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And Weekly!

The Beaver River Banner

NODCA, GRANTED

North of Divide Communities Association Chair Murray Rausch was pleased to report to us last week the group has been successful in gaining grant monies. Though the final allocated figure comes out to some 25% less than the group put in for, he said he was pleased that a large scale joint community planning initiative can now carefully move ahead.

Even before getting the nod for \$75,000 from the Province of Saskatchewan's "Planning for Growth Initiative," the group had taken a step by hiring a former summer student who has now completed his community planning training at the University of Saskatchewan.

Kenny Gobeil is already at work as Administrative Secretary for NODCA based out of the RM of Beaver River Office. Salary support for Gobeil is shared in part by the Canada-Saskatchewan Employment Program and the Beaver River Community Futures Corporation - support Rausch says, NODCA was grateful to receive, and which will go a long way toward accomplishing Association objectives.

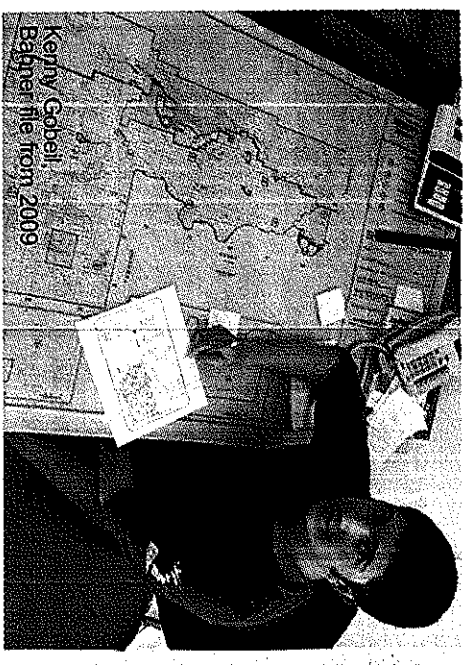
But the biggest spends are yet to come, hence the excitement about the grant. The group accepted proposals for community planning for NODCA members, which Rausch notes community profiles have recently been updated. Some members have reasonably current community plans and zoning bylaws, which may serve to cut regional planning costs. Still, for whichever firm gets the final nod from NODCA, it's a big project, with a two-year deadline mandated by the province.

"From my perspective, based on some past experience with the Village of Goodsoil's plans, the timetable is workable, but this is an extensive project," Rausch says that the City of Meadow Lake and the RM of Meadow Lake #588 are sizeable, key components of the process. "The end goal is to be able to consolidate each municipality's unique planning needs inside the broader range of a regional plan, accommodating needs of NODCA members."

"People need to understand this is a unique opportunity for us all to work together, to get a plan in place to take us all into the future - and now, we've secured provincial support and assistance to do so."

Not to mention, if professional, modern planning isn't performed on a regional level, the province could eventually be in position to impose their own planning vision upon municipalities that failed to look ahead for themselves.

Rausch cites issues such as the

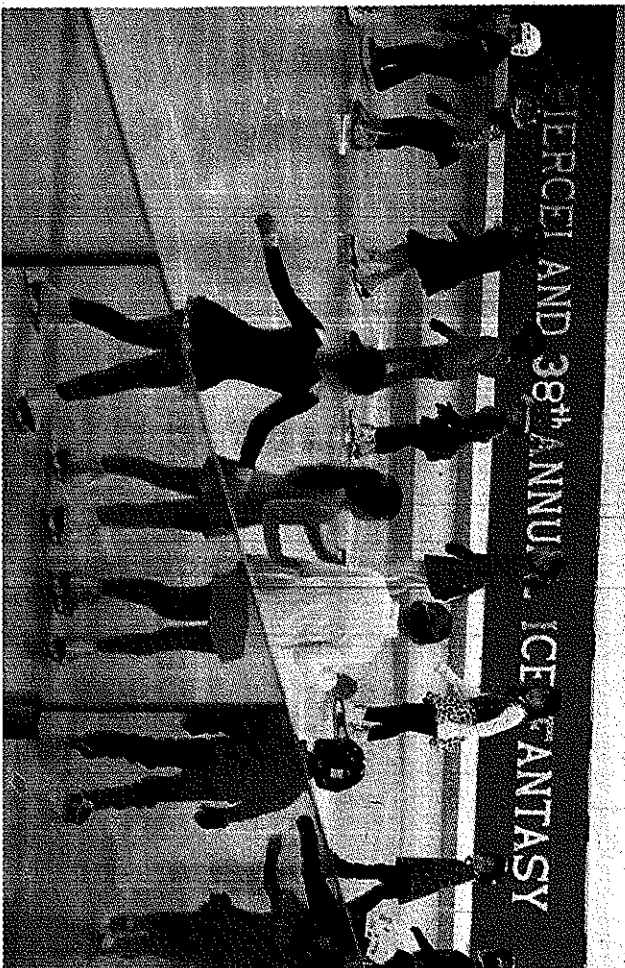


Kenny Gobeil, Beaver file from 2009

mini-boom in recent years, particularly in lakeshore type approvals and zoning for development in the RM of Beaver River, where the process has been in his word "challenging to coordinate and manage."

