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## Third Avenue on Main chosen to receive Young Entrepreneur Bursary

One of 57 businesses in Sask to benefit from new program

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
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Third Avenue on Main in Moosomin is one of 57 businesses in Saskatchewan that has been chosen to receive \$5,000 through the provincial government's new Young Entrepreneur Bursary.

On Tuesday, Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding, along with Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce CEO Prabha Ramaswamy, announced recipients of the 2025-26 Young Entrepreneur Bursary. A total of 57 young entrepreneurs from 48 communities across the province will receive \$5,000 each to help their small businesses get off the ground.

The Government of Saskatchewan is providing the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce with nearly \$1 million dollars over three years to deliver the program. Entrepreneurs eligible for the program are between the ages of 18 and 35 years of age and have been in operation for 10 years or less.

"It's a brand new program that is recognizing the importance of young entrepreneurs around the province," says Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weekmark who is also the president of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce.

"It will run for three years and each recipient of the bursary will receive \$5,000 as well as access to mentorship workshops and a complimentary Chamber of Commerce membership. It will be wonderful to see the difference that's going to make for some of these businesses.

"Right around the province young entrepreneurs are a really important part of our success and in our region, we seem to have an awful lot of young entrepreneurs at the moment. We have new stores, new businesses opening in Moosomin in the last few years that are owned and operated by very, very young people and I see it all around the riding.

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Kevin Weekmark photo

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# Holiday Smile Cookie week raising money for Moosomin Visual Arts Centre

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Holiday Smile Cookie Week is from November 17-23, and this year Moosomin Tim Hortons is raising money for the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre.

Tim Hortons has started taking pre-orders for the cookies, with 100 per cent of the proceeds going toward the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre.

"We always like to switch up our organization every year and we see the benefit of having the Visual Arts Centre in our community," says Moosomin Tim Hortons owner Greg Crisanti. "They've been doing some great things and (manager) Cherrie (Caliwag) was really interested in getting on board. They have a great volunteer base, the community is really behind it, so we couldn't think of a better fit to put it all together."

Last year Moosomin raised \$11,443 in Holiday Smile Cookie sales, making the Moosomin location the second top-selling location in Saskatchewan. During past Smile Cookie campaigns, Moosomin has set the record as the top selling location in the province on a number of occasions.

"We definitely put Moosomin on the map for sure," says Crisanti. "I was just out in Ottawa with a bunch of MPs and visited a QP office, and they are quite aware of our results in Saskatchewan. We like to brag a little bit for sure, but we aren't giving away our secrets, people are following in our footsteps which is a good thing."

"It's the people who live here," says Moosomin Tim Hortons Manager Cherrie Caliwig.

Smile Cookies sell for \$2 a cookie and the arts centre is aiming to sell more than \$10,000 worth of cookies this year.

"We are live now so anyone can order cookies right now," says Crisanti.

The money from the cookie sales will go towards operating costs at the arts centre.

"Right now we are being sponsored by the town for three years, but we have to find a way to make some more money. Just the supplies, the different classes we provide, the rent. We are continuing to do lots of classes and lots of that is volunteer as well. We'd like to



## Holiday Smile Cookie sales coming up

Holiday Smile Cookie sales are coming up November 17-23 with proceeds in Moosomin going to the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre. The World-Spectator is the first sponsor for this year, sponsoring cookie sales Friday, November 21. From left are Greg Crisanti and Cherrie Caliwig with Moosomin Tim Hortons, Kevin Weedmark with the World-Spectator, and Lila Smart and Lynne Hafner with the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre.

do more classes and have more exposure," says Lynn Smart with the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre.

"We are a sports town. We are very lucky to be a sports town. But the visual arts is a good thing to be exposed to as well."

"It's surprising the people who come out. We had ceramics last night and had 20 people. The

class before, we had 24, so that's a whole other group of people coming in."

"At our meeting the other night there were 39 new members and 64 returning and, then there are always drop-ins," Lynne Hafner adds.

"We get a good response from the kids. Cooking classes are huge, they seem to go over re-

ally well."

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# Third Avenue on Main chosen to receive Young Entrepreneur Bursary

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"I pop into a coffee shop in Moosomin run by a very young person who moved from Alberta to set up a business in Moosomin—Trends Mercantile. I can stop for coffee and Wolseley and stop in at the Garden Cafe and the young woman who runs that business graduated from McGill University and rather than starting her career in New York, or Montreal or Toronto or Vancouver, she chose to move to Wolseley, Saskatchewan and start a business.

"I see the same thing all around the region, young people deciding that they want to live in rural Saskatchewan and they want to build their communities by setting up a business and starting to build their lives there.

Weedmark says the new program was set up to encourage young people to be entrepreneurs.

"The idea is simply to recognize young entrepreneurs and to encourage people to consider that. One thing a lot of young people in high school don't think about is the possibility of becoming an entrepreneur and setting up their own business," he says.

"It's something that can be very, very rewarding and it's something not everybody thinks about.

"This entrepreneurship program is awarding 57 entrepreneurs around the province this year, and it's also getting the word out that you can be a young person going into business. There are challenges but there are great rewards going into business for yourself.

"I have to admit, if I could do one thing differently in my life I probably would have gone into business a little bit younger than I did."

He says he's happy to see someone in the Moosomin-Montmartre riding was awarded the bursary.

"It's wonderful. We tried to distribute these around the province, so each local Chamber will be handing out one of these awards. In the case of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce we will be inviting Tia Cedarstrand from Third Avenue on Main to come to a meeting and receive the cheque from the Chamber of Commerce for \$5,000 to help her in what she is doing.

"She is an excellent case of what can be done with the Young Entrepreneur Bursary. She is a young person who was working at a store in Moosomin called Kassie's Jewelry. The owners were ready to retire and sell their business. She was a young person who was working in their business. She did not have the capital to buy their business but she had the skills, she had the knowledge.

"So the Community Builders Alliance stepped in, she got some silent partners to help her buy



Tia Cedarstrand, the owner of Third Avenue on Main, in her store in Moosomin.

the business, and now she's in business and doing very, very well. She's filling a need in Moosomin. It's a jewelry shop and she's added a florist business to that so she's expanded the business.

"So that's the exactly the kind of thing we need to see in small communities. That adds so much to our communities. Every new business like that makes a difference.

"And in our case there are so many young people. Down the street at Trends Mercantile it's

wonderful to see another young person there running a business who has added something that Moosomin didn't have before. And you have many other young people show have gone into business in the area just in the last few years, and I think that's absolutely phenomenal to see."

"It is encouraging to see Saskatchewan's next generation of entrepreneurs contributing to the economic success of our province," Trade and Export Development Minis-

ter Warren Kaeding said. "This government recognizes the role that young business owners play in creating jobs, driving innovation and growing our economy."

The program received 326 applications from

young entrepreneurs in the areas of health care services, construction, recreation, agriculture and more. Applications came from all corners of the province, with 39 from the Northeast, 52 from the Northwest, 36 from South-

east Saskatchewan, 41 from the Southwest Saskatchewan, and 158 from the province's two largest urban centres.

