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Left: Breanna Glasser, a University of Regina student from Moosomin, with her 100 bags of donations for people at Souls Harbour. Right: Guests at Souls Harbour getting warm blankets from the donations Breanna brought in.

# Glasser collects coats for those in need

Breanna Glasser did not spend her 19th birthday like most young people her age.

birthday like most young people her age. Instead of having a big party, Glasser went to Souls Harbour in Regina Thursday night, and delivered 100 bags full of donations to patrons at the soup kitchen. Glasser is in her first year of Social Work at the University of Regina, and she says that watching a film about underprivileged people in the country encouraged her to address poverty first-hand, so she decided to collect warm winter clothing and blankets to donate to Regina's own and blankets to donate to Regina's own

homeless.

In Moosomin, Glasser's mom helped by collecting donations at her workplace, in Regina, her aunt helped collect donations, and through social media, Glasser got the message out that she was looking for donations. Within three weeks, over 100 bags of items had been donated.

"I definitely was not expecting that many donations. We went to Soul's Harmany donations. We went to Sout's Har-bour with 100 bags and I was expecting probably, at the most, 50 coats. It was overwhelming with all the stuff we got," she says. "We had roughly 170 coats alto-gether, and 180 toques, 160 pairs of mitts, 70 blankets—it was quite a bit of stuff." ed to help others, and entered the faculty of Social Work to do just that, so doing a fundraiser like this is natural for her.

"I really like to help people, and I was raised like that," she says.

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Originally, Glasser planned to take the donations downtown in Regina, and hand out donations to anyone in need, but after getting in touch with Souls Harbour, they offered to let Glasser come to supper at the Soup Kitchen and distribute the donations that way. With over 100 bags of donations, the leftover clothing will be put in the Souls Harbour store, where anyone in need can get clothing.

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Glasser says the best part of the experience was going to Souls Harbour and handing the donations out, and meeting the people at the soup kitchen.
"We unloaded the bags of donations, and unloaded them as the guests were still outside for supper, so they were standing and watching us unpack everthing. It was so awesome to hand out the donations, you could really tell that they were grateful for the donations, and I found that a lot of people, even if they didn't want to pick up anything, they just wanted to talk to you and have somebody

to listen, so it was really awesome to do that," she says.

Glasser says that she believes in help-

ing those less fortunate than ourselves, we can't think we are any different from

"I feel it's important to get to know people—we're not really better or different, and if you listen to the homeless people, some of them have had really rough lives, some of them have had really rough lives, and they did not choose to be where they are right now," she says. "I talked to one guy, and he put that into perspective for me. He said as a teen, he was pressured to go to war, and he went away and when he came back, he started a family, but he went away again, his family left him. He had no home, and no other choices. It's interesting seeing homelessness from that perspective."

Glasser says it's encouraging to get in-volved with those in need for her education as well.

They can teach us a lot in school, and we definitely do learn a lot, but it was dif-ferent to actually put myself in the posi-tion, and see what I could actually poten-tially do for work," she says. "It helps a lot, seeing different backgrounds, and being on equal terms with everyone, instead

of thinking you are higher up than anyone

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Glasser says after this, she's inspired to continue helping.
"It is inspiring for me. The look on people's faces when you handed them something, and how grateful people were to even get something small, like a pair of mitts, was great. It inspires me to do more stuff like this and get the message out to people that the homeless are people too," she says. "I'm hoping this encourages people to get involved. The media took it on in Regina, so I am hoping once people see it, they will see it is possible for anyone to do something like this."

Glasser says she definitely wants to do something similar next year, but wants to collect winter coats earlier, since by November, it is already winter, and many

collect winter coats earlier, since by No-ember, it is already winter, and many people have jackets. She also wants to col-lect winter boots, since that is what people needed the most. Overall, she says the experience of receiving so much support and being able to give back was great. "Oh my goodness, yes, doing it was in-credible," she says. "This was just the first one, I don't know where I want to go from here, but I want to do somethine like this

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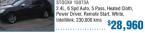
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# Legislature passes motion supporting Energy East

#### Tank farm would be built at Moosomin Compressor Station as part of national project

Saskatchewan's legis-lature passed a motion Wednesday calling for the removal of what Premier Brad Wall calls unneces-sary barriers to the Energy

sary barriers to the Energy
East pipeline project.
"We just wanted to make
the point in the legislature
that this is Canadian oil
replacing foreign oil," he
said. "Even though we
are one of the most prolific producers of oil in the
world, parts of our country import oil from Iraq,
Algeria, Saudi Arabia,
Venezuela, and the United
States. This doesn't make States. This doesn't make a lot of sense."

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The proposed \$12-billion pipeline would ship more than one million barrels of western crude daily from Alberta and Saskatchewan to oil refineries in Eastern Canada.

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Wall's motion calls on
Ontario and Quebec to
recognize the National
Energy Board as the appropriate body to review
the pipeline proposal. It
also said the provinces
shouldn't impose additional conditions, including those pertaining
to greenhouse gas emissions.

ons. TransCanada Corp. has filed an application with the National Energy Board to use a repurposed natural gas pipeline to carry crude two-thirds of the way across the country and to build a new pipe-line extension that would

line extension that would lead to Saint John, N.B. Wall has said he is con-cerned by the position taken by his Ontario and Quebec counterparts. Premiers Kathleen Wyn-ne and Philippe Couil-lard said last week that

greenhouse gas emissions,

greenhouse gas emissions, among other issues, must be considered in the pipeline's development.
"I don't want them to be looking at some sort of analysis of greenhouse gases in projects, because where does that stop?" Wall said.

"I honestly thought Enronestly thought En-ergy East would not be controversial," he said, adding that he is grateful to the Saskatchewan opposition for supporting the motion.

the motion.
Wall said he believes
transporting oil in pipetransporting oil in pipetransporting oil in pipetransporting the rail system and he
hopes the Ontario and
Quebec premiers will take
a "national view" of the

project.
"It's why we've never objected to massive sub-sidies, for example, for the car industry; we know that's good for Canada to have a strong auto sector,"

have a strong auto sector," he said.

Wall said Monday he believes the premiers of Ontario and Quebec are creating unnecessary barriers to the Energy East Pipeline by setting conditions for their support of the project.

the project.
"I am surprised," Wall said in Regina. "This is a straightforward pipeline project. There should be a rigorous . . National Energy Board process to make sure it passes all the environmental muster, all the safety muster, but that should be the only process

involved."

Moosomin plays a role in the Energy East plan. A pipeline is proposed to carry crude from Cromer, Manitoba to the Moosomin compressor station. min compressor station, where a tank farm would be built to store crude, and where crude would be added to the national pipeline to be shipped

east.
TransCanada has been looking for locations for a 1,000 person camp in the Moosomin area to accommodate construction

workers.
"I am concerned about Tam concerned about barriers for the pipeline," Wall said. "I am also very concerned with an addi-tional item they have add-ed to their list (which) in-

cludes a (greenhouse gas) measure of the pipeline." Peter Watson, chair-man of the National Energy Board, has said cli-mate change policy is not within its purview and it doesn't intend for its hear-

ings to become hampered by that debate. Watson said reviews must be conducted in a must be conducted in a timely manner but he won't hesitate to extend the legislated 15-month time limit if more infor-mation is needed or more stakeholders need an op-portunity to be heard.

braining to be heard.

