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Above: The junior players who participated in the Humboldt Broncos benefit hockey game in Moosomin Friday, April 13.
Below: Some of the action during the benefit hockey game at the Moosomin Communiplex Friday, April 13. 2,000 people attended.

Kim Poole photos



\$52,000 raised in benefit hockey game in Moosomin :

Moosomin comes through for Humboldt

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Moosomin has come through for the people of Humboldt, reeling from the tragic death of 16 people on the Humboldt Broncos bus on their way to a playoff game on Friday, April 6. The 16 who perished in the crash included players, coaches, the bus driver, the team's athletic therapist and the play-by-play announcer.

Moosomin's response started with a show of moral support, when hundreds of Moosomin residents attended a vigil for Humboldt on Sunday, April 8.

The Moosomin Fire Department and EMS organized the Sunday night vigil, where Moosomin residents watched the vigil taking place at the same time in Humboldt, then offered their own thoughts and prayers.

Vigils were also held in Whitewood and other communities.

Then, on Friday, April 13, Moosomin hosted a massive benefit for Humboldt.

Two thousand people attended the game, where 101 current and former junior hockey players took part in the game at the Communiplex, and raised \$52,000 for the Hum-

boldt Broncos.

Moosomin Rec Director Mike Schwan started organizing the game on Sunday, emailing current and former junior players he knows.

Within half an hour he had a dozen players committed to taking part in the game. By Sunday evening there were 20 players committed, and by Monday evening there were 60 on the roster. The roster kept growing through the week.

A silent auction was organized as part of the benefit, and a barbecue supper was planned.

Mike says the idea for the fundraiser was raised by two hockey moms who wanted to do something to help.

"I had a call from Verna Cherry and Randi Thorn on Saturday and they asked if I thought of anything, and then they were looking at the Midgets playing, which would have been fine, but then I got thinking, and I thought I knew enough guys who played junior that I could start a list. I started Sunday morning and I knew right away we had lots of guys who would be willing

to do it, so we went ahead and started planning the game," he says.

How much bigger was the game than what Schwan initially had in mind?

"I was hoping to get the local ex-juniors and juniors—hopefully get enough to play," he says. "I was hoping to get 20-30 guys. Now it looks like we will probably end up at 100. It's obviously grown legs in a good way."

He said the players he talked to were looking forward to the game as a chance to hang out with some fellow players and make a difference for Humboldt.

"One of the benefits for these hockey players is to get together and heal a bit," Schwan said. "It is amazing at how upset they are. It's hard on them because they've all driven the bus a thousand—tens of thousands of miles—so they can relate. It's bonding for the community and bonding for these hockey guys, and it will raise some money as well, obviously."

Schwan said the players he spoke with started talking to other players, and the plan snowballed.

"I started with the local guys and there were some guys in particular who helped a lot.

"Devon McMullen is away at school, but he probably found 20 guys. Jeff Cole probably found 20 guys he knows, so there were a few cornerstone guys who went out and got a few more and then when the media started covering it then there was another wave of people.

"An official called me from the SJHL and he said he had 12 guys wanting to come out. There are two guys from Vancouver who are flying out—they're making arrangements to get out here by Friday. It is certainly bigger than I imagined but that is a good thing."

Schwan says the players he has spoken with were all happy to be included.

"They all say thanks for including them. I appreciate them coming out and I thank them as well.

"Sometimes they cry. I think they are pretty grateful for the opportunity. They all want to support Humboldt and a lot of them know some of the kids who were in the accident."

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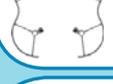
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Players show their support

BY KARA KINNA

A hundred current junior or former junior hockey players laced up skates and skated out onto the ice at the Moosomin Communiplex Friday, April 13 in a massive benefit game organized to show support for the Humboldt Broncos.

Among those players were 10 Humboldt Broncos alumni. Many of the players were local, while others came from across Canada, and even the U.S. In all, the players represented over 30 junior hockey teams.

A barbecue and silent auction were held as part of the event, where donation boxes were set up to raise funds for the Humboldt Broncos.

Before the game, a number of local players spoke about what it meant to be a part of it.

"It's nice to see a lot of old faces that you played with and played against, and it affects everybody, whether you played 20 years ago, or are still playing today, everyone has been on that bus," said Moosomin's Jason Miller, a Humboldt Broncos alumni who wrapped up his junior career with the Broncos 13 years ago. "It will be nice to talk to people.

"It's just the coincidence of it all. If it was any other team, I'd probably feel the same, it just happened to be Humboldt. It hits a little closer I think.