"As a provincial chamber, it is important for us to ensure that entrepreneurs in every corner of the province have the opportunity to thrive," Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce CEO Prabha Ramaswamy said. "Through this program, we are proud to create opportunities for young leaders to grow, collaborate, and contribute to a stronger provincial economy."

The bursaries encourage the next generation of entrepreneurship and support economic development across the province.

In 2024, small businesses in the province totaled 154,278. That gives Saskatchewan a per capita rate of 124 for every 1,000 people, the second highest rate in the country.

This year's Saskatchewan Small Business Profile shows that small businesses in the province have grown 4.9 per cent from 2014 to 2024.

A small business is defined as one that has less than 50 employees. Small businesses make up 98.8 per cent of businesses in the province, employing over 30 per cent of its workforce, and paying out nearly \$7.8 billion in wages and salaries.

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# Mooseberry Acting Company getting ready to perform 'Cash on Delivery'

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The Mooseberry Acting Company is preparing to perform its upcoming play called *Cash On Delivery* by Michael Cooney. Performances will take place on November 21, 22 and 23.

*Cash On Delivery* is a comedy about a man who has duped the welfare authorities by claiming every type of benefit possible for people he claims live at his address. After deciding things are getting out of control, he decides to kill off the imaginary recipients. Welfare investigators show up and some start asking questions, while others are offering more benefits. In an effort to outwit the department, the con artist enlists the help of a real lodger and his uncle. The production features ten cast members from Mooseberry Acting Company. Rehearsals began in early September.

The play is directed by Phil Hamm and Sheilagh Garrett. Garrett said she is looking forward to bringing another entertaining event to the community.

"It is an opportunity to provide the community with a fun-filled evening of laughs and joy, an opportunity to forget about all the problems in life and enjoy what is going on," said Garrett.

The Mooseberry Acting Company is a community-based group, and all funds raised from its performances go back into the community. Garrett said the group focuses on producing plays that encourage audiences to relax and have fun.

"We try to keep it really light-hearted," Garrett said. "We just want people to come out, laugh and enjoy their evening. We have fun doing it, and we want our audience to have fun and enjoy the performance."

The Mooseberry Acting



Back row from left: Kyle Callfas, Tracy Russell, Anli Roets, Bobbie McLaughlin, Phil Hamm, Craig Palmer, Todd Volk, Sean Brooks, Amanda Selby. Front row from left: Sara Crouse, Angie Frape, Jenna Wallin, Randy Mavin and Sheilagh Garrett.

Company traces back to the 1980s under original director Phyl Henry.

"Mooseberry's plays are intended to be fun," Garrett said. "We encourage cast members to bring their own style and humour to the roles and not to take things too seriously."

Members of the cast and crew spend significant time together leading up to performances, forming a close-knit theatre family.

"We have more people coming out and enjoying the shows and participating in the shows," she said.

The Mooseberry Acting Company invites the community to attend *Cash On Delivery* for an evening of laughter and entertainment.

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# Municipalities see jump in potash tax sharing distribution

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Most municipalities in the Esterhazy-Rocanville area of influence saw a significant jump in potash tax sharing distribution in 2025, with the majority of RMs seeing a 26.27 per cent increase from 2024, and the majority of towns and villages seeing a 8.26 per cent increase from 2024.

The 2025 final potash tax sharing distribution numbers were shared with municipalities in October.

The town of Esterhazy will receive \$370,985.35 in 2025, up \$28,319.69 from 2024. The town of Rocanville will receive \$194,117.70 in 2025, up \$14,818.25 from 2024.

Most urban municipalities are seeing a jump of 8.26 per cent with the exception of the village of Spy Hill, which saw a reduction of 72.93 per cent, or a decrease of \$25,447.93 from 2024.

In the RMs, the RM of Rocanville has received the most in potash tax sharing distribution. This year the RM is receiving \$2,193,417.40, an increase of \$456,272.71 from 2024 or 26.27 per cent.

The RM of Spy Hill will receive \$1,727,015.29, an increase of 12.53 per cent and \$192,317.59 from 2024. The RM of Fertile Belt will receive \$1,414,842.27, an increase of \$142,780.33 from 2024 or 11.22 per cent.

The RMs of Moosomin and Martin both received a 26.27 per cent increase.

Some RMs, such as Langenburg, Churchbridge and Saltcoats are seeing significant decreases in the amount they receive.

The World-Spectator interviewed Doug Fisher of Special Projects with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities in May of 2024. At the time Fisher said these changes were to be expected.

"The reason for the change is that right now, potash tax sharing is calculated based on what's called an overlapping area of influence," he said.

He pointed to the Esterhazy Area as an example with K1, K2, and K3 Mo-saic mines, Nutrien Rocanville and Nutrien Scissors Creek being used to calculate the annual assessment.

"Right now, the calculations are done based on an area that's taking all those mines into consideration," Fisher said. "Starting in 2026, each individual mine will have its own area of influence. So the taxes for that mine will only be distributed to the municipalities within its area of influence. So that's the change that they introduced in 2021 to be effective in 2026."

An area of influence is defined as being 32.2 km from the centre of the section where a mine is located.

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## Potash Tax Sharing Distribution Comparison to Prior Year

Municipality	2024 Final	2025 Estimate	2025 Final	\$ Change	% Change
RM of Moosomin No. 121	221,615.67	279,824.52	279,824.52	58,208.85	26.27%
RM of Martin No. 122	210,418.91	265,686.85	265,686.85	55,267.94	26.27%
RM of Silverwood No. 123	41,418.43	52,297.26	52,297.26	10,878.83	26.27%
RM of Rocanville No. 151	1,737,144.69	2,193,417.42	2,193,417.40	456,272.71	26.27%
RM of Spy Hill No. 152	1,534,697.70	1,727,015.30	1,727,015.29	192,317.59	12.53%
RM of Willowdale No. 153	289,087.33	365,018.06	365,018.06	75,930.73	26.27%
RM of Langenburg No. 181	1,167,792.08	801,937.20	801,937.20	(365,854.88)	-31.33%
RM of Fertile Belt No. 183	1,272,061.94	1,414,842.28	1,414,842.27	142,780.33	11.22%
RM of Grayson No. 184	7,572.37	9,561.38	9,561.38	1,989.01	26.27%
RM of Churchbridge No. 211	311,101.91	98,368.41	98,368.41	(212,733.50)	-68.38%
RM of Saltcoats No. 213	179,195.64	85,365.45	85,365.45	(93,830.19)	-52.36%
<b>Rural Total</b>	<b>6,972,106.67</b>	<b>7,293,334.13</b>	<b>7,293,334.09</b>	<b>321,227.42</b>	<b>4.61%</b>
Village of Atwater	1,361.39	1,473.90	1,473.90	112.51	8.26%
Village of Bangor	2,016.87	2,183.55	2,183.55	166.68	8.26%
RV of Bird's Point	7,563.25	8,188.32	8,188.32	625.07	8.26%
Town of Bredenbury	19,462.76	21,071.27	21,071.27	1,608.51	8.26%
Town of Churchbridge	43,665.17	47,273.88	47,273.88	3,608.71	8.26%
Town of Esterhazy	342,665.66	370,985.35	370,985.35	28,319.69	8.26%
Village of Gerald	26,017.58	28,167.81	28,167.81	2,150.23	8.26%
Town of Langenburg	56,169.74	60,811.90	60,811.90	4,642.16	8.26%
Town of Rocanville	179,299.45	194,117.71	194,117.70	14,818.25	8.26%
Village of Spy Hill	34,891.79	9,443.86	9,443.86	(25,447.93)	-72.93%
Village of Stockholm	16,588.73	17,959.71	17,959.71	1,370.98	8.26%
Village of Tantallon	16,941.68	18,341.83	18,341.83	1,400.15	8.26%
Town of Wapella	16,286.20	17,632.18	17,632.18	1,345.98	8.26%
RV of West End	2,067.29	2,238.14	2,238.14	170.85	8.26%
Village of Yarbo	9,680.96	10,481.05	10,481.05	800.09	8.26%
<b>Urban Total</b>	<b>774,678.52</b>	<b>810,370.46</b>	<b>810,370.45</b>	<b>35,691.93</b>	<b>4.61%</b>
<b>Area Total</b>	<b>7,746,785.19</b>	<b>8,103,704.59</b>	<b>8,103,704.54</b>	<b>356,919.35</b>	<b>4.61%</b>