Wynne also wants assurances there will be consultations with First Nations and other communities in the path of the pipeline, an emergency response plan, and guarantees that Ontario's current supply of natural gas is secure.

"We've never moved away from the position that we understand that this is in the best interests of country, that we do it in the right way, and that's what the conversation with Premier Couillard was about, and that's

lard was about, and that's what my conversation with Premier Gallant has been about," Wynne said Monday after meeting with New Brunswick Pre-mier Brian Gallant.

"We understand that we are connected and that Alberta needs to move its resource and Ontario and resource and Ontario and Quebec and New Bruns-wick are part of that en-deavour, but there are some principles that we need to adhere to." Gallant said the On-tario and Quebec position doesn't damage the proj-ect's prespects

ect's prospects.
"I think these principles are very reasonable and very achievable," Gallant said during a conference call from Toronto.

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Despite the list of conditions, Gallant said he's optimistic Ontario will support the project because Wynne sees the pipeline as important and beneficial.

"But I will add that this is a reminder that we should not sit on our hands and think that this project is a done deal," he

"There is a process that is started and I think we as a province have to contin-uously show our support in why we think this is a good project."



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## Raise the Rafters group raises \$25,000 in first year

BY JULIA DIMA
Thinking back on their
various fundraisers this
year, the Raise the Rafters
committee in Wawota simply can't decide which one was the best—it could be the tailgate parties, or the family dances, or the footlong hot dog sale, or the Christmas Gala, or the pie and jam sales—the list goes

on.

Over a year since they started, the group has hosted a unique fundraiser each month to raise funds for a new community centre beside the United Church.

When the new United Church was built in the 80s, the old church on the north side of the new church was used as a community hall. However, time has taken

its toll on the old building, and the congregation de-cided that something had to be done.

'We found we had black "We found we had black mold in it, and it was pret-ty much irreparable, and had to be done away with," says Garry Dickson, with the Raise the Rafters fundraising committee.

"Our congregation really needs this, we need the new building, it can't go on the way it is," adds Debbie Saville.

One of the biggest rea-sons why a change had to sons why a change had to happen was because the old hall is not wheelchair accessible, and that leaves members of the congrega-tion out when there is a

the church event that requires the larger space in the hall.

"We do have one member in our congregation that when we have any functions after church in the hall, or a funeral in the hall, they can't get there, they can't be part of it because they just can't get into that building," says Chris Haussecker Chris Haussecker.
When the United Church

proposed the idea of get-ting a group together to fundraise to help with the construction of a new hall, Dickson, Saville, Haussecker, Wendy Brehaut, Linda Birnie, Neena Johnson, Shelley Corkish, Shelly Easton and Jerri Laird all put up their hands, and have been fundraising to-gether since June of 2013. In total, the group has raised over \$25,000 since it

started.

Community support, a spirit of fun, and a group of passionate people are why the group has been so successful, according to the

committee members.
"We have such a blast doing it. We have a lot of fun, it's a lot of work, because there are so few members on the committee, but we just dig in, and we've had great support," says Wendy Brehaut.

When the group started to fundraise, they wanted to do something different, so they created a mandate to hold a unique fundraiser each month in the commu-

Their very first fundrais-Their very first fundraiser was a foot-long hot dog lunch in the park, which was so popular that they did it again, when musicians performed in the park during supper.

The group has also held family dances, and hosted musicians at the hall.

They've had pie and jam



Garry Dickson, Chris Haussecker, Wendy Brehaut, and Debbie Saville are members of the Raise the Rafters committee. Here, they're showing off their 'Heavenly Blend' jam that they've been selling to raise funds. "We should have the 'joy' sign, because we do every fundraiser with joy," says Wendy Brehaut.

sales, served hot dogs at tailgate parties for kids baseball teams after games, had a photo booth at one concert, and they are now coming up to their second Christmas Gala.

"We serve a delicious meal at the gala to patrons, and just have a blast do-ing it—it's not your typical soup and sandwich sup-

soup and sandwich sup-per," says Brehaut.
"We decorate the hall, and serve, and make sure everyone feels special, and provide really good enter-tainment, and try to get people to come out for the evening to socialize and

evening to socialize and dance," adds Saville. The goal of the Christ-mas Gala is to encourage small businesses to make the gala their Christmas party but anyone can buy party, but anyone can buy a ticket and attend the gala, which is going to be on De-cember 13 at the Wawota Town Hall.

The group also has an ongoing fundraiser for people to help raise money in a creative way, called 'Buy a Rafter.'

"We got an estimate of what the building material was going to cost, and with our fundraising, we are about two thirds of the

are about two thirds of the way there for paying for all of the building materials . . 50, we have this big ongo-ing fundraiser going called 'Buy a Rafter'—or a board, or a nail, or a window, or a handful of nails, or cup-board, or a door," Saville savs

The group is particular-ly proud of their jam and jelly sales, where they sell their 'heavenly blend' jam, which has become popular with people—the very first batch of 'heavenly blend' was a stroke of luck.

"At heritage days, we do a pulled pork lunch and fruit salad, and the first year, we did not know what to do with all the fruit left over, and Linda Birnie suggested we make jam," says Brehaut. "So, we just poured all the leftover fruit into a pot, and it was pretty heavenly actually." "It's like Colonel Sand-

ers' secret chicken recipe, adds Dickson.

group has even

thought about naming the different rooms and parts of the new community hall after their various fundrais

ers—the jam room, the pie room, the hot-dog room. The new hall is going to be swapped over to the south side of the Church where the parking lot cur-rently is, and the old hall will be demolished, and will be the site of the new

parking lot. "Instead of actually Instead of actually building on a community hall to the church now, what is going to happen is the current sanctuary part of the church is going to be part of the community hall, and it will be renovated—because there is already water there to the already water there to the bathrooms, that will make it a lot less expensive," says Haussecker. "Now, it's go-ing to be a new sanctuary built, that's the first stage, and the second stage will be to renovate the bathrooms and the current sanctuary, and make a kitchen and offices in that area, and then the third stage is to take down the old community

centre." While no final the whole project will cost about \$300,000 to com-plete. The United Church plete. The United Church does have a building fund that will pay for the costs, so the Raise the Rafters group is fundraising as much as they can to help with the costs, but do not have a set amount of money they have to raise by a certain time—they say that takes the pressure of fund-raising off, and leaves more room to have fun

room to have tun.
"We just keep pushing
and thinking of fun things
to do, because we have
no deadline," says Saville. "We enjoy working so
much with each other, that we really plan on carrying on even when the centre is up and running. We just liking working together and putting together fun things in the community, and we are going to keep

going as long as we can."
Brehaut adds, "I think
we're going to hire ourselves out as the fun fund-

Though the committee is always looking out on the horizon for the next fundraiser with a positive attitude, they are hoping to attract more committee that the committee that the committee that the state of the second to be a supplied to the second to the tee members to help in the new year.

