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Some photos of the Winter Wonderland event at Moosomin Regional Park last year. The event included skating, horse drawn wagon rides, and a bonfire with hot chocolate and marshmallows.



Winter Wonderland set for Moosomin Regional Park

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

There will be an all-day Winter Wonderland event on Sunday January 22, at the Moosomin Regional Park. The day will consist of dog sled rides, skating on the lake, a 50/50 draw, sleigh rides, servings of hot chocolate, along

with other fun winter activities organized by the Moosomin & District Regional Park.

"The dog sled rides start from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We're also going to serve hot dogs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day, and we'll be serving hot chocolate all throughout

the day," said Kathy Doane, one of the organizers for the event.

"We're really excited about the dog sleds. We've heard quite a few people commenting saying they're coming, and that they would love to see this."

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Saskatchewan singer-songwriter JJ Voss

SCMA Male Artist of the Year JJ Voss coming to Moosomin

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Singer-songwriter JJ Voss will be performing at the Conexus MCC Centre on Saturday, February 4, along with Lachlan Neville. Kevin Weedmark and Kara Kinna spoke to him about his career and the upcoming show. Following is the full interview.

Tell us first of all how this concert came about. Is this part of a tour?

Yes and no. I was booked in Swan River for the Friday night and I had been talking with Joel and Jarrod at the Cork & Bone Bistro a couple of times over the last couple of years, about a date that would work when I'm passing through or in the vicinity. I was heading east so I called them up and asked if we could do something together and they were happy to work out a plan.

Do you do a lot of touring and a lot of shows?

I do. Prior to the pandemic I had to take some time off from my career because I had some health issues that I had to deal with. My touring at that point had kind of ground to a halt. Then I had a new record lined up and ready to drop and it came out the same week that the whole world shut down because of Covid. It was an exercise of patience for two years not being able to do anything but I'm happy to say that after, once we were able, there was a window in 2021 for a few months when the restrictions were off, I played quite a few shows in that window and then last year, kind of right through to the end of October I hit it pretty hard.

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"The dog sleds will be first come, first served. We'll be selling tickets for \$10 a person."

The organization hosting the dog sleds will be coming from St. Malo, Manitoba.

Last year was the first time the park hosted the all-day Winter Wonderland event and because of the great turnout, Doane said they decided to host it again.

"It turned out really good last year. We had quite a few people ask us if we were putting it on again so we thought we would try it," she said.

"It's beautiful down here in the winter time just as much as it is in the summer. There's enough of us down here now, we thought we can sort of it show it off."

"Last year it was held on a bit of a cooler day, we're hoping for a warmer day this time, but the horse sleighs went over really well. A lot of people enjoyed

that."

There were about 150 people who attended the event last year, Doane said.

"We have no idea how many people to expect this year, the dog sled owner said they've done up to 400 rides," she said.

"It will be a nice day to get some fresh air. Kids enjoy the snow, I think it will be a nice laid back day."

"People can just come out and enjoy their day. There's not really a scheduled time, you can come out for hot chocolate when you want to, there will be bon fires for people to sit around, people can take the sleigh rides whenever they want to."

Doane spoke about how the district came up with the idea to host a Winter Wonderland.

"There's so much going on in the summer down here, but there's not that much in the winter. We just

thought it might be nice to see more people enjoy winter time down here as much as summer," she said.

"We got a lot of good feedback from last year. There were people coming out here that we realized would never expect, from places like Carlyle."

"That's why we're feeling that this year we're going to draw a bigger crowd."

Doane was asked if the group plans to make Winter Wonderland an annual event.

"As things go, I think we probably will. There will be skating that day too, kids can bring their skates out," said Doane.

"There's also a lot of fishermen out here now for ice fishing. Depending on the snow that day too, we were thinking of making little tobogganing hills."

"There's so many things to do that day, it sort of just pulls it all together."



This year, the Moosomin & District Regional Park will be offering dog sled rides at this year's Winter Wonderland.



There will be free hot chocolate throughout the day at Winter Wonderland on Sunday January 22.



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"He's so encouraging to entrepreneurs and his story is inspiring. He's reached huge levels of success, but he loves to give back."

Kim McConnell is the founder and the former CEO of AdFarm, one of the largest and most respected agri-food marketing communications firms in North America.

Over the years, Kim has led many national and international brand and marketing assignments and has been the catalyst

behind many major industry ventures including an initiative to build greater public trust in food and farming.

Kim is also the recipient of many national business awards including Agri-Marketer of the Year and the Canadian Youth Business Foundation "Mentor of the Year." In 2012 he was inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame. And in 2017 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada.

Kim is a director on a number of corporate boards throughout North America, and a director on community organizations including Calgary Stampede Foundation, Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI), and the Chair of the Canadian Centre for Food Integrity.

Kim and his wife Carolyn reside on an acreage near Okotoks, Alberta but will always call Hamiota, Manitoba home. He has three children and two grandchildren.

The Southwest Business and Entrepreneur Expo is a business education event with speakers, entrepreneur panel, trade show, workshop sessions and a pitch competition with real cash awards. It is for any business owner or anyone thinking about starting a business. More information can be found at www.swbusinessexpo.com.

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JJ Voss coming to Moosomin

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 Where has your career taken you? I know you've been getting a lot of recognition in the country music world in that last little bit. Thank you, well for where it takes me—for me it's making a living and following my creativity and being true to myself and what I want to say through my music. I don't have management or booking agents, that type of thing. I've always been very adamant that I'm doing this for a reason and I want to do it on my own terms.

Is it just the last couple of years here that you've gotten quite a lot of recognition and a few SCMA awards?