The potash tax sharing distribution final numbers and comparisons to 2024 in the Esterhazy and Rocanville area of influence.

### a difference

Municipalities that are seeing an increase say it makes a big difference for them.

"It absolutely helps, especially with the increase in costs of everything in town," says Esterhazy mayor Randy Bot. "When it comes to infrastructure, having that extra money in our account that we can take off the burden of the ratepayers—it's great for our municipality."

"At the moment it's not earmarked for anything specific. I'm guessing that it will go towards the water treatment plant, just because we will be in the final stages of that project, but it will just probably go into the account for budget and we'll use it for infrastructure upgrades in the upcoming year."

"That is just under \$200,000 that is not required from our ratepayers," adds Rocanville Administrator Tanya Strandlund. "I can only imagine the increase in taxes it would take to subsidize that funding, it's so appreciated and helpful."

"It's usually earmarked for paving, but because of the increase we are not sure what the difference will be used for. I know at one point it was announced that we would be using the difference toward pool payments so that we didn't have to increase the taxes for pool repayment. But with the

recent changes to the pool funding, I'm not sure what it's going to be earmarked for, but that's usually what it is for paving and pool payments."

She says it's her understanding that the town will be receiving an increase again in 2026.

"The idea is still that next year we will also see another increase. That's the way I understand the conversation from a year ago, that in 2026 the increase will be even higher. They did a slow change so that the communities being affected by the reduction in funding had some time to adjust to it and make a plan."

"It's great for the RM. It's going to enable us to do some of those big road building projects that always cost a lot of money," said RM of Rocanville Reeve Melissa Ruhland. "And with the mine we have a lot of traffic on our roads. Our west grid sees between 375 and 400 vehicles a day. It's hard to maintain those roads, so being able to do some road building and having the main power to keep them maintained helps."

"We have great employees at the RM. When you are in this area you have to compete a little bit with wages too, so that enables us to hire a good workforce

for doing all that work.

"And the RM contributes to money to some of the big projects in the area, like the airport, which was a big chunk of money, and for our local pool, we gave \$300,000. If we didn't have

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# Jeff St. Onge appointed to Southeast College board

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Moosomin's Jeff St. Onge has been appointed to the board of Southeast College.

A long-time resident of the Moosomin area, Jeff recently retired after a 35-year career in the education sector. His experience spans classroom teaching, technology consulting, and leadership roles including roles as McNaughton High School Principal and Division Superintendent. A dedicated community advocate, Jeff has worked tirelessly to integrate education into the heart of local life in Moosomin.

Southeast College announced the appointment of three new board members last week. In addition to St. Onge, Shirley Blyth of Whitewood and Rob Stephanson of Weyburn were appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

With those three new appointments, the board is once again at full capacity including existing members: John Williams (Estevan), Jeff Ward (Estevan), Judy Okanee (Estevan) and Levi Paradis (Weyburn). The appointments fill vacancies left by Trevor Tessier, who relocated outside the region and the retirements of Heather Vermeersch and Barb Compton. John Williams and Jeff Ward's terms have been extended by an additional three years.

New member Shirley Blyth of Whitewood has had an extensive career in healthcare including roles ranging from direct nursing care to leadership positions within provincial, federal, and First Nations settings. She has also mentored nursing students in practicum settings and brings board experience with both a condominium corporation



Jeff St. Onge

and the Community Health Nurses of Canada.

Rob Stephanson's career encompasses a range of accounting and business leadership roles, including Partner at Doane Grant Thornton LLP, Controller, and Head Instructor for a business program. He has served on numerous boards and committees, and dedicated more than 20 years as a Councillor for the City of Weyburn.

"On behalf of the Board of Governors, I extend a warm welcome to Jeff, Shirley and Rob," says John Williams, Board Chair. "Their appointments come at a pivotal time for Southeast College, and their wealth of knowledge and expertise will be instrumental in guiding our institution forward. We look forward to their contributions as we work together to fulfill our commitment to serving the educational needs of our region and empowering individuals to achieve their full potential."

"We are delighted to welcome Jeff, Shirley, and Rob to the Southeast College Board of Governors," says Jody Holzmillier, CEO & President of Southeast College. "Their diverse backgrounds in education, healthcare, and accounting will greatly enrich our discussions and decision-making. Together with our existing members, we have assembled a dynamic team dedicated to advancing the mission and vision of Southeast College as a cornerstone of opportunity and excellence in our communities."

## Sask strengthens internal trade

On Tuesday, the Government of Saskatchewan introduced The Saskatchewan Internal Trade Promotion Act, to enable mutual recognition of goods and services entering the province from other Canadian provinces and territories.

Mutual recognition means that a good or service considered acceptable in one jurisdiction is suitable in another. The Act will allow Saskatchewan to recognize similar regulatory requirements in other provinces and territories. This means Canadian businesses won't need to go through unnecessary approval processes, saving them time, effort and reducing red tape.

In response to tariffs implemented by the United States and China, all Canadian jurisdictions have publicly committed to enhancing internal trade.

Saskatchewan will continue this work alongside its federal, provincial and territorial counterparts to advance these efforts.

The province continues to take part in the Committee on Internal Trade, which has been making progress on enhancing the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, reducing red tape and facilitating labour mobility.

Saskatchewan also recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ontario, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island which included several commitments to reducing internal trade barriers.



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## Joan Tse elected to Rocanville Town Council

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Joan Tse is the town of Rocanville's newest councillor after winning by acclamation in a by-election for a vacant council seat on October 21.

The seat was left vacant after former councillor Kelsey Selby resigned to become the manager at the Rocanville Aquatic Centre.

"My son's girlfriend was working at the town office and said they were looking for someone, so I decided to go for it," she says.

