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Proceeds from Lotto 365 in previous years have supported renovations to Moosomin's swimming pool and a portable ultrasound for the emergency room at the Southeast Integrated Care Centre, among many other projects.

Lottery has put more than half a million dollars into the community over the years

Kinsmen launch 14th Lotto 365

Southeast Integrated Care Centre, Playfair Day Care, Golf Club, Curling Club to benefit

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The Moosomin Kinsmen Club's Lotto 365 has put more than \$550,000 into the community over the last

more than \$550,000 into the community over the last 13 years, and organizers are hoping for another success with this year's Lotto 365.

Four local organizations will benefit from the lottery this year—the Southeast Integrated Care Centre, Playfair Day Care, Pipestone Hills Golf Club and the Moosomin Curling Club.

At the Care Centre, the funds will go toward a new outdoor pavilion planned for the long-term care wing. At the daycare, the funds will go toward completing an outdoor space and doing some interior renovations. Some of the funds will be earmarked for improvements at both the curling club and the golf club.

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If the lottery sells out, as it has almost every year, there should be \$45,000 to help those local projects.

For the last three years, a 50/50 component has been added to the lottery. Proceeds of the 50/50 draw will

added to the lottery. Proceeds of the \$0/50 draw will go toward the Kinsmen diamond at Bradley Park. The Kinsmen have been working on the diamond over the last couple of years. The work should be finished next summer with the installation of lights.

Lotto 365 tickets are \$100 each, and the grand prize winner will receive \$1,000 a week for a year. When buying a Lotto 365 ticket, the purchaser has the option of buying a \$0/50 ticket for \$20 as well. If all of the \$0/50 ticket were sold, the 50/50 winner would receive were sold, the 50/50 winner would receive

Ryan Thorn of the Moosomin Kinsmen Club said the

annual lottery always gets strong support from the com-

"A lot of people buy the lotto ticket knowing we are do-"A lot of people buy the lotto ticket knowing we are do-ing something for the community, and they buy the tick-et to help out more than anything else," he said. "Some people buy the tickets every year like clockwork. Some of them start asking me in August or September when we're going to start selling tickets."

Thorn says that having loyal supporters who buy tickets every year makes it much easier for the organizers, as they can count on a base level of support each year.

"Knowing that there are those people who have sup-

"Knowing that there are those people who have supported us every year, and will support us again this year, makes our job a lot easier, but there is a lot of work behind the scenes that has to be done every year," he said.

"After this many years of doing it, it's still a big job, but

it's a lot easier because we've done it so many times."

Thorn says he thinks of Lotto 365 as a project that involves the entire community. "It obviously is very important to people in the community and people who have some connection to Moosomin. I have people who lived

some connection to Moosomin. I have people who lived here years ago asking me about it."

Lofto 365 started more than a decade ago with the idea of allowing the winner to live free for a year.

The main prize consists of \$1,000 a week for 52 weeks—enough to cover most people's bills for the year.

The lottery ran almost unchanged for the first 10 years until the 50/50 draw was added three years ago.

The winner of the 50/50 draw takes half of what goes

into the 50/50 pot, and the rest goes to the community

Funds from Lotto 365 have supported many different community projects over the years, from health care to

A lot of support has gone to the Southeast Integrated Care Centre over the years. Three years ago, the main portion of the proceeds went to purchase a portable ul-trasound machine for the emergency department at the

Two years ago, \$30,000 went to extensive renovations at Moosomin's swimming pool.

Last year, \$30,000 went to the Moosomin Fire Depart-

ment for new breathing apparatus.

Thorn says the lottery has been a successful fundraiser

For the Kinsmen over the years.

"People are just happy to support it because they know the money stays local, they know we will do the best things we can with the money for the community."

Thorn says the lottery is also a fun project because of the

community support.

"It's awesome," he said. "People start asking when you're doing lotto in August or September. It's fun to phone the winners and tell them that they've won, and it's fun to give the money back and see things improve. We love doing it.

"It can get a little stressful toward the end, but when you sell out it's a great feeling, and we've sold out every year but two

Some non-Kinsmen members help out with the annual lotto. "People help us out because they believe in it," says







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Holloway has had a long road to the Canadiens

BY STU COWAN
THE MONTREAL GAZETTE
Gilligan's Island had Thurston Howell III, golf's PGA Tour has Davis Love
IIII and, of course, there was England's
King George III.
Now, the Canadiens have George Holoway III. But you can call him Bud.
"My babysitter started calling me Bud
when I was one or two," Holloway said
following Sunday's morning skate in
Brossard as the Canadiens prepared to
face the New York Islanders at the Bell
Centre. "I'm George III, so it makes it
easy to call someone Bud and less confusing around the house."

Fusing around the house."

Bud Holloway is a hockey journeyman. The 27-year-old was selected by the Los Angeles Kings in the third round (86th overall) of the 2006 entry draft, but

(86th overall) of the 2006 entry draft, but has never played a game in the National Hockey League.

So imagine how he felt when he learned—after picking up an assist for the St. John's IceCaps in a 2-1 overtime loss to the Syracuse Crunch— that the Canadiens were calling him up from the American Hockey League.

Canadiens were calling him up from the American Hockey League.

"(Age) 27 and finally got the call, so I'm obviously pretty ecstatic to be here." the 6-foot. 194-pound forward said. "This is the first time the phone ever rang (from an NHL team)."

Holloway only got about 90 minutes of sleep that Saturday night before heading to the St. John's airport for a 5 a.m. flight to Montreal on Sunday and he was on the ice in Brossard at 10:30 a.m. But he did have time to phone his father But he did have time to phone his father back home in Wapella, Sask., calling it a

"Pretty proud moment."
His father's reaction?
"I can't really say on the microphone,"
Holloway said with a big grin. "He was

pretty happy."
A group of more than a dozen media members were waiting for Holloway in the Canadiens' locker room after the morning skate, something he's obviously not used to.

"Are you guys here to see me?" he said with a sweaty smile.



Bud called up

Wapella's Bud Holloway has been called up by the Montreal Canadiens from their farm team, the St. John's Ice Caps.

Holloway was the second IceCaps Holloway was the second IceCaps player to catch the 5 a.m. flight from St. John's to Montreal in two days. On Saturday morning, it was Sven Andrighetto who was called up.

The two forwards were needed in Montreal after Torrey Mitchell and then Devante Smith-Pelly were sidelined with lower-hody injuries

with lower-body injuries.

Andrighetto was in the lineup for Sunday's game against the Islanders, filling the revolving-door spot at right wing on a line with centre Alex Galchenyuk on a line with centre Alex Galchenyuk and Lars Eller. Andrighetto, a 5-foot-10, 187-pounder from Switzerland, was Montreal's third-round pick (86th over-all) at the 2013 entry draft and has two goals and one assist in 12 career games with the Canadiens. In 17 games with the IceCaps this season, he had 6-9-15

totals.

Holloway was leading the IceCaps in scoring with 5-15-20 totals in 18 games after spending the last four seasons in Europe. Last season, he had 13-24-37 totals in 42 games with Bern in Switzerland. In 2012-13, he led the Swedish league in scoring with 20-51-71 totals in 55 games with Skelleftea AIK.

"Every kid dreams of playing in the NHL and that's what I wanted," Holloway said. "I felt like I developed a lot when I went overseas."

Holloway gave a lot of credit to Guy

Holloway gave a lot of credit to Guy Boucher, his coach in Bern who used to coach the Canadiens' AHL farm team in Hamilton and then was head coach of the Tampa Bay Lightning before head-

ing to Europe.

"He wanted me to come back (to

North America), he knew my plan was to come back and he kind of took me to come back and he kind of took me under his wing and took a lot of time and showed me what he thought would be good for me, what I should do, what I'm going to need to do," Holloway said about Boucher, the McGill University graduate who was surprisingly fired by Bern last week. "It was good to have him last year."

The Canadiens took a chance on Holloway this summer, signing him to a one-year, two-way contract. He showed up year, two-way contract. He showed up early for training camp, hoping to prove he was serious about trying to earn an NHL roster spot and, if not, was ready to play a leadership role in St. John's. "I've been trying to be a leader down there in St. John's ... do what I can," Holloway said. "I'm one of the veteran guys

loway said. "I'm one of the veteran guys at 27. We've got a real young group, so I'm just trying to lead by example."

He added playing in Europe was a good experience both on and off the ice. "I think just learning different customs and cultures and stuff like that," he said. "You can talk to everyone when you go home here. When you so home ne said. "You can talk to everyone when you go home here. When you go home over there, you're having trouble just going to the grocery story. Just learning a different language, learning different Christmas traditions, all that stuff. It's pretty interesting and makes it a lot more fun outside the rink.'

Now, Holloway is hoping to impress the Canadien.

the Canadien.
"It's been a lot of hard work, a lot of trying, a lot of hard times, just believing in myself," he said. "Twenty-seven-year-old rookie, it still feels as good as it does at 18 or 21. I'm pretty happy."

