidents involving crude oil transportation by rail, including a catastrophic fire and explosion in Lac Mégantic, Quebec, in July 2013 and a derailment in Casselton, ND, in December 2013 that led to a mass evacuation."

While Canada has not experienced a major derailment of a crude train since 2015, a BNSF Railway freight train carrying crude oil derailed in northwest Iowa in June, sending some 230,000 gallons of oil into a state waterway.

These risks have not gone unnoticed by Canada's regulators. Kathy Fox, the chair of the Transportation Safety Board (TSB), said the federal government needs to improve safety standards for rail cars carrying crude, adding it should happen before the current proposed 2025 deadline for introducing those new standards.

"We understand that it can't happen all at once. But we'd like to see it sooner," Fox said in an interview with Reuters late last month. She didn't suggest an alternate date. "We do have an ongoing concern that flammable liquids be transported in the most robust tank cars."

Older DOT-111 cars of the type used in the Lac Mégantic train already have been replaced in Canada by CPC-1232 cars for moving crude oil—but even these cars must be completely phased out by May 1, 2025 for the transport of flammable liquids, according to the TSB.

They're to be replaced with TC-117 cars with thicker steel walls, or with retrofits that meet the same standard.



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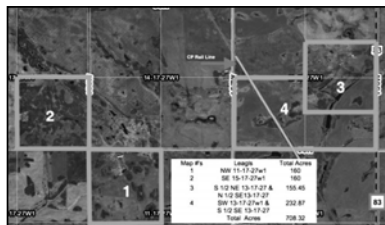
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Twin Valley closing home centre at Elkhorn

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Twin Valley Co-op has announced plans to close its home centre on Richhill Avenue, Elkhorn's main street, in early 2019.

The Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce is held a meeting Thursday, October 18 to hear from Twin Valley and provide an opportunity for questions.

"The Board of Directors and Management of Twin Valley Co-op Ltd, after much consideration of all options, have made the decision to close the Home Centre in Elkhorn effective January 31, 2019," Twin Valley said in a statement. "While some of the current merchandise mix will be moved to the Food Store, the Home Centre building and fuel facilities will close."

The statement continues: "This difficult decision was made in recognition of the local market conditions and the need to take the steps to sustain a retail presence on Richhill Avenue."

"By closing the Home Centre and moving some of the current product mix to the Food Store, it is our hope this can be accomplished. The newly combined Elkhorn Food and Hardware Store will open on February 1, 2019."

"We deeply appreciate the support of our Elkhorn members, as well as the efforts our staff have made to serve you. With this consolidation of retail space, we hope that our community presence and contribution will continue to remain sustainable for years to come."

"We understand the impact this will have on our valued employees, and we will be working to reduce the impact of this change, and to provide assistance to those who will not stay on."

Twin Valley's administration office is in Birtle with retail locations in Russell, Rossburn, Birtle, Minota and Elkhorn.

Need for store seen

"I do feel we have a need for the co-op and the business to support it," Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce president Samantha Cluett said Thursday. "My shop is located across the street and I can see the traffic going thru their door."

She said she fears the effect of the closure on the community.

"Removing another business from our community is going to hurt us," she said. "That affects our Main Street and it gives people another reason to leave town. Let's face it—nobody likes to pump their own gas. A full service gas station is crucial to our community. I understand the hardware will still be available but we are losing products that appeal to farmers and anybody who fuels their vehicle."

She said Elkhorn's Chamber of Commerce will work on a "Support Local" initiative to try to encourage people to support local businesses.

"Our Chamber is a small group of volunteers and we are working hard to grow our numbers to be able to better serve our business community," she said. "We encourage all business owners to attend our meetings. If we can all work together to create a 'support local' movement we can prevent other businesses from leaving town. We need to support our own and keep them in our community. These are our friends and family, our neighbors that are affected when we leave our community to shop."

"As a business owner I don't believe this situation was handled correctly. If they noticed the decrease years ago—head office should have stepped up and addressed the situation and taken preventative steps to improve their numbers. Staying on 'trend' and offering the consumers what they are



looking for is huge. Take a look at your inventory and

Twin Valley Co-op has announced plans to close the home centre on Richhill Avenue in Elkhorn. The Co-op plans to sell some lines from the home centre at the food store down the street or the farm centre. A meeting to discuss the planned closure is set for this Thursday evening in Elkhorn.

listen to your customers. Look at the situation as a whole and be involved in your business. Communication is huge, communicate with your community. Head office should have come to us a community years ago and had the conversation with us: we are losing money. What can we do?"

She said she is hoping for some genuine communication at the meeting this Thursday.

"We hope to host our chamber meeting with Twin Valley in a controlled environment to discuss this decision and seek clarity in the situation. A change of heart would be the ideal outcome with the community coming together to continue supporting the co-op hardware store. I do understand that business is business and they may not financially be able to reverse their decision, but I do hope we are able to accommodate our community, answer their questions and move forward as a community in whichever direction that may be. The goal of the meeting is not to attack Twin Valley but to come together to understand their decision and give us the opportunity to

communicate with them." People in Elkhorn

Autopac and the insurance office, we lost DAD's Re-He said the chamber is trying hard to promote Richhill Avenue in Elkhorn.

pair, and now this.

"We fought for the bank to no avail. A lot of us moved our banking to Moosomin some moved to Virden. While there some people are doing their grocery shopping, etc.—maybe that led to this."

He said that Twin Valley plans to move some items from the home centre to the grocery store and the Agro Centre.

"They're keeping two of their three locations in Elkhorn, trying to make it work. We can be thankful for that. Hopefully this meeting can bring some clarity to the community. It will be good for people to hear it straight from the horse's mouth."

Elkhorn, and sees lots of potential for the community.

"It's very frustrating to lose a business like this, especially the people on main street," he said.

"We're trying our best as a chamber to promote the community with the events we put on."

"We see some new services coming in—Bick's Auto now has an OK Tire franchise. When you have people decide to pull out, it stings."

"That store was important to our community. Personally, we use it for our gas, we use it for our animal feed. People use it as a parcel pickup spot. No one wants to see it go."

Loss of several businesses

Mark Humphries of the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce said the planned closure comes after the loss of several other important businesses in the community.

"As soon as you start losing one business, it affects other businesses," he said. "We lost the bank, we lost

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Sportsplex finalist for provincial award

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The Town of Moosomin is a finalist for a provincial award for development of the Nutrien Sportsplex.

The facility is one of three finalists for the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards

A video explaining the Nutrien Sportsplex project will be made and shown at the SUMA and SARM conventions.

The Sportsplex had its start when the town had the bowling alley turned over to it, and a community needs assessment was completed six years ago. The needs assessment identified the need for a dedicated park space for community events, the need for nontraditional recreation opportunities, the need for winter leisure opportunities and the need for more diversified recreation opportunities.

Rec Director Mike Schwan came up with the concept of the Sportsplex. The cost of the facility was estimated at around \$1.5 million, of which \$1.3 million would come from corporate donors. The Sportsplex now includes the pre-existing bowling alley, billiards, four sports simulators, an indoor walking track, two indoor pickleball courts, large raised deck-

ing, a large outdoor stage, ground level rubber decking, a flag garden, and a park area.

The main part of the facility was completed in 2016, and that year the facility was named the winner of the Cecil Nobes Facility Award of Excellence from the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association.

The Sportsplex has golf leagues going in the winter, there are pickleball courts, and a large number of walkers make use of the walking track, which the recreation department has tried to make more interesting by starting challenges, where walkers walk across the province or the country, reaching certain milestones after a certain number of laps.

Outdoors, at the Tim Hortons Outdoor Eventplex, the deck and stage are used for special events in the summer, and a weekly farmers' market is held on the grass area.