"It's about the camaraderie and a chance to raise some money and give it to the guys that are going to need it. There are so many things that go on behind the scenes and the money certainly helps.

"A hundred guys are coming out to play hockey, I'm sure the rink will be full, and everybody is there for the same reason, to support them any way you can."

"We all want to show support after what happened," said Moosomin's Ferrel Horn, a Moose Jaw Capitals alumni. "It's been said before that the hockey community is pretty close. Hockey is in everybody's hearts and minds, especially in Saskatchewan and Canada, and this has pushed it to all new levels. Some of us have ties close to the team, and whether you're involved with any sport, everybody rides the bus and everybody takes it for granted that sometimes life is pretty short."

Horn has his own kids in hockey now and coaches the Moosomin Midget team.

"It was only two months ago we took the bus to Preceville one weekend and I told our manager Verna Cherry that's still the safest way to travel, we don't want 28 cars on the road, we may as well take the bus, and after an event like this you think. It's still the safest way to travel in the long-term but it puts it in perspective.

"As a coach, you think of their coach and you think of his time he spent with all those guys and wanting



The players benches at the game.

the best for all those players. And then what happened there, you think of your own team and who you are coaching all the time, and you always want the best for them, but you have to remember it's a game. I think everyone has aspirations of the big time, but it's still a game and you have to put that in perspective of how short someone's life can be when you're doing it just for fun.

"I think this game is just about supporting the guys who have rode the bus, been on the teams, any team sport for that matter, and hopefully we raise a good chunk of money that we can send off to Humboldt to show the support of this area down here. There are guys coming from everywhere to play in this game, and hopefully it shows that there is solidarity in things like that. It's surprising what you can actually do when everyone gets on board."

"It was definitely devastating," said Rocanville's Jeremy Wray of the accident. Wray played with the Broncos from 1999 to 2003.

"In the four years I played there I was in touch with a lot of people that I played with, and after the accident everyone was remembering and all you could think about was just everyone's families.

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"I was just with my kids on the weekend and you just look over to them and just couldn't imagine being a parent and going through that. I have two sons that play hockey that are nine and six years old."

Why did Wray take time to play Friday night?

"Just in memory of them," he said. "What their families and everyone is going through is a lot more important than what I'd normally be doing on a Friday night."

"Humboldt was a great place to play for me. I was there for four years and it's a great organization. I'm still in touch with a lot of people up in Humboldt. If there is any town that can recover from this that would be the one."

"They are in it for the long haul. Every little bit is going to help them along the way. Anything that we can do would be great."

Wray said he was inspired by the way so many people came together at the game Friday.

"It's absolutely great. The hockey world is such a big world, but at the same time it's a small world. You meet so many people along the way and it's just great how everybody is really sticking together and supporting people through that tragic event."

Moosomin's Dawson Davidson currently plays with the WHL's Saskatoon Blades.

He said the Broncos accident affected everyone in the hockey world.

"For all junior players, people playing right now, and people playing back in the day, it hits home because you know what it's like to ride on the bus and when I go on that bus I feel safe. So when something like this happens it's really shocking and it's something I didn't expect. I've never even really thought about it."

"I think it's important to support the

Humboldt Broncos and the families and friends and everyone who has been affected by this tragic event. I think it's a really great thing that Moosomin is putting on here."

Davidson said the accident brought people closer.

"You can kind of see it everywhere in hockey right now. It hit home for every hockey player, and not just hockey players, but Saskatchewan. In Canada hockey is a big part of the culture and I think when something like this happens, it brings people closer together and makes people realize how lucky we are and how we need to show affection for our loved ones each and every day. I just want to support those guys for what they are going through and just let them know to keep battling. Everyone is behind them."

Davidson said he knows a few of the players on the Broncos' team who survived the crash.

"I knew Jacob Wassermann, he was one of the Pats' goalies, I played with him at the start of the year a little bit, and Graysen Cameron, I played with him a while ago in Saskatoon, in summer hockey when I was a little younger."

He says the support shown at the Moosomin game blew him away.

"It's unbelievable and I would expect nothing less. As soon as this event happened you could just see everyone came together and it's something I've never seen before. It's pretty special how something like this can happen and everyone, hockey player or not, comes together and supports them and becomes closer."

"I think it's great that a lot of people are coming out. I'm pretty sure everyone who is coming out is honored to play in this game. I'm really honored myself and excited to be part of such a great cause."

