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Local Legion seeking support to remain operational

■ Daniel Bushman

A mainstay within the community of Lanigan is reaching out for help. Struggling to keep its doors open but hoping to ensure it will remain for the future, the Lanigan Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 143 is planning to launch a number of initiatives.

Established as a Legion branch back in 1944, current president Jim Hatcher said over the years the community and area have been very supportive. However, Hatcher said like other organizations, dwindling membership along with the pandemic has impacted them immensely. “Our membership is aging and that has also slowed our efforts in raising financial support. We made the decision to reach out to our community and the surrounding area for assistance. Many of you have heard our promise to the Veterans, ‘We will remember them.’ We need to continue on the path towards preserving the Legion and everything it represents.”

Conducting a Remembrance Day service each year along with supporting other local causes and projects, Hatcher said members of the local branch decided to kick off a fundraiser with hopes of securing money to help keep their facility open.

“It will also ensure the history and future of our local branch remains prominent in the community.”

With monthly bills of \$500 (power, water, heat, and building maintenance), Hatcher explained they applied for and received a grant to help cover those costs but it is unfortunately running out. “Because the money in our account is dwindling, we are proposing monthly sponsorship opportunities. The hope is our local businesses and individuals will sponsor part of a month, an entire month or even multiple months to keep the Legion doors open.”

With amounts of \$300 (partial month), \$600 (full month) and multiple month options available, Hatcher said that will provide a massive boost to the current and future of the Lanigan Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 143. With the Legion’s building located along Main Street in Lanigan, Hatcher said the members are also busy planning additional fundraisers as well. “We hope to be able to open the doors more regularly to host monthly events and bring people in for fellowship and history



Hoping to ensure the doors remain open for the future and with expenses needing to be addressed, the Lanigan Royal Canadian Legion

while enjoying new events.”

Some of those events Hatcher touched on are a St. Patrick’s Day tea and bake sale, card tournaments, poker and golf tournaments, raffles, pancake breakfasts, dances and barbecues. “Our ever popular Remembrance Day service is also being planned as in person again which would be held at the Lanigan Town Hall.”

Since the Poppy Campaign, something held around Remembrance Day, cannot be used for supporting building maintenance and paying bills, Hatcher shared by adding events and fundraisers along with renting out the Legion building will help bring in money. “Once we are able to receive additional funding, we have plans to

Branch No. 143 is reaching out for support from the community and surrounding area.

- photo by Daniel Bushman

renovate the facility so people can enjoy using it if they like. That might include new paint, flooring and building upgrades.”

Also extending an invitation for new members, Hatcher said anyone can sign up. “You do not have to be a Veteran or related to one to get involved. Anyone wishing to volunteer or become a part of a special group and improve their community is welcome. Right now membership fees for the first year are free for Veterans.”

Hatcher said if someone would like to become involved either as a sponsor or member, they can contact him at 306-365-8308. “If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out.”

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Spring Comedy Night to benefit community of Drake

■ Daniel Bushman

With an opportunity to help keep the doors open at the Drake Sportsplex and the Drake Community Centre while having some fun, a familiar face to the community will be taking the stage as part of a Spring Comedy Night fundraiser.

Kelly Taylor, a former Drake Canuck who is also a Saskatchewan comedian and podcast host has joined up with the Drake and District Rec Board to raise money for the local facilities.

Drake and District Rec Board Spring Comedy Night committee member Naomi Seaborg shared the Apr. 7 event which will also include a ribeye meal and silent and live auction prizes is a perfect opportunity to bring the community and surrounding area together.

“Kelly will no doubt have us all in stitches with his hilarious stand-up show while helping us rally around our largest

facilities to raise funds to keep their doors open for many more years.”

Due to the pandemic severely hurting the bottom line of the rink and community centre in Drake over the past three years, decreased income in 2020 and 2021 and higher expenses forced the village to seek support. “Expenses are also expected to rise in 2023 and so we decided to reach out for support to ensure our organization and village facilities remain operational for years to come.”