NHL players are known for coming up with nicknames for their teammates

up with nicknames for their teammates and P.K. Subban was asked if the Canadiens had one yet for George Holloway III, or if it would simply be Bud.
"I haven't thought of one yet, but I'm sure the guys will cook something up soon," Subban said.

For a gruy who seemed to be stranded.

For a guy who seemed to be stranded on a hockey island for a long time, Gil-ligan might work.



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Treliving opens a Boston Pizza in his home town of Virden

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

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When Jim Treliving was growing up in
Virden, he wanted nothing more than to
join the RCMP when he grew up.
He achieved that goal, and a lot more.
While working as an RCMP constable he

While working as an RC-MP constable he noticed the popularity of a small chain known as Boston Pizza. In 1968, he purchased the rights to open a Boston Pizza restaurant in Penticton, British Columbia. In 1983, Treliving and his partner George Melville acquired the entire Boston Pizza chain, and have grown it into the largest casual dining chain in Canada with more than 370 locations and more than \$1 bil. than 370 locations and more than \$1 billion in annual sales. He and Melville also own Mr. Lube, another national franchise

Treliving has become well known across Canada over the last 10 years as one of the

dragons on CBC's Dragon's Den.
And now, in a move that's making his home town proud, he has overseen the opening of a Boston Pizza location back in his home town of Virden.

"My dad was from Fleming, Saskatch-ewan, and he opened a barber shop in Virden, and he was the local barber there for about 65 years," Treliving says. "He was in Virden right downtown on Seventh Avenue and the main drag as we used to call it there. We had a barber shop there for years, and he retired there.

"I still have a lot of friends back there. I went to school there and joined the RCMP in that town and moved out to Regina and there gut to the West Coast." then out to the West Coast."

Treliving still has a soft spot for Virden.

Treliving still has a soft spot for Virden. "I have great memories, fantastic memories of Virden," he says. "It was a great town to grow up in. We knew everyone." Treliving said he never had any thought when he was growing up that he would one day be the business success he has become. "To be perfectly honest with you, my whole vision was that I was going to be a policeman for the rest of my life, and that's the reason I joined the RCMP—it was a career, and I was going to be there for a long time," he says.

was a careet, and I was going to be diefer for a long time," he says. "It wasn't until I moved to Edmonton and got involved with the guys who start-ed Boston Pizza that I thought any differ-





Proud moment

Franchisee Jillian Irvine cuts the ribbon to officially open Virden's Boston Pizza location. From left are Hannah Martin, Jillian Irvine, Doug Heritage, and Dylan Holmstrom.

upbringing for his success.
"I think a lot of it is you're very grounded in a small town," he says. "You have

Treliving partially credits his small town to respect the people around you and vice-versa, because of the fact that they are small towns and everyone knows who you are and what you do, so there are no

secrets really."

He said he was encouraged growing up to think big. "The way we were raised as kids, the word 'can't' wasn't there, so you could do anything you set your mind to, and that was how we were raised," he

How does it feel to be opening a Boston Pizza in Virden? "It feels exciting," says Treliving. "I would have loved to be there for the grand opening) but I just can't for family reasons—I have a step-daughter who's having a baby this weekend, I'm going to be a grandfather. Business is very

important, but family takes precedence."

Treliving says he does look forward to visiting the Virden location, likely in the

spring.
While Virden is one of the smaller communities to host a Boston Pizza franchise, Treliving says it should have a big enough drawing area to succeed. "We look at not just the town itself but the drawing area around it," he said. "Brooks, Alberta is in a very similar situation. There are people around Virden that shop in Virden and have for years. If's why the town has grown. There's always been a good commercial side to it."

A grand opening was held for the Virden munities to host a Boston Pizza franchise.

A grand opening was held for the Virden location Saturday, Dec. 5 and the location opened for business on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

opened for business on tuescay, Dec. 8.

The restaurant employs about 60 people.

"We are excited to bring the Boston
Pizza brand to the people of Virden," says
Jillian Irvine, franchisee of the new location. "Boston Pizza is a perfect fit for this
community, and I am so thrilled to bring
this great vectourant ontion to my home this great restaurant option to my home

Born and raised in Virden, Irvine has deep roots in the community. Doug Heritage is also a partner in the Virden loca-

As part of the store's grand opening activities, \$4,500 was donated to the Virden Food Cupboard.
"The Boston Pizza brand has a long

tradition of making a difference in our communities and supporting local causes through fundraising," says Irvine. "We look forward to working closely with local sports teams, schools and other groups to make a difference in Virden."





THL Championship trophy renamed **Emile Balogh Memorial Cup**

Emile Balogh began his hockey journey, back in the '80s, when son Jason began to play in Kipling's Minor hockey system. From start to finish, Emile was

there behind the bench for every season.

He put countless miles on his old yellow carpet van travelling to

games around the league.

Back then, all the players hopped in the back and off they went to play. Times were different then.

When Jason started playing Se nior hockey, with the Royals in the early '90s, Royals' coach Tim Da-vies asked Emile if he would represent Kipling and take a spot on the league's executive.
So, for the next 20-plus years

he was a cornerstone of the Tri-angle Hockey League. Within these years, as well as his duties with the THL, Emile volunteered for an executive position with the Qu'Appelle Hockey League for four years and 10 years as presi-dent of the Big Six Hockey League. Emile loved Senior hockey. Ev-

ery weekend he and his many copilots would venture off to a rink somewhere in the area.

He really had a desire to make sure the games were refereed well, so everyone could go home to their families and jobs the next morning

without injury.

Through the years, Emile and wife Darlene made many lasting friendships on their tours around

the leagues.

The Triangle Hockey League is one of the longest running Senior hockey leagues in the province. It began back in the 1950s. Emile

passed away on March 24 of this

The Triangle Hockey League's executive and teams decided to approach his wife Darlene and son

Jason about renaming their championship trophy after Emile.

The Balogh family agreed that it would be a fantastic tribute. So, after a few months of searching for an appropriate trophy, one caught

With the help of Gary Lamb at

Parks Jewelry in Yorkton, this cup was purchased and donated to the THL for its league champion. It will be named the Emile Balogh Memorial Cup.

All of Emile's family are extremely grateful and humbled to have his name on this cup and say it is a huge honor.

He would be very proud of this

On November 27 at the Oil Kings game against Rocanville the Emile Balogh Memorial Cup was presented to last season's champion, the Rocanville Tigers.

In an act of warmheartedness Rocanville agreed to leave the cup in the Kipling rink for the rest of the season.

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The Emile Balogh Memorial Cup, shown at right, was named in honor of the longtime Triangle Hockey League volunteer and supporter.





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Star has Rocanville Connection

Sequel planned for WolfCop

BY ANDREA JAENEN
WolfCop is an independent Sas-katchewan-made movie that made a bit of an impact when it was re-leased last year.
A lot of people in the Rocanville

area recognize the star, Leo Fa-fard—although they may not rec-ognize him in his werewolf make-

Now the same team that put together WolfCop is planning a se-

Production of WolfCop 2 will be-

Production of WolfCop 2 will begin in February 2016.

The original WolfCop focused on protagonist Lou Garou, also known as "WolfCop," an alcoholic cop by day, and a werewolf by night.

In the sequel, WolfCop will be played again by Fafard.

Fafard has acted in a variety of other films and music videos over

short films and music videos over the years, but last year's WolfCop was his breakout role as it was his first role in a full-length movie. Cineplex provided \$1 million to aid the production after the concept won a fan contest.

won a fan contest.

"I played a part in Hungry Hills, and just a bunch of short films by local directors," Fafard says.

"I have done a couple of music videos. I did a music video for a

band called Rah Rah in Regina, and I played a werewolf in that as and the music video was di-

well—and the music video was directed by Lowell Dean, the director of WolfCop.
"By the end of the music video, Lowell Dean approached me and said he had been toying with a script where he wanted to do a very well fraction of the control of the property of the control of the c werewolf movie or a cop movie and he wasn't sure which one he wanted to do," he explains.
"And at the end of the music video he said, "Hey, would you like to be involved in a

video he said, "Hey, would you like to be involved in a movie where it's a police officer that turns into a were-wolf and starts fighting crime?" And I said, "Hell yeah! That sounds like a great idea!

"It just sounded like it'd be catchy and that it would be a lot of fun to do. And he says, 'Well I'm going to go off and write the script, I'll talk to you in a couple months.'

A career in acting wasn't originally Fafard's goal al-

And off he went."

A career in acting wasn't originally Fafard's goal, although he was quick to change his mind.

"Oddly enough I was in university taking sociology and psychology, and I went to a play and by the end of it I decided that's what I wanted to do," Fafard explains. "It was a contemporary rendition of Romeo and Juliet, and I just liked what I saw and I thought that's just something

just liked what I saw and I thought that's just something that I wanted to be involved in.

"So I went and changed my degree that month, and became a theatre student just like that!

"I just thought that was the world I wanted to be involved in and I just went for it."

The first film was sold worldwide, although Fafard said the film itself hasn't affected his career.