"We need to rope more

"We need to rope more people into helping us. We get so excited to get stuff done, that we forget to ask more people to get involved, but anyone can join the committee or just volunteer at events," Sav-

Sod turning for the new sod turning for the new hall will take place in the spring, and the committee is already thinking about how they can help hands-on, by getting involved in putting up the drywall and putting up the drywall and painting of the hall, and getting volunteers on board to help move the construc-tion along faster. They hope that if things move quickly, the hall will be open to the public by the fall."I want to see us have our next year's Christmas Gala in that hall," Brehaut says.

The group is looking for-ward to different ideas for a grand opening for the fa-cility as well.

"We want to do some-thing free and fun to show

appreciation for everyone who helped get it done— whether it was buying a jar of jam or helping do the drywall from the ground

drywall from the ground up, everything is appreciated," Saville says.

The group is also thinking about all the options for the new hall, from hosting baby showers and funerals, to offering a better venue for the groups. ter venue for the groups that use the current hall for meetings. They are even hoping to bring back some of the musical talents that have performed in Wawota to help raise money for the

"We are so excited. It's been a lot of work, but we are so excited about it and are so excited about it, and to actually have achieved what we have achieved in a short length of time has made people believers in this, people have come on board," says Wendy Brehaut.

"I think there are people that if you asked them if they thought we would have continued with what we are doing, I think they'd say no, that we'd have one function and then say we're done—but we're not about to give up . . . It will all be worth it in the end,"

adds Garry Dickson.

Anyone who would like to join the Raise the Rafters committee can contact any of the committee members, and people can offer to volunteer for upcoming events as well.







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BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Estevan chiropractor Dr. Rob-ert Kitchen will be the Conservative candidate in Souris-Moose Mountain in the next federal election, expected in 2015.

MP Ed Komarnicki had an-

nounced he does not intend to run in 2015, so a nomination process was held to find a Conserva-tive candidate for Souris-Moose Mountain, which covers south-east Saskatchewan.

Kitchen won over five other candidates. There were nominating meetings held in Weyburn, Estevan, and Kipling Nov. 14 and

"It was a busy weekend," says Kitchen. "We travelled to Kipling for the meeting Friday night, back home to Estevan, up to Weyburn for another meeting Saturday, and then back to Estevan for another meeting, made a presentation and answered ques-

tions in each location."

He said everything went well with the multiple meeting loca-

"The organizing committee had everything running on time and it ran smoothly," he said. "There were about 700 ballots cast in total."

Kitchen announced he was seeking the nomination a year ago and has been travelling s the riding since then.

"What I've experienced over the years is that nominations start slow, and as they get down to the wire it gets hectic. I've been at it for a year and two months. We've been building toward the nomination meetings for that

long.
"I think the interest built well toward the end, and it's good for the riding association—the mem-bership is higher because of all the people who bought member-

Kitchen said he managed to travel to every corner of the rid-ing during the nomination cam-

nig during the ionimation cam-paign.
"I put a lot of miles on the vehi-cle," he says. "I was up in Mooso-min four times, in Rocanville, in Whitewood—I made it to almost

every community.

"For the campaign we were at various community functions a lot of weekends, and I changed my work hours so I was off in the afternoons so I could get out in the community more.

the community more."
Much of it was familiar territory for Kitchen.
"I've been almost everywhere in the riding before," he said.
"With coaching, I used to say I've been in every small town rink in Saskatchewan, definitely in the southeast!'

Southeast!"

He said the issues people wanted to talk about varied over the course of the year.

"In the spring it was issues of

flooding, last winter it was the lack of movement of grain, and the movement of oil on the rail lines. At harvest, everyone was wondering 'how am I going to get my crop off in time?' Defi-nitely agriculture is a big issue on

a lot of people's minds.

"There was some talk on trade—where the present government is going and how trade is being expanded by this federal



Robert Kitchen

government with the Asia-Pacific

and European trade deals."

Kitchen has been involved in

politics since his university days. "Back in university I was in-volved and I got involved with the EDA (Electoral District Association) once we moved out here, and I got on the board of the Re-form Party EDA."

The Reform Party became the

Canadian Alliance, then merged with the Progressive Conserva-tive Party to form the Conserva-tive Party of Canada.

Elected office has always been

Elected Office I als always been something Kitchen has aspired to. "It's something I've always wanted to do," he said. "Everything I've done professionally has been a stepping stone. I've moved up in my profession. I he came a rational way. stone. I've moved up in my pro-fession. I became a national regulator and went into international

regulation with the chiropractic profession

"Now that my kids have all graduated from university and they are independent, we would like to step up and help out at a different level."

He said he learned a lot in the

He said he learned a ... nomination process.

"It has been a great campaign and getting around to all the areas of this riding has been a hard experience," he said.

areas of this riding has been a learning experience," he said.
"In each area I had people working for me and I cannot thank them enough, especially those in the Moosomin area. They were key to our success."
Kitchen says the job of preparities for the 2015 feature alection.

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starts now.
"Everything starts all over again," he said. "We're starting to build, getting key people in positions. I'll be trying to utilize people I've met or people who have helped me out.
"It's a learning curve for me.

The present campaign has been a lot more local. Now with six members who were contesting the nomination, I'll be trying to utilize the help that they had, trying to bring the help that they had into it.

He said there was no animosity between those vying for the nomination.
"In reality we made some good

friendships through it," he said. "We were all fighting for the same cause, we just have differ-ent ways of doing it."

The Conservatives won the last election in Souris-Moose Mountain with 74 per cent of the vote,

with the NDP trailing at 18 per cent and the Liberals at four per

Kitchen is taking nothing for

granted, however.
"For the nomination, I always looked at it as if I was in the num-ber three position and for the election I will take it this way as well," he said.

"From my point of view it's getting out and talking to peo-

Before the election gets too close, Kitchen is catching up with

close, Kitchen is catching up with his practice.
"My patients have been very patient with me," he said.
"Now I'm trying to get back to them and helping them out. They have been helpful to me."

He said he will be looking for some advice from current MP Komarnicki.

"I've talked to Ed—he was the first to congratulate me and I appreciate that. He's done a won-derful job for this riding."

"I congratulate Robert Kitchen on winning the nomination as Conservative candidate for Souris-Moose Mountain," Komarnicki said. "I know that it has taken a lot of hard work and ef-

fort to get to this place.
"I expect that given the strong Conservative support in Souris-Moose Mountain Robert will become the next Member of Parlia-

"As I conclude my term it will also be an opportunity for Rob-ert to get know the constituency, the issues facing Souris-Moose Mountain, and to get a head start on the election to come



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# Meeting gets ball rolling for Rocanville hall

BY KARA KINNA
A public meeting held in Rocanville on November 13 was successful in getting the ball rolling on plans for a new hall.
A large crowd of people attended the meeting, which was held at the Catholic church, to discuss moving forward with a new hall in Rocanville, and some of the different options that were being presented.