Requiring upwards of \$250,000 in ice plant upgrades at the Drake Sportsplex while allocating funds for the Drake Community Centre, Seaborg said while not immediate they want to have the money set aside for when those aging facilities need to be fixed. “We can’t plan for when the compressors or plant will go down at the rink and upgrades will eventually need to take place at the Drake Community Centre so we would like to have funds in place to ensure those upgrades can

be done with minimal stress or interruption to community members who use the facilities.”

Hoping for the comedy night to be a success while getting a good start on raising money, Seaborg added they are looking for help for the Apr. 7 event. “In order for the Spring Comedy Night to be a success, we are hoping to receive silent or live auction items, event sponsors, and attendees. If businesses or organizations would like to contribute items we would gratefully accept them. For those wanting to attend, we have reserved tables and individual tickets available.”

With no donation or sponsorship too small or large, Seaborg appreciates any support that comes in. She added if people have questions they can contact one of the committee members including herself or Blake Bergen, Nolan Blair, Paige Blair or Courtney Leclair.

“We are looking forward to celebrating with everyone Apr. 7 in what should be a fun and enjoyable night.”

Teams shoot for titles as part of provincial action

■ Daniel Bushman

Seeking a provincial title, local area teams have hit the ice throughout different communities within Saskatchewan as they take aim at advancing through their brackets.

The following are the local area results according to Hockey Sask.:

In Senior A action, the Drake Canucks met a tough

Kindersley contingent in round one. In game one, Drake edged its opponents 3-2 before defeating Kindersley 4-1 in game two to advance to the next round. Also in the A bracket, LeRoy beat Loreburn 4-3 and 5-4 in its first round before meeting Hafford. In that matchup, Hafford edged the Braves 5-4 and 5-4 to move on to meet Drake.

With two clubs taking

aim at advancing to the Senior A final, Drake took game one 6-2 while Hafford evened the series with a 6-4 win. A deciding game three was scheduled for Mar. 11. The winner of the series will either meet Wynyard or Odessa with the Monarchs leading that best of three following a 2-1 game one victory. Game two was slated for Mar. 11 with a potential game three for Mar. 12.

In U18 B action, Watrous faced Lumsden in its round winning game one 2-1. In game two, Lumsden won 6-2 and then took game three 1-0 to advance.

In U18 C action, Lanigan met Milestone, winning 5-3 in game one and 4-2 in game two to move on to the next round. The team was scheduled to face Shaunavon Mar. 12 and 18 with the winner headed to the final

against either Muenster or Delisle.

In U15 C action, Watrous faced Turtleford in round one winning 7-1 and 8-2 to advance. In the next round, Watrous met a tough Aberdeen team, losing 4-2 and 6-2.

In U15 D action, Lanigan tied Eston at four in game one and then won 4-2 to advance. Facing Shaunavon, Lanigan lost the first game 10-2 and

was scheduled to play Mar. 11. The winner meets either Delisle or Kerrobert in the final.

In U13 C action, Watrous faced Rosetown in round one, winning 6-4 and 9-6. Taking on Wakaw in round two, Watrous lost 7-6 and 5-3.

In U13 D action, Lanigan met Kipling in round one with Kipling advancing after winning 7-5 and 10-7.



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RCMP Report

Fuel thefts up 70 percent in 2022

In 2022, Saskatchewan RCMP received approximately 818 reports of thefts of fuel (diesel and/or gas), an increase of approximately 70 percent as compared to 2021.

These reports were received from all across the province and include:

- 510 reports of someone fuelling up a vehicle at a service station, then leaving without paying. (Note: this excludes reports where investigation determined the person left without paying due to misunderstanding or oversight.)
- 117 of reports of theft from large fuel tanks or heavy machinery, either by siphoning or drilling the tank.
- 106 reports of theft from bulk fuel tanks at businesses, farms, or rural municipalities.
- the remainder include reports including thefts of jerry cans and similar containers.

Saskatchewan RCMP received reports of fuel thefts from across the province. The detachments with the highest number of reports are Battlefords (61), Saskatoon (58), Shellbrook (46) and Swift Current (39).