A flag garden and campground were developed this summer, and Kim Setrum is sponsoring a mini-golf course to be added next summer.

A play in a week:

Missoula Children's Theatre comes to Maryfield for 10th time

BY KARA KINNA

This past Saturday, Maryfield School students performed their 10th Missoula Children's Theatre play, Robin Hood, after putting the play together in the space of a week.

The children and the two Missoula Children's Theatre actor/directors started working on the play on Monday last week, and by Saturday the play was ready to roll, complete with costumes, songs, humor, and polished acting from all involved.

As a small school with no drama program of its own, Maryfield School brings Missoula Children's Theatre in every second year as a way to give its students a chance to shine on the stage. Missoula pairs two actor/directors up with students to work on the play from 3:30 pm to 8 pm each day. Anyone from K-12 can participate.

But how do you throw a play together and organize a school full of students in a week?

This year Anna Stewart from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and Carly Weldy from Buffalo, New York were the actor/directors working on Robin Hood with the Maryfield School students.

"Personally this is my dream job," says Carly. "I've always wanted to work with theatre and kids, and so this just encompasses everything from performing to directing to every week just working with different kids, and it's nice to make them feel like they are really important while we're here, and this whole project is really important."

"We are just bringing theatre to places that don't have a lot of theatre opportunities," says Anna. "We go to places where there's only 10 people in their graduating class and this is the only theatre they get to do all year. And they get a chance to shine for an hour and feel like they really accomplished something, because they did. They learned so much in a week and then it's always great to see how proud everyone in the community is of them and how proud they are of themselves."

"On of the goals of Missoula Children's Theatre is to develop life skills in a program like this," says Carly, "and they have to deal with really putting everything to the test in one week, and it's a lot to learn, so it really challenges the kids."

"I would say it varies from student to student," says Anna, "because sometimes you have kids that can't remember even one line and then you have varying levels of kids that are ready to take on a whole monologue and do the whole thing. The most important thing I think is making sure that each individual kid feels successful in what they are doing because they're doing the best that they can."

"It definitely teaches. I love seeing the responsibility grow throughout the



Above: Missoula Actor/director Carly Weldy teaching the little kids how to be skunks in the play Robin Hood.

Below: Missoula actor/director Anna Stewart working with the older students to rehearse as the Merry Band in Robin Hood.



week. The first day there is always a ton of excitement and they just want to know what part they are, and then you see the kids that get put into these roles that have scripts and have a lot more lines. They assume the responsibility of being the people that the skunks look up to—that's our littlest group, the skunks—but even the skunks, by the end of the week you see that once they are in their costume and their make up, they take it so seriously because they know that they have a responsibility of putting on this show just as much as the older kids do, and seeing that transformation, especially in the younger kids, I think is really rewarding."

"I think it's just really nice to see kids feel like people are proud of them for that week," says Carly. "We don't know them from Adam. We have no idea what their background is, we have no idea what they've gone through, and so it's really cool. I think you can tell that the kids get really excited that

somebody really believes in them and really is truly proud of what they've accomplished in one week and have no doubt in their abilities to put on a show in one week."

How does this leave the actor/directors feeling?

"Great, we love it," says Anna. "We have a bunch of thank you notes that we have gotten on tour. Last week we got a book of hand drawings from all the Kindergarten students of their favorite part of one of the workshops we did, and people give us nice things from the town—they'll give us coffee mugs from the local place, T-shirts, a bunch of different presents, but the best ones are the ones that the kids hand make, hand write, come up running to you with, and their hand writing is so cute. It's awesome, it is a great feeling to see that."

"It's so pure," says Carly. "Despite all the great times working with the kids, there's still the challenge of putting together a play in a week. So how do they do it?"

"I wondered the same thing when I got this job," says Carly. "I was literally like 'you're telling me that up to 60 children are on stage and it is just the two of us that put it up in a week?' But the training that we get back in Missoula, Montana with our company—it has been around 47 years in the making—with their international tour project, they've got it down. They know the best way to teach kids in such a short amount of time and they pass that knowledge onto us."

"And we learned the same way that the kids learned," says Anna. "It's all building blocks. We start with the basics, with the lines, with the singing—everything we teach, all the songs, we teach by rote. We say something and they just repeat it. It's just a lot of repetition."

"And then once they have that then they can have fun with it. I teach the Merry Band which is one of the older groups, and they have the chance to put a little bit of themselves in

the show. So things that happen in rehearsal that they think are funny, if they go with the show, they are allowed to make it their own. And they have that structure underneath of it to make it come to life. Because when they are having fun, everyone in the audience is having fun."

"We teach separately, and by the second session on Wednesday we put it together like a puzzle and we teach kids the same scenes, but their own parts in the scenes, and it comes together," says Carly.

Kaitlyn Veysey, Grade 9, is playing the part of Prince John in the play, and Landon Retzlaff, Grade 8, is playing the part of Robin Hood.

Both students have participated in Missoula plays since Kindergarten. This is their first time with such big roles in the play.

"I've always liked acting in general and the music is always fun," says Kaitlyn. "It's all pretty fun. It's not super stressful, they are not harsh on you, the

directors are always fun, and you are dealing with people you know, other than the directors, and you get to know them pretty quick. It's always fun and you feel pretty comfortable after the first few days."

"It gives us more opportunities, because in a small school you can't really do much like this, so if you go into acting in Missoula this will help you more," adds Landon.

Landon says work on the play has been going well. With a large part like his, he says he's spending lots of time memorizing lines and practicing.

"It's been going good, just late nights at school," he says.

Kaitlyn says there's a sense of accomplishment when the play comes together after the week.

"It feels like once you finally put together a really long math equation and it all just comes together—it feels so satisfying," she says.

She says there are benefits to being in Missoula that go beyond learning to perform.

"It can also help with your social skills too," she says. "I'm not a huge extrovert but with this part you have to be loud and I'm always yelling at people, so I have to be more loud. You have to get comfortable with the singing and things like that. And if you look wonky in a costume everyone else does too. It's just part of the acting and it's fun. And it can bring new experiences."

Linda Roberts is an EA at Maryfield School who has been helping bring Missoula Theatre to the school for a number of years now.

"It's such a great experience for the kids," she says. "You see some kid that is so quiet, and they will just flourish at something like this. Overall it's just a really good experience for all the kids. They learn so many things, not only the acting but the listening skills, all that."

"It's almost like they come out of a shell. Sometimes it will be a really quiet kid and it's almost like it boosts their confidence. There are some kids that it's obvious that they are going to be in Missoula because you can tell they are that type of kid, but then we have some that are surprises in there that come out and really grow."

She says it's amazing to see how the plays come together in the space of one week.

"It's always amazing to me. You watch the audition Monday, and then after supper Monday they start and it's just unbelievable."

"I love it, that's the reason I keep helping them bring it back. I just love to see the growth. It just grows in front of you and you hear the kids singing the songs, even down the hall during the day."

"They start singing the songs and the kids with the bigger parts you see them reading their lines, practicing them."

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TVRC Bullarama and Rodeo

For over fifty years the Twin Valley Riding Club has been active in this area. Members have come and gone but the club continues to participate in all types of equine activities and strongly promotes horsemanship, safety and youth involvement.

In the 70's the TVRC became involved in hosting a local jackpot rodeo.

The rodeo continues to be a jackpot paying the entries fees back to the contestants. Many competitors entered their first rodeo event at Twin Valley with some of these competitors going on to be very successful in other rodeo associations, either as competitors, stock contractors or both.

The Twin Valley Riding Club takes great pride that this rodeo is a family affair with competitors and spectators coming from near and far, year after year bringing with them the next generation of rodeo stars.

