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Members of the Moosomin Kinsmen Club making a donation to Play Fair Day Care with proceeds of their 2016 Lotto 365.

## Lottery has put more than \$600,000 into the community over the years Kinsmen launch 15th Lotto 365 MacLeod School, Playfair Day Care, Golf Club, Curling Club to benefit

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The Moosomin Kinsmen Club's Lotto 365 has put more than \$600,000 into the community over the last 13 years, and organizers are hoping for another success with this year's Lotto 365.

Proceeds from this year's Lotto 365 will go to the Pipestone Hills Golf Course, the Moosomin Curling Club, to Play Fair Day Care for facility improvements, and to MacLeod Elementary School for upgraded playground equipment, helping make the playground accessible for people with special needs.

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

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

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 50/50 ticket for \$20 as well. If all of the 50/50 tickets were sold, the 50/50 winner would receive \$13,000.

Ryan Thorn of the Moosomin Kinsmen Club said a lot of effort goes into the annual lottery.

"There's a lot of legwork, a lot of meetings, a lot of time at the curling club during the remote, a lot of volunteers busy selling tickets," he says.

Thorn has chaired the lottery for the last decade. "I have anxiety leading up to it, and excitement about it, and every year when you're done you look back and it's good to see that you have accomplished your goals and done some good for the community."

Thorn said the lottery always gets strong support from the community.

"A lot of people buy the lotto ticket knowing we are doing something for the community, and they buy the ticket to help out more than anything else."

"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."

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# Kinsmen launch 15th Lotto 365

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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 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.

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

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 here years ago asking me about it."

Lotto 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 was the idea of former Moosomin Kinsmen Club member Terry Barros.

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 recreation.

A lot of support has gone to the Southeast Integrated Care Centre over the years.

Thorn says the lottery has been a successful fundraiser for the Kinsmen over the years. "I understand it was a lot of leg work in the beginning, but it was almost an instant success," Thorn says.

"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."

Many of the tickets are sold locally, although some have been sold as far away as B.C.

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 Thorn. "It's more like a Moosomin project than a Kinsmen project."



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# Jess Moskaluke concert raises over \$25,000

BY KARA KINNA

The new PotashCorp Rocanville community hall was rocking on Saturday, Dec. 17 as over 700 people dressed in Christmas sweaters packed into the building to hear singer Jess Moskaluke perform at a fundraiser for the new hall and for the Rocanville fire department.

The concert was the first big event held in the hall and the first major fundraiser held for the new hall.

"I'm pretty sure it's safe to say it was a huge success," says Owen Wilson who helped organize the event. "Everybody showed up and everybody behaved. We come out with a lot of money so it worked out really good."

"We still have some bills to pay. But I think we should be close to raising between \$25,000 and \$28,000. The fire department will get 25 percent of that."

Wilson says he was thrilled with the show that Moskaluke put on. A rising Canadian music star who lives in the Rocanville area, Moskaluke donated her time on stage as part of the fundraiser.

"She rocked it just like she always does," says Wilson. "I thought she did great."

"It was kind of a good test. We haven't had anyone in the hall with that kind of set up. It was a good test for the acoustics. I thought it sounded good. I was pretty sure it was going to go well. But when you haven't had anything like that in there, especially with that many people, it is always a question mark. Now we know for next year and it can go from there."

At the culmination of Moskaluke's performance on December 17, Wilson announced to the crowd that they had already booked a performance with country music singer Aaron Pritchett as a fundraiser for December 16, 2017.

"I started hemming and hawing about that two to three months ago, looking for a new performer for next year," he says. "At Craven they announce their headliner the year before. I just thought it would be cool if we did that. Word of mouth travels very quick. I put the thought out to Jess and she gave me a couple of names and we narrowed it down to Aaron Pritchett and I con-



Jess Moskaluke performing in Rocanville on Dec. 17.

tacted his manager and they were good with it and we worked out a deal. Everything worked out the night before the 16th, just before the concert."

Wilson says he has heard only good comments about the concert.

"Everything is positive as far as I've heard. I haven't heard any complaints at all. I've got a few texts, emails, and people seem to be real impressed with how everything went."

Wilson says the fundraising total was more than he could have expected.

"To be honest we didn't have a specific goal. It was just kind of shoot for the stars. Just as long as we don't go in the hole it's a success. Just shoot for the stars. I'm really happy the way it turned out."

The proceeds from the concert will go toward paying for the cost of building the new hall, and will help the fire department purchase new equipment.

"We still have a lot of fundraising to do for the hall," says Wilson. "And the fire department, we were kind of hemming and hawing between a water tanker and upgrading our foam truck—to upgrade the pump in one of our older trucks. It is starting to be a bit of a maintenance issue. We could upgrade it and just kind of put money away for a rainy day, so we have some spare cash."

Wilson says he was happy to see how much support the event received from the community and from the surrounding area, as well as from people from hours away.

"What I was really impressed with was the broad age group. Anybody and everybody came out. Everyone from the community was out there. When I was counting all the tickets from the drum, I was reading names from Moose Jaw, Brandon, etc."

Wilson says Moskaluke was also happy with how the event went.

"I sent a couple texts back and forth with her. She was really impressed with it and happy she could do it. I know that before she was really excited to finally do a home town concert."

After her performance, Moskaluke presented the town with a plaque for her platinum single "Cheap Wine and Cigarettes" as a gift to hang in the hall. The plaque was presented to Wilson, and to Rocanville Mayor Daryl Fingas.



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# Is Canada ready for a Dragon as Conservative leader?