"WolfCon went really well actually I was really well re-

said the film itself hasn't aftected his career. "WolfCop went really well actually, I was really well received—especially with genre people—you know horror movie types. It just finished running in theatres in Japan in October of this year. So I guess it went over very well in Japan—it did really well in Australia too. I've actually

in Japan—it did really well in Australia too. I've actually been called by radio stations and magazines in Australia, Germany, Spain, and lots in the States and across Canada. It's been doing very well all over the world," he says. "But it hasn't changed my life. Other than going to conferences and fan expos and that sort of thing, I still climb cellphone towers and build cellphone towers for a living. "I still spend my time on the road out in the boonies, just doing good old blue-collar grunt work.

"I play this crazy, dangerous beast-like character in film and the reality of it is what I do for a living is as a highrigger in the communication industry—which is ranked in the top five most dangerous jobs in the world—and that's what I go to do when I'm not being a werewolf,"



A lot of people from the Rocanville area will recognize Leo Fafard—although maybe not with his werewolf makeup. Fafard will soon be involved in a sequel to last year's WolfCop.

Fafard says with a laugh.
"I haven't been called off to Hollywood or that sort of thing. But who knows, maybe this bush boy will end up on the coast doing a little more acting!"

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And more acting is what Fafard can expect with the upcoming WolfCop 2.

"WolfCop 2 is going to be different in the same sense that WolfCop was different. I mean Lowell Dean has come up with some very interesting themes for viewers to get a hold of and to get excited about," Fafard explains. "I can't really give out too much information other than we're shooting it in the winter time this time. So that's going to be a little bit different—and it's just going to be bigger and scarier. It's going to be another bloodfest, crazy killings, more interesting ways of dismembering and mangling people. That'll be fun.
"We've got a lot more money this time, that's for sure. We've got a few new people involved, and there's some interesting surprises that I think people will enjoy," he adds.

adds. Fafard says that filming WolfCop was certainly an ex-



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"I spent 15 years or better on film sets freezing my butt off and working with various people from Vancouver to Toronto after univer-

sity. "I started taking film jobs as a technician around Regina and whatnot and I ended up being a film technician for 15 years," he

explains.

"So I was used to the rigamarole of a film set, but as far as the acting aspect went I had never played a principal role in a major production before, so that was a new ex-

perience for me.

"And, in fact, the biggest experience and change for me was the makeup. So there were days you'd makeup. So there were days you'd go into makeup at seven o'clock in the morning and I'd be peeling it off at ten or eleven at night. Any tinklings of claustrophobia or anything like that went out the window," he jokes. "It was very enjoyable though, don't get me wrong. It was an extremely enjoyable experience. The crew in Regina was just like a big happy family, it was just like a big happy family, it was awesome to be a part of." What does Fafard like best about

WolfCop?

"It's just a lot of fun to do—they let me do all my own stunts and my own fighting and that sort of

my own ingining and that sort of thing," Fafard says.
"It's not the kind of production where it's not big enough that the insurance company steps in say-ing, 'No, no, he's not allowed to drive the car, no he's not allowed to do that fight scene,' so it's very hands-on and I really like that type of thine

hands-on and I really like that type of thing.

"It's also good exposure professionally-speaking, it's interesting in that it's the type of genre and type of show where you get to go and meet your fans," he says.

"We get involved with all sorts of things after the fact and going to conferences and horror genre expos and festivals—so the people aspect of it is really fun.

"It's certainly going to be worth going out to watch. I've done a read through and it's a pretty crazy script.

"So I think anybody who shows up willing to pay their twelve dollars, I think they'll be more than happy."

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Job grant covers most of the costs of training

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK Larry Wells of Saskatche-wan's Ministry of the Envi-ronment says he is a strong believer in the Canada-Sas katchewan Job Grant.

He says the program—which provides up to two-thirds of training costs up to \$10,000 per employee—works well because it is

works well because it is simple.

Employers arrange for their employees, and if the training meets the program criteria, they simply submit their invoices to the program and the experiment.

gram and the government pays two-thirds of the cost. Wells, who is regional director with the Minis-try of the Economy, spoke to Moosomin Chamber of Commerce members at the Southeast Regional College

Southeast Regional College in Moosomin recently. The session was sponsored by the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce, Sunrise Community Futures, and Southeast Regional College. Wells covers the southern part of Saskatchewan for the program, and he says there has been strong interest in the program so far. "We've been very active in getting out and speaking to Chambers across southern Saskatchewan, and as a

ern Saskatchewan, and as a result of that we have been very active in working with employers to deliver the job

employers to deliver the job grant.

"The job grant is a collaboration between the federal government and the provincial government. The feds and the provs got together and we actually launched this on the first Cotteber 2014 or were a support of the control of of October of 2014, so we're

just nicely into it right now. We've just gone through the first year. And in this south region that I just referred to we've written in excess of two hundred of those agreements, and they just really serve a great purpose for you, the employer com-

munities.
"When we first looked at the job grant, the fed-eral government said that there's some cornerstones that must be in place, that we must have. But then as a province we're able to cus-tomise the rest of the program to ensure that the way we deliver it here in rural Saskatchewan, or in some of the cities, meets your needs."

He said the program was engineered to be flexible and to meet businesses' needs.

"I can say that it is flex-"I can say that it is flex-ible, I can say that, since the inception of our organiza-tion, our branch of govern-ment in 2000, this is by far the best program I've ever seen. This is by far the most responsive program there ever has been as I see it, identifying and addressing

ever has been as I see it, identifying and addressing employer needs.
"So this is really developed based on your needs as an employer because you make all the decisions. I get to make one decision—that is whether or not I'm going. is whether or not I'm going to approve your agreement. And give me every reason in the world to approve it. We want to approve it. We've got some basic parameters that we have to meet. But honestly we want to get as many of these out as possible to support the employer as best we can.



Larry Wells of the Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment explained the Canada-Saskatchewan Job Grant to Moosomin Chamber of Commerce members recently.

I'm going to have to say no to some—where I have to I will—but give me every

reason to say yes."

He said the program is aimed at both businesses and non-profit organiza-

"It's basically a program that provides business and that provides business and non-profit organizations over \$10,000 per trainee to train new or existing employees for available jobs. Now this is what's so unique: Usually the employer—you—decide what training is needed, you select the early leave the search of the control of t lect the candidates, and you determine who's going to deliver it for you. You make all the decisions around that. It has to work for you.

"We have been working with a number of businesses right across Saskatchewan. Saskarc is a name you'd recognize in the Oxbow area, and they've been

using the job grant.
"We have more than 200 businesses we have dealt

businesses we have dealt with in the southern part of the province so far.

"The program is designed to support new investments, not to replace something that you're currently doing, this is new investment training to support your access to a skilled labor pool. Because as thines bor pool. Because as things change, skills sets have to change. You might have a position that does some-thing now that is morphing into something different. So the person that's there now has got basic skills, but you want them to be able to do more. Through some training, if they get that skill enhancement, they'll be more beneficial to you and your business, and better for them because it gives

ter for them because it gives them new skills.

"We spend some time talking about the system with the individuals and ensuring they get the skills they need for Saskatchewan jobs today, because again things are changing with technology, they're always advancing." advancing."
Businesses can use the

job grant program to offer additional training to their current employees, or unemployed people can get training if there is an employer willing to employ them at the end of the train-

"What's unique about this is that it connects training to employment out-comes," said Wells. "The employer must have a job available for the trainee at the end of the training pe-

The job grant can be applied to any new investment in training delivered by a third-party provider. It does not apply to in-house training.

or apply to in-nouse training.

"The employer must pay one-third of the cost of training. The maximum we will provide is \$10,000 per train-ee, so on a \$15,000 training plan, you pay everything up front, and we will reim-burse you \$10,000."

Trainees must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents—the program residents—the program does not apply to temporary foreign workers.

The job must be in Sas-katchewan, but trainees are not required to be Saskatchewan residents.

For businesses with fewer than 50 employees, half of their one-third contribution to training costs can be in the form of the trainee's salary.

Training courses have to be a minimum of 24 hours of instruction, and training agreements can last a maximum of one year.

"There are no restrictions on how the training is de-livered," says Well. "It can be part-time, it can be fulltime, it can be online, you can send someone away for training, you can bring someone in to do training at the job site. It is very flex-

The program does not apply to apprenticeship train-ing or training required to maintain professional

to haintain professional standing.

The grant covers tuition, student fees, textbooks, software, exam fees, and taxes. It does not cover transportation, food, or ac-commodation costs where travel is required.

More information on the program is available from the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce or Southeast Regional College in Moo-





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New MP says settling into his new job has been a whirlwind

Kitchen named Conservatives' sport critic

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Souris-Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen has been named the Conservatives' critic for sport.

Interim Conservative leader and opposition leader Rona Ambrose announced on November 19 the official opposition shadow cabinet. With the announcement, Kitchen was named critic for

"I believe the team we have assembled will be the strongest official opposition this country has ever seen," said Ambrose. "I am proud to lead this team of talented and respected individuals from across Canada.