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Sportsman weekend will be one of a kind says Schwean

BY KARA KINNA

Over 19 celebrities—including Riders from the four different championship Grey Cup teams, NHL and pro level hockey players, and sports media celebrities—two days of events, and a very long list of auction items, including two custom golf carts—these are just some of the things on offer at the Celebrity Sportsman Weekend coming up April 27-28 in Moosomin, which is a fundraiser for the new Pipestone Hills golf clubhouse.

Moosomin Rec Director Mike Schwean says plans are continuing to firm up for the event, but one thing is for sure—there is no other sportsman event in the province like the one being hosted in Moosomin.

"Most of our celebrities are coming Friday and Saturday, so they are around most of the entire weekend, so that's pretty cool," he says. "We have four sports media, and we have eight ex-riders and Duron Carter and four or five hockey guys. I think it's an amazing list of celebrities."

The weekend will include Rod Pedersen's radio show Sportscape hosted live from the Sportsplex on the Friday night, and Schwean says even Pedersen, one of the celebrity guests, was surprised by the list of celebrities coming to the event.

"I've never seen one like this," says Schwean. "I've been to these suppers and they often have one headliner, which we didn't concern ourselves with. I've never seen a group like this, and when I talked to Rod Pedersen he was kind of taken aback. He said he's never done one quite like this."

"Usually there is a headliner and maybe a couple of other speakers. And to have the four Grey Cup Champions—it's a pretty unique opportunity to have four Grey Cup champions in

one room. Dale West was a '66 champion, so he's not a young man, so that's pretty cool as well."

How did the committee organizing the event get so many celebrities on board? Schwean says it's all about connections.

"A lot of it is because of the Mini British Open we host in Moosomin," he says. "A lot of these guys remember us from that. Half of our celebrities golfed in the British Open and they remember that event, and they remember the community fondly, too. They think pretty highly of the community."

"I would say the list of celebrities we got was way beyond what I imagined. Our old British Open friends are pretty influential in the city and then they talk to people, and that's how we got most of these people. So this list to me is insane."

"When we started we hoped to get at first two or three Riders, and then we thought if we could ever get all four Grey Cups that would be fantastic, but even to have Duron Carter is insane. He is the most sought-after Rider speaker there is right now. The hockey group is pretty amazing too. We have a few NHLers, representation from the SJHL and the WHL, and then Mallory Outerbridge and Patty Hole, two Olympic people, that's pretty cool too."

"And I'm excited to have Lisa Robertson (U of R athletics director and five-year member of the U of C Dinosaurs basketball team). She's kind of the quiet one just in terms of visibility, being the athletic director of Regina, but she's extremely well spoken, she's extremely bubbly, she has a fantastic collegiate past herself, so I think she's going to be fantastic as well, I'm excited to meet her."

Aside from the celebrities, Schwean says he is also

blown away by the list of auction items that will be offered at the event.

"As far as the silent auction stuff goes, I'm stunned," he says. "When we started we were just going to get a few little items together and it's far surpassed that. I think we can make \$10,000 on the silent auction stuff."

"It is big and there is some fantastic stuff. The two golf carts will be beautiful—there is the Rider Grey Cup edition one and there's a Harley Davidson edition one—and there is some absolutely crazy memorabilia there."

"We are going to try to get a mailout to send out with pictures so people can pre bid. As well we are going to set it up Friday night, which is free to the public, then on April 27 at the Sportsplex, so they can come and bid there as well and look at the stuff. There is so much autographed stuff, so much vintage stuff, it's crazy."

Schwean says the committee organizing the event has put a lot of work into it.

"It's a lot of work and I hope that golf members realize what the funds are going towards and how much work this is—this doesn't just come together," he says. "It's been months of work."

"Even with Rod Pedersen, it's tough. With Rod he's so busy because he's involved with the Riders and they are doing their Florida camp right before that and he's all over the place. Our date changed about three times because Rod had to book around the Riders."

"I don't know how many people listen to the Sportscape but I hope people realize the kind of audience he has. He's the biggest show in the province by a mile. The community is going to get a ton of publicity out of this."

"I hope people support it

and realize it's a fundraiser for the golf course, but it's also going to be a promotional weekend for the community as well."

Schwean says ticket sales are going well for the event, but he'd like to see a few more tables sold.

"Platinum tables we are pretty happy with, we've sold about 21," he says, "and the individual tables have still been kind of slow, that's where we are hoping to hit pph up. It's \$480 but that includes a lot of entertainment for the weekend."

"I think for tables overall we are about 30. But our goal is to get 55, so we have a ways to go. I'm hoping in the next week or so start coming in for tickets."