A few Conservative MPs have been out meeting voters and building support for their campaigns for Conservative leader.

Leadership candidate Andrew Scheer even made it out to Moosomin to campaign in the fall.

Scheer has been doing things the old fashioned way and collecting endorsements from MPs, Senators, and MLAs across the country.

He has the support of 19 members of parliament, six former MPs, six senators, and 22 MLAs, including three Saskatchewan Party MLAs from southeast Saskatchewan—Moosomin

MLA Steven Bonk, Melville-Saltcoats MLA Warren Kaeding and Cannington MLA Dan D'Autremont.

Other candidates are doing the same sort of traditional campaigning, securing endorsements from party insiders and politicians.

But this is 2017 and the traditional way of doing things doesn't always work best.

Internal Conservative Party polling shows that a candidate who is not yet officially in the race is in the lead to win the party leadership—Kevin O'Leary.

Last week candidate Lisa Raitt set up a website tak-



Kevin Weedmark

ing aim at Kevin O'Leary—stopkevinoleary.com.

Attacking O'Leary probably isn't the right tack for Raitt—she is simply focusing more attention on him. Attention is what candidates need, especially in a relatively low-key race like the Conservative leadership race has been so far. There are 13 candidates officially running for the leadership and I owe you a

beer if you can name all 13 off the top of your head.

In announcing the website, Raitt called Kevin O'Leary a "TV entertainer with absolutely no filter," and said both he and Kellie Leitch are bringing Donald Trump-style politics to Canada.

"Kevin O'Leary and Kellie Leitch are both taking lessons from what we saw just recently in the U.S. election, and they're embracing the style of negative and, I would say, irresponsible populism," Ms. Raitt told reporters.

"This brand of negative and divisive politics would drive our party right into the ground."

You may have strong opinions one way or another on Donald Trump, but many commentators and opponents said the same thing about him and they were all proved wrong. He won. Comparing Kevin O'Leary to Trump might not work as well as Lisa Raitt hopes.

O'Leary told the Globe and Mail he welcomes the website bringing more attention to his candidacy.

"She can say whatever she likes. I'll speak directly to the voting members myself and the Canadian constituents. I don't need her to interpret my policies for me," he said.

"We're getting some excitement in this debate, finally. We need it badly. We've been ignored by the



Pro and anti-Kevin O'Leary websites. O'Leary is being targeted by the other Conservative leadership candidates as internal Conservative polling shows him in the lead.



public. If I bring some excitement to this, this is fantastic."

While O'Leary hasn't had an official campaign so far, he does have an exploratory committee which has received 22,000 responses from Canadians. The leader will be chosen by Conservative party members on May 27.

O'Leary says he believes in the value of entrepreneurship and small business. "I support any entrepreneur in Canada. That's my army. That's why I'm going to win this leadership race. And that's why I'll be replacing Trudeau. I don't want him painting

any walls until my wife has seen the colours," he said.

O'Leary may be a populist political outsider, but he doesn't like the comparisons to Donald Trump.

"I'm an immigrant. I'm half Lebanese, half Irish. I don't believe in walls. That's my not vision of Canada, never will be. I celebrate our multicultural country because I am part of it and I was given a huge opportunity," he said.

"I'm very, very lucky to be a Canadian. I cherish that. In fact I want to give back. That's why I'm getting into this race. It's not for the salary, I'll tell you that."



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# Schedule firming up for homecoming weekend



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The Moosomin Homecoming Committee and Moosomin School Alumni Association held a meeting on December 8 to continue discussing plans for the reunion being held July 6-9, 2017.

This event will coincide with Canada's 150th birthday and the school's 135th anniversary.

The committee is asking organizations planning public events or func-

tions during the weekend to let them know as soon as possible so that they can include the information in all of their promotion.

"If your organization is thinking of a fundraising event, this weekend would be a great one to capitalize on as there will be many people wandering around our town," says Michele Shaw, secretary of the Moosomin Homecoming Committee and Moosomin School Alumni Association.

"We would like to know about all events happening that weekend so that we can coordinate and help prevent too many events of the same or on at the same time. This will also allow us to figure out what is missing from the weekend and make suggestions to various organizations that would like to make some money that weekend."

The schedule for the weekend is starting to firm up.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

#### THURSDAY, JULY 6

7 pm: Homecoming Registration at PotashCorp Sportsplex. Visitors who

have pre-registered will be able to pick up their packages and those who have not yet registered will be able to do so. Entertainment at the Tim Hortons Park.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 7

10 am: Registration opens for the day at PotashCorp Sportsplex

6:30 pm: Rodeo Events including Beer Gardens and Rodeo Dance

8 pm: Homecoming Dance and Social Evening at Moosomin Convention Centre. Music provided by DJ Doug Hull from Freedom Recording Inc. Bar will be run by the Moosomin Elks.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 8

7-9 am: Firemen's Pancake Breakfast at the Moosomin Fire Hall

8 am: Rodeo Slack

10 am: Moosomin Parade begins

11 am: Moosomin Chamber Ball Drop. Will take place between the school and the Armoury

11 am: Registration opens for the day at the Sportsplex

11:30-2:30: Multi-cultural Luncheon

#### SUNDAY, JULY 9

Tentative: Non-denominational church service

Shaw says volunteers and/or organizations are needed to help with registration, and provide shuttle services to and from the dances, as well as for other events.

Anyone who is planning events for the weekend or who would like to volunteer can contact the committee chairs, Marg Tomlinson at tomlinson@sasktel.net or Sinc Harrison at sinc.gail@sasktel.net.