Steve Fortney, chair of the committee dosteve Forney, chair of the committee do-ing the planning for the hall, chaired the meeting and laid out the committee's plans. "We feel we have a basic plan and basic idea of what the costs are—enough to have

a relatively informed meeting, told the crowd. Fortney

At the meeting, the estimated costs of the hall were discussed. Fortney said, based on estimates so far and the size of the hall, on estimates so far and the size of the hall, the cost will likely come in between \$2 million and \$3 million. He pointed out that the Conexus Convention Centre in Moosomin cost \$2.2 million and said the committee decided to estimate high on the Rocanville hall to start with, instead of estimating low and estheticing we exit.

and ratcheting up costs.

Covering the cost of building the hall was also discussed extensively. Fortney says the committee is hoping to gain roughly one-third of their funding from corporate donations, one-third from the municipalities, and one-third from fundraising and grants.

He said the committee has contacted Pot-

company to budget for a major donation if they so choose.
"We've contacted PotashCorp and

"We've contacted PotashCorp and they've been very positive," he said. "They do all their budgeting in October and No-vember. That's why we contacted them

now."
Fortney pointed out that if PotashCorp
were to donate one-third of the cost of the
hall, they would likely only do so if their
portion could be matched by fundraising.
The other third of the cost would come

through taxation.

Both Rocanville Mayor Daryl Fingas and RM of Rocanville Reeve Murray Reid spoke about how their municipalities could

contribute to the project.
Fingas said the town has just finished paying back money borrowed for the hos-pital and is now paying for the town's new-est subdivision—Cameron Crescent. He said a levy on taxpayers would be required in order for the town to cover costs of the

hall.
"We would have to look at putting a spe-cial levy on, maybe only for two years," said Fingas. "It would have to come out of a special levy on taxpayers because we haven't put any money aside for a hall." RM of Rocanville Reeve Murray Reid

and he didn't think a levy would be needed on RM taxpayers, but said the RM council is fully behind the project and that the RM will contribute \$100,000 to the

project right away.

"We had a meeting last week and our council is behind this project." he said.

"We've decided we would put \$100,000 to get things rolling off the bat, and I guess we will see how the costs come in after that."

nat."

Members of the crowd asked if grants rould be available to help fundraise for the hall.

"We'll be going after as many grants and other things as we can get," said Fortney. Both the layout and the location of the new hall were discussed, as well as the

uses for the facility. A number of questions came from the floor regarding acoustics, audio visual, the size of the stage and how the hall layout could be arranged to be suitable for performances where prep space is needed for performers, and what sports could be played in the hall.

Fortney said the committee was planning to make the hall as multi-functional

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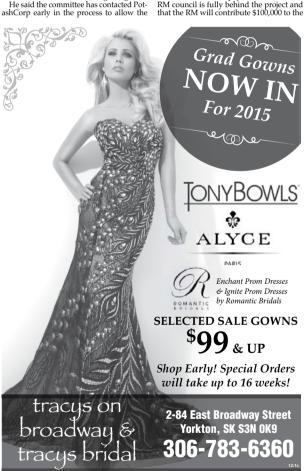
Two proposed locations were discussed for the hall—one on Ellice Street where the old rink had been located, and the other between the curling rink and swimming

Fortney pointed out that there would be some additional expenses at the old rink location, as the foundation of the old rink

would need to be removed first, and a power line would have to be moved. Two layouts for the hall were also dis-cussed—one with the washrooms on the front of the hall, and one with the washrooms on the back.

A number of questions came from the floor about why the committee was not tying the hall in with an existing facility, such as the curling rink or skating rink.

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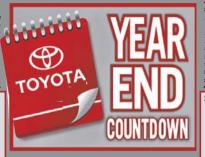
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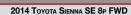




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Reporter Julia Dima recently traveled North to Canada's Polar Bear capital, Churchill, Manitoba and to a small Nunavut town on the Hudson Bay, Arviat. While traveling, Dima saw Polar Bears, Snowy Owls, Arctic Hare, Ptarmigan, Northern Lights, and other land-scapes of Canada's northern Tundra.



A female snowy owl spreads her massive wings and flies over the rocks along Cape Merry, the point where the Churchill River and Hudson Bay meet.



A Canadian Eskimo Dog looks at the camera. The Canadian Eskimo Dog is one of the rarest registered breeds, and in Churchill, one resident breeds them. They live in harmony with the polar bears that call the same environment home, and their coat is so thick and warm, Inuit dog mushers would use the fur of deceased dogs to make mittens and hood linings.



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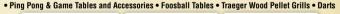
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# Three Elkhorn men playing with Portage Terriers

BY JULIA DIMA

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The Portage Terriers are standing first in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League, winning 29 of their first 31 games of the 2014-15 season. They also signed three players from Elikhorn, Manitoba through a trade with the Dauphin Kings last year, which is working well for them, since one of those player, Brad Bowles is top in the league, with 10 goals, 29 assists, and 39 points.
Brad Bowles,

Brad Bowles, Shawn Bowles, and Brett Orr grew up together on the ice. As children, the three played hockey in Elkhorn. As they got older, all three were drafted to play AAA Midget with AAA Midget with the Yellowhead Chiefs, and they Chies, played togetnes there for two years. three were All three were headed to play with the Dauphin Kings, but the Portage Terriers made a trade with the Kings to acquire them, and for the past year, all three have been together again, play-ing for the Terriers. All three say that having their friends

on the ice helps their game.
"It's real nice having those guys you grew up with. When I came to the team. I didn't know anyone but them, so it was nice hav-ing them—and they're both

Shawn Bowles (15) playing against the Virden Oil

style of game, so we're all on

the same line right now, and we work it along the board,

and we know where the other is all the time . . . I'd

sav we have a connection. Shawn says.
"We do have a connection

sometimes, we make some plays and kind of find each

other on the ice. But we'll also get mad at each other here and there . . . there's sometimes some sibling rivalry," Brad says with a

laugh. Shawn says that sometimes, other players get him and his brother confused on

the ice, since they look so

"We both have long hair now, so it's harder to tell us

similar.

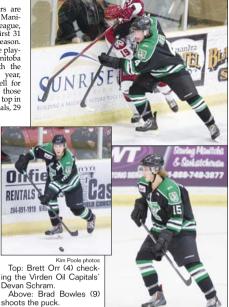
Capitals.

ing them—and they're both really good hockey players, so it is great having them around," says Brett Orr. "It's a pretty big differ-ence for me to have famil-iar faces out there. It makes iar faces out there. It makes you feel like you're back in minor hockey," says Brad Bowles. "It's good to have them here, and we know each other and play well with each other out there." Shawn and Brad are identical truice and those out that

tical twins, and they say that translates to a strong connection on the ice that helps

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ers on the team, Tanner Jago from Brandon and Landon Peel from Virden along with Orr and the Bowles brothers, and all five players grew up playing with or against each other throughout minor hockey.
Shawn says that famil-

iar faces make the game go smoothly. "We've

been together "We've been together since we were kids. We had a good childhood playing hockey together, so we have a good relationship with each other. It's good to have people you know on the ice, we've played with and against Jago, Peel, and Orr our whole lives, so it makes it more comfortable to have it more comfortable to have

guys who have been in the same area," he says. Portage Terriers GM Blake Spiller says that closeness

and the three from Elkhorn, they are really good friends so that helps on the ice when you have that familiarity," he says. "The twins play similarly, and now they are getting bigger, stronger, and more confident. Brett Orr is a guy that's real quick—one of the best skaters I have seen, a guy that can play offensive or defensive, it doesn't matter, he battles re-

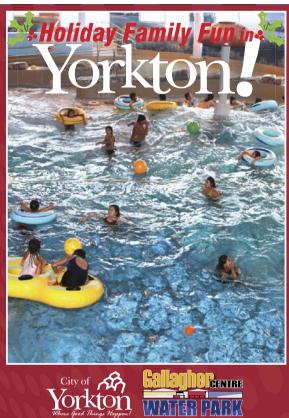
Spiller says when the opportunity came to make the trade, he knew that getting the three players would be an asset for the Terriers, and so far, he's seeing that the choice was right.