Saturday night featured the 12th Annual TVRC Bullarama. This year we shook things up a little—no entry fees and \$2,000 added money.

Needless to say there was a strong showing of bull riders and junior steer riders from all over.

Junior Steer Riding is the younger version of the Bull Riding but don't be fooled these pint size bull riders have no less heart, try or determination than the actual Bull Riders.

Judges were Keith Young and Brian Kacsmar, bullfighters were Jordynn Swanson and Darrick Smart, pickup men were Luke Ellingson and Wayne Rowe with announcer for the evening being area favorite, Winston Bear.

Stock for the evening was supplied by Andy Robertson, Laurie, Greg and Brian Kacsmar and Bar H Ranch & Rodeo.

Bull riders were up first with the bulls coming out strong bucking 13 of the 16 riders off.

Next in the chutes 14 junior steer riders and with sheer determination nine were able to ride the full 8 but when the dust settled it was Jesse Ozirney for the win.

Now the bull riding short go, based on rides and time ridden six made it back but the brute strength of the bulls put all but

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		2nd	69	Ashlyn Hawkins
		3rd	68	Lucas Ozirney
		4th	68	Josh Molnar
Junior Steers	ValleyView Hotel	1st	74	Josh Molnar
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Junior Breakaway	Northland Power	1st	8.10	Callie Helmecci
		1st	15.348	Jamie Dee McDonald
		2nd	15.383	Tammy Nicholson
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		4th	15.810	Sheradyn Griffith

one in the dirt with Wyatt Fenning walking away with the money. Great performance with the stands full.

Following the Bullarama, Rodeo Active got the crowd going for the "Family Fun Dance" in the Beer gardens. Music, dancing and a good time was enjoyed by everyone.

Bright and early Sunday morning 60 junior contestants were able to show their

stuff running barrels and poles during the Youth Gymkhana. Every participant received an award made possible by the generosity of our many sponsors.

Pastor Lorne Bonk of Grenfell and friends provided a beautiful and inspirational Cowboy Church service which was appreciated by many.

1:00 Rodeo action began with the Grand Entry lead by TVRC King Dustin Spencer

carrying the TVRC flag.

Dustin was followed by more youth carrying the flags of rodeo, a spectacular sight. Thanks to all the TVRC youth that keep our club young Callie Helmecci, Clayton Spencer, Jessa and Jared McNabb, Sheradyn, Drydan and Dawson Griffith, Lexie, Sadie and Zavery Hollingshead and Ava and Santanna Madge.

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Another project may be down the road at Nutrien Rocanville



Kevin Weedmark

We are very fortunate in this area to have an economy unlike anything else in Saskatchewan or Manitoba.

We have potash with both Nutrien and Mosaic mines in the area, oil, both TransCanada and Enbridge pipelines, manufacturers like Vaderstad, a vital agriculture industry, and the businesses from hotels to restaurants to gas stations that comes from our location along the Trans-Canada Highway and in a busy area.

For several years, this entire area experienced a major boom with the \$3 billion expansion at Nutrien Rocanville.

The massive project included sinking a new service shaft at Scissors Creek, converting the original service shaft to a second production shaft at the original mine site, and doubling milling capacity by building a second mill.

Things were a little quieter in the area after the Rocanville expansion was completed, and now everyone is remembering just how hectic it was at the construction, now that work is underway on Enbridge's Line 3 Replacement project and the area is once again filled with contractors and construction workers.

Now Nutrien is looking at what could potentially be another major project at Rocanville—upgrading or potentially replacing the original mill.

"I can confirm that we are looking at three options for Mill #1 at Rocanville," Will Tingley of Nutrien told me recently. "Right now, we're currently just performing feasibility level engineering studies."

Rocanville is an important part of Nutrien's potash mining capacity.

Nutrien was formed with the merger of PotashCorp and Agrium.

In 2017, when Rocanville was still part of PotashCorp, the mine accounted for about half of all of potash produced by PotashCorp.

Production at Rocanville increased from 2.48 million tonnes of KCl in 2015 to 2.72 million tonnes in 2016 to 4.86 million tonnes in 2017,

with the completion of the Rocanville expansion.

The operational capacity of the Rocanville mine is now 5 million tonnes per year.

PotashCorp saw an average realized potash price of US\$179 per tonne in the third quarter of 2017, up from \$150 per tonne a year earlier.

Recently India signed a contract for potash at \$290/tonne CFR (cost and freight), up \$50 per tonne from the previous contract.

Looking at those figures, you can do the math and see just how valuable the Rocanville mine is.

Rocanville was always the jewel in PotashCorp's crown and no doubt will be with Nutrien, too, as it is a lower cost mine that produces a high grade of ore.

Looking at the 2017 PotashCorp annual report, it's clear just how important Rocanville is to producing more potash at a lower cost.

"We achieved our target in 2017 with potash cash cost savings (excluding foreign exchange and royalties) of \$26 per tonne from 2013 levels," according to the annual report. "Our portfolio optimization efforts, including the ramp-up of our Rocanville expansion, were fundamental to meeting our target."

Also in the 2017 annual report: "Costs were lower in 2017 due to our portfolio optimization effort, including a greater share of production coming from our lower-cost mines, particularly Rocanville."

Big impact

It would be premature to speculate on exactly what form any mill upgrade may take. Nutrien is just looking into the possibility of a project at the original mill at Rocanville at this point.

But if Nutrien moves ahead with one of the options it is looking at, no doubt it will have a major impact on this area once again.

Investments in the potash industry in our area have always had a big impact, and if this project comes to pass, it should be no exception.

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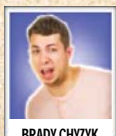
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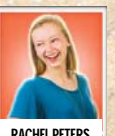
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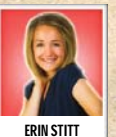
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Great to see kids interested in journalism

"Have any of you had your picture in the paper?" I asked.

Just about every hand shot up. It was a recent Tuesday afternoon when the kids from the MacLeod School Journalism Club came to the newspaper office in Moosomin to find out more about what we do here.

I was very happy that they had virtually all had their photos in the paper, either because they were in a photo at a school event, or another event in town, or because they were in a team photo in our hockey/skating section or our minor ball/soccer/football section.

I tell everyone that the most important measure of a newspaper isn't its bottom line or its EBITA, but its FMQ. The fact that virtually all of these kids' hands shot up told me that, at the World-Spectator, we continue to have an exceptionally high FMQ.

What exactly is FMQ you ask? Frigate Magnet Quotient. The percentage of photos in a newspaper that are clipped out and affixed to a proud parent or proud grandparent's fridge somewhere with a magnet.

It was great to have 20 or so very excited kids in the office to see what we do!

The young journalists plan to take pictures and submit articles about what is happening at MacLeod School. We are looking forward to seeing what they come up with!

Journalism is changing rapidly and I hope some of the members of the elementary school Journalism Club go on to careers in journalism.



Kevin Weedmark

In journalism you never stop learning! Over my career I have had the honor of reporting from Vietnam, the Philippines, and Afghanistan in addition to covering events like the Tantalum Duck Derby and the Great Boat Race down the Pipestone the Fleming Legion used to organize. I have interviewed premiers and prime ministers and lots of people who have done amazing things with their lives.

I have been fortunate to have reported from places like Malaybalay, Lanao Del Norte, Los Banos, Manila, Kabul, Islamabad, Hoi An, Hanoi, and Soc Trang in addition to places like Maryfield, Elkhorn, Kennedy, and Spy Hill.

Last week I had in-depth interviews on Energy East with Dennis McNagh, who was vice president of pipeline development for TransCanada when Energy East was proposed, and Derek Burney, who served on TransCanada's board and has a lot of knowledge of both business and politics—he was ambassador to Korea, Japan and the United States, was chief of staff to Brian Mulroney, and negotiated the original Canada-U.S. free trade deal. Interesting people to talk to, and interesting to hear their take on things.