"I think just raising the kids in the community and having some spare time, it was something I wanted to do. As a business owner you often want to make your community a bit



Joan Tse

better and have your opinion in that as well."

Tse, who runs New Fortune Restaurant with her husband Ken, says she has never thought about running council before, as she was too busy.

"I don't think I ever had time with the restaurant being busy when we were younger and raising the kids and looking after Ken's mom and dad. But now we have more spare time. I'm excited," she says.

She says she wants to see Rocanville be a thriving town.

"You want to have Rocanville survive. In some other communities you see buildings empty but to see Rocanville's main street still full, it's a nice feeling, and it's nice to have the support of the community."

### Esterhazy Town council

## Bylaw amendment approved for biathlon range

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

At their regular meeting on October 23, Esterhazy town council approved a bylaw amendment that adds publicly or privately operated recreation facilities as a discretionary use within the Agricultural Resource District.

The change was made to accommodate the Esterhazy Ski Club's plans to introduce a biathlon range for the upcoming season.

The land for the biathlon range is located just east of the town's landfill.

### Flag policy approved

Council discussed and approved a new flag policy for the town. This policy establishes clear guidelines for flag displays at municipal facilities, and determines what kinds of flags can be displayed.

### Traffic bylaw amendment

Council also approved administration to proceed to draft an amendment to the traffic bylaw to include a change for crosswalks.

### Friends and Fairways Golf Tournament raises over \$107,000

Financial results from the first annual Friends and Fairways Golf Tournament were presented. The event raised \$107,736.11, with all proceeds directed toward the Integrated Health Facility Project.

### Landfill clay capping

A motion was approved to purchase clay for capping at the landfill. "There was a farmer just on the outskirts of Esterhazy that has a new build and he had around 2,500 yards of clay and asked if we wanted it for capping at the landfill and gave us a very good deal," said Mayor Randy Bot. "We paid just over \$13,750 for it."

### Future recycling program changes

Council discussed the potential to transition to the Saskatchewan Recycling Program for curbside recycling. A subcommittee has been formed to explore the details and implications of this new direction.



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## In our opinion:

### We have forgotten how to tolerate each other's differences

It's easy to get along when we agree.  
The hard part is staying open  
when our views clash

We live in a time when opinions are louder, sharper and more polarized than ever. Social media rewards outrage, algorithms reinforce echo chambers and confirmation bias thrives.

We all like to believe our views are grounded in reason, yet more often than not, we pay attention only to information that confirms what we already believe and quietly dismiss what challenges us. We see it in Parliament, in provincial politics and even in our neighbourhood Facebook groups: disagreements quickly harden into contempt.

That bias is not new, but it has intensified. Whether the subject is politics, religion, parenting or climate change, people are increasingly reluctant to hear one another out. We mistake silence for tolerance and defensiveness for strength. The question is not whether we hold strong views but whether we are willing to listen when someone else's perspective collides with our own.

I learned that lesson early in my career. I had been invited to present a message I believed was important, one with far-reaching consequences for law enforcement and workplace safety. I prepared carefully, convinced of the value of my material. But the audience I faced was not eager to listen. Some appeared ready to defend entrenched positions before I had even spoken. Others, seeing only a young woman in uniform, doubted I had anything useful to add. Their skepticism was almost palpable.

That was confirmation bias at work. Many had already decided my contribution would not matter. My challenge was not to prove them wrong but to reach them anyway.

Waiting in the hallway, I felt the weight of fear. What if my voice failed? What if my message fell flat? As I entered the room, I realized a standard presentation would never be enough. I had to find a way to move them emotionally, to help them feel the urgency of the problems before them rather than simply hear about them.

That experience taught me something essential. Respect and tolerance are not tested when we are among people who already share our views. They are tested when we confront those we believe are wrong or misguided. In those moments, the temptation is strong to shut down, to dismiss, to harden our stance. True tolerance demands the opposite: an openness to engage, even when it feels uncomfortable.

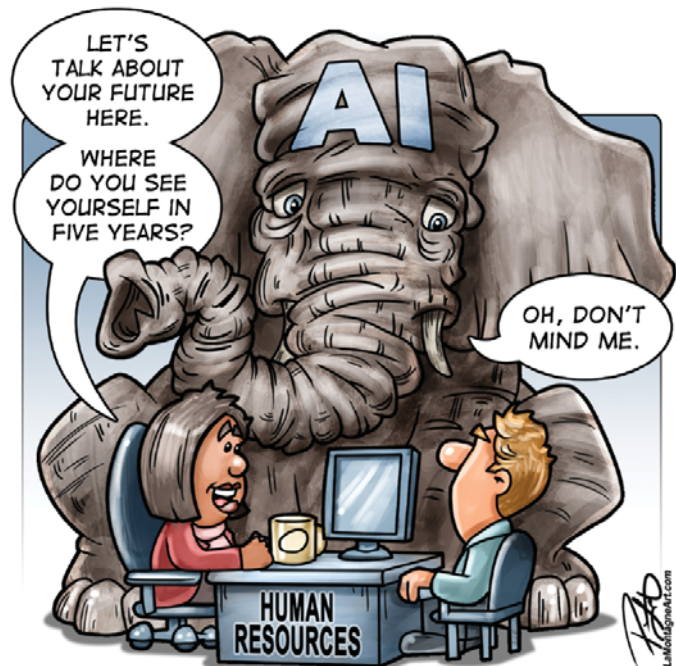
It is also true that tolerance is often selective. We may quietly disapprove of certain positions but keep our objections private to avoid reputational or career costs. Publicly, we profess inclusiveness, but in private circles, we roll our eyes. Canadians often boast of being tolerant, yet our divisions—East versus West, rural versus urban, left versus right—show how fragile that claim can be.

In our era of polarization, these lessons matter more than ever. Social media makes it simple to curate our lives so we never have to hear a dissenting view. Political discourse thrives on contempt, not compromise. The more we divide into camps, the more confirmation bias digs in. If we want a healthier civic life, we have to resist that pull.

I believe that in the decades to come, people will be judged not only by what they know but by their ability to connect. Knowledge matters, but so does the willingness to engage with others, even adversaries. Influence will belong not to those who shout the loudest, but to those who can shift perspectives through empathy and conviction.

So the next time you have a chance to share your point of view, in a tweet, a boardroom pitch, a classroom or even a bedtime story, remember that communication is more than stating facts. It is about helping others care enough to reconsider what they think they know. Don't hide behind the comfort of popular opinion. Choose tolerance over contempt.

*This editorial was written by Faith Wood, a professional speaker, author, and certified professional behaviour analyst. Before her career in speaking and writing, she served in law enforcement, which gave her a unique perspective on human behaviour and motivations. Faith is also known for her work as a novelist, with a focus on thrillers and suspense. Her background in law enforcement and understanding of human behaviour often play a significant role in her writing.*



## Young entrepreneurs need all the help and encouragement they can get

It's great to see that someone in Moosomin received the Young Entrepreneur Bursary last week!