"We felt that they would

be good additions to our club, especially with us hosting the RBC Cup in 2015, we just knew that getting them would be big for us this season. Brad Bowles is lead-

ing the league in scoring, Shawn is in the top 20, Brett is a great defenseman– is a great defenseman—he's injured, but we really hope to have him back on the ice before Christmas," Spiller says. "They really are such great grounded kids that like to play hockey. They're excited to come to the rink, they play hard, and they're talented, so there's not much not to like about them."

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# Three Elkhorn men playing with Portage Terriers

Shawn and Brad say playing with the Terriers has been rewarding this year, especially since they are sitting at the top of the league.

"The season is going really good, the

pecially since they are sitting at the top of the league.

"The season is going really good, the team is playing well together, and everything is clicking—it feels great actually, knowing we're all doing something right, and playing good. I think the team chemistry is really good, everyone works well together, and it doesn't matter who you're playing with, everyone plays good with anyone," Brad says.
"It's a different role for me, we have so many offensive guys this year, so you just have to take on different roles, so everyone is looking to do different things and get out of the box," adds Shawn. "And Portage is a good place to play, it's a nice city, I like it here, and hope to stay."

A big benefit for the players is that their parents come to Dauphin for nearly every

parents come to Dauphin for nearly every

home game, and some away games that are close by.
"My family comes to most of our home

games, they bring my grandparents out too, so it's really nice to see them after the game," Orr says.

game," Orr says.
"Our parents always pick up my aunts and uncles, and my sister in Brandon along the way—so it's kind of a family event. It's fun for them. They try to make it out for most of our home games, and it's

good, just to see them have fun watching us, I really like that," Shawn says.
Brad agrees, "It's nice to see them still coming out to watch us. It makes us feel like we're still at home."

It becomes a bit of a reunion, says Orr, who says that his family and the Bowles family are close to each other just as he and the brothers are.

Off the ice, the brothers are best of friends, keeping each other on routine and spending each day around each other.

"That makes me feel like we're back at home still, so it's less of a switchover, we have the same routine we always did-we also joke around, and natter at each other now and then too," Brad says. The three hope that wherever their hockey careers take them, that they can

nockey careers take them, that they can continue to play together on the ice.

"We've spent our wholes lives together, so it would be kind of weird going to different places, so I hope we get to go to the same places together. I guess if we were separated, it would have been weird at the stårt, but I am sure it would have worked ," says Shawn.
I'm sure there will be a time when

we might have to be separated, but it's been nice playing with him. It would be a lot different to not see him out there. He makes me feel more comfortable on the

ice," adds Brad.
"It would really suck to have to see one of us go because we've been together on the ice for pretty much our whole lives," savs Orr

This season, Brad has high expectations for his team. "I hope our team can win a league championship, and then after the RBC Cup championship—I have high expectations for us, so hopefully we can go all the way," he says.

all the way," he says.
Orr agrees, saying that knowing they
will be hosting the RBC Cup makes him
want to push the team to get to that goal

this year.

"When I found out we're hosting RBC Cup, it makes me want to get there pretty bad now. There would proably be no better feeling than winning the RBC Cup at home," he says.







# Local skaters head to Skate Canada Challenge



Casey McCormac from Moosomin placed fourth in Novice Ladies at sectionals and will be going to Montreal.



Shallen Bear from Whitewood placed fifth in Pre-Novice Ladies at sectionals, making her an alternate for the Skate Canada Challenge in

BY KARA KINNA
After placing at Skate
Canada Sectionals in
Melville from November 14-16, three local figure skaters headed to the Skate Canada Challenge in Montreal December 3-7 where they will have a shot at qualifying for na-

Shayanne Bear Both from Casey Whitewood and McCormac from Moosomin placed in the Novice Ladies event, with Bear coming in first and McCormac coming in fourth. Shelby

Hall from Frobisher placed first in the Junior Ladies event. Shallen Bear from

Shallen Bear from Whitewood placed fifth in Pre-Novice Ladies, making her an alternate for the Skate Canada Challenge in Montreal, meaning she will skate only if one of the top four placing skaters from Sas-

katchewan is injured or can't make it. All four of the skaters are coached by Patty Hole out of Virden.

Each province sends their top four skaters in each division to the Skate Canada Challenge. At the Skate Canada Challenge, the top 18 move on to nationals

For Hall, 17, this will be her fifth time going to the Skate Canada Challenge. Hall has also qualified for nationals three times, in-

nationals three times, including last year.

"It was exciting," she says of sectionals. "It's always kind of a relief."

Hall says she is hoping to be in the top 10 in Monreal this year, qualifying her for nationals in London Christians.

her for naucond don, Ontario. is 16-year-old This is 16-year-old Shayanne Bear's second year placing first in Novice at sectionals. Last year Bear was 23rd overall at the Skate Canada Challenge, not quite making the top 18 cut, but coming close. This year she has

higher goals.
"I'm aiming for first out of our Sask skaters too, because I'm hoping to go to the Canada Games, which

is in February or March. There's nothing I can't

do in my program, I just need to put my mind to it. For 14-year-old Casey McCormac, going to the Skate Canada Challenge came as a surprise. This is her first year qualifying

for the event. "Patty and I wanted me "Patty and I wanted me to be in the top four, but I didn't really know if I would get there because it's my first year in Novice," she says.
"I was completely shocked. I was super excited."

Shallen Bear, 12, says

Shallen Bear, 12, says she came extremely close to qualifying.
"When I was going into it I wasn't really thinking of placing. But I got fifth," she says. "The fourth place skater had .3 points more than I had."

Bear says it can be tought to be an alternate because

to be an alternate, because her chances of going to the Skate Canada Challenge are slim, but the chance

remains, nonetheless.
"I have to keep training "I have to keep training in case someone gets hurt or something happens to them. There's always that if. It's tough because you don't really have the momentum to train hard, but then I think to myself what if." what if."

Other local skaters with Moosomin Skating

Club attended sectionals.