At SCMA the members have been good to me. I think in total since I've started releasing, I've won eight awards but in the last couple of years I won four or something like that. Awards aren't my motivating factor, they aren't what get my up in the morning, but I can't lie, it does feel good when your peers give you a pat on the back and you get recognized for your work. From a business standpoint I'd be lying if I didn't say that they are very, very beneficial. It really helps to fill up your calendar with live shows.

How would you describe your show and your career right now, JJ?

That's a very tough question to answer. I've been doing it a long time and you know I'm not in my 20s anymore. I would say that I've established a very loyal fan base of people who like what I have to say in my songs and who the music seems to speak to and I'm very grateful for that because it allows me to make a living. So going forward I would like to expand my touring radius and my fan base and the trick with that is staying consistent and following up on the momentum that I've managed to achieve over the last few years.

Is there a bit of a buzz when you're performing live? There are some artists who say they feed off the energy of the crowd and others who say that they're up there on the stage doing their thing and they have to focus on their music and not the crowd. Which camp do you fall into?

The live music experience is all about energy exchange. It's about giving the crowd your energy and putting your heart on the line. If they reciprocate and bring it back to you, that's a conversation that you're having. Although in fairness, there are some nights where you go and sing your heart out and tell all of your best jokes and try your damndest and it doesn't feel like it's coming back to you—that definitely does happen, but there's no substitute for the energy exchange when a crowd is giving you back what you're giving to them. It feels incredible and I think that's the magic of live music. I think that's why live performance will never die.

For those who aren't super familiar with your

music, your show in Moosomin—can you describe what they're going to see and what type of music they're going to hear?

I play two sets of songs and it's probably a 70/30 per cent split of my own songs and I play some covers of artists that have influenced me over the years, plus other artists that I admire or very much respect nowadays. So I try to balance it between telling my own stories and then also giving some background on what's influenced me and what has kind of created my art.

Who are some of the artists who have influenced you?

Early on Steve Earle would've been one of my biggest heroes. As songwriters Blue Rodeo, Charlie Major of course and Gordon Lightfoot. Then from a musical standpoint, because before I got into being a singer/songwriter artist, I travelled for a long time in bands. I was a guitar player as a side guy in many different bands. So then as far as learning how to play the music craft, I would say that it's from Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Blackhawk, and also Alabama to a certain degree when I was young.

What do you hope that your audience takes away from your show?

Well I guess number one is that I hope they're entertained. I hope that they had a good time. But also I hope that I make them think a little bit. I touch on some topics in my songs that may be a little bit uncomfortable to some people and maybe people won't necessarily agree with what I have to say in my songs, but I like to think that at the end of the day they leave entertained and they might think a little bit. There are some songs that tug at the emotional heartstrings, so again I hope that they leave with an overall positive experience.

In your songwriting is there an overall message or theme that you're trying to get across with your various songs or is each one its own story?

The current album, the one I released in 2020, was almost like a theme record. It was addressing all of the divisions and all of the bad feelings that seem to have manifested over the course of the last ten years. Obviously social media plays a huge role in that, but the world is in a very divided place and it has been for the last decade. That record was very much addressing those topics but overall it's just my experience in where I come from. I grew up on a small farm and my parents had four quarters of land. We had to work very hard and we were kind of the underdogs, it seemed. I've always had sympathy or empathy for the underdog and I guess being a Saskatchewan Roughrider fan to the core—I probably don't have to say much more.

So with the songs that I write and the music, I try to, well it's basically my take on the world through my lens.

Of the songs that you've written, is there one that you're most proud of?

Before my father passed away in 2013, I wrote a tune called "It's a Pride Thing" and I'm happy that we were able to get that song recorded and released out to the world before he passed.

My current song that I have out now is called "A Letter to Dad." Asking to choose between your songs is kind of like asking a parent to choose between their kids. It's tough to answer, but the current single is basically an update to my dad because as I said, he passed away ten years ago and we're trying as a family to keep the farm in our name. We've got the land rented out and as siblings we're trying to figure out how we can maintain this into the future. So I wrote this song basically as an update to him—so right now I would have to say that my song "A Letter to Dad" is probably one that I'm most partial to.

We were just watching the video of that one this afternoon. It's very moving. Are you looking forward to coming out to Moosomin?

I am. I haven't played in Moosomin now since probably 2013 or 2014. That's a long time ago. We played in the theatre as part of an OSAC tour with the Arts Council. We had a great crowd, over 200 people in the hall that night. We had a really good night and for whatever reason, I haven't been back so I'm really looking forward to coming back to town.

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The Bromantics promise a fun show on Feb. 4.

Bromantics coming to Maryfield Auditorium

The Bromantics are coming to Maryfield on Saturday, February 4.

Formed in the summer of 2013, The Bromantics are a Saskatchewan six-piece band that performs timeless music from the 50's and 60's.

They have also begun writing original music along the same vein, following similar structures.

With high-energy sax overtop vintage guitar tones accompanied by classic style harmonies, The Bromantics are reviving the era with a youthful energy.

They recently recorded live sessions through Blue Door Studios in collaboration with Nyshe Productions and intend to record a debut EP in the near future.

They have been performing regularly since they formed and are only gaining more momentum.

The contagious genre of music, combined with their high energy stage per-

formances, has succeeded in creating a nostalgic atmosphere and guarantees to have everybody twistin' the night away!

The group is comprised of Gregg Gower on keys, Justin Hauck on drums, Jim Mitchell on bass/vocals, Kurt Gillett on saxophone/vocals, Rob Haakenson on guitar/vocals, and Tim Lynchuk on lead vocals.

From Louis Prima to Ben E. King, and everything in between, the Bromantics pay tribute to the bands that started it all, and perform originals as well.

Lorraine Fidelak, with the Maryfield Auditorium committee, says the show will be a fundraiser to help the auditorium committee do exterior renovations on the building, which needs new siding, windows and doors. She estimates the project will cost the committee around \$100,000.