"Together, we will ask the Gov-ernment the tough questions and

ernment the tough questions and hold them to account."

"I was happy to receive the call from Ms. Ambrose asking if I would serve in the shadow cabinet for the official opposition as critic for sport. I look forward to my new role and being an effective member of such a dynamic tive member of such a dynamic team," said Kitchen.

In an interview in Moosomin Thursday, Kitchen said the weeks since the election have been a whirlwind

"There has been so much to learn, and the time has just flown by since the election," he said. "We had an orientation to the

House of Commons, and it felt like I had 10 different meetings in an hour and everything came at you at once.

"It's been exciting, but it's

been frustrating, because things take time. They don't just hap-pen overnight. I expect boom it should be done, and it just doesn't work that way.

"We haven't got offices in Ottawa yet.

"There are over 200 brand new members of parliament. Liberals get first choice of offices, and op-position gets the next choice, so it takes some time.

"I believe—rumor has it— when I get back to Ottawa this weekend I will have an office. I do have staff. I had to go through the process of interviewing and

hiring."

He has also been busy with the

He has also been busy with the process of hiring constituency staff and setting up offices.
"Everything starts all over from scratch," he says. "The lease goes up to the date of the election, and certain stuff had to get shipped back to Ottawa. We're in the precent of exiting those of in the process of getting those of-fices up and running.

"Part of the reason for me be-ing in Moosomin today is to try

to get that co-ordination done and make sure I get an office set up. The plan is to have an office in Moosomin. It may take a little bit of time to get it all done, and find out how to get the stuff that was shipped off to Ottawa shipped back here, but the plan is to have an office here in Mossomin." In Ottawa, Kitchen has had a

chance to meet and work with some of his caucus colleagues.

"We had the one caucus meet-



ing where we chose our interim leader and I think she's going to be an excellent leader," he said. 'She's very knowledgable. She has some experience in oppo-sition and in government. She brings a lot to the table. I'm very happy she's the leader and I look

happy she's the leader and I look forward to working with her."
How did he find out he was being named to a critic position?
"Rona gave me a phone call," he says. "It was a surprise. I hadn't been asked to submit my CV or anything, but Rona had obviously done some research, because she knew my background, she knew I had a kinesiology degree from the University of the says that had a kinesiology degree from the University of the sa kinesiology degree from the University of Waterloo, she knew I was a chiropractor and I'd been

involved with sports. I was very impressed by that. She just asked me if I'd be interested in doing it. It's right up my alley. I've been tasked to hold the government to account on any issues dealing with sport, and I look forward to that "

How is he preparing for his

new role as a critic?

"There's a lot more learning, a lot of research, and a lot of late nights on computers read-ing, and trying to refresh what I learned in my college days," he says. "I'm happy with this role. I'm a big proponent of sports and recreation. I believe it's a great thing for the country. As a health care practitioner, I believe it builds a healther country, and a healthier country makes a more prosperous country."

Kitchen has retired from his

Kitchen has retired from his chiropractic practice in Estevan.

"We had planned for this possibility, and had brought in a young practitioner to work as an associate for us, and we were prepared for this turn of events."

"It's pretty tough. I spent all of my last 30 years doing that line of work, and not having done that now for three months, I know it's something I'm going to miss."

He said the time has flown by

s he has become accustomed to his new role.

"Things have gone by so fast," he said. "As I said in my nomina-tion speech, we started this two and a half years ago and it seems like that was only yesterday, so

it's gone by very quickly."
Have there been any surprises as he went?

"The biggest surprise is how much freedom I actually have. I've always lived my life where I've always had rules. I believe there should be rules and guidelines so I know where I can navigate through. To be all of a sudden told as a member of parliament you're the guy who makes those rules, it's challeng-ing to work around that, but it's

ing to work around that, but it's exciting, it's learning a new way of doing things."

Kitchen says he is looking forward to his first sitting of the House of Commons.

"I'm excited for the sitting. It is an exciting time. Every day is an adventure. My life before, every day was the same. I got up, I went to work. The interest there was that I was always dealing. was that I was always dealing with different cases

with different cases.
"But this is something different
every day, something new."
He said the role of the opposition is to keep the government
in line, even when voters are strongly in support of the new government.

"It sounds like people are wanting to give them a chance," he said. "They're going to have to live up to some pretty high ex-

to live up to some pretty ingit expectations, and our role is to keep them on task."

Another local MP, Yorkton-Melville MP Cathay Wagantall, has been named critic for Veter-

In Southeast Saskatchewan, Kipling, Broadview stores slated for sale

Government moves toward liquor store privatization



The Moosomin liquor store is not among the 40 to be privatized.

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Saskatchewan's govern-ment laid out a road map to liquor store privatiza-tion on Wednesday, but the Moosomin store is among the minority of stores the government plans to keep and not sell off.

and not sell off.

The government plans to sell 40 of the 75 government-owned liquor stores, including stores in Kipling and Broadview, but will retain 35 stores, including those in Moosomin and Esterhazy.
Private liquor franchises

in smaller communities are not affected.

Interested buvers will be invited to respond to a request for proposals, and preference will be given to current liquor store employees as the stores are sold off.

The Kipling liquor store being offered for sale has annual sales of \$1,164,000, and the Broadview store has annual sales of \$848,000.

Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) Minister Don Mc-Morris announced the new direction at a news conference today in Regina. The direction includes converting 40 government liquor stores to private stores and adding 12 new private liauor stores in underserved communities.

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sumers will enjoy more choice, more convenience and more competitive pricing," McMorris said.
"This new direction allows government to collect the same amount of revenue through a new wholesale markup while also correct-ing many inequities that have existed among the province's various liquor retailers.

retailers.
"We received a lot of valuable feedback from stakeholders, customers and the general public regarding their thoughts on the future of liquor retailing in the province. This requirement is not province, what new direction reflects what we heard and I want to once again thank everyone

who took part in the consultation process."

Currently, liquor is re-

by government stores, full-line private stores, rural fran-chises and off-sale outlets. within these groups, there are many different rules including different discounts, restrictions on the type of products they can sell, restrictions on what beer products can be refrigerated and differences in how products can be frigerated and differences in how products can be priced. The government says the new retail model is intended to create a level playing field for liquor retailers. This mean all liquor retailers will be treated the same when it comes to:

Purchasing alcohol for resale at a wholesale price;

Hours of operation; Product selection; and Chilling of beer prod-

Another change will see commercial permittees like restaurants, sports facilities and convention centres able to purchase products from any liquor retailer, rather than the current requirement that they purchase exclusively from SLGA liquor stores and franchises.

The 40 government li-quor stores that will be converted were evaluated on factors including efficiency, investment required, and the ability to meet consumer needs. In these communities, af-fected government liquor store employees will be given preferential consideration during the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for a new store. Details of the RFP process will be developed over the coming months. The changes will be implemented after the provincial election in April 2016.

"There's a lot of change required to get our retail system where it needs to be and we now have a plan in place," McMorris said. "In the end, we'll have a system that's fair to retailers and beneficial to consumers while also protecting revenues for government priorities like infrastructure, education and health care."



Rocanville

Fundraising begins in earnest for new hall

Fundraising for the new community hall being built in Rocanville is now full speed ahead, with the hall's fundraising comhall's fundraising committee staring mailouts to town residents to canvass for donations.

for donations. Mailouts will also be sent to local businesses and larger corporate sponsors this month. The fundraising committee is also planning a lottery for a trip of a lifetime, as well as a 50/50 draw. Tickets for the lottery of the local property of the loc draw. Tickets for the lot-tery should be on sale this month. The fundraiser is expected to bring in tens of thousands of dollars and culminate with a cab-aret on April 30, where the winning ticket is drawn for both the trip and the 50/50 draw.

Steve Fortney, the chair f the fundraising committee, says the response to the mailouts has been positive so far.

"We sent them out about 10 days ago, and we've had pretty good re-sponse," he said last Tues-day.

Fortney says, overall, fundraising for the hall is

already ahead of target.

"We figured that we would raise about a third of the total \$800,000 in the first two years and then we'd have to grind it out to get the last two thirds. That was our origi-nal thought," he says. "A third would be \$266,000 and we are past half that. We've raised over \$130,000. And the donations from the first set of



Construction has started on the new hall in Rocanville. As of last week, most of the foundation work was . Work on the walls of the building should start this week.

canvasses are just starting to come in."

Construction has a ready started on the hall.

"The foundations are done," says Fortney, "and the water and sewer is

in. Probably next week they will start erecting the walls." Fortney says the warm

winter weather has been a plus for construction.

better know

come March how it's go-ing, but the nice weather we've had this fall and the lack of snow so far has

been a big asset to us."

Construction began in
October and should take

approximately a year, meaning the new hall may be open by late fall of

The hall will be located between the curling rink and the pool, and will be

15,400 square feet. The building will include a stage, a large kitchen and bar area, meeting room, plenty of storage, and the office of the Rocanville rec director.