Reports of fuel thefts have continued in 2023, including two incidents of gas tank drilling reported to Punnichy RCMP Feb. 27.

Saskatchewan RCMP offers the following tips to help prevent fuel theft:

- lock privately-owned fuel tanks and ensure the area they are located is well lit;
- set up video or photo surveillance in areas where you have a privately-owned fuel tank;
- if possible, park vehicles in a locked garage or outbuilding or park in a well-lit, frequently-travelled location;
- park with your fuel door facing a frequently-travelled road;
- if possible, do not park in one area or leave a vehicle unattended for an extended period of time; and
- if your vehicle has an alarm, activate it when you leave your vehicle unattended.

Report suspicious activity to police, even if it does not involve your own vehicle. If you see suspicious activity occurring, report it.

RCMP respond to firearms threat

At approximately 9 a.m. Feb. 21, Battleford RCMP responded to the report of a firearms threat at a residence located on the 900 block of 110th Street in North Battleford. Initial investigation determined two suspects, who were

armed with firearms, made threats to an individual at the residence. No injuries were reported. Upon police arrival, officers located and arrested a 26-year-old male wanted on a Canada-wide warrant for a parole violation, unrelated to the original report of the firearms threat. Officers located and seized an air pistol and a shotgun from the residence.

The investigation continues and members of the public are asked to report information about this incident to Battlefords RCMP at 306-446-1720. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Break and enter

At approximately 2:15 a.m. Mar. 3, Wakaw RCMP received a report of a break and enter in the RM of Fish Creek, west of Wakaw. Investigation determined two males broke into a residence and several nearby outbuildings and stole approximately 10 firearms and some tools and electronics. No injuries were reported to police. The males then fled westbound on Hwy. 312 in a black pickup truck. Officers issued a local advisory on the Saskatchewan Crime Watch Network to advise residents in the area of the incident to be on the lookout for the black truck and to report suspicious activity to police.

Wakaw RCMP continue to investigate with the assistance of the Saskatchewan RCMP's Forensic Identification Services. Anyone with information should call Wakaw RCMP at 306-233-5810. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

RCMP execute warrant

As a result of investigation by the La Ronge RCMP General Investigation Section, search warrants were executed Mar. 3 at two residences on Royal Avenue in the La Ronge district. Officers located and seized approximately 150 grams of cocaine and crack, a sum of cash, trafficking paraphernalia, bear mace and a replica handgun. An adult male, who initially provided a false name to police, was arrested at one of the residences. Twenty-six-year-old Abdiaziz Mohamud from Toronto is charged with: one count, possession for the purpose of trafficking (cocaine), Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act; one count, possession of property obtained by crime less than \$5,000, Section 354(1)(a), Criminal Code; two counts, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88(1), Criminal Code; and one count, obstruct peace officer, Section 129(a), Criminal Code.

RCMP respond to firearms discharge

At approximately 4:30 p.m. Mar. 4, Beauval RCMP received a report of a firearms discharge at a residence on La Plonge First Nation. Investigation determined a white car

with a green tarp covering one of the windows approached a residence. The occupants discharged a firearm at the windows of the residence, which was occupied at the time. No injuries were reported to police.

Officers from Beauval RCMP and neighbouring detachments immediately began searching for the vehicle, which investigation determined had been reported as stolen from Prince Albert. The white car was found abandoned and burnt south of Prince Albert later in the evening of Mar. 4. Investigators do not believe this incident is random in nature; however, if an elevated risk to community safety is identified, Beauval RCMP will alert the public. Anyone who witnessed or has information about this incident should call Beauval RCMP at 306-288-6400. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

RCMP respond to alarm call at school

At approximately 1 a.m. Mar. 5, Nipawin RCMP were dispatched to an alarm call at a school in Nipawin. Officers immediately responded and noted damage to several classrooms and change rooms. A number of computers were damaged, desks and chairs were thrown around and walls were graffitied.

Officers patrolled the nearby area and as a result of investigation, arrested and charged one female youth with one count of break and enter, Section 348(1b), Criminal Code. The youth, who cannot be identified as per the Youth Criminal Justice Act, is scheduled to appear in Nipawin Provincial Court Apr. 19, 2023.