Choosing to become an entrepreneur at a young age is often the path less chosen for young people, and in some ways that's understandable. It's a daunting task to start your own business, try to raise capital from seemingly nowhere when you are just getting started in life, and bear all the risk if the business should succeed or fail.

If there's anything we can do to make entrepreneurship less daunting for young people, we should be doing it. Why? Because small businesses are crucial not only to our economy, but to the backbone of our communities.

Small businesses make up 98.8 per cent of businesses in the province, employing over 30 per cent of its workforce, and paying out nearly \$7.8 billion in wages and salaries in Saskatchewan. They are also major contributors to the non profits, organizations and charities that make our communities better places to live.

It takes time to grow and build a business, and a lot of energy, and young people are the ones who have that energy to spare. There are many, many business owners (my own father included) who have taken their first steps into going into business for themselves later in life and have commented that they wished they had gotten into business sooner once they realize how rewarding being a business owner can be.

But it's also a lot of work, and the earlier you start on building your business, the sooner you can get a solid footing under yourself, manage growth, add staff, and get to a position where you are confident your business is stable and steady.

Once that happens, small businesses are able to contribute greatly to their communities. They provide essential services, create employment, and have the ability to support their communities.



**Kara Kinna**

The Young Entrepreneur Bursary is a crucial first step in encouraging young people to not only take the road to entrepreneurship, but to stay on that road. For decades we have had scholarships or bursaries or various programs available for young people seeking to go into post secondary or the trades. But there has been little for young people looking to become business owners.

One of the biggest hurdles to young people getting into business is being able to afford the startup cost required to do that. Or in some cases, new businesses start, but operate on extremely tight margins or don't expand as quickly as they could due to a lack of money to invest in a business.

Five thousand dollars may not seem like a lot to a larger business, but for a new or young business owner it could be the difference between adding a new piece of equipment, adding a new service, or paying a staff member.

If we want our province and our region to be a place where new businesses continue to spring up and grow, encouraging young people to get into business is a great way to do that. When a young person starts a business, there is a good chance that, if that business is successful, they will be running it for decades to come. And we've seen first-hand in our region what a difference every new business makes.

Let's hope more young people see going into business as a viable option after graduating, and if there is anything we can do to help them with that decision, we should be supporting it.

# Remembrance Day: Behind every name is a story

Monday, November 11 is Remembrance Day, initially set to mark the end of the First World War.

The armistice to end the First World War, known at the time as the Great War, had been signed on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, in 1918.

More than 100 years later, people still take the time to remember.

At many Remembrance Day Services, a roll of honor is read out.

The name of each sailor, soldier or airman from each community is read and the individual is honored.

Behind each of those names is a story. Behind each of those names is a family that lost a loved one.

All of those stories are heartbreaking. All of those stories are touching.

Some of the stories are truly amazing.

Who are some of those soldiers who made that sacrifice? These are the stories of three local soldiers who will be remembered on Thursday—three men who received the Victoria Cross, the highest honor a soldier can be given in this country.

**John Robert Osborn**, who farmed near Wapella, was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously for sacrificing his life to save his comrades.



John Robert Osborn from Wapella was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously.

On December 19, 1941, in the British colony of Hong Kong, the company of the Winnipeg Grenadiers to which he belonged had become divided during an attack on a steep rising hill, Mount Butler.

A part of the company, led by Company Sergeant-Major Osborn, captured the hill at the point of the bayonet and held it for three hours until they were forced to withdraw under heavy fire.

Osborn and a small group covered the withdrawal, and when their turn came to fall back he single-handedly engaged the enemy while the remainder of the group successfully rejoined the company.

During the afternoon, the company was cut off from the battalion and completely surrounded by the enemy, who were able to approach to within grenade-throwing distance of the slight depression that the company was holding.

Several enemy grenades were thrown, which Osborn picked up and threw back.

The enemy threw a grenade which landed in a position where it was impossible to pick it up and return it in time.

Shouting a warning to the others, Sergeant-Major Osborn threw himself on the live grenade, which exploded, killing him instantly.

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## We Shall Not Forget

### Remembrance Day 2025

Every year on November 11<sup>th</sup>, we pause to remember and pay respect to the men and women who have courageously served our country in defense of our freedom. We show our gratitude to those who made the ultimate sacrifice when we attend a ceremony or lay a wreath.

This Remembrance Day, let's honour all veterans who have served and continue to serve our country.



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## Lest We Forget

### REMEMBRANCE DAY 2025

Every November, we have the opportunity to remember the sacrifices and achievements of all veterans who have served our country in uniform during times of peace and conflict.

Let us take the time to lay a wreath or attend a ceremony to honour the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice to defend the freedoms we enjoy.



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## Lest We Forget

### REMEMBRANCE DAY 2025

Every November, we have the opportunity to honour the sacrifices and achievements of all veterans who have served our country, whether in times of peace or conflict. Let us take a moment to lay a wreath or attend a ceremony in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice to defend the freedoms we hold dear.



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# Remembrance Day: Behind every name is a story

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**Lieutenant Robert Grierson Combe**, who owned a store in Moosomin before the First World War, was awarded his Victoria Cross posthumously.

On May 3, 1917, Combe's battalion was ordered to occupy the German trenches near the town of Acheville, France.

The Germans had anticipated an attack, and by the time the Canadians reached a point 500 yards from the German lines, Combe was the only officer in his company still alive.

Combe and the other survivors from other units found themselves caught in an artillery crossfire between the Germans and a barrage from their own guns.

Leading six of his surviving comrades, he attacked the enemy position, capturing 250 yards of trench and 80 prisoners. Combe was fatally wounded by a sniper's bullet in the final charge.

Then there's **Sergeant Harry Mullin**, the third local Victoria Cross recipient. Mullin farmed just northeast of Moosomin.

In January 1918, Sergeant Mullin was informed that he had been awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions on October 30, 1917, in Passchendaele, Belgium.

25-year-old Sergeant Mullin single-handedly captured a German pillbox that had withstood heavy bombardment and was causing heavy casualties, holding up the attack.

Mullin rushed a sniper's post in front, destroyed the garrison with bombs, and crawling to the top of the pillbox, he shot the two machine-gunners with his revolver.

Sgt. Mullin then rushed to another entrance and forced the garrison of ten to surrender.

According to the citation for his Vic-



Lieutenant Robert Grierson Combe was killed in an act of extreme bravery.

toria Cross, "His gallantry and fearlessness were witnessed by many, and, although rapid fire was directed upon him, and his clothes riddled with bullets, he never faltered in his purpose and he not only helped to save the situation but also indirectly saved many lives."

After the war, he returned to Moosomin.

He was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms for the Saskatchewan Legislature in 1934. He passed away very shortly after retiring from that position.

Those three local Victoria Cross winners, out of only 17 Victoria Cross honors awarded in all of Saskatchewan, show the kind of sacrifice that were made by many, many Prairie youth during the two World Wars.

Those are only three stories.



Victoria Cross recipient Sgt. Harry Mullin from Moosomin was recognized for his "gallantry and fearlessness."