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BY ANDREA JAENEN
Today's youth certainly
have talent—which is evident in 16-year-old Julianna Moore from St. Lazare, who has won the 2015 Westman's Got Talent, which was held on November 15-16 in Brandon, Manitoba.

Moore performed the song "In the Arms of an Angel" by Sarah Mclachlan.

"Everyone in my whole family loves it and so do I—it's just been our song," explains Moore. "My famexplains Moore. My family was really supportive the entire time and they were all happy, and all of them were crying when I was singing."

The competition was

The competition was primarily teenagers, says Moore, although that didn't

primarily teenagers, says Moore, although that didn't stop her from being nervous. "Normally it's ages 3 to 18. But a lot of people were more teens—there was one pair of nine-years-olds, but the rest were pretty much all around my age—I think there were about 20 performers," she says. "I freak out every time before a show. I always get really shaky and I used to tell my mom, 'I don't want to do it!' I don't want to do it!' And she would push me to go, same with my dad. They say that I'll do fine and I do a good job anyway. I would go up and even when I'm singing I would still feel really nervous."
How did it feel to win? "Oh, I cried," Moore explains with a laugh. "It's because I was in the Orange Crush Competition all the time in Brandon when I was younger and I never got fits.

younger and I never got first. I never even placed. So it was I felt like, 'Finally! I've prac-ticed, and I've worked for it.'

ticed, and I've worked for it.'
So when they announced my
name I just cried.
"The prize all together
was over \$500. There was a
plaque and I got my name
engraved into it and then
there's 10 free music lessons
from Fader's Music in Brandam" overlight Moore, "Lord." don," explains Moore. "I got coupons and a big certificate for winning. It was really nice

Moore has participated in other competitions and is also an active member of her school and church's choir.

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"Right now I'm practicing for our Christmas concert. Singing and music in general is what I do pretty much all the time. There's the school choir and then church choir and I'm in both," Moore says. "And I've been to this thing in Quebec where I participated. It's called Jamais Trop Tot, and you had to audition for it and get into it and then you would be sent to Quebec to perform. I did that this year and two years ago. It was very nice."

Moore's father has been an especially large influence on her singing.

"My dad sings as well—so that's where I kind of started. They're so supportive, I

mean if I didn't have some-one pushing me I think I'd be a little more shy and not as into it. It's always fun to par-ticipate, because you see all the other talents around. It's something I like to do. I'm

not really in it for winning, I'm kind of just for performing and getting to be able to share the thing I love with everyone.

"I would really like to do something in my future with

music," Moore adds. "I was thinking of going to Bran-don University and become a music teacher—but I'm not too sure, I still want to think about it. But I would like to do something in the music

business."

Moore advises not letting yourself be discouraged when it comes to perform-

"When you go to a competition and if you don't get

first place-or if you don't nrst piace—or ir you don't even place—keep going, because look where it gets you," she says. "It's not even about [winning] if you like what you do, and you just keep doing it."



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The Music Man

Stephen Whelpton and Kadence Meredith perform in the musical The Music Man at the MCC Centre in Moosomin November 13-15. Turn to page 18 for more photos.





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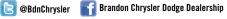
















Above: Trevor Poole with, from left, Desirae Neville, Tawna Bartley, Amanda Selby, Olivia Kelly, and Shirley Prybylski.

Left: Anthony Kelly, Tawna Bartley and James Calloway in a scene where Harold Hill warns townsfolk of the dangers of pool.



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Whitewood artist Janet Blackstock showed several pieces of her work at the Whitewood Wine and Art Show held in Whitewood Nov. 14, including a stunning painting of one of Blackstock's Clydesdale horses as well as a self-portrait depicting her driving her Clydes at a competition in the U.S. a couple of years ago. Blackstock was one of 18 artists who participated in the art show.



Jacqui Beckett of Moosomin was one of 18 artists/artisans who showcased their artwork at the Whitewood Wine and Art Show Nov. 14 in Whitewood. Destination Whitewood, the promotional group who hosted the art show, say the show was very well attended and was considered to be a great success.

Whitewood holds 2015 wine and art show

By Donna Beutler
Whitewood held its 2015 Wine and Art Show Nov.
14 and welcomed 18 artists and artisans who put their
works of art on display for the day. Hosted by Destination Whitewood, the art show has been held several times

tion Whitewood, the art show has been held several times over the past few years.

This year's art show featured a number of artists who displayed several of their paintings. Local artist Janet Blackstock showed a stunning painting of one of her Clydesdale horses, a tribute to a hard-working, professional horse Blackstock greatly admired. Whitewood painter Cathy Campbell also displayed her work which included paintings and photographs. Whitewood's Marlene Carefoot was on hand with a display of her painted works of art which included interesting textured effects. Also on display were works of art by Dallas Giroux and Marj Wenman. The youngest artist to have work on dis-

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play was two-year-old Ryker Giroux. Hunter Beutler, eight, also displayed two pieces of her artwork—acrylic paintings (abstracts) on canvas. Jacqui Beckett of Moosomin displayed several original pieces of artwork and prints, as did artist Kaitie Juba of

pieces of artwork and prints, as did artist Kaitie Juba of Regina who had some unique paintings done on skis, as well as an interesting etched piece of art done on an old saw. Gaye Moss, a collage artist from Wolseley, paints in acrylics along with staining papers and was on hand to show several pieces of her work.

Meagen Boutin Phillips of Regina was on hand to show her large canvas works of art. Phillips, who grew up in Whitewood and Moosomin, paints vivid abstracts and wany of her paintings are a complication of two or more.

many of her paintings are a combination of two or more

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Joyce Kydd also displayed some of her quilted handwork. Sharon Armstrong featured dozens of quilts and quilted projects that she has created.

Photographer Jen Hanlin displayed some of her photographic work at this year's art show. Hanlin, a Whitewood area resident, recently started a photography business. Also showing her work was Donna Beutler of Whitewood with her photography, much of which is produced on capwas duced on canvas

Pam Wolf of Whitewood featured some of her work, ranging from photos of cakes she has decorated, hand-stamped jewelery and some of her painted egg-shell

The art show featured not only art, but various wines by the glass for sale. Four door prizes were up for grabs and a beautiful cake, decorated by Pam Wolf, was raffled



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dependent, non-partisan, Canadian public policy think-tank. The 2015 Global Petroleum Survey rates 126 jurisdictions around the world based on their barriers to investment (ie: high taxes, costly regulatory obligations and uncertainty over environmental regulations) and on the volume of oil and gas reserves.

"Since the 2015 provincial election in Alberta, the new government has implemented a number of oil and gas sector policies that may deter investment and hinder the economy" said Kenneth Green, senior director of the Fraser Institute's Centre for Natural Resources and co-author of a special bulletin examining the survey's results for Alberta, Investor Perceptions of Alberta's Oil and Gas Policy Changes.

Continued on page 2913

Canadian jurisdiction rankings from the Global Petroleum Survey:

Jurisdiction	2015 Rank	2014 Rank
Saskatchewan	1	1
Manitoba	2	2
Newfoundland & Labrador	3	4
Ontario	4	N/A
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British Columbia	8	6
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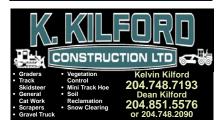


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SaskPower plans massive expansion of wind power

BY ANDREA JAENEN

SaskPower has unveiled plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by shifting sources of transmission over the next few years, and wind power like that produced by Moosomin's Red Lily Wind Farm is a big part of the plan. Minister responsible for SaskPower Bill Boyd joined SaskPower President and CEO Mike Marsh to announce that the corporation has set a target to double the percent.

that the corporation has set a target to double the percentage of renewable electricity generation capacity in Saskatchewan by 2030.

"An objective of 50 per cent renewable power by 2030 is ambitious, but I'm confident SaskPower can meet the target by taking an 'all of the above' approach to planning," said Boyd.
"That means a project of the same of the

"That means a major expansion of wind power augmented by other renewables, such as solar, biomass, geothermal and hydro, to go along with the world leading Boundary Dam 3 carbon capture project and more natural gas generation."

gas generation."

Today, about 25 per cent of Saskatchewan's generation capacity comes from renewable sources—20 per cent from hydro and five per cent or 220 megawatts (MW) from wind. Three new wind power projects already approved or in development will add another 207 MW of renewable generation by 2020.

More projects will have to be added to meet the target of expanding wind from five per cent of Saskatchewan's electrical generation to 30 per cent by 2030.

To reach that target, the installed capacity of wind power generation will have to grow from the current 220 MW to 2100 MW—almost 10 times as much.

However, SaskPower President and CEO Mike Marsh emphasized that adding wind and other renewables in a

emphasized that adding wind and other renewables in a way that's affordable for customers is what's important. "The key here is that wind power has become much more economical over the years as the technology has de-

"We've been able to understand how wind operates on our grid so we can add it in a way that balances our pri-orities of maintaining a sustainable and diversified gen-eration mix with the delivery of reliable and cost-effective power to our customers," said Marsh.