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A warm welcome to Moosomin

An event to welcome new Ukrainians to Moosomin was held Thursday, December 8. Olha Volokh is one of the new Ukrainians who spoke about her experience coming to Moosomin. This is what she had to say:

When the war started on February 24th, our country was engulfed in fear and chaos. It has been an intense time when you started realizing that your life, your hopes and dreams don't mean a thing anymore. Many Ukrainians had to leave their homes to survive. Many of us decided to stay ...

My family and I didn't leave Ukraine initially, so we could help and support each other. Despite the daily alarms, that literally inflame your brain, and the constant feeling of anxiety, caused by everyday horrible news, disturbing calls from your family and friends in different parts of Ukraine, and missile attacks, we continued to help all the displaced Ukrainians from the Kharkiv, Sumy, Chernihiv, Donbas, Kherson, Mykolaiv, and Odessa regions. I remember making camouflage nets for our military, and kids were drawing pictures to support our soldiers in the war zones. We were donating money, food and clothes to all in need. You just can't stand aside and watch, when your soul is aching seeing all this violence from Russians, destroying whole towns and villages, killing our people! The whole Ukrainian nation became extremely united from the very first minute of the war.

It's been almost six months since the war started, when the Russians began their attacks on the nuclear power plant in Zaporizhzhia that could cause irreversible consequences to the whole of Europe. It was the first time the thought crept into my head—I should leave our homeland for my child's sake. In addition, the closer winter was, the more obvious was the fact that Russians will use it as a weapon against us. And now Russia is attacking our power plants every week and all Ukrainian citizens are left without electricity, water and central heating for the majority of the day.

In July I decided to look for a place to relocate. The Canadian government is very supportive of Ukrainians and launched a special program—the Canada-Ukraine Authori-



Olha and Zlata Volokh speaking at the Dec. 8 event

zation for Emergency Travel—that allows living and legally working in Canada for three years.

Canada is a beautiful, peaceful country with the nicest people, so I decided to look for a job in Canada. My very first zoom job interview was with Kevin and Kara from the World-Spectator and it was perfect! I was blessed to meet these wonderful people and I can't thank them enough for all the support!

After spending a few months in Poland doing paperwork and getting Canadian visas, my daughter Zlata and I finally arrived in Canada on November 3. We were impressed by the Canadian hospitality from the very first step off the plane. The flight attendants gave candies to my daughter; the taxi driver made a little tour around Regina for us. It was a touching experience.

The next morning Roman Chernykh, a member of the

Moosomin Ukrainian Community, welcomed us and brought us from Regina to Moosomin, as well as helped us to settle down.

He booked a hotel room for us on the very first night, and is supporting us a lot till now! Roman and his wife Marina have been working hard to welcome new Ukrainians to Moosomin; organizing and hosting fundraising events to benefit the Ukrainian nation and military. Sheilaigh, the Housing Authority manager, provided a beautiful house for us to stay in. We're really grateful for that! New displaced Ukrainians Roman and Julia, Ivan and Diana helped us a lot with furniture and paperwork. They are still helping us so much!

I remember our first day in Moosomin, stepping inside this cozy but completely empty house, I saw a gorgeous orchid flower on the table and I felt this warm feeling of happiness inside of me that I thought I would never experience again. A bit later, when I realized that the fridge and cupboards are also stocked with food, I literally burst into tears—we are welcomed here! Kevin and Kara really made a tremendous job to help us feel like home again.

The next day we were at MacLeod School and the principal Mrs. Tammy Cole gave us the most warm welcome and introduced my daughter to her wonderful teacher Mrs. Stevens and her new classmates. It was a really heartwarming experience!

All the crew of the World-Spectator paper treated us so kindly and helped me to join the working process easily.

The war makes you rethink all the things that happened in life and realize that all the material things don't really matter.

You start to appreciate every peaceful morning, true friendship, you appreciate when your parents pick up the phone, your kid's smile...

We went from sleeping in a walk-in-closet, so we can stay away from windows in case of a missile, to being warmly welcomed in the friendliest Canadian community in Moosomin.

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Delphine Gehl from Esterhazy competes in boxing match for charity

By TRAVIS LONGMAN

Never in Delphine Gehl's wildest dreams could she have imagined stepping into a boxing ring and competing in a match.

The 50-year-old real estate broker from Esterhazy is the mother to Zach Gehl, the current Dream FC Featherweight Champion. Delphine, drawing inspiration from her son, decided to give the combat sport a try.

Gehl competed in a charity boxing match for the Valhalla Combat Sports against 48-year-old Adele Morrow on Saturday, December 17.

She began training back in September, after encouragement from Zach as well as husband Ryan. Delphine wanted to boldly go where no (or very few) people have gone before!

"I started training for the fight on September 19," Gehl says. "I did calisthenics and a little bit of lifting weights every morning. I trained boxing in Yorkton at Yorkton Martial Arts Training Centre on Monday and Wednesday evenings and sparred on Friday nights."

One of the biggest challenges when it comes to combat sports is cutting down weight.

"The fight was booked at 135 pounds," Gehl says. "I was 136 pounds and my opponent, Adele Morrow, had said she was 125 pounds. Our weights needed to be within 10 pounds of each other for the fight to happen on December 17."

There were sacrifices to be made and Gehl was more than willing to try and meet the challenges.

"For diet restrictions, starting on December 4, I cut out all carbs, salt and sugar," Gehl says. "By weigh-ins on Friday, December 16 I weighed 132.5 pounds and Adele weighed in at 130.5 pounds."

Another challenge facing Gehl was managing her breathing.