But there is a story behind every one of the names of the fallen that are honored this Remembrance Day.

Every one of those names represent a life cut short.

Every one of those names represents broken hearts and tears for those left behind.

Every one of those names represents unrealized potential.

We simply have no idea what some of those soldiers may have accomplished had they returned home and had the opportunity to live out their lives, as you and I have.

In this week's paper is a list of times and locations for Remembrance Day ceremonies in communities across our area.

Please take time to remember this Monday, November 11.

And when you do, please keep in mind that behind each of those names that is read out at the Remembrance Day Service, or is carved in stone on the Cenotaph, is a life, and a story, that deserves to be both remembered and honored.

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Please be seated by 10:45 am  
10:50am - Ceremony Begins  
Followed by Wreath Laying at the Cenotaph.

**LUNCH** Join us at the Legion for a hot lunch after the ceremony.  
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**SUPPER** 5:00pm - Doors Open  
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**Moosomin 10:45 a.m.**

Ceremony at the Legion Hall followed by march to the cenotaph for laying of wreaths.  
Lunch at the Legion Hall.  
No charge for lunch.  
Cash donations accepted.

**Fleming 10:45 a.m.**

Service at Fleming Community Hall with a light lunch to follow

**Esterhazy 11 a.m.**

All those laying wreaths, please pick them up between 10-10:30 am.  
Service begins at cenotaph then moves to Legion Hall.  
Lunch and fellowship following in the lounge with Len Gadica providing entertainment.

**Wawota 10:30 a.m.**

Service at the Town Hall  
Light lunch following the service

**Rocanville 10:30 a.m.**

Laying of wreaths at the cenotaph  
Service at United Church to follow at 10:45 am  
Lunch following the service

**Kennedy/Langbank 10:45 a.m.**

November 7 service at the school

# Lest We Forget Remembrance Day

N O V E M B E R 11

**Redvers 10:45 a.m.**

In school ceremony on **November 6** at **11:15 a.m.**  
Our Lady of Fatima service **November 9** at **10:35 a.m.**

**Whitewood 10:50 a.m.**

Service at the Legion  
Service at the Whitewood Health Centre  
on **November 10** at **2 p.m.**  
Service at Whitewood School on **November 6** at **10:30 a.m.**

**Kipling 10:30 a.m.**

Service at 11:00 a.m.  
at the town Recreation Centre

**Tantallon 10:30 a.m.**

Laying of wreaths at the cenotaph  
Lunch at Tantallon Rink/Hall after the ceremony

**Spy Hill 10:30 a.m.**

Service at the Community Hall officiated by Morley Thorpe. There will be messages and laying of wreaths, followed by a luncheon.

**Maryfield 10:45 a.m.**

Service at the the Villa  
In school ceremony on **November 7** at **11 am**  
Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Open to the public

**Welwyn 10:45 a.m.**

Service in Welwyn Hall followed by laying of wreaths at the cenotaph  
Lunch and fellowship in the hall after the service

**Elkhorn 10:45 a.m.**

Service in the Elkhorn Legion Hall followed by laying of wreaths at the cenotaph. Lunch to follow in the Hall

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# Young volunteers step forward to take over tradition of placing flags on graves of fallen veterans

For 25 years Clay Leduc spent hours placing flags. The Beckett family, including a number of youth, have stepped forward to take over the job each year as Remembrance Day nears

BY DONNIE MATICHUK

For 25 years, Clay Leduc has been placing flags on the grave stones of service members at the Moosomin South Cemetery, the North Cemetery, and Sunset Memorial Gardens. It's a big job, but this year, on Sunday, October 26, the job changed hands, with the Beckett family of Moosomin stepping in to take it over.

"I started doing this before I was a Legion member, and I came out on Remembrance Day just to pay my respects," said Leduc on a grey day at the South Cemetery as he met the Becketts to show them how to find the graves of service members.

"I had found out talking to my employer Garry Towler, who is a Legion member, that the members who were doing it prior were starting to get up in age, and it hadn't been done in a number of years. So I talked with the Legion and the town and got the maps and names."

Leduc has been placing flags at the headstones of fallen service members every year since 2002. But this year will be his last.

"This year, the Beckett family approached me about taking over laying the flags. For me it's always been pretty personal because my grandfather served in World War II and was wounded, but was able to survive and make it home. My father served 27 years as an RCMP officer, and so I've always seen it as another way I can serve my community," he said.

"Recognizing and honouring the veterans of the First and Second World Wars, and subsequent wars that come, is a way that we can actively show the community that we still remember them. To have today's youth approach and ask me if they can take this up is incredible, because most of our older generation is worried that there won't be somebody to do it. That active remembrance from our youth is phenomenal. It makes me incredibly proud to know that we still have that in our community."

One of the main organizers in the Beckett family who is taking over the laying of the flags is Grade 12 student Ella Beckett Dodsworth.

She says that her initiative comes from wanting to learn more about her own family's history in the military.

"I have a lot of family members who have served, and I don't know as much about it as I would like to, so I thought that this would be a good way to both learn about it, and pay my respects. Clay has been doing this for a long time, so I approached him asking if I could help. Now we're looking for more people who might be willing to help honour those we've lost."

"We've also been getting the idea across to the Student Representative Council at McNaughton. We're looking to take a day or two to plan it out and then get some people to come do it. There are quite a few people on the SRC interested in helping. I know Mrs. Bocek is very happy to hear about it. This year we still want to keep it small and have a few people come out to help and pay their respects," she said.

She says it's important that the memory of those who served the country and gave their lives continues to live on.

"It seems that as time goes on, a lot of stuff seems to get forgotten, or almost pushed to the side for other issues. This is something that will always be important, and we always want to make sure that these heroes are remembered."

Beckett Dodsworth says that she hopes that other youth can see the importance of paying their respects and honouring the fallen.

"I hope that it helps others see the significance of it, and even if it doesn't, I hope that it shows others that veterans are being respected and remembered for their sacrifice."



Shannon Beckett and Ella Beckett Dodsworth placing a flag on the gravestone of Victoria Cross winner Sergeant Harry Mullin.

Leduc and the Beckett family have roughly 147 headstones to lay flags on.

"Most people think that it's just the one section, but there are a number of others spread out throughout the South Cemetery," said Leduc.

There are also another 25 graves at the North Cemetery, and a handful at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

"Since Moosomin was home to a battalion in both the First and Second World Wars, there were many veterans that, when they died, they chose to come here to be buried. So some of the graves that you see are of those that died

overseas and had their bodies brought back to be buried here," he said. "Others have had headstones erected in their hometown, but have been buried overseas. Primarily it is veterans of the First and Second World Wars here, as well as members of the RCMP and even members of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police that are given the honour of a flag placed at their headstone. Legion members who have served active duty are also paid that respect."

Moosomin was the garrison for the 217th Qu'Appelle Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and the 95th Saskatchewan Regiment for The Great War.

**MAY WE ALWAYS  
REMEMBER**

*To all who made the ultimate  
sacrifice for our freedom ...  
we will never forget.*

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Shannon Beckett and Clara Dodsworth placing flags, above, and Shannon Beckett, Clara Dodsworth, Brian Beckett and Ella Beckett Dodsworth below.