Because this is a small community, those interviews

were done between proofreading everything from signs to ads to a Chinese food menu—how's that for variety!

Incidentally it has been 134 years since this newspaper business began. The first issue came out October 2, 1884.

Originally named the Moosomin Courier it has evolved into the World-Spectator and Plain and Valley.

It was begun with some very high ideals.

"It will be the fixed policy of the Courier, whatever political party may be in power, to have a regard only for the country and the needs of its inhabitants," the owners wrote in the original prospectus in 1884, which I still have in my office, with calculations scribbled on the back to figure out how much lumber would be needed to build the first newspaper office!

"The Courier has come into your midst not as a speculation, but as a permanent resident, hoping that by a judicious and proper conduct of its affairs, the growth and prosperity of Moosomin and the surrounding country may be promoted and that its proprietors may receive a fair compensation for their efforts."

Hopefully the paper has met some of those goals—well, maybe not the "fair compensation" bit!

"The first aim of the Courier will be to make the publication essentially a local paper in all that the name implies—the champion of local interests and the advocate of the development of Moosomin and the surrounding country."

Write a letter to the editor or send us an email and let us know how we are doing on those fronts!

Mamma Mia! The musical to hit the AUD Stage this November

The Virde and District Chorale organization has become very well known for its polished productions that audiences have been enjoying for many years, including most recently, Footloose, Grease, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Sound of Music, Crazy for You, and Legally Blonde.

We are excited to announce that this year's fall 2018 show will be the worldwide sensation Mamma Mia!

The Musical, and the company was very excited to get the highly anticipated performance rights for this megahit show.

Westman performers and a large crew of passionate individuals are already preparing for the shows that will take place in the beautiful AUD Theatre November 21–25, with matinees scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Mamma Mia's lead trio of women will be played by three of Westman's very finest singers.

Marla Fontaine, a dearly loved Brandon music educator, will appear as Donna Sheridan.

Marla's last appearance on stage in musical theatre was as Daisy Mae when she was in high school, so we are very excited that she is taking the leap with us.

At her side will be rock star Mariah Phillips as the sexy Tanya and vibrant Sandy Jasper as the hilarious Rosie. Mariah lends her powerhouse vocals as the lead singer for the band Misty Street.

Sandy Jasper is a professional choral musician, previously singing with the National Youth Choir and currently with the Juno-nominated Canadian Chamber Choir. Sandy definitely knows how to sing, and her presence always en-



sure that everyone has a great time.

The three possible Dads in Mamma Mia! will be played by a handsome and talented trio of men.

Dean Munchinsky appears as Sam the architect. Dean serves as an assistant director in many local productions (including this one), and he is a Brandon resident, Virde businessman, and an absolute dramatic genius.

The role of Harry Bright will be played by veteran performer, Dave Simard.

Dave is very active with the Assiniboine Theatre Company and uses his velvet tones in the bands, the Beetles and Full Flannel Jacket.

We are thrilled to welcome musical theatre newcomer Rob Lovatt to the stage as writer-adventurer Bill Austin. Originally from Souris, Rob is a professional photographer and entertains crowds with his band J4K.

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Above, teachers Karly Fregin and Lana McCormac and some of the students look over a type case full of individual letters from when the newspaper first started. Below, editor Kevin Weedmark explains how the newspaper works.



MacLeod School Journalism Club visits the World-Spectator/ Plain and Valley

Students from MacLeod School's journalism club visited the World-Spectator/Plain and Valley office on Tuesday. They learned about the newspaper's history (the first issue came out 134 years ago this week—on October 2, 1884) and how the newspaper has changed and grown over the years.

The students saw some of the artifacts from the early years of the newspaper, asked a lot of questions about journalism and the newspaper business, and learned a few things about the history of Moosomin.

A highlight for the students was looking through bound volumes of recent editions and finding photos of themselves and their friends.

The journalism club plans to submit articles to the newspaper over the school year.

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Sportsplex finalist for provincial award

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Mayor Larry Tomlinson said he is proud that the town is a finalist for the award. "A lot of work went into that building, and it's been really good for the commu-

nity," he said.

"It's a great facility. It's something to do in the wintertime for exercise for the community.

"The walking track gets used a lot and it

might prevent some people from falling.

"I think the whole facility gets used a lot. Last night they had golf night and I think they had a lot of people out."

Tomlinson said he thinks the facility has been a great addition to the community.

"It's great for the community and a lot of

didn't have winter programming for that demographic."

He said other communities are interested in the facility. "We have had calls from other communities and cities asking how we built it," he said.

"When I look at it now, it's better than

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surrounding communities are starting to make use of it," he said.

He gave rec director Mike Schwean credit for getting the new facility off the ground.

"Mike started it. He thought it would be good for the community, and it turned out to be great."

Schwean said the Sportsplex was meant to serve all ages.

"When we were planning it, we wanted to be able to offer programming for adults and seniors and kids. One of the biggest successes of the entire project has been offering programming to seniors. In the past we just

what I had envisioned. We were looking for diversity and to accommodate everyone, and I think between exercise classes and the walking groups, and the simulators, and the parties, and the health region using it, we're working with all different demographics.

"With all the parties, we're bringing a lot of people to the community."

He said there are positive comments from people from out of town. "People are really shocked with it," he said. "Guys coming out from the city have said they have never seen anything like it with the park space, the stage, and everything."

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It's time for a fresh look at Energy East

To counter both unpredictable U.S. moves against Canada on trade, and the zany spat with Saudi Arabia, a strategic option for the government of Justin Trudeau would be to assert its authority over interprovincial pipelines and initiate a "fast track" regulatory review of the Energy East pipeline.

The initial project proposal – a 4,500-kilometre pipeline that would carry 1.1 million barrels a day of Western Canadian crude oil to refineries in Eastern Canada – was stymied by regulatory overkill and tepid political support in Ottawa, Ontario and Quebec. But the dynamics on several of these fronts are changing and, with a Speech from the Throne contemplated this fall, there is an opportunity to change tack.

The political mood in Ontario has already shifted as a result of the recent Progressive Conservative election victory. The provincial election in Quebec later this year could result in a more receptive mood for a \$15-billion infrastructure project funded exclusively by the private sector.

Despite their noble intent, the goals endorsed by the Paris Accord on Climate Change have become somewhat illusory over time. The United States has opted out and commitments by India and China – the next two most prominent polluters – are more distant than apparent. Canada's pledge is minuscule in the global scheme of things (affecting less than 2 per cent of global emissions) and is, in any event, becoming more aspirational than real.

Furthermore, and despite consistent emphasis on renewables – such as solar and wind power – global demand for fossil fuels as a source of energy is expected to increase until 2040 and beyond, constituting roughly 80 per cent of the total. Cold, winter countries such as Canada will continue to rely on consistent supplies of oil and gas to heat their homes and industries.

Alternative sources of energy will grow alongside, but not instead of, fossil fuels. It is not a case of either/or. Furthermore, pipelines generate lower greenhouse gas emissions than transmission by rail cars or tanker trucks.

Evidence to date suggests that neither carbon taxes nor cap-and-trade schemes do much to curtail emissions. For one thing, they do not alter consumer behaviour.

As Philip Cross, a senior fellow at the Macdonald-Laurier Institute wrote, "small carbon taxes are not a serious proposal to curb emissions, but the equivalent of buying a papal indulgence to alleviate our collective conscience." In short, "feel good" policy. And even higher taxes are rarely palatable.