"It was sort of surprising to me," Gehl says. "With a mouth guard in, you need to be breathing through your nose the entire fight, if possible. An open mouth gives more opportunity for a knockout on the chin or jaw. I consciously breathed through my nose as much as possible through the three months, so my instinct wouldn't be to gasp through my mouth if I was getting tired during the boxing match."

After three months of training, fight day finally arrived! Gehl tried to keep it as normal as possible.

"I woke up at my regular time of 5 am then had a cup of coffee, wrote some real estate contracts, answered work emails and messages," Gehl says. "Ryan made me a great breakfast of protein pancakes, blueberries, whip cream, bacon and sausage, avocados."

After the pancakes and avocados settled, it was time to start the final preparations for battle.

"At 10 am I did a shake out with Zachary, which is pad-work equivalent to a full fight," Gehl says. "The workout consists of hitting combos on the pads for three, two-minute rounds. Then relaxed a bit, did some shopping and went to the venue for 4 pm."

It was almost time for the fight, the butterflies were flapping around in Gehl's stomach and the excitement continued to grow. At Valhalla Combat Sports in Fridley, Minnesota, preparations continued.

"I had my hair braided and hung out a bit to get acclimatized and get rid of some of the nerves," Gehl says.

"Then about 20 minutes before my match Zachary had me doing warm ups and hitting the pads to simulate my planned combinations for the fight. My plan was heavy on the left jab, straight right cross combination and then later into the fight throw in some hooks to the body when my opponent's hands were up."

Finally it was fight time. Gehl was in the ring, waiting nervously but also focused, determined and visualizing what was about to happen.

"When I was standing in my corner before the fight, not

a heck of a lot was going through my mind," Gehl says. "Just jab, cross jab, cross."

"During the fight I was listening for coaching from Zachary and Ryan in my corner and thinking 'keep ring control, land your shots.' I heard Ryan and Zach yelling 'body.' So I threw a few body shots and then the finishing body shot that had Adele stopping the fight because she couldn't continue."

The fight was stopped just 43 seconds into the first round. Gehl was the winner by way of knockout! The knockout did not go unnoticed as she was awarded the knockout of the night by Valhalla Combat Sports.

After the match was over Gehl went out for supper to celebrate.

The fight win is not the only thing Gehl has to celebrate. Gehl fought to raise money for SofiaHouse in Regina. At the moment \$900 has been raised through Facebook donations.

When all the dust settled and all the smoke had cleared, Gehl was victorious in her debut fight. At the moment it seems unlikely the 50-year-old real estate broker will step back into the ring.

"Ryan and Zach were very happy and proud that I won the fight and got the knockout of the night without sustaining injuries or damage. So I am sort of quitting while on top," says Gehl with a laugh.

The hard work paid off for Gehl, taking advantage of a once in a lifetime opportunity. A 43-second knockout is an accomplishment to be proud of at any age, let alone 50 years old and in your debut fight.

Like a fine wine, Gehl continues to get better with age.



Delphine during her match against Adele Morrow.



Delphine Gehl is hoisted by her son Zach in the ring after winning her match.



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Tundra Oil & Gas donates \$50,000 to the Elkhorn Memorial Park Project



BY ED JAMES
For over a year, the Elkhorn and Area Foundation and other community groups have been busy raising money for an update to the Elkhorn Memorial park, to make it more

Left: Some of the group of school children with the \$50,000 cheque presented to the Elkhorn Foundation in support of the Elkhorn Park Renewal Project. The cheque was presented by Greg Lave the Vice President at Tundra Oil & Gas, Virden office.

inclusive to all ages and abilities.

So it was a great Christmas surprise when Tundra Oil & Gas, part of the Richardson Foundation Group, made a special donation to the project with a \$50,000 cheque.

The cheque was presented to the community at the Elkhorn Memorial Park with a large number of local students, seniors and foundation and local government representatives.

Greg Lane, a former

Manson resident and Vice President at Tundra Oil and Gas made the presentation saying, "We are always glad to help out community projects where we work and live."

Brenda Orr, the head of the Elkhorn and Area Foundation group said, "Thank you so much for this donation. We are now over halfway to our financial goal to revitalize the Elkhorn Memorial Park as a place for all ages and abilities."

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Canada welcomes historic number of newcomers in 2022

New Ukrainian arrivals in local communities part of a massive wave of newcomers

137,797 Ukrainians came to Canada under the Authorization for Emergency Travel

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The Ukrainians making their homes in local communities are part of the largest wave of immigrants in Canada's history.

Canada welcomed 431,645 new permanent residents in 2022, the largest number in a single year in history.

Of those, almost a third, 137,797 newcomers, came from Ukraine.

The Canada-Ukraine authorization for emergency travel (CUAET), under which 137,797 Ukrainians have come to Canada, offers Ukrainians free, extended temporary status and allows them to work, study and stay in Canada.

Ukrainians can apply for a free visitor visa and may be allowed to stay in Canada for three years, as opposed to the standard six-month authorized stay for regular visitors.

They have the option to apply, free of charge, for an open work permit with their visa application, enabling them to find work as quickly as possible.

They are exempt from completing an immigration medical exam (IME) overseas before arriving.

Cannington MLA Daryl Harrison said he's happy to see how Ukrainians have been welcomed in southeast Saskatchewan.

"Moosomin and Wawota are probably the most prominent ones that have aggressively sought out and helped settle Ukrainians and make them feel like home," he says.

"I just can't imagine what it means to them, flying to a foreign country and having the welcome arms of Saskatchewan people to show them the way and make them feel at home as much as possible, full well knowing that there's war going on back at home."