Rausch says there is still some negotiating to do within NODCA members after the grant came up a little short - NODCA will reveal total costs, grant monies and breakdowns by community, or NODCA member in the future.

In the big picture, while zoning bylaws and planning statements will surely be affected, it's a process for the overall long term benefit of the public and local government. He adds there will be ample promotion of the process, it's goals, and opportunity for public input during the next two years.



STARS SHINE IN 38th ANNUAL ICE FANTASY

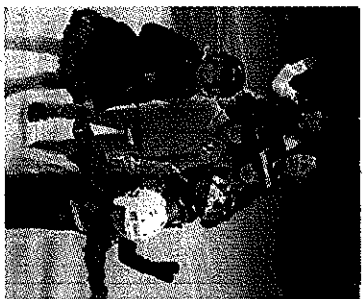
"Look At Our Stars."

The Pierceland Figure Skating Club kept the long-running tradition alive, with a carnival that had something for everyone last Saturday at Pierceland Arena. The theme was

Two dozen costumed skaters skated their hearts out to a variety of music, pleasing a crowd of about 150 parents, siblings, relatives and friends.

From the opening pre-k group gathering ingredients to outfit the Muffin Man, to a short program from this year's skating instructor Shelby Pollock, various skill levels were on open display. There were some spills, but many more smiles and successes, and it was obvious by the smiles the participants were enjoying their chances to shine.

The Club was sure to thank 15-year old Pollock (shown left), for



Among nearly 50 club sponsors, local lady Jean Troniak sewed skating bags for each student which were presented at the end of the program.

The Pierceland Rodeo Committee presents an amazing:

Perogi Supper, Comedian and Dance!

Saturday, Feb. 19th
Pierceland Community Hall
Doors Open 6pm
PEROGI FEAST
Begins at 6:30!

Great Food, Superb Entertainment!
Eat 'till you're full, laugh 'till your side splits!

Menu includes:
Homemade perogies, cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, ham and sausage, veggie and salad, dessert

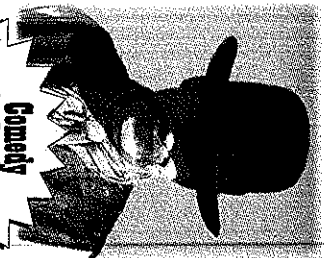
Silent Auction!

ADMISSION:
\$25/adult, \$12/student
6 & under FREE!
DEAL: Family of 4, just: \$60

Music by
Pushin' 60!
Cash Bar

Tickets at the door for comedian and dance \$15 to begin at 8 pm
Advance tickets **NOW ON SALE!**
at Rawlakes Store, DJ Esso,
Pierceland Credit Union

Comedy
by Leanne
Reo Artist,
Ben Crane
from Southern
Alberta



CHILDREN Welcome!

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ON SALE!

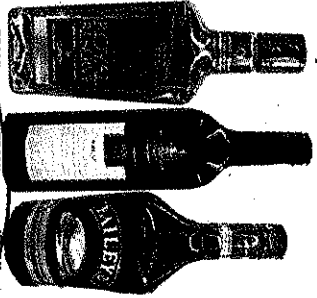
TAKE YOUR PICK!

Royal Reserve - \$16.99

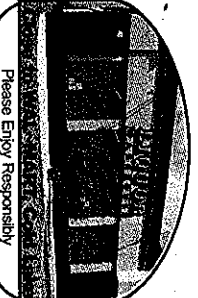
Wyndham Estate

Bin 555 Shiraz - \$11.99

Bailey's Irish Cream - \$32.99



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Mom & Dad, *Grandma & Grandpa!*

You are a great example of True Love for each other, a wonderful marriage, and unconditional love for your family. We love you very much, and are so proud of you.

Happy Anniversary
With All Our Love,

Greg, Amber & Family
Myron, Debbie & Family
Kevin, Darleen & Family