Anyone who may have information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Nipawin RCMP at 306-862-6270. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

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Viscount

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Monday, Mar. 6, four ladies enjoyed another Monday together for Blankets for Canada at the Viscount library. They kept busy chatting and drinking tea while working on joining squares. Saskatoon shelters are in need of adult blankets, so we are concentrating on making the largest size. We are so grateful for all the squares we are given and appreciate the donations of yarn as well.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon.
Have a great week.

Jansen

Louise Shannon

Mar. 8 was International Women's Day. All of the businesses in Jansen are headed up by women. The men are busy farming.
Carol Neugabauer is honouring some teachers at the library. Elaine Seifert made some cookies. She taught for many years. She even taught my little sister Valerie in Gr. 1. Unfortunately, Valerie has passed away.
St. Patrick's Day is Mar. 17. Enjoy the good Irish music.
Spring is getting closer and I have planted my tomatoes in the house. They are up already.
Happy birthday to Beth Giesbrecht and Stephanie Lynch and to Rod Liebrecht and Lexi Arnst on St. Patrick's Day.

Solutions and Substitutions



— tips from Reena Nerbas

Dear Reena,
I am battling a bad odour in my kitchen sink. What can I do to get rid of the smell before my kids come home for the summer? Alex
Dear Alex,
This problem is annoying especially when family is on the way. The sink dilemma may involve the drain and vent. Begin by pouring vinegar into the drain hole; scrub with an old toothbrush. Also, the trap under the basin may not be holding enough water, thus allowing sewer fumes into the room. Make sure that the trap holds water; it could be that the overflow on the basin needs cleaning. If possible, remove the trap and clean it well with vinegar, water and dish soap.
Clean the drain: pour one cup vinegar into the drain, chase with one cup baking soda. Plug the drain and fill the sink with hot water. Leave overnight and in the morning let drain. It takes a couple of treatments to effectively remedy the odour. Do this once a month to keep the bathroom smelling fresh. If you are only noticing the smell during winter months, chances are that the stack on top of your house is frozen over. If this is the case, you may want to pour boiling water into the stack to get rid of ice blocks.
Most bathroom drain slowdowns and blockages start at the popup assembly, not at the trap or in the other drain lines. The culprits are the pivot rod and the stopper, which collect bits of hair and "stuff" over time. This mass grows large until it eventually slows down sink drainage or causes a full-blown blockage. Either remove the stopper or hire a professional to do the task. Clean out all the mess on the stoppers and the metal rod. While holding a sponge over the hole where the pivot rod was removed, flush the drain with hot water.

Dear Reena,
Any ideas for patching a cultured marble bathtub? There is a crack in the middle of my cultured marble

bathtub and it began leaking, any ideas will be very much appreciated. John
Hello John,
It is possible to repair scratches, chips, and minor blemishes on cultured marble. A certified repair person can re-buff the surface with a special mixed gel-coat compound. Cracks and broken pieces are virtually impossible to repair. It is not possible to apply a completely new clear finish to a cultured marble product once it has left the factory. However, if you are at the point where you do not want to contact a professional and you are ready to replace the bathtub then you have nothing to lose by opting to caulk the crack using coloured 100 percent silicone caulk which will closely match the cultured marble.

Feedback from fine contributor
Re: Devilled eggs
Hi Reena,
To peel hard-boiled eggs more easily peel while still warm and under water. Crack the egg thoroughly and you will often find an air bubble, under the skin at the top; this is a good place to begin peeling. To have smooth yolks, always mash when warm. Start with a fork and end with the back of a soup spoon, gently crushing the yolk into the bottom of the bowl to rid the mixture of all lumps. I was considered the Devilled Egg Queen at work for almost 20 years, and they even had a contest when I retired to see who could replace me at lunches and special events.