"The Saskatchewan government is trying to make it as easy as possible for Ukrainians, from making it easier to get health cards and drivers' licenses, to get-



Moosomin's Ukrainian community at an event in December

ting set up with some banking with Saskatchewan financial institutions, to assisting with helping them find employment, I think it's gone very well. There's a lot that has to happen in a short time. It's gone very well and I think they're welcome additions to every community they live in. We have ample jobs available and they're very willing to pick up and work at any job that's available. They're happy to work and have a safe place for their family to live and grow up in.

"About a third of those were on chartered flights. We worked with Open Arms and Solidaire to get the chartered flights in. There may be more coming. Of course it's always dependant on how long the war goes on and I'm sure there's lots of families debating on whether they leave Poland or whatever country they're in or is the war going to end and they'll be able

to safely go back home and start to rebuild. So I imagine that they're struggling within their own mind and their own families about how long do they wait for things to get better or do they start somewhere else.

"So I would expect more to be coming for sure, but as for numbers, I'm not clear on."

Harrison said the Ukrainians seems to be settling in well in Saskatchewan communities with strong support from the community helping them get settled in. "I think that goes back to our Saskatchewan roots," he said.

"Saskatchewan people are always volunteering, helping, assisting and our high Ukrainian descendant base is helpful, especially with language translation and stuff like that—just making them feel like family. I think that's probably the difference from Saskatchewan to Vancouver or Toronto."

There is no cap on the number of visa, work and study applications that the government will accept under the CUAET.

Ukrainians and their family members working and studying in Canada will be able to gain valuable Canadian work or education experience to help set them up for success should they choose to seek permanent residency.

Several thousand Ukrainian newcomers have made their way to Saskatchewan.

On August 12, Premier Scott Moe joined representatives from Solidaire and Open Arms, to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU). The MOU is a pledge by the three parties to partner on additional flights into Saskatchewan.

QUICK FACTS

- In 2022, 137,797 Ukrainians came to Canada according to Canada Border Services Agency.

- There have been 755,784 applications received under the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel, and of those, 474,473 have been approved.

- Immigration accounts for almost 100% of Canada's labour force growth. Roughly 75% of Canada's population growth comes from immigration, mostly in the economic category.

- Immigrants account for 36% of physicians, 33% of business owners with paid staff, and 41% of engineers.

In the Fall Economic Statement, the government committed an additional \$50 million in 2022-23 for IRCC, to address ongoing application backlogs, speed up processing, and allow skilled newcomers to fill critical labour gaps faster.

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The Bromantics' show will be an important fundraiser for the Maryfield Auditorium.



Bromantics coming to Maryfield Auditorium

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She says the committee thought the Bromantics would be a popular choice for a show.

"We've heard good things about them," she says. "We know they performed in Moosomin a few years ago and we thought they'd be a good band to bring in and raise some money for our exterior. We're trying to raise money to re-side the building and put new doors and windows in.

"We have received some money from the village and through personal donations, but other than that it's up to us to raise the money and we thought this might be a good fundraiser. We are hoping to fill the building."

The Maryfield Auditorium can seat just over 300 people, and Fidelak says it would be great to see the theatre full.

"We are hoping The Bromantics are well enough known that people will come out for it," she says.

"We do have a Youtube clip of them on our Maryfield Auditorium Facebook page if people want to listen."

There will also be a chance to win some raffle items during the show, and a cold plate supper will be available as part of the ticket price.

There will also be a bar available both upstairs and downstairs.

"We are fully accessible," adds Fidelak. "There is a ramp to the lower hall and a lift to the theatre available (for this with mobility needs)."

So far the auditorium committee has raised around \$40,000 toward their exterior renovations, so Fidelak says there is still quite a lot of fundraising that needs to be done to cover the entire cost of the project.

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APAS passes resolution for livestock exemption from ELD mandate

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

At their annual general meeting, the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) passed multiple resolutions, one in particular being a livestock exemption for the federal policy of Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs), which was set to take effect on January 1, 2023.

The mandate requires truck drivers to switch from paper logbooks to ELDs that record the driving time in commercial motor vehicles.

The intent of the device is to help make sure drivers are compliant with the maximum allowable working hours of service regulations resulting in reduced fatigue for drivers, improved administration efficiency and safer roads in Canada.

"We just passed the resolution that I put forward today with the Electronic Logging Devices mandate. Now we get to work to send some letters out and talk to some people to try and get an exemption like the U.S. got," said Trevor Green APAS Representative for the RM of Moosomin.

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"We also passed a resolution on APAS presenting a livestock production insurance, similar to the crop insurance for wheat and canola, but for production of livestock.

"We passed lots of resolutions, but these are the three I brought forward.

"The other one was to have a livestock summit in January that APAS is going to host. We'll have the full council, the chicken farmers, the beekeepers, the bison producers, the Ag producers. Everyone will be invited in a room to get direction for livestock in Saskatchewan and where we can go from there."

The resolutions brought forward by APAS present a new direction the association plans to take when addressing their concerns with the federal government.

"The direction APAS is taking now is to be more offensive than defensive in agriculture issues," said Green.

"We've always been reactive, there's a problem, there's a flood, there's a drought, there's bugs or whatever, and we react to it.

"Now, we're going forward in a positive attitude. In-

stead of just asking all the time, we're saying, this is what we need to do to bring the industry forward. We're presenting the problem and the solution instead of just presenting a problem all of the time."

Exemption from ELD mandate

Green spoke about the resolution APAS approved for having livestock producers being exempted from the ELDs mandate.

"In the U.S., they made an exemption for livestock haulers because it's such a perishable item," he said.

"It's really detrimental to the eastern part of the province and the northern part of the province of Saskatchewan, or in western Manitoba because a lot of the feed-lot industry was built in southern Alberta."

"We can end up having cattle coming out of Virden, Manitoba going to a feed-lot alley and being an hour away from a destination, then having to stop for eight hours with the livestock on a trailer when they are only an hour away from their destination."