Regulations on fuel standards and on energy consumption, along with incentives for innovative technologies, are demonstrably more effective – a prime example being the development by Rio Tinto and Alcoa of a process to produce aluminum with zero emissions. Oil sands companies and other industries are moving successfully in a similar direction because it makes economic sense for them to do so.

It is not a question of climate-change denial. Rather, it is an acknowledgment of what works and what does not work. That reality check is coming home to roost as politicians grapple with explanations of policies that voters will endorse, as opposed to cost-free sentiments that can be more universally endorsed.

Over and above the stimulus in terms of jobs and spending that a \$15-billion private-sector investment would bring to all regions of Canada, a successful relaunch of Energy East would:

Reduce our dependence on foreign oil, notably from Saudi Arabia (imports of 75,000-80,000 barrels a day);



Derek Burney

Open Canadian supply to the increasing demand of global markets, which in turn would reduce, if not eliminate, the 30-per-cent discount we are obliged to accept for our oil when we rely on a single market for export, and;

Most importantly, because of the "America First" protectionist practices being pursued by our neighbour and erstwhile economic partner, Energy East would provide the means for Canada to better ensure its own economic destiny.

There is no guarantee the company that initially sponsored

Energy East (TransCanada Corp.) would be willing to revisit the project, nor is there any assurance the original list of potential shippers will reinstate their commitments, but the latest U.S. legal setback on the Keystone XL project could prompt some new thinking.

The opportunity to give new life to Energy East is at least worth exploring and, unlike nationalization, it would not require one nickel of taxpayer funds. Resuscitation would be an act of bold, visionary leadership, one that would serve our national interest. It would give Canada the key element of a truly transcontinental pipeline and be as much in the national interest as transcontinental railways were more than a century ago.

Governments are remembered best for getting big things right. It is ultimately a matter of choice and political will.

Derek Burney was Canada's ambassador to the United States from 1989 to 1993. He led the Canadian delegation in concluding negotiations of the Canada-U.S. free-trade agreement.



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Volunteers will be needed for ground search

Search continues for Ruby Barnes

It has now been more than three months since Ruby Barnes went missing from her home at White Bear Lake.

The Carlyle RCMP is continuing its investigation into the disappearance of Ruby Barnes, as the three-month anniversary of her disappearance approaches.

Barnes was last seen at a business in the 200-block of Main Street in Carlyle at approximately 9:30 a.m. on June 18. Receipts from her time in Carlyle were found on the counter at her home at White Bear Lake. Barnes was reported missing to the RCMP later that day.

Staff Sgt. Darren Simons with the Carlyle RCMP said there was an extensive search last week in the area where her cell phone was last pinged.

RCMP and civilian searchers from the Broadview, Esterhazy and Carlyle detachments searched in the Round Lake area north of Whitewood for a full day, but did not find anything relevant to her file.

"They do it in a co-ordinated approach," said Simons. "They don't just go willy-nilly all over. They actually have specific areas to search. I know our one member, she was sent to a specific area, searched that, came back and then was sent to another area. They just wanted to make sure they covered all the areas off."

The RCMP continues to receive calls about her disappearance. There is a lot of interest regarding her case, particularly from her family and friends, and the RCMP continues to follow up on any information they receive.

The number of tips has slowed down. "When we get tips, we liaise with our specialized sections, we liaise with member detachments, so there's something always happening," said Simons.

Any tips are followed up immediately. "One of our biggest assistants is video. If somebody believes they saw her at a location, we can often get some video from that location from the business, and then we can use that video to determine if that is or isn't Ruby Barnes, and so far they have all determined it was not her."

The Carlyle RCMP usually dedicates time to the file at least once per day.

Barnes, 64, is described as Caucasian, standing five-foot-eight and weighing 135 pounds. She has grey hair.

When she was last seen, Barnes was wearing black pants and a black top with a white abstract design on the front. She was carrying a black purse, had her hair in a ponytail and was wearing glasses.



Ruby Barnes, right, with Lee Ann Chicoine and Guy Wall.

World-Spectator editor Kevin Weedmark spoke with Ruby Barnes' daughter, Lee Ann Chicoine, on Thursday. Following is the complete interview.

Has there been any updates on your mother?

There hasn't been any updates, they don't know anything at this point still. The police were out and did a search last week.

Where have the police been searching?

Last week they did Round Lake and Crooked Lake, all in there.

They went door to door and knocked on people's doors and they also did around the edges of the lake and don't believe there is anywhere where mom could have went in.

Our family is going to do a search of the valleys again, but we just want to wait until the leaves fall off the trees and we'll do it again.

Why is all the focus on the Qu'Appelle Valley? Are you quite sure that is where she could be?

We don't really know, but just because of the phone ping coming off the Broadview tower.

We just know that she would have followed the number nine highway if she was going north.

How tough is it to go this long with not knowing what happened?

It is really hard on all of us and you just don't know what to do anymore. It's pretty frustrating some days as well.

If people want to help is there anything that they can do? Can they volunteer to help with the search of the valley or anything?

Yes I think we're going to ask people to help us search the valley when it comes time. There is a lady at Manitoba Search and Rescue that has contacted me and said she'll help set it all up. We are going to have a meeting next week.

Are you getting a lot of support from people—offers to help or just moral support?

Yes lots of people have reached out to us to help and just send us messages all the time, stop for coffee make sure we're doing okay.

It's really nice. Everybody has just been really nice to us and been wanting to help us in some way.

We've had quite a few people offer and come out and help already, so that's nice.

How big of an area will you be searching?

We would search north from the Kenosee area to Stockholm. There are a few places in the Kenosee area where there are deeper drop offs. We went out and looked but you just don't know if you're missing something.

So we'll do all the valleys and any drop offs from where my parents live to the Kenosee area all the way up to Stockholm, like in the Qu'Appelle Valley, past those is what our focus is going to be in the next search too.

It's been searched a few times over but we just thought we will wait until the leaves fall off and we'll do it again and that way it will be peace of mind for us as well that we didn't miss something.

Have there been any leads?

Nothing. No sightings, she hasn't used her bank cards, her phone hasn't been turned back on, nothing. Her car hasn't been spotted. That just seems unbelievable.

Anyone with information regarding Barnes' whereabouts is asked to call Carlyle RCMP at 306-453-6707, their local police service, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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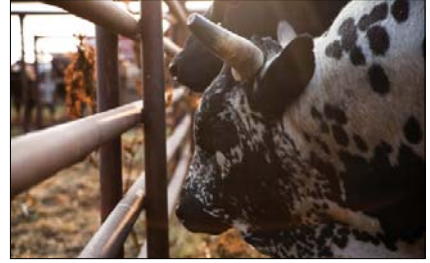
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The CP Holiday Train pulls into Moosomin in 2016

Holiday train coming

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The CP Holiday Train will be coming through southwest Manitoba and southeast Saskatchewan on Wednesday, December 5.

Other holiday events in Moosomin around that time include Moonlight Madness on Wednesday, November 28 and Santa Day on Saturday, December 1.

Terri Clark, Sierra Noble and Kelly Prescott will be performing on the Holiday Train coming along the CP main line Dec. 4 and 5.

The Trews and Willie Porter will perform on the Holiday Train coming along the Soo Line Dec. 16.

The Holiday Train supports food banks across Canada, and the stop in Moosomin involves a collection of food for the Moosomin Food Share.

The complete schedule for southeast Saskatchewan and southwest Manitoba includes the following stops:

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Attention: Karen Beauchamp

PROPERTY:

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CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property and not on the above or any other particulars or representations made by or on behalf of the Seller. Inquiries should be directed to Garth Harrison (705) 533-4585.
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PROPERTY:

S ½ 10-3-27 WPM Exc all mines and minerals (310.32 acres) RM of Two Borders – to be sold as a half section, not selling as two separate quarter sections.