Schwean points out that tickets are being sold individually as well for the event.

He says ticket sales have gone well enough that the costs for the weekend are covered, and every table or ticket sold now is another piece for the new clubhouse.

"Everything now, all the ticket sales go straight to put on a door, put in a window—so all the bills pretty much are paid now and everything else is going to be profit. Between table sales and silent auction stuff I hope we make \$20,000 to \$30,000. I think that's reasonable."

Will this become an annual event? Schwean doesn't know but says it's a possibility.

"I think the whole key is how the golf members support it from here on forward. If they are going to support it, I think it would become annual."

"I hope it's annual. I know the celebrities are going to love their time out here. I know they did at the British Open and I know they will have a great time and be willing to come back."

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"Everything is going fantastic."



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Fundraiser being held for Cindy Blondeau

BY KARA KINNA
A fundraiser is being organized for Moosomin's Cindy Blondeau for Saturday, April 28.

Cindy has been battling cancer since 2012 and Alma Ducharme, who is organizing the fundraiser, says going for constant treatments has taken a financial toll on Cindy and her husband Ed.

"Cindy has been battling cancer since 2012. She's getting worse. It started off with breast cancer, and it was Stage 4, and it's in her ribs, her spine, her pelvis," says Ducharme.

Cindy's cancer showed up in a routine mammogram in 2012. She has had a bilateral mastectomy and the removal of 38 lymph nodes, 37 of which tested positive for breast cancer. A full body scan found cancer in her spine, pelvis and ribs.

The fundraiser will be to help the Blondeaus cover the cost of travel, accommodation, meals and medical expenses. Cindy has been getting treatment at the Allan Blair Cancer Centre in Regina.

Ducharme says she knows the Blondeaus are struggling with the expenses and felt like something needed to be done. "I think they need it very badly," she says. "It's a lot of worry, and if you've got a little bit of money, then you don't worry so much. It's for her to keep getting her treatments."

Ducharme says that since she has started or-



CINDY BLONDEAU

ganizing the fundraiser, a lot of people have stepped forward wanting to help.

The fundraiser will consist of a roast beef supper, silent auction, and a live band at the Moosomin Armoury Hall.

Ducharme is currently collecting items for the silent auction. The items will be on display at Borderland Co-op grocery in Moosomin on April 15.

A bank account has also been opened at the Royal Bank in Moosomin where donations can be made to Cindy.

"If anybody needs help for anything she's the first one there to help with anything at all," says Ducharme. "She's good-hearted, she has three boys, she was on town council for some time, and Eddie has been with the fire department for years.

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Bonspiel raises \$63,500

BY DONNA BEUTLER
The Whitewood Farmers and Friends Bonspiel committee was excited to announce on April 2 that the annual bonspiel held over the March 24th weekend had raised a total of \$63,500.

The 64-team 'spiel marked its third year this year and is known as the largest bonspiel (in Saskatchewan) under one roof.

"The live and silent auctions raised close to \$40,000 while the Calcutta raised \$21,750 with the bonspiel keeping 15% of that figure," Jennalee Beutler told the Moosomin World Spectator in a recent interview. "Profits from the kitchen and the bar totaled \$1,400," she added. From that \$11,400, \$2,600 was used to pay community groups for working in the kitchen and the lounge.

According to Beutler, there was \$5500 raised from other raffles during the weekend's event, bringing the grand total to \$63,500.

"Curlers came from across the prairies, and one team came from Quebec," curling

club president Chad Kelly said. The prizes awarded to curlers totaled over \$15,000.

The Whitewood Curling Club will be turning funds back into the community including something new this year—a grant program so community organizations can apply for funds.

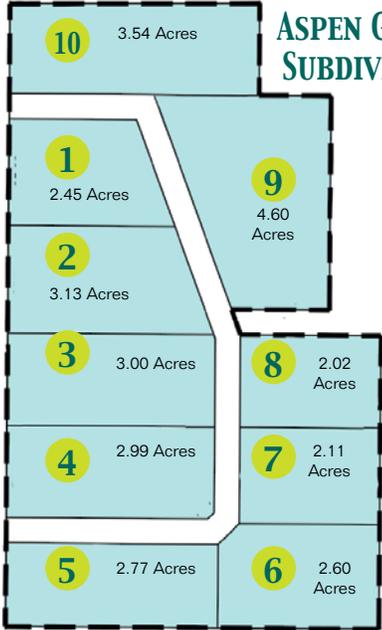
The curling club is also excited to say that money raised previous to this year has been set aside to pay for the lounge expansion which will soon be under construction.