# \$1 million donation to Elkhorn Foundation

by ED JAMES AND KEVIN WEEDMARK

The Elkhorn Foundation has just received its largest donation ever—\$1 million from the estate of Gilbert Soder in memory of Gilbert and Milburn Soder.

The Soder family has

farmed in the Elkhorn area for 110 years. On Dec. 17, Murray Soder was at the Elkhorn Leisure Centre along with several members of the Soder family and community members for a special presentation to the community.

Before the presentation,

Murray took some time to give a brief history of the family, explaining how the family and farm grew over the years. He recalled the roaring '20s, the stock market crash of '29, the dust bowl of the 1930s and the weekly cream cheque from the Elkhorn Creamery that gave the family a little money to buy the necessary items they could not grow or make on the farm.

He went on to remember family trips to town for shopping at Bartley's General Store, with Mrs. Bartley sometimes babysitting the children as their parents had business at Schoen's blacksmith shop, Vodden's harness shop, or Snyder's livery stable to keep the horses warm and fed in winter, or

sometimes it was a trip to town to do some curing.

When the amount of the donation was announced at the cheque presentation, there were gasps from the crowd.

Murray Soder said the bequest from Milburn and Gilbert should be considered a legacy of the hardships and perseverance of his family in sticking out the hard times with total dedication to making the farm a successful enterprise.

Bob Nesbitt, the first chair of the foundation board and one of the driving members, said, "Since our start in 1999 our ability has grown over the years to help so many projects. The Elkhorn and Area Foundation is a whole community effort, we all

thank you very much."

Following the presentation there was a time for visiting and remembering Millie and Gillie Soder when they farmed in the area.

Brenda Orr, president of the Elkhorn and Area Foundation, said in an interview after the presentation that the donation came as a surprise.

"We got a call from the lawyer's office saying that there was a donation left to us on behalf of the estate of Gilbert Soder and his brother Milburn, and asking if we could set up a presentation—that it was a sizable donation, very newsworthy. We had no idea what we were getting until their brother from B.C. came out to make the presentation and a bunch of their family was there as well."

She said the size of the donation was a big surprise to the foundation board.

"It was a huge surprise," she said. "It was very overwhelming."

"I think it was 1920 when their family had come to the area and then they have just always been around the area since then," she said. "Milburn and Gilbert were bachelors who lived in the Elkhorn area. Milburn passed away a few years ago and then Gilbert just passed away this past year, and they're just getting the estate settled now. They have also made donations to other organizations in town."

She said the foundation has come a long way from 1996-98 when it was set up.

"Our first grant was handed out in 1999. We had \$185 to distribute that first year," she said. "We had Bob Nesbitt as the chairman and Ron Canart was the vice chair and Gail Martin was the secretary. And then they had six

other board members. There were four people in town who donated money and we ended up with \$12,000 to get the foundation set up. From that they could get a matching grant and then they could get the charitable donation number and get all the paperwork in place."

The Foundation has grown substantially since that first \$12,000 was donated.

"As of today's date we are sitting close to \$368,000 in our endowment fund. And in 2016 we handed out \$9,145 in grant money and close to \$2,000 in scholarship money."

"How big a difference will the \$1 million donation make?"

"It's huge," says Brenda. "We won't see any effects of it from this coming year, it will be the following year, because it's always based on your previous calendar year. So the following year is when the grants will triple in size in what we will be able to give out, so it's huge for the Elkhorn area with all the major projects going on. The impact is going to be incredible for our area really, with all the different projects and all the different organizations."

The foundation has supported many projects and organizations in Elkhorn.

"Last year we were very lucky," says Brenda. We had some money to be able to support the spray park. We applied for matching grants from The Community Foundations of Canada 150 Fund. We were able to get one for the spray park and we were also able to get one for Elkhorn District Community Centre to put towards new seating in the waiting room."

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31, 2017. Sign onto your HAL account at <https://saskatchewanlicences.active.com/licensing.page> and click the Hunter Harvest Survey tab on the left-hand side of the page. Hunters may also complete the survey in person at any Ministry of Environment office. If you need help completing the survey online, or are unable to visit a field office to complete your survey, please contact the Active Network Outdoors Help Desk at [ActiveOutdoorsSKWebmaster@ActiveNetwork.com](mailto:ActiveOutdoorsSKWebmaster@ActiveNetwork.com) or 1-888-773-8450 for assistance. As an added incentive, all hunters who complete their hunter harvest survey will be eligible for one of six \$100 gift certificates courtesy of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation.

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# \$1 million donation to Elkhorn Foundation

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The foundation's endowment has been growing.

"Last year was a great year for us because the Thomas Seele Foundation did an initiative for all foundations that if you raised up to \$50,000 they would match 50 cents to every dollar raised. So we did that, we raised \$50,000 and they matched it with \$25,000, so to us that was huge, so that went into our endowment fund as well."

The foundation has programs each year to add to its endowment.

"We do a memory tree every Christmas and that is one of our major fundraisers," said Brenda. "We also get a lot of memorial donations."

She said the foundation is happy to be able to support various organizations in Elkhorn.

"The beauty of the foundation is all organizations in Elkhorn benefit from it, because anyone can apply for it," she said. "We have helped the arena with lighting projects or when they were building new dressing rooms. We helped the curling rink with various projects in the past. We have helped the Elks hall with new fencing and some tables and chairs. We have helped the Legion hall with some tables. We helped the Royal Purple—they needed some new coffee pots and things like that. The library has had several grants, the leisure centre, the handy van, the Elkview Lodge wanted to get new seating for outside. We were able to give some money toward the ball diamonds. So the foundation helps all the organizations in town."