Lynice Holmstrom Lynice Holmstrom brought home a bronze medal in Juvenile La-dies U11. Maya Petreny placed 12th in Juvenile Ladies U14. In Pre-Nov-ice Ladies, Ashley John-ston was 10th, Sydni Wil-son was 24th, Brooklynn

Shayanne Bear from Whitewood placed first in Novice Ladies at sectionals and will be going to Montreal

Davidson was 25th and former Moosomin Skat-ing Club member, Mikaela Dumba was 32nd.

In Novice Brooke Petreny finished 13th and Shae-lynn Driver withdrew due to injury.



Shelby Hall from Frobisher placed first in Junior Ladies at sectionals and will be going to Montreal.



# News

# Government extends grain shipping requirements

The federal government is extending minimum grain volume requirements that are aimed at helping maintain the reliable supply of grain to international markets

The requirements were first introduced in March to increase the movement of grain that had been left sitting in bins across the Prairies because of a railway

transportation bottleneck.

Canadian National and Canadian Pacific had blamed the backlog on the size of the harvest and extremely cold weath-

They said they had to use shorter trains during freezing temperatures to ensure brakes could be used properly and that

meant less capacity.

The government now says the minimum volume requirements will be extended until March 28, 2015.

It says railways are expected to provide reliable and predictable survive and predictable survive and present that the process that the process

vide reliable and predictable service and notes that non-compliance could result in penalties of up to \$100,000 per violation. CN says instead of re-imposing the minimum requirements, the government should have focused on encouraging greater supply chain collaboration.

It says it has met and continues to meet its pledge to move as much grain as pos-

sible, as efficiently as possible.

The announcement was made by Transport Minister Lisa Raitt and Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz Nov. 30

The government has put in place vol-ume requirements that are designed to move the remainder of last year's crop along with this year's crop and ensure

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that the grain supply chain will return to normal operations.

The ministers say they expect the rail-ways to provide reliable and predictable service to all shippers, all destinations, and throughout all corridors.

Under the new Order in Council, which

took effect the day it was announced, Canadian National Railway Company and Canadian Pacific Railway Company must each move the following amounts

must each and of grain:
Metric tonnes per week
Nov. 30, 2014 to Dec. 20, 2014 -

Nov. 30, 2014 to Dec. 20, 2014 - 345,000mt Dec. 21, 2014 to Jan. 3, 2015 - 200,000 mt Jan. 4, 2015 to Feb. 21, 2015 - 325,000 mt Feb. 22, 2015 to Mar. 21, 2015 - 345,000

Mar. 22, 2015 to Mar. 28, 2015-465,000mt The order maintains direct legal obligations on railways to move grain and could result in penalties for non-compli-ance of up to \$100,000 per violation. The requirement for railways to report on de-mand and volume remains in effect.

To further support the efficiency of the grain supply chain, the government expects both Canadian National and Caexpects both Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railways to submit formal winter contingency plans to the Government of Canada. This is to include service plans for producer car loaders and short line railways for the remaining crop year. In order to expand transparency in

the logistics system, railways are also expected to provide information on car order fulfillment by corridor, including the placement of rail cars at producer car

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loading sites and along short line railways to the Grain Monitor.

The government continues to call on all parties in the grain supply chain to work together to develop solutions to ensure the timely movement of grain.

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On March 7, 2014, the government introduced an Order in Council (OIC)

for a period of 90 days, to set out mini-mum volumes of grain to be moved by CN and CP each week, and requiring the railways to report on those weekly shipments

The Fair Rail for Grain Farmers Act, enacted in May 2014, extended the mini-mum volume requirements of 500,000 metric tonnes per week to the end of the 2013-14 crop year.

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# g News

# Mazergroup planning new dealership

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK Mazergroup is planning a new expanded New Hol-land equipment dealership for Moosomin.

for Moosomin.
The new dealership will
be built to the east and
south of the current dealership, and will face the
north service road of the
Trans-Canada Highway,

just east of Highway, just east of Highway 8. The new, approximately 20,000 square foot dealership building will be more than twice the size of the than twice the size of the current 9,000 square foot building, and the 15 acre site is more than three times the size of the current site, which faces Highway

"We have been in Moo-"We have been in Moo-somin for about 10 years, and our business is grow-ing nicely every year," Mazergroup President and CEO Bob Mazer said in an interview. interview.

"We're on four and a half acres of property, and with our big equipment it's getting difficult to man-age. We had a choice of expanding to the north and

expanding to the north and expanding our facilities, or building new. "We looked at it and asked what is the market-place like for a building like ours,' and we found there is a lot of interest. We have several extremely interested parties in our

interested parties in our property.
"Because of that, we thought 'let's work from scratch' and we were able to work with Mr. Tocker to buy a property on the highway. It's always nice to have that location on the highway, to have that extra exposure.

highway, to have that extra exposure.
"We will start dirt work shortly. We've got permis-sion from the prior owner to go ahead and start work.
"With the move, we will be in the Town of Mooso-min We will have town

min. We will have town water and in the not-toodistant future we will have

town sewer."
With the additional space, Mazer says his company may be able to ofer additional products in

fer additional products in Moosomin.

"We are looking at an additional product offering, but I can't disclose it quite yet," he said.

"We will be building a significantly larger building. We like the Moosomin are and the building was a building a building when he was a said to be a said to area and we believe we can area and we believe we can continue to grow. We have stiff competition in Moo-somin from the other two majors—John Deere and Case IH—but it's a benefit having all the dealerships

naving all the dealerships together in one town.

"Ask any car dealer or implement dealer—good competition is where you want to be. It draws attention to the town as an implement centre." plement centre.

plement centre.
"We are certainly not
afraid of the competition.
We want to be in centres
where the competition is
doing very well—that tells
us it's a strong market."
He said Moosomin has
been a very strong market for Mazerrayun over the

for Mazergroup over the last decade

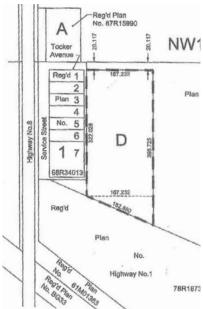
"In actual fact the equip-"In actual ract the equip-ment sales out of Mooso-min and area are about the same as Brandon," he said. "We have about the same amount of iron in dollars sold out of Moosomin as Brandon.

"We serve a large area out of Moosomin—our competition to the west is in Regina, and up at Yor-kton. Fifteen years ago Moosomin was not a growing community, but look at what has happened in the last 10 years. It's been wonderful to see. Good for Moosomin and area-it has re-established itself as

a good, solid centre."

Moosomin is one of a group of dealerships Mazergroup has in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

'We have 13 stores right



now," Mazer said. "We are not driven by expansion because we are privately owned. We are owned by the Mazer family and about 20 other investors, and almost all of them are working in our stores managers or are part of the executive team Our motivation is to run a good business, not to grow our business for shareholders. We will continue to do that.

"I started here in Bran-don with one store, and if I ever feel we are losing that personal touch and feel with our customers, then we will stop growing. We have to maintain that approach to our customer

base.