NE ¼ 9-3-27 WPM Exc all mines and minerals (159.54 acres) RM of Two Borders

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2. The S ½ 10-3-27 WPM should receive a separate tender from the NE ¼ 9-3-27 WPM.
3. Tenders must be received on or before 1:00 p.m. on November 15, 2018.
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Motz says C-71 won't accomplish anything

World-Spectator editor Kevin Weedmark spoke with Deputy Shadow Minister for Public Safety Glen Motz about Bill C-71, the gun control legislation currently under consideration in Canada.

What's your take on Bill C-71?

It is one of Justin Trudeau's many failures. It does not tackle the issues that Canadians want to have addressed—it has to do with criminals, the illegal acquisition of firearms, gang violence, gun violence. It doesn't deal with any of those and it targets the wrong individuals—the law abiding Canadian gun owners that we have in this country.

What sort of reaction are you hearing from Canadians across the country about this?

The ones I'm interacting with are loud and clear that they are very opposed, very angry, disappointed that the government is going down this route and they are very committed to continue to fight it.

The fact that we had over 86,000 people, the second largest e-petition in Canadian parliamentary history speaking out against it should certainly have the government stand up and take notice that this is an issue that is significant to Canadians.

What sort of explanations are you getting from the Liberals that are going through this route with C71?

I'm the Deputy Shadow Minister for Public Safety Border Security and Emergency Departments by that responsibility that I sit on the public safety committee and we have debated this.

The Liberals are blinded by their own misinformation, they continue to go down the path that they feel is going to have impact, but you know what are they basing it



Glen Motz, centre, in the House of Commons

on.

Are they basing it on this information?

They are basing it on a misguided approach to actually deal with the actual issues, and we're not getting a response I suppose to this legislation and criminals don't follow the law.

So if you are creating legislation that targets law abiding gun owners who are the most vetted and trusted in our Canadian society, then I don't understand why they would target the wrong group when the issue is gang, and gun violence in our urban centres and rural country Canada. It's remarkable that they are as misguided in their approach to this, as many Canadians are seeing their credibility has been called into question through this whole process.

What particular aspects of C71 do you find the most objectionable?

You have to stand in line because

there are lots of them. We're targeting the authorizations to transport, they are severely limiting those, and yet they talk about those.

The Liberals talk about being an evidence based decision maker, that is what there mantra is, and yet I've asked repeatedly to show Canadians, show us where the evidence is that suggests law abiding Canadians who are going from their home to the gun range or home to a shooting competition, home to a gunsmith, have been, or are, a threat to public safety, and no one can find me any of that.

There is no evidence to suggest that—that just needs to be adjusted. We've talked about the RCMP, the classifications and reclassifications of firearms, having the final authority being taken away from parliament and being placed squarely with the RCMP who are both the maker of the rules and the adjudicator of the rules. You can't in the democracy, you don't have the agency that enforces the law,

make the law.

Canadians across this country are very up in arms about that—pardon the pun.

I'm also concerned that the RCMP need to be at the table as a committee to deal with these issues, but they should not and cannot be the sole arbiter of that. We need to have more independence from that and have government officials who are accountable to be making the rules.

Another failure—a huge failure in this particular legislation is in the weeks leading up to its release there was a gang violence conference that Minister Goodale hosted in Ottawa, and the experts that were gathered to speak at that event spoke at length on the issues with organized crime and straw purchases and illegal acquisition of fire arms and gun violence.

I was at that meeting and I never once heard that law abiding gun owners pose a threat to public safety in this country, and

yet weeks later we have legislation that comes out that is focused solely on law-abiding gun owners. The word gang doesn't even appear in the legislation.

Why do you think this has got so much traction? Why do you think there has been so much response to this e-petition?

I think a number of reasons. One the legislation is flawed—significantly flawed. It's another demonstration of a failure by this government, and people are annoyed by all the failures already.

This is just another one. It targets individuals who are already some of the most responsible people invested in our country.

It doesn't go after the concerns that have been raised by Canadians across this country, that we do have a gang issue.

We do have a gang violence issue.

Let's deal with that, let's provide resources to the agency CBSA, Law Enforcement, the justice system—to deal with those in a way that is appropriate, and we haven't done that. In the election in 2015 there was \$500 million talked about as being earmarked for dealing with these issues during the Surrey by-election—it was not a coincidence that it happened during a by-election—Mr. Goodale himself announced, because Surrey you know has huge gang issue with their shootings. He announced \$327 million specifically to help police fight gangs and gun violence and we are almost a full year out from that, just a few months short of a full year out of that, and we're hearing that not a dime has been spent to date, and we're hearing that it could be another year or more before any of that money ever gets out to our law enforcement community that's tasked and responsible to keep our communities safe from these exact activities.

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MackKay says Atlantic Canada wants Energy East back on the table

World-Spectator editor Kevin Weedmark spoke with Peter MacKay last week regarding Energy East and the efforts of the town and RM of Moosomin to restart the national discussion on the national pipeline project, which has been shelved by TransCanada.

MacKay served as the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (2013–2015), Minister of National Defence (2007–2013), and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2006–2007) under Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Following is the complete interview:

Why are you interested in Energy East? Why is it important to you?

I'm from Atlantic Canada, and like the impact on the West, it would have a massive impact on jobs and prosperity and helping people in that region—getting people to work. That's my concern, that's my interest.

I was in government when we were trying to move all these projects forward and getting shut down at various junctures by court rulings and environmental activists, and all those who want Canadians to turn off the lights, walk around in bare feet and eat organic beets and do nothing.

It stands to reason that we should be rallying support for this type of principled and lucrative business venture that would help everybody, including indigenous people.

Including young people who want to stay and work in their communities. It's beyond strange, given all of this talk about NAFTA, and the necessity to try to promote trade. One of our most valuable commodities is oil and gas, and we're completely reliant on one market right now. We've just come through a very contentious trade negotiation where that market was being challenged and potentially limited.

That, in a nutshell, is why I'm concerned about it.

We have the refining capability in St. John, New Brunswick, that would add value as far as the actual refining, and from there it could be put onto tankers and shipped to Europe or to other locations that want clean, ethical energy produced in a way that people can be proud of.

It has the geopolitical benefit of taking the monopoly away from Russia, where oil isn't produced ethically, along with a lot of other places, like Algeria and Venezuela and Iran and a few other spots.

There have been various pipeline proposals over the years, some of which have proceeded and some of which have gone by the wayside. Why specifically do you think Energy East is worthy of revisiting?

It's a nation building exercise. Not to get too maudlin or emotional about the issue, but like the great railway, it could bind this country from one side to the other.

In the current regulatory environment, contentious disputes over creating these types of projects and infrastructure, I don't think we could create a national railway if we were to attempt to do that today.

Do you think there is still a lot of support for a project like Energy East in Atlantic Canada?

Massive support.



Former federal cabinet minister Peter MacKay spoke with the World-Spectator last week about the prospects for revisiting Energy East.

Do you believe a project like Energy East would be viable at this point? Do you believe it could be revived?

The question has to be posed directly to the proponents.

Like Kinder Morgan, like TransMountain, like all these pipelines it's a private sector initiative.

You will probably know they were not looking for government money.

They were not looking to sell their rights to the pipeline.

They were not looking for any kind of subsidy.

They just, like Kinder Morgan, wanted the government to say they wouldn't get in the way, that they wouldn't throw up road blocks or regulatory problems.

Unfortunately, that didn't happen. Unfortunately, the government moved the goalposts and changed some of the regulatory approval processes and that was the death knell.

You also had a mayor of Montreal—Denis Coderre—who was very negative and doing all that he could to prevent Energy East from happening.