"Over the years I believe it is close \$78,000 that we have handed out in grants. And close to \$21,000 that we have handed out in scholarships."

She said the \$1 million donation will have a major impact on the foundation, and make much more funding available to be granted.

The donation will increase the endowment from \$368,000 to \$1,368,000. The endowment remains in place permanently, and the income earned from it is distributed each year.

"It's huge the impact this is going to have on our community," said Brenda.

"We will be able to help many generations to come now with this money. To have the original board members on hand for the cheque presentation was pretty special because they did so much to get the foundation going," she said. "I think it was pretty overwhelming for them to see this donation, and to know the potential for how much good this can do for the community. There were quite a few tears flowing that day. It was pretty special."

What did she say to thank the family for the donation?

"It was tough to know how to say 'thank you' enough. We had Milburn and Gilbert's brother there, and a lot of nieces and nephews that were there. I basically tried to just say a huge thank you to the family for coming to the presentation, and for the impact we are going to have on the community. I guess everyone is very proud of Elkhorn and our foundation. It's huge that we can keep going forward with this. It was very overwhelming."

Brenda says the donation has been the talk of the town.

"There was a big game on at the rink that night and it was quite a buzz. The rink was packed for it. I think everyone realizes the impact on our community is going to be pretty outstanding over the years."

"With the great volunteer base we have for our town, and this funding to help those volunteers in all those groups, that is great news for Elkhorn."

"It was a pretty exciting day for everyone. It made you feel pretty proud to be part of it all."

Ed James photos

Left: Murray Soder, left, and Wayne Soder. Murray made a presentation to the Elkhorn and Area Foundation in memory of Milburn and Gilbert Soder. Wayne is the third generation of Soders to carry on a 110-year Soder family farming tradition.



Above: Murray Soder, left, presents a cheque for \$1 million to Bob Nesbitt, centre, the first chair of the Elkhorn and Area Foundation, and to Brenda Orr, the current chair of the foundation. The donation is in memory of Milburn and Gilbert Soder, two Elkhorn farmers who, through hard work and despite many hardships, created a successful farming operation.



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# Spring runoff expected to run high

BY NEIL BILLINGER  
A wetter than average summer and plenty of October precipitation in the form of rain or snow could set the stage for a well-above normal runoff in many areas of the province next spring.

The Saskatchewan Water Security Agency recently released a detailed report on precipitation levels, soil moisture conditions and stream flow measurements. The report states soil moisture levels and wetland storage were at or near capacity heading into winter.

"Given the wet landscape that is in a lot of areas, that is the picture we are seeing right now," says Patrick Boyle with the Water Security Agency. "There are a lot of regions in a band from the southwest up through to the northeast where we saw a lot of precipitation in October."

Environment Canada says Moose Jaw and Yorkton had their wettest October in more than a century, with Swift Current hav-

ing its second wettest in 130 years.

The Water Security Agency report indicates "even a normal winter snowpack is expected to result in above normal runoff and amplify ongoing problems at closed basin systems, such as Little Manitou Lake, the Quill Lakes and numerous other water bodies."

Other areas of potential concern include the Swift Current Creek, Wood River, lower Carrot River, Red Deer River, upper Assinaboine River and Swan River basins.

Boyle says the conditions at freeze-up are only one piece of the spring runoff puzzle. "We start with

the fall conditions and then we will have to look at the snow accumulation over the winter, the rate of the melt in the spring and the amount of rainfall during the runoff."

The Water Security Agency staff will measure and assess the snowpack in January before issuing the first Spring Runoff Outlook in early February.

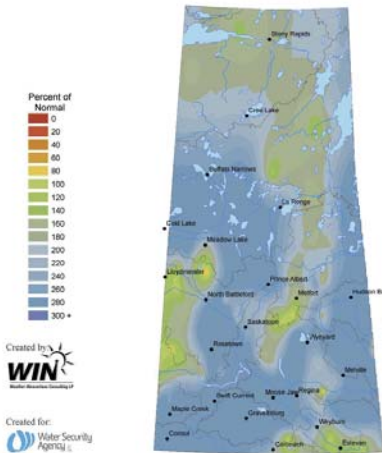


Figure 4: Percent Normal October Precipitation

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JESSE GABRIELLE

Above: Jesse Gabrielle scoring a goal. Gabrielle is currently playing with the WHL's Prince George Cougars this season, with 19 goals and 14 assists in 33 games as of Jan. 9

# Gabrielle signs three-year deal with Bruins

BY CHRISTOPHER L. ISTACE

Former Moosomin resident Jesse Gabrielle and the National Hockey League team that drafted him have agreed to a deal.

The 19-year-old forward, who is currently playing with the Prince George Cougars of the Western Hockey League, signed a three-year, entry-level contract with the Boston Bruins on Dec. 11. The Bruins drafted Gabrielle in 2015 in the fourth round; He was the 105th overall pick.

"I didn't really focus on the negotiations," Gabrielle said while on a road trip with the Cougars last week. "I just let my agent handle it and he did a great job of getting a great contract. He didn't really let me know about it until he was sure we would be ready to sign."

Gabrielle is a six-foot, 205-pound left-winger entering his second season with the Cougars.

After 33 games, as of Jan. 9 he had scored 19 goals, adding 14 assists for a total of 33 points.

Last season, Gabrielle was the team's second best scorer with 40 goals and 35 assists for 75 points in 72 games. He ended the season by playing three games in the American Hockey League on an amateur try-out agreement with the Providence Bruins.