Site preparation work will begin soon, and Mazer hopes to see the dealership move to the new building

by the end of next year.
"We haven't even designed the building yet, but the dirt work will start right away, we will get a site plan and drainage plan drawn up, and we hope to get some of the dirt work done within the next 30 days as long as the weather

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The new Mazergroup dealership will be located on Parcel D on the map at left, on the north service road facing the Trans-Canada

"We plan to add to the staff," Mazer said. "Staffing

is one of our challenges in Moosomin because we're

competing with oil and the mines, but we want to be at

the high end of our indus-try in terms of our offering

to our people, so we can be competitive.

"We are limited to the size of our building at the

moment, but we would want to expand our staff-ing levels in the service

area. If you expand in service, you would probably expand in parts, and sales may follow."

Mazer said he's looking

forward to getting the project off the ground.

Highway in Moosomin.

co-operates. If we get some done this year that would be great—it gives us a bit of a boost in the spring.

"A target would be to move sometime in the latter part of 2015."

move sometime in the latter part of 2015."
Mazer said the 15-acre parcel should be a perfect size for the dealership, and he is very happy with the location facing the Trans-Canada Highway.
"We a pine proce of proper

"It's a nice piece of prop-erty right on the highway," he said. "I was delighted to come to an agreement with

Mr. Tocker."

With the larger building,
Mazergroup will be able to
add to its staff in Mooso-



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# RM will contribute \$100,000 'to get ball rolling

"We had more layouts to tie the hall into existing facilities than we did these layouts," says Fortney.
"In modifying an existing building you tie in lots of unexpected costs. As soon as you touch an existing building you have to ing building, you have to meet current codes on the old building.

Fortney pointed out that the rink is 40 years old and it would likely take thousands of dollars to bring it

up to code.
"You'd need to get the structural and electrical and fire codes up to spec. If there is any asbestos in the building, it's hugely

expensive."
He said that the committee scrapped any plans of tying in the new hall to an tynig in the new halt of a existing building because of all the unknowns that could pop up, along with unknown expenses. Fortney says the new hall will likely be 10 per

exus Convention Centre in Moosomin. Due to the size of the project, he said there will likely be one special-ized contractor hired to

construct the hall.

"We see this as quite a big project. We do not fore-see any volunteer labor see any volunteer labor being used, and will prob-ably contract the entire amount out to keep it on

He said the commit-tee will be speaking with

Moosomin to see what worked well during the construction of that town's MCC Centre and what didn't work well.

At the end of the meeting a show of hands was taken to determine the direction of the hall.

When asked if anyone was opposed to building a hall, there were no objec-

A vote was taken on the location of the hall with the majority of votes going

curling rink and the pool.

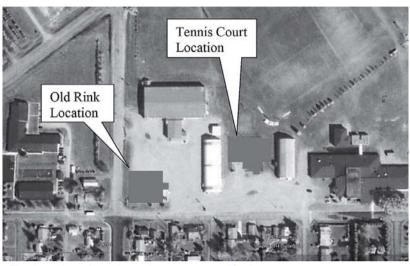
Votes were taken on the layout of the hall. Twenty people voted for the lay-out with the washrooms at the rear of the hall and 15 people voted for the layout that was based on a mini version of the Russell hall, with the washrooms in the front entry.

The committee did not vote and it was pointed out that as the project progressed, the layout would likely change based on practicalities and other fac-tors. "This meeting will give the committee a direction to move forward," said Fortney. "The commit-tee will advise the public about the final layout and direction to the public about the final layout and

direction by month end."

Fortney said after the layout is determined an architect will be contacted to draw up the plans so that final costs can be assessed, quotes for construction can

be gained, and a fundrais-ing plan can be drawn up. He said if the project is on schedule, the committee is hoping construction will begin in May.



The above photo shows the two locations proposed for the new community hall. At a public meeting last Thursday, there was overwhelming support for the location between the curling rink and the pool, where the new hall will likely be located.



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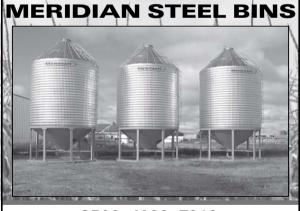
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# Schenn finalist for NFL Youth Coach of the Year

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Moosomin's Jason Schenn is one of ten finalists for the NFL Youth Coach of

for the NFL Youth Coach of the Year Award.

The winner will receive \$5,000 in new equipment for their football program and \$5,000 in BlackRock Canada bursaries for local players.

two runners The will each receive \$2,000 in equipment for their football programs.

The winning coach will

be selected by a panel of journalists from across journalists Canada.

Schenn said he can't believe he is a finalist for the national award.

"I'm still kind of trying to wrap my head around it," he said Wednesday. The Generals started as

an idea five years ago, and an idea five years ago, and are now a strong team com-peting in the Rural Mani-toba Football League. Schenn and a few other organizers took the team

from a dream to a competi-tive league in a couple of

"We started working on the process about five years ago, trying to get organized. We had one season where

We had one season where we played some exhibition games, and this is our third competitive season in the RMFL." he said.

The original plan was to organize a school team, but when that didn't work out the Generals was organized as a community club team.

"It was a challenge get-

ting it going from scratch,"
Schenn says. "Without the
support of a school it's really, really difficult.
"If it weren't for the
RMFL we never would
have had a competitive
league to play in."
He said there has been

He said there has been strong community support from the start. "Organiz-ing and co-ordinating it is a challenge, but my job has been made a lot easier by been made a lot easier by everyone in the community who was so willing to help out. When we were starting out we just had a group of kids wanting to play football. Of course you need 25 or 30 kids to make it work.

"It was tough at first, when we were just starting."

"It was tough at first, when we were just starting out, and playing against some very experienced teams. When we lost a game, we decided we're going to work harder, and since we started into our competitive seasons we've

competitive seasons we've been pretty darn successful.
"The support from the community was great. The town helped us with some space at Bradley Park. People came forward to volunteer, businesses helped out—without any of that support it would have been near impossible to get it near impossible to get it

done. "A place to play was definitely important, and it's great the way the town was willing to work with us on

"When we finally got the lights up on the field, to see it all lit up felt great."

Schenn says the entire

Schenn says the entire Generals organization de-serves to be recognized. "I'm very proud, but I feel like it should be for the whole Generals program as opposed to just me myself. If it wasn't for everybody coming out and working on this, if it wasn't for the kids, if it wasn't for the coaches,

this wouldn't happen.

"These guys all do their jobs and make it all happen.

jobs and make it all happen. "In the end, this is just about having football in town and having something positive for the kids to do to, making them good citizens. I hear parents talking about how football has changed their kids, given them confidence, taught them teamwork, made them better people."

them better people."

The Youth Coach of the Year award is designed to recognize community or high school level coaches across Canada who dedicate themselves to the development of young players both on and off the field. The award is not based on wins and losses

Current and former players, volunteers, fans, par-ents, administrators, school principals and fellow principals and fellow coaches submitted nominations recognizing the posi-tive impact coaches in their community have on young players. Nominators were asked to consider how their coach teaches respect, lead-ership and appreciation for community and the game of football when drafting

nominations.