But there's a new mayor in Montreal, and in fact there's a new government in Quebec.

As circumstances and individuals and motivations change, I think there's always a chance to revive the project, but the government is going to have to stop saying one thing and doing another, and truly get behind the project, and be prepared to truly push for the completion of the project, and do it the right way, to do it with consultations, to do it in keeping with the NEB, play by the rules, play by the book.

I spoke with the person who was the vice-president of TransCanada when this was brought up. He said when they filed the application in 2014 they assumed it would go ahead within 24 months, because these projects always had. Instead there were delays, and then the rules changed. How did the system go off the rails?

I'm flummoxed by that myself.

safe for the environment, how it gets oil and gas transportation off rail and roads and puts it in a much safer place so we can avoid these disasters like we saw at Lac Megantic, that we're doing it in an ethical way compared to just about any other place on the planet when it comes to oil production and transportation.

There's a local committee of the town and RM of Moosomin that are trying to bring this project up for discussion again. Any advice for them?

Kevin, I'm a believer in the power of one and when you have a group bigger than one that's as committed and principled and attached to an issue, you would be surprised.

One thing I would suggest is the local group reach out to some communities in Atlantic Canada, because that becomes a force multiplier.

If you are able to say look we've got folks from either end of this pipeline that want it to happen, and you can work from there, bring some people in from all along the route, show momentum, get a case going, make it a pipeline of people in the first instance who are promoting this as a pan-Canadian project, something that's going to help, and attach it to the emotional side of people having to watch their children go down the road.

That's been the story in Atlantic Canada for my whole life.

I've seen people that I grew up with that wanted to stay, that wanted to be there to support their elderly parents, that wanted to raise their kids in their small community, and they had to go because there weren't jobs.

And you know where a lot of them went? Out west to work in Fort MacMurray, or to work in Saskatchewan or Manitoba, so they could make a living, so they could go back home.

This isn't transporting jobs, but it's sharing what is a national resource, in a way that creates work everywhere.

I think that's part of the narrative that you can help tell better than me, better than anybody because you're living it.

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CBD plant planned for Redvers

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

A CBD plant to extract Cannabidiol from hemp plants is planned for Redvers, giving some farmers in southeast Saskatchewan another crop option.

Cannabidiol is a pharmaceutical oil produced from hemp plants. It is currently legal only by prescription in Canada.

The Redvers plant could create employment for 50-60 people directly and indirectly.

Travis George of Calgary-based Endless Sky said there are a number of reasons Redvers was selected for the plant.

"Marc Dumaine was a Redvers boy and he moved to Alberta," George explained. "When he first came back to Redvers he capitalized on the oil industry and he created a welding shop there, MagnaFlow and MagnaFab—these were fabrication and welding oilfield related businesses. I don't

think I have to tell you what happened to the oilfield, so he had a building there.

"He met Cory and myself with Endless Sky through one of our first cannabis ventures," he said. "We were always going to do a hemp play as part of Endless Sky."

Why Redvers?

"We picked Redvers for several reasons—we have access to an international border there, it's also quite close to Manitoba," he said.

"Crops grow extremely well there, and we knew from talking to Marc that people there were hard working, creative, open to new ideas, and ready for something else to come. There were many different small things that made it extremely attractive to us.

"The facility itself is 13,600 square feet. It will be a pharmaceutical grade facility.

"We have many farmer partners signed

up. Some of the farmers have invested in the company, which is a good situation—we're partners."

George says the plant is definitely a go. "We're going," he said. "I'm sitting here today with engineers, with process engineers. We are coming to Redvers. That's the one thing I'm telling you.

"This is something that has to be engineered from the ground up, but we're going to be using existing equipment that is already in the market.

"We're a project development firm, and a cannabis and hemp investment firm.

"We're looking at every market. We're going to export internationally, but we're going to focus on Canada and grow our brand first, and then we'll look to international markets.

What markets will we access? We'll try to

reach all of them—health and wellness of animals, health and wellness of people.

He said the company has had a warm welcome from Redvers.

"We've been welcomed with open arms to the community," he said. "We've been well received. And the feeling is mutual—we're excited to come.

"I think the biggest questions people had were about the growing of the hemp and the machinery to take the hemp off, the soil needs, the nutrient needs.

Endless Sky has a meeting coming up in October 3 to and

"I think right now, they're wondering if we're coming for sure," says George. "We are, and we're going to let them know that. We've been fundraising for a little while now and plans are being put in place."

Trudeau has failed our energy sector. Energy East can save it

Much of the route exists and it would quickly create thousands of jobs. (Don't we have an infrastructure bank looking for big projects like this?)

Lost in the summer haze was one of the largest nation-building job opportunities seen in a generation. The Energy East pipeline project would have been a massive game changer, not just for the Atlantic provinces, but for the entire country. It would have assured our energy independence and kick-started an increasingly sluggish economy.

Unfortunately, Justin Trudeau killed the project with his dithering and punishing regulatory changes. The ongoing challenges we face over trade, immigration and productivity generally, though, require a new approach. And that includes revisiting the multi-billion dollar TransCanada Energy East project, to bring Alberta's oil to the Atlantic coast for export.

Justin Trudeau killed the project with his dithering and punishing regulatory changes.

Canadians know our energy industry has always been a key economic driver for prosperity and a huge job producer. For decades many Atlantic Canadians and others have packed up their duffel bags and headed down the road for work "out West." Sometimes slagged for being welfare bums and abusers of EI and equalization, the industrious and hard-working folks of our region endured hardship and went where they could find a paycheck to feed their families, even when the work was thousands of kilometres away in such places as Fort McMurray and Leduc. Leaving all you know and love out of a sense of obligation and desire to find gainful employment is an admirable demonstration of character and commitment, not dependence or entitlement. Eastern workers also offered the labour to keep the Western energy sector and economy thriving, which benefited the whole nation.

The energy sector is a unique sector of our economy that provides good-paying jobs and massive revenue returns for all, including government coffers. Yet it is struggling because of government decisions and regulations, loud detractors who seem to have the ear of the PMO and a long-obvious need for more pipeline infrastructure. Over the past few weeks, U.S. President Donald Trump has significantly upped the ante on the anti-Canada rhetoric and hit our economy with tariffs. Canada can reply with our own tariffs, which will hurt our workers, too. Or we can get serious about improving our own infrastructure and getting our energy products to global markets.



Peter MacKay

Energy East is shovel-ready. Much of the route exists and it would quickly create thousands of jobs. (Don't we have an infrastructure bank looking for big projects like this one?) It could safely move 1.1 million barrels of crude oil from Alberta and Saskatchewan to Saint John, N.B., every day, where raw product can be refined by Irving oil in their facility adding value and more jobs. Removing more volatile material from the rail lines reduces the chance of another Lac-Mégantic disaster. It would boost our energy independence and allow us to export to new markets, and at the same time use our own energy, instead of shipping it in from Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Venezuela (while complaining and hectoring our suppliers about human-rights abuses).

And, critically, it would bolster our sense of national unity. Canadians would be working with Canadians to support Canadians. Our allies, particularly in Europe, would certainly also welcome a chance to support our ethical oil and lessen their dependence on Russia's energy exports.

Sadly the Trudeau government iced this truly positive economic opportunity by bringing in last-minute rule changes and a regulatory standard that doesn't apply to any other sector of the Canadian economy, or the foreign oil that Canadians are being forced to use. We also know the government boxed itself in through delay and political pandering to the point where, out of necessity, it was forced to purchase the Kinder Morgan pipeline with taxpayers' money.

The purchase has clearly done nothing to address the challenges facing the project: the inter-provincial squabbles, court challenges, environmental protests or the concerns of First Nations. It's hard to be confident the pipeline will ever be built.