"I played a couple of exhibition games this year, too and may have a chance to go up at the end of the season," Gabrielle said, noting that returning to the AHL was not his priority at the moment.

"Hopefully, our team (the Cougars) will go a little longer into the playoffs this year ... Before signing, obviously, everyone who's drafted is looking to play the best they can to get a contract, but at the same time, they want to help their team be the best in the league. Now that the contract is signed, I want to be the best player I can for this team."

The 2016-2017 season is Gabrielle's fourth in the WHL. He previously played with the Regina Pats and the Brandon

Wheat Kings, collecting a career total of 94 goals and 83 assists for 177 points and 324 penalty minutes.

Last season, the Cougars were swept by the Seattle Thunderbirds in the first round of WHL playoffs after Prince George earned a post-season berth in a Western Conference Wild Card spot. This year—as of the Christmas break—Gabrielle's squad led the B.C. Division and topped the entire league with 26 wins, eight losses and two overtime

losses for 54 points.

"The team is doing a good job right now, and, hopefully, we'll go as long as we possibly can and win a championship this year," said Gabrielle.

"We're an older team with a lot of returning guys who are more mature about playing the right way every night. We're a bigger, stronger, older team and our chemistry works. We have four solid lines and anyone can play with anyone, which has been big for our success."

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# Provincial award for Mike Schwean

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK  
Moosomin rec director Mike Schwean has been presented with the Award of Merit from the Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals.

Shelley Thoen-Chaykoski of SARP travelled to Moosomin to present the award Wednesday, Jan. 4. "Annually the Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals seeks out deserving individuals to be recognized by their employers and their peers in the field for doing outstanding work within the rec and leisure field," she said.

"The award of Merit is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions at the local, regional, provincial, and/or national level. Someone whose contributions will make a lasting impact for future professionals or provide an example for younger professionals in the field. Someone who has provided the optimal recreation and leisure opportunities for their community. The Association of Recreation Professionals strives to support the professionals who continue to make a difference within their communities, and ensure they are given the proper recognition for the countless hours they put into providing for the health and welfare of citizens in their communities."

"Nominated by the town of Moosomin recreation committee, the outline of Mike's contributions dates back to 1988. He has been here in Moosomin since 1990. Mike is truly the perfect recipient for this award. It is very evident to see his pride in the partnerships he has forged, and his ability to work in the community with the members of the community to achieve great success. He is one of the best."

Thoen-Chaykoski said she believes Mike Schwean is a deserving recipient of the award. "I've known Mike for many years, and during my tenure as a municipal recreation director, I utilized his expertise lots, in facility management, construction and operation, in the area of aquatics," she said. "Not just me but people like me in communities all over the province have borrowed Mike's expertise. I know from conversation with Mike that the phone rings from neighboring communities, and you don't say no, you try to help them out. He's been a huge help to those communities as well."

"A long time friend of mine, her mom had the attitude that community service is the rent that we pay for our time on earth. I would venture to guess that Mike's rent is well on its way to being paid."

"Community service and the passion and the dedication that he has shown is second to none. We are all proud of him. Having been in his boots, having worked a long time in a rural community

I know the hours and the time and the dedication that it takes, and I also know that there's a family at home that has shared him with the community. It's important to thank your family for sharing you so you can do the best you can for your community."

Schwean said the award means a lot to him. "I was on the SARP board for six years and I know the people who have won this award in the past have always been pretty distinguished people in the province. It's an honor to win an award like that. To be honored by your peers is always kind of special."

"After the year we had last year it was a nice gesture for the rec committee to nominate me. Terry (Lynd) I know spearheaded that—he was chair of the rec committee. It was probably as nice a gesture as they could do for me, so I really appreciate that."

Schwean says he doesn't think many people realize the role of a rec director in a community.

"I don't think most people have any idea," he said. "There's so much involved."

"A lot of times rec directors are hired into a wide scope of other jobs because there is so much involved—there's so much troubleshooting, and planning, and budgeting, and there are so many things that pop up that you have to deal with," said Schwean. "If you don't like it you will never last."

Schwean has served for decades as Moosomin's recreation director, filling the job since 1990.

"I really enjoy it," he says. "Tennis and I have talked over the years about moving, but I like my job and she likes her job, and now I'm invested

to the point that in a way I think of the town rec facilities as my facilities."

Following is Mike's nomination from the town recreation committee:

**PROVINCIAL:**  
Member of SARP since 1999, on the board for seven years, chairperson of finance for four years  
Member of SPRA, on the board for six years, currently on SPRA advisory council  
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**MUNICIPAL:**  
Mike has been the driving force behind a huge upgrade in recreational facilities and programs in the Town of Moosomin over the past number of years.

He took control for the local swimming pool which was closed for two years before Mike arrived in town. Since that time the pool has been turned into an amazing facility and provided over 500 swimming lessons this summer.

Mike supervised the development and upgrade of Bradley Park which is the location of the community outdoor diamonds/fields. During Mike's tenure the park has seen three excellent fastball diamonds (two with lights), two baseball diamonds, football field (lights), outdoor arena (lights) all develop. As well there is a soccer pitch, tennis courts and a picnic/park area currently under development.

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Moosomin recreation director Mike Schwean, left, was presented with the Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals Award of Merit on Jan. 4. From left are Mike, Shelley Thoen-Chaykoski of the Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals, who presented the award, and former councillor Terry Lynd, who nominated Mike for the award.

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# Producer workshop held in Whitewood

Eastern Lower Qu'Appelle Agri-Environmental Group held their annual workshop on December 14 in Whitewood at the Legion Hall. Approximately 20 producers braved the cold temperatures.