"We'll take that same approach to adding other clean options to make our renewables target of up to 50 per cent by 2030"

by 2030."

To meet the target of up to 50 per cent of SaskPower's generation capacity from renewable sources, the corporation will be moving forward with procurement of another 100 MW of wind generation in 2016 and will develop up to 1,600 MW of new wind generation between 2019 and 2020.

"SaskPower's new wind energy targets represent an important step forward for wind energy in Saskatchewan and will enable the province to capture more of its plentiful and cost-effective wind energy resources," said Robert Hornung, President of the Canadian Wind Energy Association (CanWEA).

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"An initial procurement of 100 MW of new wind energy in 2016, followed by a series of planned future procurements for additional wind energy, will attract significant interest and ensure a highly competitive process that will produce low cost clean electricity generation for Saslesbeware attenators."

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Doug Opseth, SaskPower's director of sustainable supply development, says the 50 per cent commitment builds



on earlier commitments.

"SaskPower has set a target of moving up to 50 per cent renewable by capacity on our system. So what that means for wind power is likely a significant increase in the amount of wind power that we'll have on our system going forward," Opseth explains. "Up to now we've already had a target of moving to 20 per cent wind by capacity in our system, and the plan now probably sees us moving closer to 30 per cent wind on our system. There likely will be a significant increase in wind power between now and 2030. We're already moving on that trajectory anyway."

The new wind power will likely be developed by private investors with power purchase agreements with SaskPower.

SaskPower.

"It will go through contracts," said Opseth. "What we'll do is the developer will develop a site which will be connected to the grid, and then they'll be paid for the energy they provide us over a term of 20 to 25 years. With wind

power we'll likely do it through competitive solicitations. There is a huge desire—there are a lot of private companies that have interest in developing wind power in Saskatchewan—they've done a fair bit of work in looking and identifying the windy spots to put these facilities in."

The projected investment in renewable power is \$1.5 billion

billion.

"I think we're estimating now to move to 50 per cent renewables. We're looking at about a \$1.5 billion increase in costs over what we would spend. What that relates to is less than a dollar on everybody's monthly bill over the course of the project," he says.

In previous instances in which SaskPower released a request for proposals for wind power, the Crown corporation received plenty of proposals, and Opseth expects similar results as the move to renewable energy continues.

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"We haven't issued anything yet, but the last request for proposals (RFP) we had for wind power—which I think was back in 2012—had a significant response. I think worldwide there's a huge number of companies that are interested in developing wind farms and have really unique expertise in developing wind farms," he says. "Since we had good response to our last RFP, going forward I think we'll see equally good if not better response for our next RFP."

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Despite the significant increase in renewable energy that is being planned, Opseth says there is still a role for non-renewable electrical generation.

"I think there's a certain role for non-renewables," he said, "and any time you're adding things like wind power, or sort of an intermittent generation, you're only getting electricity from wind power when the wind is blowing—and there are times when the wind isn't blowing. So at those times we need something there to keep the lights on, so that's typically where we rely on things like natural-gas-fired generation. The benefit of natural gas generation is that it's typically going to start very quickly, and it can move around a lot, so you can set it at a certain output and as wind either increases or decreases on our system we can turn the gas-fired generation either up or down as needed, and do that in a fairly efficient way.

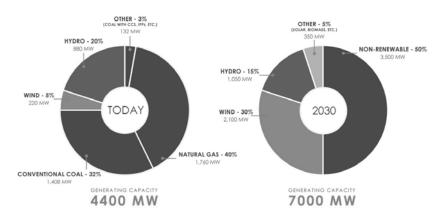
"Until there are significant technological changes, we'll likely have some room for fossil fuel generation on our system for a while to come. Things are changing, but for the foreseeable future there's still going to be non-renewable generation in our system, so by 2030 we're targeting closer to 50 per cent non-renewable—our renewables are about 25 per cent in our system, so by 2030 we're targeting closer to 50 per cent non-renewable—our renewables."

Opseth says he expects the change to be positive.

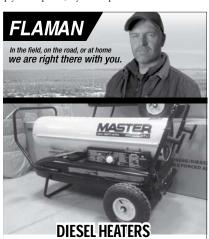
"I think it will be positive. I think anything we can do in the province to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions has a positive impact on people, and I think wind power will be something more regionally diverse," he says. "Wherea son we have a lot of power plants centrally located in certain areas, you'll see more wind power in more communities."

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Association formed to promote disc golf in Saskatchewan

in the Parkland region took another step recently with the formation of a new sociation to promote the

Representatives of a number of area courses met in Yorkton on November 14, where the framework of the association was forged. and an interim board put in

place.
"We have seen dramatic growth in terms of the number of courses in the region in the past six, or seventh months and we wanted to build on that," said Calvin Daniels who accepted the role of interim chair of the new Parkland Association of Disc Golf

Daniels explained that there have been three disc there have been three disc golf courses in the region for a number of years: Pat-rick Park Disc Golf Course in Yorkton, Kemoca Re-gional Park at Montmar-tre, and Shaker City Disc Golf at Benito, Man. This summer the sport mush-roomed with seven new courses installed, and five more under development for opening in early spring

"And, there are six or seven other communities where courses are being discussed, and we are opdiscussed, and we are op-timistic a good number of those will move forward with course development in 2016," said Daniels. "We know there are several very viable areas for courses to be installed because we've walked areas such as Saltcoats Regional Park which would be ideal for a long course, and a lo-cale in Canora which could be a nice short community course. So we know there is more potential in the re-

The idea of a PADG grew out of the growth in the number of courses.

The association is a way

"The association is a way to create synergies to grow the sport in the region by networking," said Daniels. Each course within the region will be able to appoint an interim director to the board, with that process already begun.

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It will be the board's job to move forward with incorporating the association

as a non-profit sports body.
Brenda McKay represented North Ridge Disc
Golf Course of Birtle, Man. at the meeting. She said the



Competitors taking part in a disc golf tournament this past summer.

idea of the PADG is one that should be a positive in raising awareness about

in raising awareness about disc golf. "Locally we are excited about North Ridge open-ing for play in the spring," she said. "We think it will be a great asset in terms of recreation for all ages in

"But being part of a larger regional association we can draw on expertise we don't have yet, and that is going to be a big help. In fact it's already been a huge help, as our course was designed by two disc golf lovers from Yorkton— Calvin Daniels and Trevor

There are lots of opportunities we can explore through the association," said Christopher Istace who is the interim director

for the recently installed course in Rocanville. "We can work together as a net-work of courses in areas such as youth involvement, or help other communities take the step to building a

"That was the case for us at Sandy Beach," said Kelly Butz, who is the interim director for that course. "When the idea of a course was first brought up we didn't know much about disc golf, and having some help to get us started was essential to us moving for-

"Having an association will just make it easier for the next community that starts talking about a

Daniels said a disc golf course offers a recreation opportunity at a low instal-lation cost for communities of just about any size. and the new association will certainly be available to help any community, re-gional park or First Nation in the area thinking about a

The PADG covers an area within a 125-kilometre radius of Yorkton.

That said the new asso-ciation has other goals as well.

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"We definitely want to encourage play at our existing courses, and that will mean helping where we can in terms of how-to-play workshops," said Daniels.

"Such workshops can be for the community at large."

for the community at large, but we will also be target-ing youth. We really hope to get schools involved as this is an excellent sport to learn as it can be played for a lifetime, and the cost of participation is low too."

series for PADG.

The plan is for each course in the association to host one tournament in 2016 where participants will earn points toward year-end awards, although the details of the events and series rules are still being worked on, a committee having been struck on the 14th with that as its mandate.

nament chair to oversee the

"We hope a series entravel for events, which creates a level of disc golf tourism," said Lyons. "It also raises the profile of disc golf to have a series of events. It shows this is a legitimate sport, as well as a great form of recreation." Since many of the tour-naments are based around

receiving discs as part of entry fees, it is a great entry point for new players and new courses.

"We like the idea of an

event where inexperienced players can have fun, and take home discs they can then play with as they be-come more involved with

come more involved with the local course and sport," said McKay.

"It should be a great way to get the sport off on a good foot when we host our tournament on May 28 next year."

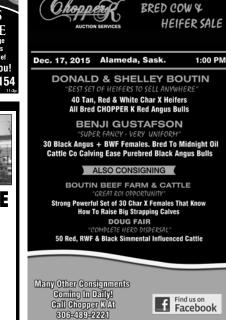
Membership in the

Membership in the PADG is \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth under 16 and is available from local directors now.

"We feel it's important "We feel it's important to support the grassroots courses and the sport and we really hope players, even casual ones, will be part of that by buying memberships," said Danials

Anyone wanting addi-tional information on the sport, course development, or the PADG can find them on Facebook, or by emailing PADG.Yorkton@gmail.