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In Moosomin:

Committee planning major event for cenotaph centennial



The original unveiling of the Moosomin Cenotaph in the summer of 1924.

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
In the summer of 1924, a crowd of thousands of people attended the unveiling of the Moosomin Cenotaph, built to commemorate the people of Moosomin and area who lost their lives in war.

Plans are under way now to mark the 100th anniversary of the cenotaph, and a committee is already working on the anniversary event, which will be held June 8, 2024.

"Between me and Jack Thompson we decided that we'd better do something to commemorate this," says Brian Beckett of the Moosomin branch of the

Royal Canadian Legion. "We knew when their centenary was, so we thought we better get planning—especially if we want it to be a big event. We thought we'd better get started early, so we've been meeting already. Our first meeting was in September so we've had four meetings since then and we've got a good start at planning for the day.

"We would like to do a procession to the cenotaph from the Armoury. We'll have a Rededication Ceremony at the Cenotaph, and then have a meet-and-greet with some of the dignitaries we hope will attend, and then a black-tie banquet and entertainment at the MCC Centre."

Beckett says the committee is hoping to attract a wide array of dignitaries, and is starting at the top.

"We're starting with the

Royal family and working our way down, so everybody from the royal level to provincial and local."

Beckett said he is expecting strong participation by the soldiers of CFB Shilo for the event. Soldiers from Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry posted at Shilo attend the Remembrance Day ceremony in Moosomin each year as they are connected to Moosomin through Sgt Harry Mullin, a member of PPCLI who received the Victoria Cross.

"We're hoping this will be a big event, and the banquet we're hoping will be similar to what the Armoury did a few years back. We are going to see if we can get Harry Mullin's medals back here. We're hoping that Shilo might bring some equipment or their drum band."

Beckett says he is thinking there will be a huge crowd for the event. "Well the original one was 3,500 people back in 1924. I would love to see that many, but I would hope that for the Rededication Ceremony, if we had 1,500-2,000 people, it would just be amazing. For the banquet, by the time we set up a head table and everything, I don't know if we'll have much more room for 250-300 people for that part."

Beckett says a lot of people will be doing a lot of work over the next 18 months to make the event a reality. "We're just getting started right now," he said. "Clay Leduc is our Protocol Officer who is doing up most of our invites—that's

the big thing right now. But once things get rolling if we can get more people involved or some of the service groups want to step up and say, 'We can do this or we can do that,' it would help a lot. We're going to need a lot of help. This is not a Legion or Armoury thing, the town owns the cenotaph and we want this to be a community event—we're just spearheading the committee."

Beckett says it's important to recognize the centenary of the cenotaph.

"In the last few years I've noticed the crowds at the Remembrance Day are getting bigger and bigger," he said. "I think it's pretty clear that people don't want to forget, but it would be pretty easy to forget. If we can do something like this, it just keeps it in the top of everybody's mind. If it wasn't for those men and women who did what they did, we wouldn't be living like we are today."

Greg Nosterud is also on the committee to mark the cenotaph centennial. He said Moosomin has something unique in the local cenotaph.

"This is something that's very different than any other cenotaph," he said. "The fact that it's done by a well-known sculptor, it's in bronze, there's really nothing else like it. I think it's important to recognize the effort that went into creating the cenotaph in the first place. It's something Moosomin should be proud of."



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APAS passes resolution for livestock exemption from ELD mandate

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"It's not the fault of the truck drivers or the producers, it's just the way the industry was built. The biggest concern is the detriment to the livestock, you've added eight hours to that trip for that livestock, when there's really no need for it.

"We get hogs coming out of Alberta to go to Brandon to kill, and a lot of those trucks take cattle back to Alberta. Well now that two-day trip is going to turn into a four-day trip for that truck driver, so how much income has he lost by not being able to make two of those trips that week and now he's only going to be able to make one."

Currently under the Government of Canada rules, commercial vehicle drivers hours of service regulations limit drivers to 13 hours of consecutive driving time in a 16 hour work shift, and then a minimum of 8 consecutive hours of off-duty status.

In Canada, a commercial truck driver must stop driving after:

- 3 hours of driving time from the end of the most recent period of 8 consecutive off-duty hours
- 14 hours of on-duty time from the end of the most recent 8 consecutive off-duty hours
- 70 hours over 7 consecutive days, or 120 hours over 14 consecutive days

With APAS passing the resolution for livestock producers to be exempted from ELDs, Green said the group will now work towards lobbying the federal government for the exemption.

"We're not asking for the truck drivers to drive 20 hours, a lot of the time drivers are still going to only be driving 13 hours, but there's certain cases where you having loading issues or something happens because not everything goes right all the time," said Green.

"It's not like it's going to be every single trip, there's just going to be certain cases where exemptions have to be made to make that trip without a detriment to livestock."

Resolution for livestock insurance

Another resolution that was passed at their annual meeting was APAS's resolution for proposing an insurance for livestock production to the federal government for producers.

"Right now in Canada, I can't insure my cow for production, but I can insure my calf price in the fall," said Green.

"The livestock producer pays 100 per cent of the premium. In crop insurance when I go to town and I insure an acre for wheat, I'm insuring the price and production for that acre of wheat.

"I can say I'm going to grow 60 bushels acre of wheat and get insured but, I can't do that with my cow and ensure that I'm going to have a calf in the fall.

"It puts the livestock producer at a disadvantage for insurance which creates more of a liability. Banks look at you as a higher risk than a grain farmer because you don't have that backing of insurance.

"The other thing with livestock price insurance is that the cattle producer pays 100 per cent of the premium, but in grain they only pay for 40 per cent of the premium and then the provincial and federal government kick in that 60 per cent.