The project is expected to get underway by mid-May and take several weeks to complete. By mid-August when the national horseshoe competition is held in Whitewood, the lounge is expected to be totally complete and ready to welcome players and spectators alike.

Plans continue to be put in place for next year's Farmers and Friends Bonspiel March 28 - 31, 2019. The progressive pot in the draw to the button sits presently at \$700 and will be carried forward to the 2019 event.

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Senior Drama

McNaughton going to provincials with 'Skidmarks'

BY KARA KINNA

McNaughton High School is one of the schools that has had its play 'Skidmarks' chosen to go on to the provincial drama festival taking place at the University of Regina from May 3-5.

The play was chosen after being performed at regionals in Indian Head.

The play is a comedy made up of various vignettes, all to do with driving. It is set in the 1980's, complete with an '80s soundtrack.

"From the adjudicator's stand point, he was very happy with our pacing of the play, and he said that it was 100 per cent cast commitment," says Sherrie Meredith, one of the directors of the play. "He said the elaborate set and quick theme changes just made it a professional piece that he was impressed with."

Meredith says the play is a combination of two plays—one old, one new.

"It was written awhile ago, and there was a version called Skid Marks 1, and then there was a sequel made called Skid Marks 2," she says. "And in 2005 we did Skid Marks 1, and it was a play that we did well with. We came in runner up with it and I thought it had the validity to have gone farther."

"The playwright wrote a sequel to it and I thought I'd check the sequel out. And then I got permission to combine the two. So with the kids we embarked on making a play out of two plays. And that seemed to be the right call because it did very well."

"It's a play about driving and things that happen with cars. We call it an episodic play, it doesn't really have a beginning, middle and end. It follows a set of characters and



A scene from Skidmarks.

what they are doing. One character is trying to get his license and we see the new driver and the driver instructor, and then there is another pair going on a road trip, and you see some road rage, and another that is a little tentative but comparing driving to going on with their life as they leave home, so there is a bit of a dramatic undertone in some of the scenes as well.

"Our crew embarked on making seven different cars, and it's quite fun to see them. And the crew dresses up as mechanics in mechanic gear and they change the cars right on set—it's pretty fun."

Meredith it's tough to tell at regionals what will be selected for provincials.

"I always think the kids work very hard and I always think they are a contender when they put their heart and soul in the play," she says. "But the thing with the regional festival is you really never know because it depends on what other plays are there that year and on the adjudicator's personal preference. Some are more connected to drama and some like their comedies."

"I thought the kids had a solid piece. They were very even in their acting, and I did think the set changes were really well done. I thought it was strong, so I am very proud of them."

"What's really special is that we have 16 Grade 12s this year. So to take them in their graduating year, as well as all of our new Grade 10s and Grade 11s, that's really special for us."

For practice, Meredith says they will likely be performing the play locally a few times the week leading up to provincials.

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BY FEDERICA GIANNELLI

Small seeds are powering the goal of feeding tens of thousands in Ethiopia, a country with one of the highest rates of food insecurity in the world. A University of Saskatchewan delegation led by researcher Carol Henry has just returned from meetings in Ethiopia that celebrated the outcomes of a 20-year partnership between U of S and Hawassa University. Mary Buhr, dean of Agriculture and Bioresources, and Maurice Moloney, executive director and CEO of the U of S Global Institute for Food Security, were part of the delegation.

"Farmers face an increasing challenge to feed everyone adequately, safely and sustainably as our world population

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Closing arguments in Gmerek case

BY DEVIN WILGER
Closing arguments were presented Friday, March 23 in the case of Gregor Gmerek, who is accused of fraud, forgery and uttering a forged document during his time as an employee at Prairie Livestock in Moosomin.

The closing arguments were presented in Yorkton Court of Queen's Bench.

The total amount that Gmerek is accused of defrauding Prairie Livestock of is in excess of \$1.25 million.

The defense's argument in the case rested on whether or not Gmerek had authorization to alter documents and make off-the-

books payments to himself and others at the business.

The defence argued that Kirk Sinclair, owner of Prairie Livestock, had authorized several of the payments that are disputed, such as flowers for Gmerek's father's funeral.

The defence further argued that Sinclair had shown Gmerek how to handle speculative contracts, which was one of the areas where he is accused of defrauding the company.

The defence argued that a hands-on business owner would have fewer gaps in their knowledge about the financial operation of

their business than Sinclair suggested in his testimony, and that he and Gmerek were in regular communication throughout Gmerek's period of employment.