The government's energy policies are failing Canadians. Along with higher taxes, red tape and stumbling trade talks, they create a further competitive disadvantage as we try to deal with the unpredictable President Trump. Foreign investment is plummeting and we are viewed increasingly as an unproductive and risky economy.

Circumstances have changed, as has the mayor of Montreal and other impediments.

The good news is: there is still time. Ottawa can revisit and revive Energy East with the owners of TransCanada. Circumstances have changed, as has the mayor of Montreal and other impediments. A change of heart and a change of mind on subjects of national importance is healthy in some cases. There are many nonpartisan proponents like the CEOs of the Association of Petroleum Producers and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce who consider this project urgent. Just as the national railway dream worked for John A. Macdonald 150 years ago, Energy East is a nation-building project that can help secure Canada's economic future and energy independence while fostering national unity and helping our allies. What are we waiting for?

Peter MacKay is a senior partner at Baker & McKenzie, and formerly served as federal justice minister and attorney-general of Canada.

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Internet exploitation presentation held

BY KARA KINNA

Two members of the Saskatchewan Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) were in Moosomin Thursday evening to give a presentation on internet child exploitation.

The presentation was held at the Canalta Hotel, with Cst. Peter Froh of the Regina Police Service and Cpl. Cory Patterson with the RCMP hosting the presentation.

The presentation touched on the role of ICE, some of the dangers on the internet, some specifics on certain websites or social media apps, and about how kids can get into trouble around their use of social media or the internet.

"One of our mandates is to educate the public on the dangers of internet use and how our unit gets involved in internet related child exploitation in the hopes that by educating parents that we will have less victims that we will end up running across," says Cst. Peter Froh.

"Sharing intimate images with other people, that's really one of the biggest issues



right now. It's one thing for two young people to share an image and keep it private. The Supreme Court of Canada said that's okay. But as soon as they start sharing it or showing it to other people, or if the image or video is made under duress or there is violence involved, then it's not okay. "A lot of kids will end up being kids and making poor judgements, and not only do they obtain intimate images from somebody else, but then a lot of times they will share with others, and that's a big no."

He says the other alarming thing they are seeing is more and more young people

engaging in exploitative behavior themselves.

"The other aspect is the amount of kids who are getting into exploitative behavior with other kids. A lot of people will feel pressured to give into those demands and it usually spirals downwards from there. That's a tactic that a lot of predators online use, adults and both teenage predators.

"We've noticed an increase in that type of behavior from young people, which is really alarming because it's really setting them up to be long-term predators. When you start doing something like that at a young age and you get results, it's something you might carry into adulthood."

What advice does he have for parents?

"Having open communication with your kids as much as you can and monitor, monitor, monitor. Don't be complacent in trusting your kids that they are telling you everything. Everybody keeps some secrets. Kids might be embarrassed about something happened

to them or embarrassed about sharing an image of somebody else."

He says the reaction to their presentation is usually "very positive."

"A lot of parents are very thankful, and we always tell them to spread the word to other parents who can't make it to the presentation,

because if we can save one kid from some type of sexual exploitation, it's a win win for us.

The Saskatchewan Internet Child Exploitation Unit was established in 2009 due to the increasing number of files involving child pornography, child exploitation, and luring over the

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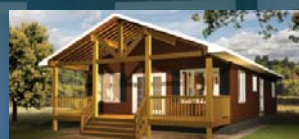
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Motz says C-71 won't accomplish anything

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Do you see a difference in the way rural and urban Canadians are looking at this issue, and are looking at C71?

Yes and no. I think in some corners of this country there are those that think it's an urban verses rural issue, but it cannot be and should not be, because although crime is crime, we have a significant increase in rural crime in Canada, specifically Western Canada, and there is gun violence that goes on in our communities. But I guess part of the credibility problem that Canadians are beginning to see with this—we had experts come to committee that repeatedly refuted the supposed empirical evidence provided by the minister of the crisis that exists in this country. When those stats were actually reviewed, when those stats are actually examined, they are found to be blatantly misleading and false.

Gun crime in Canada has steadily decreased. 2013, they are using that as a benchmark date to say gun crime has increased 30 percent since 2013.

What they didn't tell Canadians is that 2013 was the lowest statistical data year—it was an aberration, the lowest violent crime homicide rate in Canada since 1966. If you're going to use stats to support a position get people the real facts, let them make a decision on their own whether we have an issue or not. They said we've had like 141 homicides that occurred, and yet when experts looked at this, 121 of the 141 homicides that the minister spoke about were gang members on gang members. Now that's a problem, I get it, but if those are the issues we're facing as a country, let's not provide legislation that appears to appease a segment of the electorate for the Liberals that they are actually doing something when in fact it will not do one thing to improve public safety and combat gang and gun violence. It will not.

Do you believe that the legislation is flawed or that it's totally unnecessary? Do you think there is any legislation

necessary in this area right now?

I think it's flawed first of all, yes, I agree that it is absolutely flawed. Now just because I and my Conservative colleagues hold this position does not mean we don't also recognize that there are issues in this country that we need to deal with. Now I've spoken across the country and got feedback from individuals across the country on some things we can do, and they are all in favor of ensuring that those who should not have firearms don't acquire firearms. That is a legitimate public safety concern that we all share, and the mechanism to go about that needs to be fair and balanced and reasonable on how we play that out.

Is there anything in addition to the e-petition that the Conservatives are doing to try to raise opposition on this?

I spoke about it today in the House, my colleagues spoke about it today in the House. We've brought amendments to the committee, almost 50 of them. They were all rejected basically from the Liberals to try and strengthen this bill, the Liberals are ramming this through. Now they are talking about a handgun ban that experts across the country are saying will not have any impact because criminals are not going to seek permission.

Just because there is a handgun ban doesn't mean they are going to stop acquiring handguns, and so it will not impact public safety in the manner in which the fear mongering would have us believe. This whole debate is emotional and people need to base decisions on facts and mechanisms and policies and actual operational legislation that can be operationalized through our law enforcement agencies in the justice community and prevent people from getting involved in this in the first place, but things that can actually play out to make a difference on public safety and dealing with the gun violence in this country.

If the government passes this and if there's a Conservative government in the future, how will the Conservative government approach this legislation? Will they look at repealing it?

Absolutely.

Unequivocally.

The legislation needs to be and will be repealed.

The leader had said that yesterday. He has made that very, very clear and as we speak there are discussions ongoing and development of legislation moving forward that will impact those areas of public safety that are all concerns to Canadians, and yet not target the wrong segment of the population, and that is the law abiding gun owners that we have in this country.

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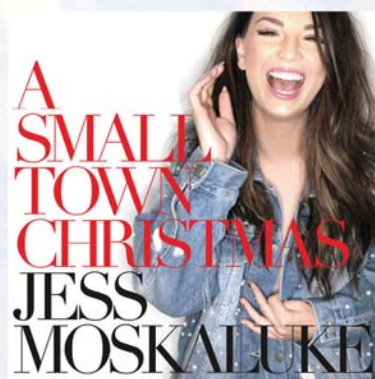
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BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

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The game will be shown on a 30 foot screen at the MCC Centre and there will be a cash bar at the MCC Centre as well.

Proceeds from the barbecue and the bar will go to further improvements at the Sportsplex.

People can reserve a table by emailing msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or calling 306-435-3622.

The Chamber of Commerce and Borderland Co-op are sponsoring the barbecue, and the town is providing use of its facilities.

The event started with a suggestion by Bill Thorn, which was supported at the September Chamber of Commerce meeting. A committee of Bill Thorn, Heather Truman, Mike Schwan and Kevin Weedmark are working on this event.

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