"It's a subsidized insurance program for grain producers, where as for livestock producers, we pay 100 per cent of the premium. It's a very expensive insurance."

With the resolution now approved, APAS representatives will begin to move forward to present it to the federal government.

"I'm on the livestock committee with APAS. What we'll look into is developing some type of program with industry partners and then presenting it to the government," said Green.

"That way it's producer-driven, more so than going to

the government with our hand out and saying 'we want an insurance program' and then letting them develop it. Let's go with a solution to the government and say, look we've come up with this, have a look at it and see what you think. That, we feel this will work for producers, and ask do they feel they can support this program."

Upcoming meeting for all producers

The final resolution Green proposed was to have a meeting with all livestock producers across the province, to come together and get on the same page about issues they are facing.

He said he is hoping to have the meeting in the new year.

"We want to have a livestock summit to have everyone in the room to get a feel and understanding of the whole livestock industry in Saskatchewan."

Green said he is happy with the direction APAS is taking with having one voice speak on behalf of the majority.

"I really like the direction APAS is going and I think it's really good for producers to have one voice in the industry," he said.

"We can have a voice with the government that represents the whole industry of wheat growers, canola growers, bison growers, chicken farmers, honey producers. We can have everyone going to the government with our issues, but one voice for agriculture would be a lot stronger than 50 groups going to the government.

"If we can get everyone's support in APAS, I think we can have a stronger voice in agriculture."



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Province introduces The Saskatchewan Firearms Act to protect law-abiding firearms owners

On December 1, the government introduced The Saskatchewan Firearms Act to protect the rights of lawful firearms owners.

"This Act will help address concerns of responsible firearms owners and enhance public safety across Saskatchewan," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell said. "We take public safety seriously and support initiatives that reduce the criminal use of firearms, while preventing gang violence and stopping illegal guns from entering our province."

The Act will:

- With respect to recent changes by the federal government that impact lawful firearms owners:
 - establish licensing requirements for businesses or individuals involved in firearms expropriation;
 - require and oversee fair compensation for any firearms being seized; and
 - require forensic and ballistic testing of seized firearms.
- Establish a provincial firearms regulatory system that will promote the safe and responsible use of firearms.

This legislation will be primarily administered by the Saskatchewan Firearms Office (SFO). The Office will also take on an expanded role in prosecuting non-violent regulatory firearms offenses.

"Since inception, the Saskatchewan Firearms Office has successfully handled

public safety files and continues to work closely with police to ensure that gun safety laws are properly enforced," Chief Firearms Officer Robert Freberg said. "The enhanced mandate this legislation provides will expand our office's ability to promote responsible firearms use and improve community safety."

The government has dedicated approximately \$3.2 million this fiscal year to begin development of several firearms initiatives, including:

- establishing a Saskatchewan Firearms Ballistics Lab to support police services and provide timely access to Saskatchewan-based ballistics and firearms expertise;
- establishing a Firearms

Compensation Committee to determine the fair market value of any firearms, ammunition and related accessories being expropriated by the federal government;

- enhancing training and education regarding safe storage and firearms licensing; and,
- launching a made-in-Saskatchewan marketing campaign to promote firearm safety and best practices.

Additional firearms officers are being employed with the SFO in a continued effort to support the law-abiding firearms community, while also investigating incidents associated with mental health, domestic violence and illegal activities involving firearms.

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Record population growth for Sask

Saskatchewan enjoyed record population growth of more than 10,000 people in the third quarter of 2022 and more than 22,000 people over the past year, boosting the province's population to over 1.2 million people for the first time ever.

From October 1, 2021 to October 1, 2022, Saskatchewan's population grew by 22,135 to 1,205,119 people. This is the largest annual population growth in more than a century—since 1921. The quarterly population growth of 10,316 people is the largest ever recorded since Statistics Canada began releasing quarterly population estimates in 1971.

Saskatchewan's record population growth in the third quarter of this year was driven by net international migration of 10,553 and a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 1,261 offset by net inter-provincial outmigration of 1,498.



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Grenfell long-term care home moving to RFP stage

Three teams will move forward to the next stage of procurement for the new Grenfell Long-Term Care (LTC) Home.

The new 33-bed home will be built on a vacant parcel of land located in the northeast corner of the town and will be owned and operated by the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

It will include private rooms with bathrooms, two spa tub rooms, a commercial kitchen, common living and dining spaces and administrative spaces.

"We are very pleased to see this project moving forward," Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley said.

"Rejuvenation and replacement of long-term care homes around the province has been a priority for our government and seniors in Grenfell and area will soon have a new safe and comfortable place to call home."

Six teams responded to the Province's Request for Qualifications, which closed October 6, 2022. After evaluating the responses, three teams have been invited to move forward to the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage:

- PCL Construction and G. Architects
- Graham Design Builders and Stantec Architecture Ltd.
- Scott Builders Inc. and BR2 Architecture

PCL Construction Management Inc., founded in Stoughton in 1906, is a group of independent construction companies that form Canada's largest general contracting firm. PCL is the Construction Manager for the Government of Saskatchewan's Saskatoon Remand Centre project.

Graham Construction was founded in Saskatchewan in 1926. Graham has delivered projects such as the Dr. F.H. Wigmore Regional Hospital in Moose Jaw, the

Southwest Integrated Healthcare Facility in Maple Creek and the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon.

Red Deer based Scott Builders Inc. has been operating in Alberta since 1971. Scott delivered the Credit Union CUplex project in North Battleford, a 120,000 sq. ft. field house and curling rink that includes a running track and two full-size soccer fields.

"I am very pleased to see this project moving forward and one step closer to construction. We have worked alongside the Grenfell Health Foundation as well as members of the community and I want to thank them for their steadfast commitment and support," Moosomin MLA Steven Bonk said. The Moosomin constituency includes the community of Grenfell.

