



OUTGOING CHAIRPERSON: Lorraine Tchor of Esterhazy replies to a question during the biannual public meeting of the health district Thursday. About 90 people attended the meeting and raised their concerns during a two-and-a-half hour question period with the board. Tchor, along with board members Ken Lerat, Gordon Matthews and Leslie Leontowich have said they will not seek reelection in the first-ever health district elections Oct. 25.

UFO spotted near Crooked Lake

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An Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) viewed by about 20 people south of Melville Sept. 8 remains unexplained.

Most sightings of UFOs are obviously erroneous and turn out to be weather balloons, airplanes or spacecraft flying during particular atmospheric conditions. But many experts believe a number of reliable observations — and this may be one of them — remain unexplained.

"It kind of makes you wonder," says Wayne Skotheim, the owner-manager of Cedar Cove Resort on Crooked Lake. "There must have been 20 of us watching it in the parking lot using binoculars."

A spherical-shaped red, blue, yellow and white light was seen hovering in the northwest sky. The UFO hovered above the hills but at what distance Skotheim wasn't able to tell.

It's not the first time there have

been strange lights in east central Saskatchewan or the Crooked Lake area. In 1983-84 Skotheim's friend took photos of an UFO above the Qu'Appelle Valley hills — a mystery to this day — and five years ago Skotheim spotted a

strange sphere hovering over Crooked Lake.

On this occasion the mysterious light appeared during a very clear evening, he says. It was predominantly red appearing between 10:15-11:15 p.m. The light then moved off in a northwesterly direction at about the time Melville RCMP Cst. Renee Shank arrived at the scene.

Shank confirms he saw the unexplained light move off in a northwesterly direction and has no idea what it was. He says he was called to the scene through the Yorkton dispatch office and quips about the investigation, "What am I suppose to do, arrest it, and say, take me to your leader?"

No formal RCMP investigation has been started, says Shank.

Accoose denied parole

A man found guilty of killing William Dove will be spending at least another year behind bars.

David Myles Accoose was denied full parole, day parole and unescorted temporary absence last week by the National Parole Board.

In a high profile case Accoose, his cousin Hubert Corey Accoose, and a young offender pleaded guilty to manslaughter in connection with the death of Dove, 73, in August 1992.

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Craftsman revs up retirement years

By WADE S. WALZ
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If you walk by 66 Halifax Street late at night and hear a noise — it's probably Melville's only automaker at work.

Ernie Franks is a retired school superintendent who builds model wooden cars and trucks, toys and furniture.

"I starting building toys for my grandchildren — doll houses, rockers, and cribs. After my retirement I needed something to do and I've

superintendent and the assistant regional director, based in Yorkton. He spent five years in Melville as a superintendent and then spent time in other surrounding communities. He finished off in 1984 in Melville.



The 72-year-old says he's been building toys for about 15 years. He's made the switch to building cars, trucks and boats.

"There's a lot of detail on the Cadillac but he doesn't use a wood chisel to carve the car.

"I don't use chisels very much, I have a band saw, sander and drills. I do use some chisels but mostly power tools."

Franks used several kinds of wood to make the Fleetwood, including oak, mahogany and maple. The only part on the car he didn't make are the wheels, and he

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Parkland Regional Library in Melville during June. He has also sells some of them through Second Wind, a collectibles shop at the Waverley Hotel.

But the Cadillac isn't for sale and neither is the Model A or Model T. If the Fleetwood was for sale, Franks says it would command about \$100.

"I would never get the true value for it but I would have to, at least, get what it cost me to build."

It takes time and money to build the cars but he's not in any hurry to switch hobbies.

enon that cuts across political lines, replied Melville board member Gordon Matthews.

"They're (various jurisdictions) all having the same problem. We don't know if our government has chosen the right method or but we're sure struggling. I'm hoping we can pull it together because if we don't we'll be swallowed up by Yorkton without question."

He says the population of the Valley is too small to get special services.

Continues Matthews, "We haven't reached the target that set for us in acute care. We know if the people — the power base — have set the right target. We're a little suspicious maybe they haven't. We can't blame any political setup or what's happened."

By early November it will be known if the government will give preliminary approval to a proposal for a 50-bed facility adjacent to the Paul Lutheran Home, says board member Albert Seib. He says the government and hospital officials have agreed for years the facility needs replacing.

The current plan would

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Jailed for

A Broadview man will serve a year in jail for sexual assault and is pregnant.

Lionel John Kenny, 24, was sentenced to a year in jail for sexually assaulting a woman at Queen's Bench Indian Reserve July 17.

A publication ban protects the victim.

Disput

A wrongful dismissal suit by a former economic developer is set for trial after more than a year.

In August 1994 Dennis was appointed to the position for five years. He was elected in the district election and charged the district.