The prosecution argued that the defense's position made little sense, that a business owner wouldn't put his business at substantial risk, with over a million dollars tied up in contracts, just to allow an employee to make money. Further, they would not then hire someone to find the financial irregularities in the books if he knew exactly what was going on.

They also made the argument that fraud doesn't require intent, but instead knowl-

edge of a dishonest act being committed and whether or not the defendant knew it could put them at risk, and that they had achieved proving the case beyond a reasonable doubt for those requirements.

The prosecutor also argued that in his testimony, Gmerek confessed to a different crime in an attempt to appear innocent of the charges against him.

The prosecution argued that, if it was true that Gmerek was authorized to receive funds off the books, he would have been committing tax fraud.

Justice Janet McMurtry reserved her decision in the case until June 8.

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Cowessess receives \$910,000 for solar panels

By SARAH PACIO
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In March the federal government announced that it will give \$27 million to indigenous businesses and programs across Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The funding is available through the Western Diversification Project and is intended for initiatives that enhance and strengthen Western Canada's economy. It will support a variety of projects to help Indigenous communities grow their operations and create new jobs.

"The success of Indigenous businesses is essential to building a strong, innovative and inclusive Canadian economy," stated Navdeep Bains, Minister responsible for Western

Economic Diversification Canada. "I am proud that the Government of Canada is investing in these 45 projects and supporting Indigenous communities across the West."

Cowessess First Nation was one of the communities selected and will receive \$910,000 to expand and commercialize their hybrid renewable energy generation system located beside the Cowessess Gas and Grocery. The system currently includes a turbine, which is visible from Highway 1 just east of Regina, and a battery storage area.

Cowessess Chief Cadmus Delorme explained that the government funding will enable them to add solar panels around the turbine and increase the energy production



from 800 kilowatts to 1.2 megawatts.

"It will be one of the largest solar fields in Saskatchewan," he said. "We're excited to carry that trophy."

Building materials have already been delivered to the existing turbine site and the project is expected to be complete by the end of June.

The chief said the project naturally aligns with First Nations values of being good stewards of the land and also demonstrates that Cowessess First Nation is a leader in

the province as it works with SaskPower. Since 2012, Cowessess has had a purchase partnership with SaskPower for the energy produced by the turbine.

"This agreement with a Crown corporation shows that First Nations are capable and willing to partner with Crown corporations," noted Chief Delorme.

There will be some initial cost to the First Nation for the new solar panels. However, since SaskPower will purchase the energy produced by the turbine and solar pan-

els, Chief Delorme is optimistic that this will be easily paid off and Cowessess will turn a profit from the project. At the same time, they are helping SaskPower fulfill its overall plan to expand the province's renewable energy sources from 25 per cent in 2017 to 50 per cent by 2030. By that time wind power generation will increase from 221 megawatts to 2,100 mega-

watts and 60 megawatts of solar generation will be added to the province's energy sources.

Chief Delorme sees other benefits from the project, such as job creation and education opportunities. Engineers from the Saskatchewan Resource Council currently operate the turbine but Chief Delorme said they are seeking Cowessess citizens to transition into the position.

"Cowessess looks at our projects as economic profit, meaning it's not only the money but it's also building capacity in our citizens," he said.

There are also plans to partner with the First Nations Power Authority to provide tours of the site.

"We want to turn the site into an educational experience for all schools to get educated on what renewable energy is, because we are now privileged in Regina to have a turbine, a battery storage area, and solar panels all in the same facility," Chief Delorme explained.

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Carmelle with her friends at school. From left are Carmel Frape, Lauren McConnell, Carmelle Boutin, and Ty Sinclair.

Outpouring of support on World Down Syndrome Day

BY KARA KINNA

On March 21, dozens of students at McNaughton High School in Moosomin showed up to school with brightly colored and mismatched socks. It wasn't for a lack of clean laundry or being unable to find a matching sock. It was to show support for World Down Syndrome Day and fellow McNaughton High student and friend Carmelle Boutin, who was born with Down Syndrome.

"Carmelle is one of my best friends, and she is just fun to be around, and we like to spread awareness for Down Syndrome," says Lauren McConnell, sitting on the gym bleachers with Carmelle and a few other friends, all of them wearing colorful socks.

"And show support for your extra chromosome," adds Carmel Frape, as she sits beside Carmelle Boutin. "And because you're cute and we love you and we want to support you in whatever you do!"

At this Carmelle is overwhelmed with emotion and throws her arms around her friend in a big happy hug. Everyone begins to giggle.