A starter set of three discs is less than \$40, and

in many communities with courses there are discs available to use either for

free, or at a very low cost. Plans are already under

way to create an infor-mational brochure on the

sport, the association, and

member courses as a re-

The idea of a youth com-

nittee specifically geared to helping build youth participation has already been highlighted as a priority for the interim Board meet-

ing early in 2016. The PADG is also launch-

ing a tournament series in 2016.

successful tournaments at courses in the region this

year, and we want to build on that next year," said Ly-

ons who is acting as tour-

"There were a number of



Pinoy basketball tournament over for another year

BY KARA KINNA
The fourth annual Moosomin Pinoy Basketball Tournament wrapped up on Saturday, November 21, with two final games taking place that Saturday night.

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Four teams made up of players from Moosomin, Rocanville and Maryfield competed in the tournament, organized by the Pinoy Moorganized by the Pinoy Moorganiz

organized by the Pinoy Moo-somin Community Inc. The final games were followed by a potluck supper. The tournament started on October 24, with games being played every Saturday and Sunday until the final on No-vember 21.

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Cynthia Ramos, one of the organizers of the tournament, says it gives the Filipino community in the area a way to get together and experience a sense of community while doing something they loved doing back home—playing basketball.

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"It's the big thing back
there," says Ramos. "The USA
has the MBA, we have PBA.
People get involved with
basketball a lot—even on the
street they play basketball.
"It brings back the memory

of those years we were in the Philippines. And it's nice to have a get -together for the group of us here because it helps create our own kind of helps create our own kind of community where we have all the same things we do back home. It's nice because we are basically integrating with Western culture but at the same time we still have some of what we've got back home. We've got kids grow-ing up here, and we wanted them to get involved as well. We want them to still have what we had back in the Phil-

want them to still have what we had back in the Philippines."
Ramos says the tournament is becoming better organized every year. Many people come out to watch the games, and many cheer on their family members who are on the court. As Filipinos take their basketball quite seriously, she says the games can be quite competitive.
"It's been pretty good," she says. "When you are cheering for your team you have very mixed emotions. You are screaming at the top of your lungs and you get a little frustrated when your team is getting defeated, but after the

game it's all good.

"All the teams have pretty good players, and all the games were tight. That made

games were tight. That made it more entertaining. "The final game was quite a happy game with all the cheering—it makes the game more alive."

The basketball tournament will continue to be an annual event, and Ramos says that Pinoy Moosomin Community Inc. is considering hosting an invitational tournament in the new year, with teams from other communities on the Prairies. She says the organization is planning to host more events over the course of the year.

Of the four teams that competed in the tournament, team blue was the winner, followed by team grey in second place, team yellow in third place and team maroon in fourth place.

Right, Leo Deang, in maroon, and Joey Abud leap for the ball.



The story of one man who signed up for the First World War in Moosomin:

Soldier emigrated from England, died in the terror of Belgium's trenches

Do you ever wonder about the soldiers who passed through

the Moosomin Armoury on their way to war?

We now know the story of one of them, Private Edwin Booth.

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Booth was born in England, came to Saskatchewan to farm,
and just before Christmas, 1914, he and two of his brothers
travelled to Moosomin to sign up for the army.

He appeared before a justice in Moosomin to sign his attesta-

On Remembrance Day, Booth's name was selected randomly

On Remembrance Day, Booth's name was selected randomly to be remembered as part of the @WeAreTheDead project.

Glen McGregor of the Ottawa Citizen put together a profile on Pte. Booth with the help of the public.

The World-Spectator sourced the paperwork below, along with Pte. Booth's entire file, from the national archives.

Below is Glen McGregor's story for the Citizen.

BY GLEN McGREGOR

The horror that surrounded Pte. Edwin Booth in the days before his death in Belgium was punctuated by rare

days before his death in beiguin was punctuated by rare moments of bucolic splendour.

"Had a bath in a stream. The country is lovely around here. After dinner my friend Farmer and I went to the woods and laid down under the trees and had a good sleep," Booth wrote to his mother on May 27, 1916.

The rest of his hours were filled alternately with the terror of enemy fire and the drudgery of the trenches. "Fritz busy with machine guns," he wrote, using the nickname of the German enemy.

nickname of the German enemy.

"Fritz exploded a mine but it fell short. Also sent over ten or 15 whiz bangs (heavy artillery shells) at our posts. Smothered us with mud but didn't do any damage. Heavy bombardment to our lett."

A week after this last letter home, Booth was killed in a savage German attack that wiped out most of his unit. He was 30 years old.

Booth's name surfaced again on Wednesday when it was selected at random from the list of more than 110,000 Canadian war dead by @WeAreTheDead, a Twitter account created by the Citizen as an ongoing remembrance

Every hour of every day, @WeAreTheDead tweets out the name of one Canadian killed in service. For the past five years, the Citizen has profiled the name that is tweeted at 11:11 a.m. on Remembrance Day.

This year, Booth's name came up.
Some early details of Booth's life are provided by "Where the Fallen Live Forever," a 2014 book by Mark Potts about men from Crewe and Nantwich in Cheshire, U.K., who died in the Great War.

U.K., who died in the Great War.

Booth, born Sept. 11, 1885, was one of nine children of Florence Booth and Charles Edwin Booth, a druggist who lived on Crewe's high street.

Edwin Booth attended Sandbach grammar school until 1891, when he was 16. He was a goalkeeper on the football team, Potts says. His father died in 1904.

Then, in January 1907, Booth arrived in Halifax aboard S.S. Tunisian.

S.S. Tunisian.

It is unclear if Booth's ultimate destination was Canada. In January 1908, he was recorded crossing over into the United States at Detroit, listing his last home as Chatham, Ont., and his destination as Chicago.



Pte. Edwin Booth

Later that year, Booth returned to Canada, crossing through Winnipeg and, sometime later, arriving in Sas-katchewan. The 1911 census lists him in Saltcoats.

Other members of the Booth family also immigrated to Saskatchewan. Siblings Florence, Norman and John came and settled in the village of Dubuc in 1909. Arthur arrived in March 1914.

Three days before Christmas 1914, the three brothers — Edwin, John and Arthur—travelled south to Moosomin

to enlist with the Canadian Mounted Rifles Regiment. Edwin, then 29, listed his occupation as farmer. He stood 5 foot 9, with dark hair and grey eyes, according to his attestation papers. His religion was listed as Church

of England.
Eighteen months later, Booth's regiment was billeted in Steenvoorde, France, close to the Belgian border. The Canadians were commanded by Lt.-Gen. Julian Byng, who

would later become Canada's governor general.

From his billet, Booth wrote home to mother Florence, in a letter included in Potts's book:

"We go back into the trenches early next week but only for about eight days and then the ru-mour is that we go back for six weeks rest and

move to another part of the line. Hope it's right."
"Here is a bit of my diary about my last trip:
"Saturday: Last billet for the trenches. Fritz shelled the train. We were shelled all the way through the town and there were bodies lying all over the place. We lost 15 from one company.

"Sunday: Was in a reserve trench all day. Went out to posts at night. "Monday: At posts all day. Nothing much happened. Bombing attack on the right." "Tuesday: Still at posts. Fritz busy with ma-chine guns. Bill Charlton and Or Win were killed going from one post to the next....
"Wednesday: Pretty quiet all day. We came out

at night.'

at night."
"Thursday to Saturday. Working parties every night from support trenches."
"Sunday: Working party all day.
"Monday. Are now in dugout in the ground of an old chafeau. It is beastly hot. Went to the front line on a working party, got home at 2:30 a.m.
"Tuesday. Had a bath in a stream. The country is lovely around here. After dinner my friend Farmer and I went to the woods and laid down under the trees and had a good sleep. Working party at night. Fritz turned machine guns on us. I got my head and part of my body into a shell hole. I came out wet through, my face and shoulders being under the water. ders being under the water.
"Wednesday. Went for a walk down stream

with friend Farmer. The weather is lovely. Had dandy swim and then lay on the banks to get

a danny swam and dry.

"That's about how it is every every day. Lay around all day and working parties at night."

But the full fury of the German force was about to come down on the Canadian troops.

On June 2, in what would become known as the Bat-

tle of Mont Sorrel, near Ypres, German artillery began pounding the Canadian positions. Then, in the afternoon, four German mines detonated

Inen, in the arternoon, four German mines detonated under the Canadian trenches in an area known as Sanctu-ary Wood. The attack was devastating, with the Canadians suffering an 80 per cent casualty rate.

Military records list Booth's date of death as June 5, but Potts believes he died on that first bloody day. There

were simply not enough survivors of the bombardment to properly record the correct dates of deaths, he believes. Booth's family was notified several weeks later. It would be only the first terrible news they would receive

from the war.

from the war.

In January 1918, Booth's older brother Frank, a Royal Navy aviator, died after suffering wounds and landing his aircraft in Lille, France.

And in December 1918, with the war nearly over, younger brother Charles Booth of the Royal Naval Reserve died of influenza aboard HMS Hazel. He was buried in Greece, the third from the same family to be killed in the First World War. Brother Arthur Booth survived the war with a leg in-

jury and returned to Canada in 1929.