"This project is very important to the community because it allows our seniors to age in a safe, supportive environment."

The new facility will be owned and operated by the Saskatchewan Health Authority. When the RFP closes on March 2, 2023, the proponent will be selected following the evaluation process.

"The Saskatchewan Health Authority is looking forward to this project moving forward so that we can welcome residents into their new home," Executive Director of Integrated Rural Primary Health Care Saskatchewan Health Authority Jacqui Kennett-Peppler said.

"The new Grenfell LTC home will serve residents from the town of Grenfell and surrounding rural municipalities in a space that encourages residents to gather together, creating a sense of community."

Residents of the Grenfell Pioneer Home, which closed in 2018, were relocated to nearby facilities. They will be offered the first opportunity to move into the new home once it is complete.

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Rocanville Cross-Country Ski Club executive members Layne McFarlane (left) and Dennis Hack volunteer their time all year-round to keep the ski trails intact, so that families and friends can enjoy skiing on smooth and safe paths.



Bird feeders were hung up throughout the different trails at the Rocanville Cross-Country Ski Trails. Dennis Hack, the equipment co-ordinator for the club, says his favorite bird feeder is the feeder that's shaped like a snowman.

Rocanville Cross-Country Ski Trails open for the season

For 32 winters, volunteers have been maintaining the Rocanville Cross-Country ski trails. The ski trails are open for the season and are in great shape.

The trails are located south of Rocanville and are available for anyone to use.

Volunteers from Rocanville Cross-Country Ski Club spend their time not only in the winter but in the summer time too, preparing and maintaining the trails.

Dennis Hack says it takes him about an hour and a half to groom the trails, pack the snow and then create the ski trails.

"Quite a bit of work gets put in during the summer time, we're actually clearing trees, mowing grass. Dennis has taken a step further into the trails, he's actually ridden a lot of the trails to smooth and level them out," says Layne McFarlane,

president of Rocanville Cross-Country Ski Club.

Hack, who has been cross country skiing since he was a kid, says he loves everything about the trails.

Through the Covid winters, McFarlane says there were about 2,000 people each winter who used the ski trails, but in a normal year the number is closer to 1,200.

"People come from all areas to be here because it's unique. Between Kenosee and Madge Lake which is up north, it's really the only facility for skiing at this level that's in between."

He says the ski club has a lot of members from the Rocanville and Moosomin area, and people come from a wide area to enjoy the trails, some from as far as Estevan, Birtle, Elkhorn, Langenburg and a

large surrounding area.

With all five cross-country ski trails combined, there is a total of 8 kilometers of paths.

"It's great to see people come out and enjoy the trails. I have to give credit to Dennis Hack in particular. It was his vision that there is a trail," says McFarlane.

Hack designed the route of the ski trails and created each trail to be of different lengths so that people of all ages and abilities can be included.

The shorter trails, like Barney's Bend, are 0.9 km and mainly meant for children. The longest trail, Beaver, is 1.6 km and goes in a full loop which then brings individuals back to the center, where all trails are connected.

"It's amazing seeing the birds come out

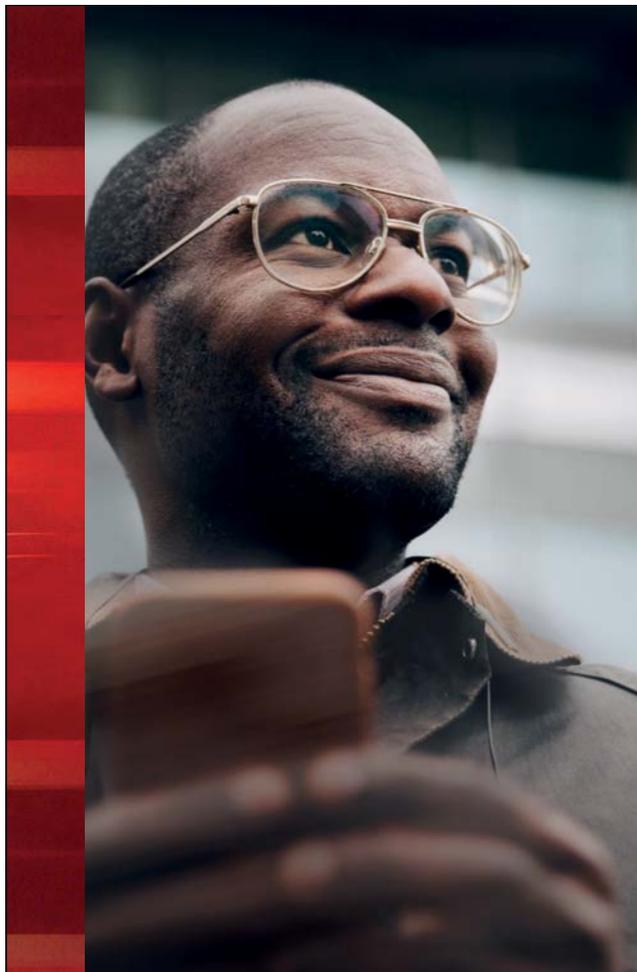
here and also just seeing the families. I love seeing families and kids skiing and enjoying their time," says McFarlane.

Everyone is welcome to use the trails, and there is plenty of rental equipment at the clubhouse for people to use.

McFarlane says he's happy to volunteer his time towards the trails because he knows it's being put to good use.

"It's kind of a hobby I guess. It's pride in the ski trail that we've developed over the years, and we're happy for it being as successful as it is," he says.

The ski trails located just south of Rocanville, are available for anyone to use now. More information on rental equipment prices and other updates, can be found on the club's website: <https://rocavillecrosscountrytrails.ca>



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