"I think it's important for people to realize that people with Down Syndrome aren't different, but they're extra special," adds Ty Sinclair, another friend sitting on the bleachers with colorful socks. "It's nice that they get the opportunity to be recognized."

"It makes me feel good, but it makes me happy sad (meaning it puts her on the verge of tears)," says Carmelle as she listens to her friends talk about her.

"She wants people to know and she wants to show people that she can do anything," adds Carmel Frape.

"And that you're no different than any of us!" proclaims Lauren McConnell.

And in the vast majority of ways Carmelle isn't any different. At 17 she wakes up and goes to school each day. After 2 pm she heads over to Borderland Co-op grocery where she works as part of her work experience class in the deli for an hour each day. On Wednesday, all of her coworkers at the co-op showed up with colorful socks too and posed with big grins on their faces with Carmelle.

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Adam Herold and his family spearheaded efforts when the community of Montmartre won a \$2,500 spirit award in the 2006 CBC Kraft Hockeyville contest. Adam is pictured under the last E in 'Welcome'. He has a hat on. Adam's sister Erin is two spots to the right with a pink hat.

We stand as one

We will all remember where we were on Friday, April 6, 2018 ...

We will remember what we were doing ...
 We will remember who we were with ...
 We will remember holding our breaths and praying ...
 'not Adam! Please God, not our Adam!'
 And when we heard that the Herold family's worst nightmare had come true, time stopped.
 Time has stood still in Montmartre since.
 Time has stood still across the province.

Montmartre's Adam Herold was the youngest player of the 16 who died on the Humboldt Broncos bus. Adam was ours, as are all the kids in small-town Saskatchewan. From the minute we hear the joyous news that their parents are expecting a baby, every one of these kids becomes OURS.

We rush to hold them when their moms and dads bring them to church, the park or the rink. We watch them fall down and get back up on the ice during their first year of hockey or skating and we work at the canteen selling them chips and gum. We watch them start Kindergarten, play in the schoolyard at recess and get their learners licenses.

On April 6, we lost one of our treasured Montmartre kids. Fourteen other communities lost their kids and loved ones too. All those on that ill-fated bus belong to us.

I want to tell you a little about Adam Herold and his family. The Herolds ARE hockey in Montmartre. Adam's parents, Russell and Raelene, lived and breathed senior hockey for decades—they were players, coaches, managers, recruiters, fundraisers and supporters. They ARE what kept senior hockey alive in Montmartre for years and years.

Russell, Raelene, Adam, and Adam's big sister Erin ARE the Montmartre minor hockey program:

They came up with the team name... the Ice Dogs!
 They set up countless games and tournaments.
 They coached, managed and encouraged.
 They flooded the ice.



Christalee Froese

They worked in the canteen. They made Montmartre 'Hockeyville'. They pulled the Ice Dogs float with their truck. They swept dressing room floors... AND...Erin and Adam played their hearts out for Montmartre's Ice Dogs season after season! Raelene, Russell, Erin and Adam inspired a whole generation of young hockey players in Montmartre ... they are the HEART of hockey in our town.

So, as we come together to grieve and stare in disbelief at the hole left in the fabric of our hockey community and our town, we want Russell and Raelene and Erin to know that we will support them the way they have always supported hockey in Montmartre.

Nothing in Montmartre will be the same without Adam Herold ... not our rink, not our school, not our church, not our streets where he walked to grandma's for lunch and carried his hockey stick to the rink.

This is our worst nightmare!
 This is our province's worst nightmare!
 We no longer have Adam and the 14 others on that Humboldt Broncos bus. But what we DO HAVE is EACH OTHER.

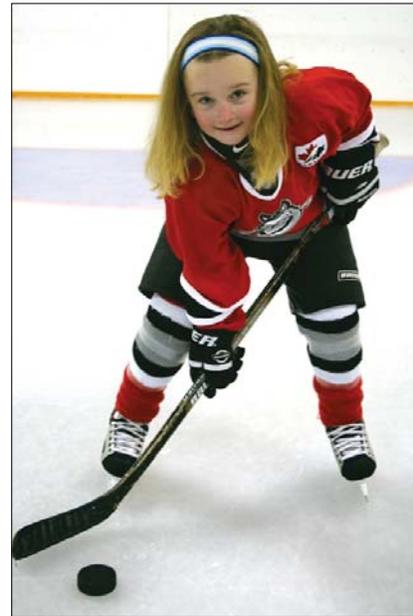
All of us will remember where we were on Friday, April 6, 2018...