Over the past 15 years the program has contributed more than \$180,000 in equipment and facility up-grades to deserving coach-

es and programs.

There were 10 nominations sent in for Schenn.

"Seven years ago Jason Schenn moved to Moosomin with a young family and a passion and vision for football in Moosomin," Charlene Easton wrote in her nomination.

her nomination.
"In 2009 the possibility of football in Moosomin started to get discussed. It was soon determined to build a community team. Players would come from several nearby towns to play. We needed a field, equipment, sponsors, players and teams to play against. Coach Schenn was up for the task. He was able to secure several community sponsors to enable the pur-chase of equipment. He organized a temporary field to play on while he co-ordi-nated the building of a permanent field complete with lights, bleachers, a 'bunker' for the players, and a con-cession as well as a practice

"In 2011 football was introduced to Moosomin after being absent for over 30 years . . . Coach Schenn was able to gather a team of coaches second to none to teach football to any-one that wanted to learn. All the coaches have been very motivational and have

made every player feel that there is a place for them on the team and everyone gets to play. None of the coaches had kids in the program and were there solely for the love of the game . . . Coach Schenn's hope for

the future is to continue to the future is to continue to build and provide the op-portunity for the players to play the game for the sheer enjoyment of it, be better citizens and understand the importance of teamwork. Coach Schenn is a role model for everyone that is fortunate to work with him and is definitely deserving of Coach of the Year. Person-Coach of the Year. Person-ally, I have three boys that have played in the Generals program. One is a gradu-ate of the program and has gone on to play football at the next level, one plays senior and the other junior. I am astonished by their growth of character and responsibility since they be-gan playing football."

Mike Schwean also sub-

mitted a nomination.
"My son is in Grade 12,"
Schwean wrote. "He has Schwean wrote. "He has played for Jason the entire four years of the program. He is the team's starting safety. He simply lives for football . . . talks about it all the time. With three games left in the season and his Generals in first place in Generals in first place in the league he was at prac-tice. On the last drill of the night he tore his ACL and MCL—done for the season and heading for surgery in December.

"He was devastated . . . I was starting to worry about him. He is an outgoing and wonderful young man and son. I sat him down a week son. I sat nim down a week or so after the injury and asked him why he was dev-astated. I thought his emo-tions were getting the better of him because he was in his final year of high school and missing out on a championship.
"I asked him if missing

the season had him so upset. He said no. "I asked him if not being able to go after that elusive champi-onship had him upset. He said no.

"I asked him if he missed "I asked him if he missed the guys. He said no. "So I asked him what was wrong, then. He was almost in tears when he managed to reply 'I feel like I have let Mr. Schenn down.' That is the type of impact Jason has had on these kids. More than football—it's a life thine."

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The Lions Village Inc. invites tenders for the replacement of shingles on two senior housing units at 861 St. Clare Street and 835 St. Claire Street in Birtle, MB

Applications for tenders will be accepted until noon on February 1st, 2015, and the project is to be completed by June 1, 2015. The tender will include costs to consider replacement of current asphalt roof with either asphalt or metal roofing materials

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# Charity gives Ghana youth brighter future

BY TERRI EGER

When many students are Canadian attending students are attending classes and hanging out with their friends, Diana Austin has been running a charity to support four teens across the globe. If that weren't enough of an accomplishment, she's doing it all while going to medical school. For the past five years, Austin's project, 4 Kids in Ghana, has meant the world of difference for the world of difference for Antwi (21), Emmanuel (17), Victoria (17) and Francis (15) in West Africa.

"It's about giving youth a brighter) future," reads the newsletter describing the project. While on a return trip to Ghana to volunteer at the Ashan Children's Home in 2009, Austin learned that the orphanage had been instructed by authorities to reduce the number of children in the home.

"These four were identi-fied as having the most po-tential and the most to lose because they didn't have any family support," ex-plained Austin who spoke with the World-Spectator from Terrace, British Co-lumbia where she is cur-rently doing her family medicine residency.

She learned that follow-She learned that follow-ing the death of his mom, Emmanuel would prob-ably become a servant, Vic-toria's parents were both deceased, Francis' parents were unable to care for him, and while Antwi had top marks in junior high he would not be able to strond top marks in junior high he would not be able to attend high school because he'd need to work to support himself. After hearing their stories, Austin stepped up and took action.

"I had some fundraising funds left over from another project and knew I had to do something," she writes in the newsletter. "I called my mom and presented her

in the newsletter. "I called my mom and presented her the idea of sponsoring these four. It was a daunting idea but we both knew the alternative meant that any potential these four had for a brighter future would be lost. We had enough for a year and we relied on faith to take us the rest of the way."

way."
For the past five years Austin, together with the support of her parents Maggie and Rob in Moosomin, has run 4 Kids in Ghana to support the youth.
"One hundred per cent

Above: Diana Austin and Chris Crossley with the four youth they are supporting through the charity 4 Kids in Ghana. From left are Emmanuel Grundow, Agyemang Austin Victoria, Diana Austin, Thomas Owusu Antwi, Chris Crossley, and Agyenim Boateng Francis. Left: Baby Oliver George Benjamin, born in April 2014 to Victoria.

her home church in Mooso-min which issued tax receipts. However, changes in Canadian government tax laws have meant that option is no longer available. While working toward her medical degree,

"We need help and are asking people to donate \$5, \$50, five cents or what-\$5, \$50, five cents or what-ever you can afford to help support these five amazing individuals. \$5 goes a long way in Ghana and it would cover the kids' fould hone over the kids' food budget for a month," she writes, explaining that the group of four has increased to five with the birth of Victoria's haby Oliver

baby, Oliver.
In addition to collecting

monetary donations, 4 Kids in Ghana is running its annual Christmas card campaign.

"You can donate money in honor of someone else and we send them a Christ-mas card," said Austin. "Simply send the name of the person you are donating in honor of, the address you would like the card sent to and donations of any size to Box 1407, Moosomin, SK, S0G 3N0."

Austin's boyfriend, Chris Crossley (also of Mooso-min) visited Ghana for the first time this past year and has spearheaded the Shea

Butter Lip-Balm Campaign to raise additional funds. Lip-Balm can be purchased for a donation of \$5 or greater at the Moosomin Dental Centre, 602 Birtle

"We have had amazing support from the commu-nity and are so thankful for everyone who has helped us out," said Austin. "The kids are really great and are very thankful for all the support. I just wish I could do more for them."

For more information on the project visit the blog: 4kidsinghana.blogspot.com or find them on Facebook.







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Initially, Austin was able to collect donations through

Austin has also been applying for charitable status to move the project to the next level. It costs an average of \$8,500 each year to run the program and support the youth youth.

Each month money is sent to Ghana for food, al-lowances for the kids which

of the donations we get are spent on the kids," Austin said. "All of the administra-tion costs are done for free." ties, and a wage to Vida, a woman who was hired to cook for and look after the youth. Additional costs include clothing, school fees, health related expenses and upkeep on a house which was purchased a few years they use as lunch money and to cover basic necessi-

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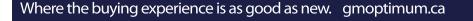
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