There was a great line-up of speakers in attendance as well as sponsorship support from local businesses. Crop Production Services was the main sponsor for the event. As well, they donated a pail of ice melt for a door prize. Borderland Co-op sponsored the lunch for all in attendance. As well they donated a \$100 co-op gift card. Moosomin Federated Feed Mill donated a mineral lick tub for a door prize.

The morning started out with Blain Hjertass, certified educator on holistic management, on the topic of rejuvenating grass. Blain discussed the benefits of pasturing animals in smaller paddocks while moving them daily to new areas. In his slide show, Blain showed us the regrowth availability and potential health benefits to the land as well as the plants.

Natasha Wilkie, livestock specialist with the Ministry of Agriculture, spoke on summer grazing and nutritional aspects needed to consider for livestock. Natasha also discussed the benefits of good drinking water, why you should test your livestock's water source for health and fertility.

Rob Walcer from the Water Security Agency was in attendance to discuss the importance of protecting water sources. Rob explained the procedures to proper well decommissioning and why they are in place. With proper well decommissioning was also discussed a funding source through the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program. Producers can apply for approvals to decommission their old or unused wells. If done in accordance to WSA,

there is a rebate of 90 per cent up to a cap of \$10,000, although some conditions apply.

Sandy Russell from Spring Creek Consulting spoke of marketing cattle in interesting times. Sandy discussed the market trends in cattle, why we have seen the spikes and drops in pricing and where we go from there. Also discussed was the importance of knowing your costs. Needing to know the cost to produce the animal is as important as knowing how or when to market the cattle.

Charlotte Ward, Regional Forage Specialist from the Ministry of Agriculture, was in attendance to talk on the value of a fertility plan. Charlotte discussed the scenarios to new forage crops with and without fertilizer, and what the benefits of each scenario were. Also discussed was the importance of having a fertility plan and being profitable on the farm.

Shawna Green, ELQ group plan advisor, spoke on programs and funding opportunities through the Growing Forward 2 Initiative. Also discussed were eligibility requirements as well as programs and how producers can apply to obtain approvals for funding initiative returns based on beneficial management practices, such as creek and stream crossing repairs with pre-approval based on 50 per cent with a cap of 20,000; also relocation of livestock confinement facilities for environmental benefits with pre-approval based on 60 per cent up to \$50,000, just to name a few.

Any questions on programs and funding or for a full list, contact Shawna at 306-434-8690, email shawna.green@lqws.ca or Bonnie at 306-795-7279, email bonnie.mandziak@lqws.ca or visit the Government of Saskatchewan website at [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca).

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# Provincial award for Mike Schwean

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In 2011 the Moosomin Conexus Convention Centre was built and attached to the Moosomin Communiplex. With the addition of this multi-purpose facility recreational programming continued to expand under Mike's guidance to the point where the building is used almost every evening by various groups during the winter for a number of different activities.

In 2014 the town took over control for the local bowling alley which was facing closure. Under Mike's guidance bowling has started to see resurgence in the community and will soon be integrated with the Moosomin PotashCorp Sportsplex.

As 2016 comes to a close the Town of Moosomin is preparing to open the new PotashCorp Sportsplex which will be one of a kind for rural Saskatchewan. Mike has been the leader in this endeavor from the beginning.

When this facility opens it will integrate with the bowling alley to create recreation opportunities for young and old in the community. This facility is being recognized by SPRA with the 2016 Cecil Nobes Facility Award of Excellence.

**PERSONAL:**

After graduation from Herbert High School in 1983 Mike attended the University of Regina where he graduated with a Bachelor of Physical Activity Studies with a Major in Recreational Administration.

Mike began his recreational career in Eatonina where he spent two years before making the move to Moosomin in the spring of 1990.

Mike has been heavily involved in the recreational opportunities that Moosomin offers. He has enjoyed fast-ball, hockey and fishing.

He has sat on numerous local boards including minor hockey, minor ball and senior hockey.

During his time in Moosomin Mike has been recognized on a number of occasions with different awards. Four of these awards that really stand out were:

- 2005: Presented with the Centennial Leadership Award/Medal from the Province
- 2005: During Moosomin's Centennial Celebrations Mike was recognized as one of the "Top 10 Most Influential Citizens of All Time" and received the Moosomin Centennial Premiers Award.
- 2011: RBC Local Hockey Leader Provincial Award.
- 2011: Presented with the Southeast Connection Sports Award for contributions to the Development of Sport.

He has been heavily involved with the Moosomin Moose Fraternity, a community group with has raised over one million dollars over the last few years, funds which have been turned back into the community, most notably the Southeast Integrated Health Care Facility.

Mike was married in 1998 and he and his wife Tannis have two sons, Jory and Jevon.

**CONCLUSION:**

There is no question that Mike Schwean has been a huge contributor to recreation not only in Moosomin but the province as well. He has provided the initiative, inspiration and leadership necessary to provide strong

recreation opportunities for his community and province. It is for the above reason that we feel Mike deserves the 2016 Award of Merit.



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"These changes reinforce that driving when you've been drinking is the wrong decision," Minister responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave said. "Tougher consequences around vehicle seizures, licence suspensions and mandatory ignition interlock drive home the point that you risk not only your life but the lives of everyone else on the road when you choose to drive impaired. Don't risk it. Make a New Year's resolution to plan a sober ride—every time—so you and others get home safely."

Changes build on laws implemented in 2014 to strengthen impaired driving legislation in Saskatchewan.