AND...we will remember where we were on Saturday, April 7, 2018 when we made a conscious choice to stand together. To stand Humboldt Strong. Saskatchewan strong and Canada strong!
 To stand as one!

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Adam Herold—the smile that lit up rooms.



Adam's older sister Erin, an accomplished hockey player in her own right and one of Adam's biggest supporter.

Montmartre Ice Dogs
 2005-2006

Back row: Brian Sebastian, Darren Sebastian, Russell Herold, Dave MacGregor, Peggy Gerein, Raelene Herold

Middle row: Luc Englot, Kim Kerbs, Karter Lafontaine, Kelly Tholl, Erin Herold, Logan Froese, Kaylee MacGregor, Evan Sebastian, Dylan Bachelu, Jamie Lafontaine

Front row: Nicole Kerbs, Adam Herold, Georgia Kotylak, Jaden Kotylak, Mason Dusyk, Dawson Bachelu, Tyler Gerein, Dylan Sebastian, Marisa MacGregor

Hockey was a family affair for the Herolds. In 2005-2006, Adam and Erin played on the Montmartre Ice Dogs while their dad, Russell Herold, coached and their mom, Raelene Herold, managed.

McNaughton going to provincials

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Regional drama festival awards

McNaughton High won a number of awards at the regional drama festival:

Acting Recognition Certificates: Joel Wiebe, Ben Pranke, Lauren McConnell, Ty Sinclair, Avery Meredith and Kadence Meredith

Technical Recognition Certificates: Sydni Wilson for Stage Management, Dylan Rix for lighting, Casey McCormac for Sound, and Maya Petreny for Costumes

The runner-up to the Bob Hinnett award for technical excellence was Primo Oroyo for set design

A Technical medal was won by Hannah Sweet for set change organization

An Acting medal was won by Jayce Hayhurst. Ben Pranke won the Unsung Hero

Skid Marks also won the Best Visual Production and the Best Overall Production, which earned them the right to compete in Provincial Drama Festival.

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Carmelle will be graduating this year and has already picked out her grad dress and has an escort.

She is affectionate and friendly and sociable, with a close group of friends who love her dearly.

Carmelle's mom, Tracy Boutin, said it meant a lot to her to see the support from the community.

"It's really overwhelming that this

took off as quick as it did, I'm very, very touched that everyone in the community was willing to do this," she said.

"It's nice and it's overwhelming and I just want to have the community get to know Carmelle too and get to see her abilities.

"I think it's a good idea just to help people to see the ability and not the disability, that she can do stuff, and she is a person like everyone else, and to be accepted, and



Students at McNaughton High School show off their colorful and mismatched socks on Wednesday. The socks are a show of support for World Down Syndrome Day and fellow high school student and friend Carmelle Boutin, who has Down Syndrome.



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just to be her friend."

Tracy says there are some misconceptions about people with Down Syndrome.

"I have had a student ask one of my daughters 'is that your sister?' and she said yes and they said 'Oh I feel sorry for her.' And those are things I want people and parents to explain to their kids. There's nothing to be sorry about or to be scared about. She's an easygoing, loving person and I just want them to know who she is and not look at the disability, but look at her abilities.

"I think people don't know what Down Syndrome is about. Not only Down Syndrome, but for any disability, I think we need to get to know before we judge.

"It affects me when people think like that, because I don't want people to think like that."

Tracy says she wants for her daughter what any parent wants.

"My goal is to keep her happy and comfortable through as much of life as I can. She's got a lot of good friends, and people today are more aware of Down Syndrome compared to years ago when they were put in shelters or people would just be quiet about it."

There are some big changes coming for Carmelle, who will be graduating with her

classmates this year. Tracy says she plans to continue working at the Co-op over the summer, as well as take part in the Kin-Ability program, and to keep in touch with her friends as much as possible.

"The Co-op has been a good experience, they are happy with her there," she says. "She's very sociable and the bakery is good for that because she sees people coming and going. Some of her classmates work there too, and the counting and bagging, she can do all that, she doesn't always need someone to be right behind her.

"I'm pretty proud of her in that way. "We are hoping to have her carry on working for the co-op in the summer time and for the next few years."

What kind of person is Carmelle for anyone who does not know her?

"I think she's a very lovable, kind person, she has a loving nature," says Tracy. "She does have a side to her that is a typical teenager—she wants to do what she wants, she wants to sleep in. Most of the time I just can't imagine my life without her. It's been a challenge but it's been a good challenge.

"I just want her to be happy. I just want people to give her chances and don't just look at her and think there's nothing there because there is potential there."

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