Practical tips for pots and pans
• When buying a skillet, even if it has non-stick coating make sure it has a thick bottom. The thicker the bottom, the more control you will have over the pan. A thin pan cannot handle high heat and can get hot spots or warp, making it easier for food burn.
• Throw out non-stick pans or baking sheets if the coating begins to come off. Also, cooking with lemon-based foods in non-stick ware may reduce durability and the coating is more likely to peel.

Note: Every user assumes all risks of injury or damage resulting from the implementation of any suggestions in this column. Test all products on an inconspicuous area first.
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Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Just Like Cream Cheese Frosting

Ingredients:
½ cup room temperature butter
2 cups icing sugar
1 tbsp. cream (milk can be used)
1 tsp. vinegar
½ tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. lemon juice
¼ tsp. salt

Directions:
Beat butter until whipped and smooth with a mixer. Add in the sugar and mix on low until it combines, then turn to medium and add in the remaining ingredients. Continue to mix until smooth. This amount will frost an eight inch cake and the recipe is easily doubled for a larger amount of frosting. If you prefer a thick layer of frosting, then double the recipe for a single layer eight inch cake.

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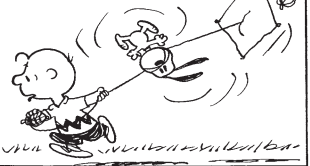
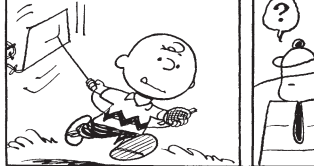
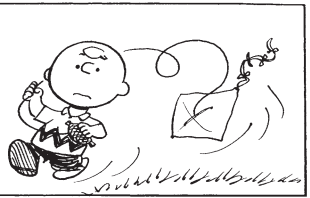
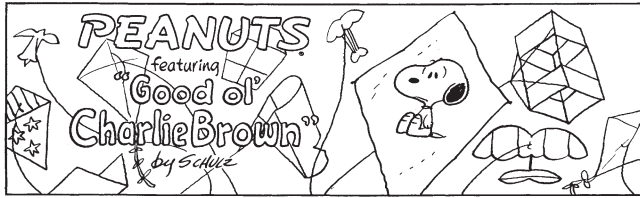
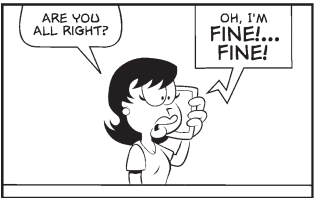
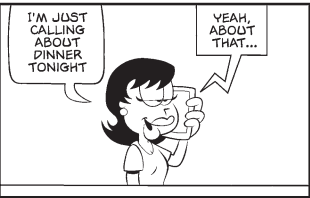
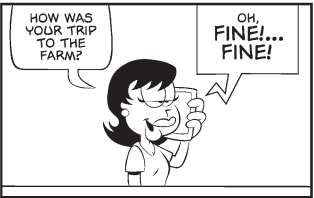
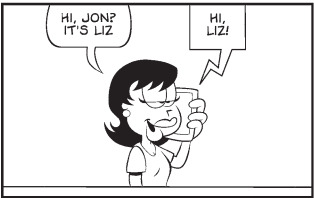
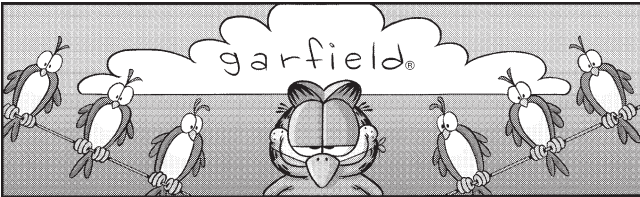
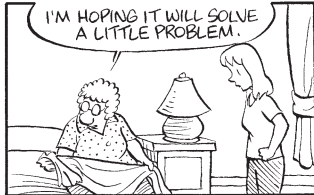
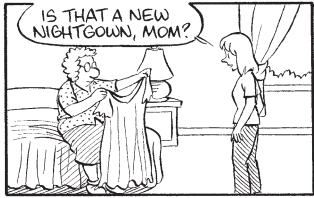
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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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		2	6	3	9	4	1	
				5		9	6	
			8	1	4	2		
	7			9			4	
		4	2	6	7			
	4	6		8				
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ACROSS
1 "1,000 songs in your pocket" device
5 Troublesome tykes
9 Bread unit
13 Desert mound
14 Begin
15 "Why We're Polarized" author Klein
16 With 62-Down, biometric reading from the eye
17 Oscar honoree
18 Talk up
19 Boldly punctuates a performance
22 Org. for the Timberwolves and Trail Blazers
23 "Immediately!"
24 It's 100% settled
26 What (aptly?) holds up government projects
30 Honey or hot tar
31 Palindromic kitchenware brand
32 Like some diets that eschew pasta
35 "Look—talking!"
39 70 degrees F, e.g.
41 "Goodness me!"
42 Termite's home
43 Cold drink with a Blue Raspberry flavor
44 Exfoliating sponge
46 "I've solved the puzzle!"
47 Apt letters missing from "de_epti_"
49 Unexpected winter break
51 Ancient Eurasian trade route
56 Aunt, to Mom
57 "Rules — rules"
58 Deteriorate
63 Tiger : cub :: sheep : ____
65 Home of India's Lotus Temple
66 Green Tex-Mex topping
67 Watery blue
68 Set a maximum for
69 Name in operettas?
70 Gossip to dish
71 Incoming flight stats
72 Back in the day