Starting January 1: Experienced drivers who are charged for the first time with having

a blood alcohol content (BAC) over .04 will have their vehicle seized for three days;

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Ignition interlock laws will be the strongest in Canada, with mandatory ignition interlock for drivers who register a BAC of .16 or greater or refuse to provide a breath sample (first offence - two years; second offence - five years; third and subsequent offence - 10 years).

"If you're 21 or under or a new driver, remember that zero tolerance means you can't consume any alcohol or drugs before driving," Hargrave said.

Safe ride options include: taking the bus with Ding in the New Year in Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw and Prince Albert; Operation Red Nose in Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and The Battlefords; planning for a designated driver or using a designated driving service; calling a cab, friend or family

member for a ride; or, planning to spend the night. Residents are reminded they can report suspected impaired drivers to police by calling 9-1-1.

In 2015 in Saskatchewan, there were nearly 1,200 impaired driving collisions, killing 54 people and injuring 580 others.

**New cellphone law also in effect**

A new cellphone law is also in effect January 1. To help prevent distracted driving, the cellphone law is expanding from "using" a cellphone while driving to "holding, viewing, using or manipulating" a cellphone while driving.


The following applies under both the current and new cellphone law:

All drivers are prohibited from using hand-held cellphones. Experienced drivers can use hands-free devices, but new drivers can't.

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# CWE wrestling coming to Moosomin

BY KARA KINNA

For the first time ever, Moosomin will be one of the stops for the Canadian Elite Wrestling (CWE) tour, with a show taking place in Moosomin on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at the Conexus Convention Centre.

Moosomin will be one of the stops on the New Heights tour, which is taking place across Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Danny Warren, the owner and operator of the CWE, and a professional wrestler himself, says CWE wrestling is growing in popularity and it was time to add more towns to the tour.

"CWE started in Winnipeg eight years ago in

January. We started off just running small monthly events in Winnipeg that quickly caught fire and became popular here," says Warren. "So we brought the show on the road and eight years later we are touring four different provinces—Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and soon to be B.C. before 2017 is done.

"Originally it was based with mainly Manitoba with wrestlers based out of Winnipeg but for this tour coming through Moosomin we have got wrestlers coming from across North America and even Japan. Everybody is from somewhere different. We just announced the other day that we have a

big star from Japan coming on his first Canadian tour ever. We are really excited to have him."

Warren says there are lots of small, independent wrestling organizations,

but the CWE is one of the only ones, aside from the WWE, that tours in Canada.

"There are thousands of wrestling organizations in the world. Every state and

province and country has their own regional area wrestling organizations. But CWE is the only wrestling organization company outside of WWE in North America that tours

regularly," says Warren. "We are the only ones who go out on the road and do it day in and day out."

This latest tour will include 12 shows in 12 days. *Continued on Page 27*

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# New local business in RM of Pipestone

The RM of Pipestone council has approved the sale of a commercial lot in Reston, Manitoba for a new building supply business.

The founders of VanCo Building Supplies and RTM Sales are originally from Reston and have a sentimental connection to the community.

"It was hard to pass up the opportunity to invest in the community where our roots are from," stated owner Mike Vandenberghe.

VanCo has started to gather a crew, and will be hiring more local crew as needed. The Vandenberghe's see a tremendous amount of opportunity in the area.

"The RM has an aggressive method in economic development. We saw promise in doing business here with the RM's constructive approach to marketing and the economic development programs available," says Vandenberghe.

VanCo Building Supplies and RTM Sales has started construction in the RM of Pipestone. They will be selling building supplies to the general public as well as to contractors throughout western Canada. They will move in a temporary office to allow the start of sales. The pre-sale of RTM packages and garage packages will initiate in the spring season. This year they will be starting to manufacture RTM homes on the Reston

The Vandenberghe brothers, who are the owners and operators of VanCo.



property. Construction of the show room and retail rental spaces will also begin this spring. The two retail rental spaces are in a strategic location, as they are situated along provincial Highway 2.

VanCo is family owned and operated by brothers Mike, Darek and Stephen Vandenberghe. Darek will

be overseeing the building supply company and RTM crews; Stephen will be managing the project

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# Wedding Guide

## The top ten wedding to-do's



He has finally proposed? Then your top priority is to do a bit of bragging and tell everyone the good news! Once your initial excitement has calmed down a

touch, though, you'll have to take time to do some serious thinking. There are so many details to plan, a budget to draw up, and deadlines to be met: it seems so over-

whelming. If you are finding it hard to get some traction and launch your wedding planning, here are ten tips to give you some direction and help you get moving.

1. Establish your budget per guest. In fact, this is the perfect time to draw up your guest list.

2. Order your invitations, being careful to include your names, the date, time, and place of the wedding and reception, as well as the date by which you need to receive replies. Being clear about this will

help you save a lot of precious time and money. Be sure to include stamped, addressed envelopes if you can.

3. The reception hall is often one of the biggest expenses, so be sure to

reserve one as quickly as possible. If you want to keep expenses down, think about holding the reception at a family home or in a garden.

4. Creating a good atmosphere is just as important as choosing a caterer, although you don't want to skimp on food either. To cut costs, consider serving fewer courses, with a focus on excellent quality instead of quantity.

5. Make up or order wedding favours for your guests. These are put with their place setting or offered at the end of the reception. Let your imagination run wild: you could offer small homemade soaps, candles, local produce in mini format, bath pearls, or small boxes of candies. It can also be fun to have a "retro" favour, such as a pack of matches with the bride and groom's names embossed on the matchbook cover.