Beau Beckett placing a flag while Brian Beckett watches.



Some of the gravestones of fallen service members including the grave stone of a member of the Royal Northwest Mounted police, at right, from a time when there was a jail in Moosomin and they used to bring prisoners to the town.



Saying a few words and a moment of silence before placing the flags. From left are Clara Dodsworth, Shannon Beckett, Brian Beckett, Ella Dodsworth Beckett, and Clay Leduc.



Clay Leduc getting ready to place a flag.



# Alexander McKay, brother of former World-Spectator owner Bert McKay, honored with veteran banner in Reston

Alexander McKay, the brother of Bert McKay who owned the World-Spectator from 1936 to 1972, has been honoured with a veterans banner at Reston Memorial Park.

Alexander McKay was born at Rapid City, Manitoba on June 13, 1909. He was the son of Colin and Robina (Grieg) McKay. Colin was an implement dealer at Ebor near Reston, Manitoba with his father John.

The family moved to Reston in 1914 and Colin died young at 37 years old. Alex's brothers were Robert, Duncan and Bert McKay. Robina took in lodgers and was a laundress to raise her four boys in a little house near the Reston Memorial Park.

Alex grew up and went to school in Reston. He worked at the Reston Recorder for a time before joining the Bank of Montreal. He moved around before settling in North Battleford and marrying Ellen Joyce Hays in 1937.

Alex had a career in the Bank of Montreal. He was a member of the Reserve Army in 1939 and decided to enlist in the Army in 1941. He was promoted to Lieutenant in the Saskatoon Light Infantry. After training at Gordon Head, Prince Albert, Winnipeg and Vernon, Alex landed overseas on October 9, 1942 leaving his wife and infant son David.

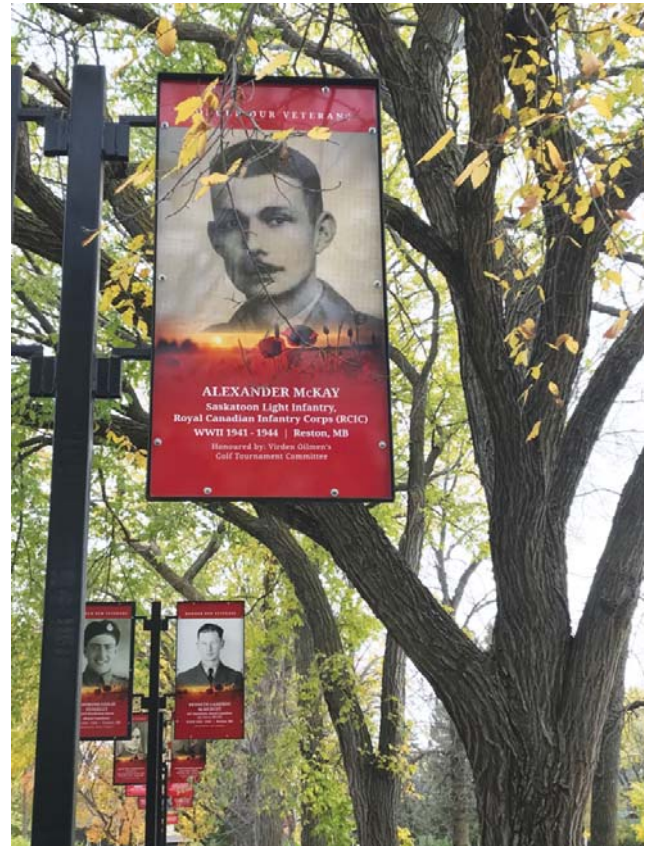
His tour of duty included such places as England, Africa, Sicily and Italy. It was near Rimini in Italy on September 24, 1944 that he died during a mortar attack at age 35 and was buried at Coriano Ridge War Cemetery.

In 2025, the Virden Oilmen Golf Tournament Fund donated money to the Reston and Area Veteran Banner earmarked to sponsor veterans who no longer had local connections to arrange for the banner. Alexander McKay was one of these soldiers and his banner now hangs in Reston Memorial Park with a view of the house he and his family grew up in.

Alex's brother Bert McKay was part



Alexander McKay's military photo, above, and his veteran banner at Reston Memorial Park, right.



owner of the World-Spectator in 1936 and became the sole owner five years later, running the business until 1972 when he sold it to the editor, John Meen of Moosomin.

While the World-Spectator is the operating name of the newspaper, to this day the name of the company that owns and operates the World-Spectator is still called McKay Publications.



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# Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwan, Recreation Director

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## Infamous Randy Recreation returns this week

I had a chance to officiate the Mustangs Rec Hockey Tournament a few weeks back. I could not believe I bumped into the one and only Randy Recreation who was there doing his annual Rec Hockey Review for the Monday Morning Nooners. He missed a few years. Couple of legal matters that got him a two year time out but he is back in "town" as they say. I have not seen him in a few years but boy he has not changed a bit. Still lives life like he has a thousand bucks in his pocket and 12 minutes to checkout time.

Anyways it took some priding but he finally gave me his year preview for the Moosomin teams. Without further ado here you go in the words of Randy Recreation:

### No 5. Coop Bears

Not in the Mustangs tournament but a lot of talk about the Bears in the backrooms of the Mike Schwan Arena during the tournament. Looks as if Nifty Nixy has outbid the Bears for the services of Bud Holloway. Normy Burke is overworked at his day job. Jason Bender is getting long in the tooth and Jason Schenn needs new skates. I am convinced the Alumni Staff from the Davidson Foodworld could put together a team and clean up on the Bears. Think of the numbers a line of Dan Davidson, Mike Cooper and Dale Jackson could put up in that game.

### No 4. Moosomin Untouchables

A no show at the Tournament and were the talk of the tournament. A few were scattered around other teams. Two schools of thought on the weekend about the club. One rumor had the team out on a major recruiting mission with the Jeannot Electric Bus. Searching the rinks in Welwyn, Maryfield, Kola and McCauley for Rec Hockey version of McDavid. Second rumor was they decided to hit the ice fishing tournament scene this year. Regardless there is no denying they have some high-end players and if they do sign McDavid

(Aka Kyle Nagy) they could slide right up to #1 by Christmas.

### No 3. The Pink Panthers

I don't think that is actually their name but they are pink, lovable and play cool music in their dressing room so I have renamed them the Pink Panthers. Anyway, these guys are young, young, young. They sort of remind me of the 2022/2023 Mustangs.

Did not win a tournament game. I don't know they kept a game within two touchdowns, but they sure seem to enjoy themselves. Of mention was their imported goaltender. No one on the team seemed to know who he was but after the Mustangs Tournament they may never know as he likely moved on to therapy after facing about 400 shots in three hours.

### No 2. Moosomin Mustangs

Mustangs continue to gain momentum, but then 2024/25 left a lot of room for improvement.