DOWN
1 "____ it my way" (Sinatra lyric)
2 (Belly rubs ... warm milk ... what a dream!)
3 Russian church topper
4 Tyrant
5 React to chicken pox
6 Defeated in chess
7 Ad that generates hype
8 Casserole legume
9 "____er rip!"
10 O3
11 A Caribbean island
12 Like a major flaw
14 Took a chair
20 Elegant waterbird
21 Susan Wojcicki, to YouTube
25 Finish off, as a drink
26 Indian bread in seyal
27 "Suit" at a company
28 Foam on the water?
29 Voice-over artist's bane
33 Earlier in time
34 NFL officials
36 Begin to fail ... or a hint to the last word of 3-, 8- or 28-Down
37 Work safety grp.
38 "Don't leave me!"
40 Quick kiss
45 It's fired at a fire
48 www.gatesfoundation.____
50 Gizmo
51 Dressed dish
52 Turk's neighbor
53 Madagascar primate
54 Face-planted
55 Stuffed grape leaf
59 "So it's come to ____"
60 Far from a flop
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Hitting the ice

The Lanigan Arena was a hub of activity Saturday, Mar. 4 as the U9 Pirates hosted a tournament. In total there were six teams competing during the day including Lanigan, Watrous (two teams), Humboldt (two teams), and Melfort. Winning this year's A final was Humboldt 1 over Watrous 2.

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The U17 Humboldt Hurricanes soccer team competed in this year's SaskTel Soccer for Life 6-Aside Youth Provincial Championships in Regina held during the first weekend of March. Competing in the U17 Boys Division, the team consisted of players from the Humboldt and Lanigan area. In a fast-paced close game, the Hurricanes defeated the Regina FCR Allstars 1-0 before facing The Battlefords United FC. Taking on The Battlefords, Humboldt won 3-1 and ended up 2-0 in round-robin play, advancing to the final. In the final, they faced the Regina FCR Allstars again. The FCR Allstars scored early to take a 1-0 lead but the Hurricanes fought back earning a 3-1 victory and the title. Congratulations to local athletes Zoe Mau (above) and Kyler Lone (above right) on this great accomplishment. Coaching the team were Courtney and Brittany Ward and Sean Brandow from Humboldt.

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SUMA calls on government to address immediate issues in communities

■ media release

Annually the SUMA Convention and trade show brings municipal issues to the attention of the provincial government and the public. As SUMA prepares for the 2023 event, the association is continuing to call on the provincial government to address enduring issues in Saskatchewan's hometowns including reduced access to health care and the costs of landfill decommissioning.

Saskatchewan's hometowns have continuously voiced concerns related to health care, particularly in the towns and villages. In 2022, SUMA's members called for the development and implementation of a long-term recruiting and retention plan to adequately provide and maintain emergent, acute, and long-term health care.