Edwin Booth's headstone is at Ypres Reservoir Cem-

etery.
"Previously reported missed," his casualty record reads. "Now for official purposes presumed to have died."

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"Initiatives such as an increase to the corporate income tax, changes to environmental policies and a review of the prov-ince's energy royalties add additional costs and uncertainty to

an oil and gas industry already hampered by declining prices."

Of the 14 jurisdictions with large petroleum reserves, the five that rank as most attractive for investment are Texas, United

that rank as most attractive for investment are Texas, United Arab Emirates, Alberta, Qatar, and Kuwait.

But, while Alberta still ranks high globally—primarily on the strength of its oil and gas reserves—the survey reveals that perceptions about Alberta are changing.

For example, on the 2015 Policy Perception Index—a comprehensive measure of only the extent to which policy deters oil and gas investment—Alberta ranked 38th overall (out of all 126 invited items) compared to 16th in 2014. 126 jurisdictions) compared to 16th in 2014.

And, on the specific question of 'fiscal terms' (including poli-

cies affecting royalty regimes) 39 per cent of survey respondents said the province's fiscal terms were a deterrent to oil and gas investment. Only 14 per cent of those surveyed said

and gas investment. Only 19 per cent of those surveyer saut the same thing in 2014.

"It's clear that, in Alberta, the recent oil and gas policy changes have helped to form an economic environment fraught with uncertainty and risk," Green said.

The survey report also ranks Canadian provinces—again,

ignoring proven oil and gas reserves and focusing solely on

In this format, Saskatchewan ranks first in Canada (and eighth out of 126 jurisdictions worldwide). Manitoba ranks second in Canada (and 10th globally), followed by Newfoundland and Labrador (26th globally).

Meanwhile, British Columbia—with its vast natural gas re-

serves—improved its score jumping to 50th in the 2015 global rankings from 60th spot in 2014, thanks in-part to improved perceptions of BC's policy environment.

"The negative shifts for Alberta may not bode well given that

its immediate geographic competitors, remain attractive jurisdictions for investment or are improving," said Taylor Jackson, policy analyst at the Fraser Institute.

On the other end of the spectrum, petroleum executives be-

lieve Quebec is the province that presents the greatest barriers to oil and gas investment in Canada — that province finished 119th in the survey

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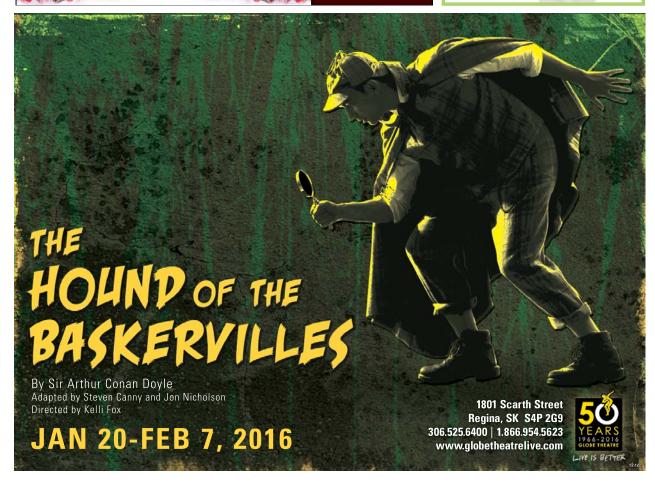
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Lorena Squires, a CAA Travel Consultant and Travel Manager for CAA's Weyburn and Estevan stores, took an AMA Waterways Tulip Time Cruise along the Dutch and Belgium waterways. Squires put her photos together into an album, chronicling the days of her cruise. Above are some of the pages from her album.

Tiptoeing through the Tulips

In the spring of 2015, Lorena Squires, CAA Travel Manager from Weyburn and Estevan, travelled through the Netherlands and Belgium on an AmaWaterways Tulip Time River Cruise.

With the cobblestone streets beneath her feet, she visited the architectural marvels in the city of Ghent, historic

three oldest cities in the Netherlands-Nijmegen. Belgium is famous for beer and chocolates which was evident ev-

erywhere. Squires has been to several destinations in Europe. Amsterdam was one of the few remaining cities on her bucket

bridges of Amsterdam, and one of the list. Also on that list were the windmills of Kinderdijk. In her mind they are the iconic emblems of the Netherlands. Squires chose this river cruise to hon-

or her grandmother's and now her own love for flowers, gardening and nature. One of the most memorable parts of the trip was the visit to Keukenhof Gar-

dens that featured acres of magnificent,

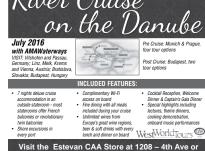
blooming bulb flowers.

"The entire week had been cool with intermittent rain and the last day was to be spent entirely at the gardens," said Squires. "We were fortunate. The trip ended with glorious sunshine on Mothers er's Day," she added.





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Justina Jairussi, left, and Alberto Bras are Mozambique farmers learning new techniques with the help of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Robyn Tocker photos

The impact of Foodgrains Bank projects in Mozambique:

Donations from local farmers making a difference

BY ROBYN TOCKER
I was not prepared for Mozambique.
You see the commercials by NGOs, highlighting the needs of countries so radically different from your own,

showing images of poverty, hunger, and need.

What I saw in Mozambique made the commercials be-

What I saw in Mozambique made the commercials become a reality.

I was given the opportunity to travel to Mozambique and Kenya to see what the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and their partner groups were doing in the area of Conservation Agriculture.

This program teaches farmers more efficient ways of farming to increase their yield, which includes mulching, within 8 more partners.

using manure and crop rotation.

I was in Mozambique for five days where I visited five farms and three sand dams. The two other journalists and I spoke with farmers, workers from Mennonite Central Committee Mozambique and the Christian Council of Mozambique about the current condition of the organiza-tions' farming projects.

The poverty in Mozambique is inescapable.

Whether I was in the midst of an urban centre or in a rural village visiting a farm, I saw people experiencing

They lacked adequate access to drinking water. Their homes were made from brick and grass and many of the people are small in stature.

Parents could not always afford to send their children

Many readers back in Canada are likely not surprised

I knowledge.

I knew people would be hungry. But I didn't know the extent until I went to the first village.

There were clusters of huts made of brick with thatched roofs. Dogs ran wild, if they could bear the heat long enough to leave the shade.

made shelters consisting of a roof and frame made from sticks. There was no store, no proper bathroom and barely

I realized I was no longer in Saskatchewan.

During my time in Mozambique, I noticed that while there is poverty in both urban and rural areas, it is different. In urban centres, there may have been an abundance

ent. In urban centres, there may have been an abundance of goods such as cell phones, but some people still lacked the ability to purchase them. There was better access to school, but not everyone could afford to send their children. Garbage was still everywhere. Dogs still roamed the streets. People still went hungry.

In rural locations, the villagers faced different challenges. The city had markets, but the villages only had what their farmers produced in the fields or from their vegetable gardens. People could purchase items from other areas, but it was a farther distance to travel. They lacked the apartment complexes and sturdy buildings the city had. apartment complexes and sturdy buildings the city had, as well as the air conditioning. Water is the main concern in rural areas, especially for the villages' livestock. Life

does not look easy, no matter where you live.

However, poverty does not prevent happiness. Joy, even. I saw it in our first village.

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The adults were explaining the vegetable gardens they planted last year, made possible by MCC, when I noticed a little boy smiling at me. He would wave and I would smile and wave back and then he would look at me with pure bliss, like it was Christmas and he had received his

favourite toy.

He waved many more times, and whenever I wasn't listening to the translator change the local language to Portuguese to English, I would wave back.

When he laughed, suddenly the heat wasn't quite as

The programs in place in Mozambique through MCC

are making a difference on a local and national level. I knew before going on my media tour that MCC, along with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Christian Council of Mozambique, were having an effect, but I didn't understand the extent.

didn't understand the extent.

Farmers who had only produced three cans of maize were now bringing in a dozen, thanks to techniques learned through conservation agriculture.

Communities also gained sand dams. Thirty-one dams have been constructed in the province of Tete. These dams make it possible for villages to have access to water for themselves, their livestock and their vegetable gardens.

Most villages did not have vegetable gardens before MCC and CCM became involved in the communities, but now some villages had up to 30 gardens. What they could not eat, they sold and used the money to purchase items such as salt and oil. The money could also be used to send children to school. children to school.

children to school.

I heard many stories from agricultural extentionists—volunteers who taught CA to villagers—MCC workers, and the farmers themselves about how their lives have improved because of the aid they received.

The money needed to put the initiative into action is provided by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, which is then passed to its 15 church agencies. The Foodgrains Bank receives the funding from donations provided by Canadian farmers. These donations are matched by the Canadian overnment four to one Canadian government four to one.

The most important thing I learned from my time in

Mozambique is that donations make the difference. Peole's lives are being changed because of the generosity of

I would not have learned this if I hadn't stepped foot in Mozambique, and I encourage anyone who has the opportunity to travel to places such as Mozambique to do it.

























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