6. Give yourself enough time to find a wedding gown that really suits your personality. It is also possible to rent a dress for the occasion, much as your beloved can buy or rent his tuxedo.

7. Book your hair, make-up, esthetician, and manicure appointments several

weeks before the wedding. If possible, plan a test run.

8. Put all your heart into writing down the vows that you would like to make during the marriage ceremony. If you plan to make a speech at the reception, be sure to get that down in writing as well.

9. Plan the reception down to the last detail: create the atmosphere you like with suitable music, entertainment, and a décor that matches your personality. (Don't forget to decorate the bathrooms, a place everyone will see at some point!)

10. Organize your honeymoon so that you can celebrate your new life together. And while we're talking weddings, here are a few other tips to keep in mind:

- Avoid giving important jobs to the parents of the

bride and groom—unless they really want to be involved that way. Instead, let them enjoy being with the guests.

- If you intend to create a gift list, be sure to put it on the internet so that it will be easily accessible to everyone.

- If small children will be at the reception, plan to have a space available where they can play and a quiet room where they can sleep.

- Take photographs of your hair and makeup test runs so you can choose the perfect combination when you're well rested. Prepare a make-up kit for any touch-up jobs on your big day.

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All you have to do is set up a table somewhere in the reception hall, decorate it with a tablecloth or tissue paper of different textures and colours, put your candies in large, attractive candy jars, and place them on the table. Or you can use a variety of models, sizes, and shapes of pots, vases, plates, and bowls to organize your candy bar. It's even possible to rent them if you don't think you'll use them again.

You could layer pretty candies in tall vases or thread an assortment of jujubes on skewers to fashion sweet kebabs that you can arrange on plates. Don't forget to leave small containers or bags so guests can take some home as a wedding favour. And be sure to place little scoops and spoons around the bar for hygienic reasons.

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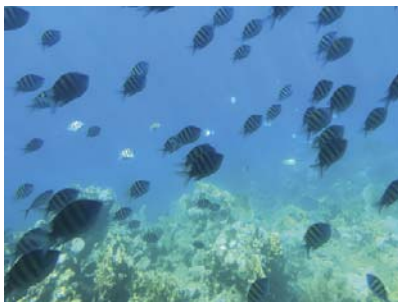
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able in certain markets and put them on television. And it has given a lot of exposure to us small guys that are producing a lot of these guys. A lot of the talent you see on WWE now will have actually been through the doors of CWE along the way of getting to WWE. So it has really lent some credibility to us and

given some guys some opportunities.

"Every major company in North America now has a streaming service or they have a Youtube channel so you can watch wrestlers from any part of the world... Now it's so accessible and it's promoted to you on the internet and social media and things like that. Thousands and hundreds of wrestling companies are now getting exposure that they once didn't."

Warren says some big names will be part of the show coming to Moosomin.

"There are some really big international stars coming on this tour. Our headliner's name is ACH. He is fresh out of the company called Ring of Honor which is the second biggest company in the world right under WWE. He was under contract with them for years, and he just became a free agent and we've snapped him up and signed him up for his first Canadian tour.

"We've got another guy that goes by the name of Jason The Gift Kincaid. He has been with us for a few years. He just signed his first wrestling contract in

the U.S. a couple of weeks ago so we're really excited for him because he is from West Virginia and he has been coming up and doing the trips of Canada for almost three years.

"He's just a really unique and special talent and finally got his big break, so this will be his first tour after getting that contract. We are really excited to see him and congratulate him in person.

"If you are a wrestling fan these are definitely names you're going to recognize. We do tours with lots of the legends as well. We have a big convention coming up in February where we have a lot of the eighties and nineties names like Ricky the Dragon Steamboat and Bobby the Brain Eden. We will be coming back to Moosomin in spring and we will probably be having a legend headline that event. It will be our official eighth anniversary tour the next time we come in on tour."

Warren says the CWE tour has often passed by Moosomin on the highway on its return to Winnipeg, but with the tour growing larger, it was decided to add Moosomin on the circuit.

"As we continued to grow the company, we figured we are driving right through Moosomin and it's right along the highway and it's a big town, let's give it a try," says Warren. "There have got to be some wrestling fans there, and sure enough there has been. There has been a really good response so far.

"Just through our social media advertising we have done so far, we have a lot of fans from Moosomin get involved in our network and let us know they are excited about the event and they got their tickets. So we are hoping with the newspaper advertising as well, the entire town

will know and it will be a success and we can make Moosomin a permanent stop on the tour throughout 2017."

Warren says fans are in for an entertaining show that is fit for all ages.

"It's a two hour event. It's all ages. Mom and dad can bring their children but it's also fun for adults too," he says.

"It's definitely high energy. The roster of wrestlers are all very young and athletic and that's what's really cool about the genre of entertainment wrestling is. It's showmanship, it's athletics, it's hard hitting, it's got comedy involved. We bring all aspects and bring them together for that two hour show so you are going to see some really cool athletic beats.

"You're going to laugh, you're going to cringe. Overall, you're going to enjoy your two hours in your escape from reality for the night."

Warren says some people may not think wrestling is their thing, but he says those people should give the CWE show a chance.

"Wrestling on the surface isn't for everybody," he says, "but professional wrestling, once seen live and in person, is like no other entertainment you are going to experience. I'm very confident and the proof has been in the pudding with what we've been doing for eight years. If we get you in the door that first time, it's highly likely you're going to come back a second and third time. Because seeing live professional wrestling is such a fun unique experience you are going to remember and enjoy with your family and friends.

"So take a leap of faith, give us a chance, and let's put Moosomin on the schedule for 2017 and beyond."



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