SUMA recognizes the work of the province through the Health Human Resources Action Plan to recruit and retain health care professionals and ensure Saskatchewan's hospitals, health centres, and long-term care homes are adequately staffed. However, while the progress is positive, more needs to be done as many communities are still experiencing regular service interruptions in both clinic hours and ambulatory care.

"While health is a provincial responsibility, hospitals, health centres, and long-term care homes are located in our

hometowns - Saskatchewan's cities, towns, and villages - and they impact the well-being of our residents," SUMA President Randy Goulden said. "You should not have to worry about how long it will take for an ambulance to get to you. In an emergency, minutes matter. You also should not have to travel well outside your community to receive basic care when you have a hospital or clinic in your own community, but the doors are shuttered due to lack of staffing."

The problems are compounded in Saskatchewan's smaller municipalities. Due to staffing issues, one community saw their closest ambulance service unavailable for an entire month.

SUMA is continuing to call on the province to take immediate action on EMS retention, including increasing on-call rates for paramedics, to encourage people to enter, and stay, in the profession. A review of doctor compensation is also necessary as low fee-for-service rates are driving family doctors out of the profession.

With a focus on cost, the cost of decommissioning landfills continues to be a barrier for Saskatchewan's municipalities. The substantial costs of closing landfills were brought forward through resolution at SUMA's convention in 2022.

"Communities with less than 500 people do not have the tax base to pay \$300,000 to \$500,000 to decommission their landfill," President Goulden said.

While funding was made available through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program to facilitate decommissioning of waste disposal sites, municipalities are responsible for paying a portion through the cost-shared grant. With final stages of decommissioning costing approximately \$250,000 to \$350,000, small municipalities would need to supply \$60,000 or more.

"To help the province meet its goal of reducing the number of landfills, and help municipalities cover the costs of decommissioning their local landfill to ensure compliance with environmental guidelines, Saskatchewan's hometowns are asking for the Government of Saskatchewan to provide 25-year, interest free loans to smaller communities," President Goulden said.

SUMA's advocacy is shaped by Saskatchewan's hometowns through conversations, meetings, and events including the resolutions session at SUMA's annual convention. The SUMA Board of Directors met in Saskatoon on Mar. 3 to discuss topics important to Saskatchewan's hometowns, including the resolutions going to the floor at the 2023 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow in April. Resolutions set to be brought forward include PST on municipal construction projects and events, and supports for Saskatchewan's vulnerable residents. The 2023 resolutions package will be available in mid-March.

Women Building Futures celebrates graduating class of BHP Trades Readiness program

■ media release

Women Building Futures (WBF), a leading non-profit organization dedicated to fostering economic

security for women in non-traditional industries, is thrilled to announce the graduation of its first cohort of the BHP Trades Readiness program in

Saskatchewan, coinciding with International Women's Day.

Through their unique model, Women Building Futures has successfully helped women in Alberta and British Columbia to overcome barriers to entry in industries where they are traditionally underrepresented. The graduation of this first cohort is an inspiring testament to the organization's efforts to create a more diverse and inclusive workforce by empowering women with

the skills, knowledge, and confidence to succeed.

"We are proud to see our first BHP Trades Readiness cohort graduate and join the workforce, becoming vital economic contributors to their families and communities. This program has provided these women with the tools they need to succeed in the trades and pave the way for more women to follow in their footsteps," said Carol Moen, CEO of Women Building Futures. "Over the last 25 years, WBF has grown to become

a trusted name in its focus industries for introductory training in Alberta and British Columbia and we are excited to bring this model to Saskatchewan. We are committed to staying here and continuing to support unemployed and underemployed women in this region for a long time to come."

"Congratulations to all the graduates. We are excited to see what success lays ahead for you as you take these next steps in your career," said Simon Thomas, President Potash at BHP. "Building a gender balanced work force that is safe, culturally diverse, and inclusive is so important to BHP. Not only is it the right thing to do, but it also supports better business outcomes. Our partnership with Women Building Futures is key to how we will make this happen, while also creating a positive

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