They are young-ish, skate well, shoot hard, talk an amazing game but in the end, they are not the Moosomin Leaf's at least not yet. You know those nature shows when the lion sits in wait for a deer for hours. Then attacks and hasn't got a snowballs chance in Mexico to catch the deer. Well that is the Mustangs chasing the Leafs. Missing on this team, I would say, is a coy owner/manager like Nifty Nixy of the Leafs. I really think Cunning Kyle Jeannot or Tricky Tom Jaenen should buy this franchise and then see what happens. If that materialized, I would move them straight to #1.

### No 1. Moosomin Leafs

Leaf's have been the LA Dodgers of Rec Hockey for the last several years with a payroll that dwarfs the competition. 2024/25 was not kind to the Leaf's as losses were as common as wins.

Apparently, Leaf's owner Nifty Nixy did not take the season well. As a result, judging by tournament play former Stars and Future Rec Hockey Hall of Famers have been optioned to the Minors. Jeff Cole, Jodi Boutin, Kyran Foy, Kurt Olafson, Rob Bradley... all gone. Replacing them are the like of Howie, Robidoux, McGoingal and a couple more unnamed guys from parts unknown serving lifetime suspensions in sanctioned leagues. Massive investment for an aging team but it should be enough to get them one more year at the top of the mountain...after that, as the saying goes, it could be "Turn out the lights the parties over!"

Close out the report with the Rec Hockey Rumor mill with one buzzing around each team in Moosomin.

### No 5. Coop Bears

They Will have a new employee arriving at the Ivory Towers in December. He has played over 1,000 games in the NHL and was a point a game player.

He will lead the Bears to the greatest turn around since the New York Rangers went worst to first to win the Stanley Cup.

### No 4. Untouchables

Known as the Untouchables, everyone knows this team transpired from the Kinsmen. In a Power Play move the New Lions Club will be purchasing the team and re-naming them the "Pride."

### No 3. Pink Panthers

They will be part of a feature movie on Netflix, the kind of a Pink Panther meets Ice Hockey thing. The Mini Series will involve the actual Pink Panther trying to uncover the real name of this team which will be exposed in the 4th show. Can't miss unveil all be it R Rated!

### No 2. Mustangs

Super secrecy around this team but I have a Mustang mole. Reason for the secrecy is the Mustangs are running an underground Rec Hockey Gambling Scheme in a secret room built at the MS Arena by the 1991 Mustangs. Now unveiled. "The Don" is Jeff Foy, Kingpin is Bubba Hayhurst, Money Man Jace Woods, the Musc is Troy Poole and Kurt Schmidt.

Finally explains why the team can afford new jerseys every three weeks.

### No 1. Leaf's

With the addition of Robidoux (pronounced Robe a doo) 2026 will see the Leaf's change their name to the Flying Fathers "Part Deux" and hit the pavement playing celebrity games all over Canada. First game will be April 1 at the Montreal Form vs the Toronto Maple Leaf's. When asked why Owner Nifty Nixy said he wanted to see the Maple Leaf's get a win in April.

## Sportsplex Men's/Ladies Golf Night every Thursday

We have started our 2025/2026 Thursday Night Golf Leagues. These are Skin Nights however you are not required to go into skins. We have two tee times at 4 pm and 6:15 pm. If you would like more information please contact the Recreation Office at 435-3622.

## Sportsplex Friday Night Fantasy Golf

We have started our 2025/2026 Friday Night Fantasy Golf. These are fun nights where we play scrambles. You can enter individually or as a couple or as a complete team as we will make anything work. This is a fantastic way to learn to play and operate the sims! We have one tee time at 6 pm. If you would like more information, please contact the Recreation Office at 435-3622.

## Royal LePage King Pin Bowling

Oh boy, oh boy! We have been waiting three years for our Thursday Night Royal LePage Bowling League to return and this is the year!

We are so grateful to Kim Setrum for restarting the league and hoping for a great response!

For more information, contact Kim at 434-8733.

## Sportsplex Senior Fitness Classes

We are also super, super excited to have Devona Putland back at the Sportsplex running Senior Fitness Classes. Devona did an amazing job last year and the registration reflected that. With that in mind I would recommend that if you are interested, register ASAP. For further information please contact Devona direct at 435-9046.

## Mike Schwan Arena - 2025/2026

If you are interested in booking ice you can call 435-7578 or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net. I would advise you to call sooner than later as we will have a busy schedule!

## Moosomin Skating Club

Moosomin Skating Club is busy preparing for a fantastic winter at the Mike Schwan Arena. If you would like to register a child for one of their many programs you can go to club.uplifterinc.com. If you encounter any problems you can email the club at moosominsc@gmail.com.

Registration remains open for all programs!

## Skating Club Weekly Activities

Monday	5-8 pm
Wednesday	5-8 pm
Friday	5-7 pm
Sunday	7:45 am to 9:45 am

## Minor Hockey games and special events for this week

Things are now rolling at the Mike Schwan Arena for this winter. Here is a listing of games for this week!

### Saturday

1 pm Ochpowace @ U13 Dodge Rangers  
3 pm Estevan @ U13 Jeannot Electric Rangers

### Sunday

10 am Estevan @ U13 Jeannot Electric Rangers  
12 nn Balcarres @ U13 Dodge Rangers  
7 pm Canora @ U18 Celebration Ford Rangers

## Moosomin Jr. Steelhawks

Steelhawks have a pair of games set for this weekend. They include:

Friday Fort Knox @ Jr B Steelhawks 8 pm  
Saturday Martinsville @ Jr B Steelhawks 8 pm

## Sr Rangers - 2025 / 2026

Rangers announced their Schedule last week ...later start than usual. Here is a look at their home games in 2025/2026.

- Friday, November 14 Carlyle Cougars @ Sr Rangers 8 pm
- Friday, November 21 Oxbow Huskies @ Sr Rangers 8 pm
- Saturday, December 6 KW Oil Kings @ Sr Rangers 8 pm
- Friday, December 12 Carnduff Red Devils @ Sr Rangers 8 pm

- Saturday, December 13 Midale Mustangs @ Sr Rangers 8 pm
- Saturday, December 20 Redvers Rockets @ Sr Rangers 8 pm
- Sunday, January 18 Wawota Flyers @ Sr Rangers 7 pm
- Saturday, January 31 Carlyle Cougars @ Sr Rangers 8 pm

## Sr Rangers Annual Alumni Game

As always one of the best Rangers games of the Year is Alumni Weekend / Christmas Cabby. This years game will be a doozy as the Rangers host the defending Champion Redvers Rockets. The game will be followed by the Rangers Christmas Cabaret at the Connexus Convention Centre.

## Moosomin Senior Rangers - 2025/2026

2025 / 2026 Season is right around the corner ...if you are interested in any of the positions below, please contact Mike at 435-7578 or by email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net ...

2025 / 2026 Rangers Game Day Operations

2025 / 2026 Rangers Alumni Club

2025 / 2026 Rangers Booster Club

If you are interested in joining the team as a player then I ask you contact head Coach Jeff Cole at 435-7141.

## Rec Hockey for this week

- Two games for your viewing pleasure:
- Tuesday Moosomin Mustang Hockey
- Thursday Moosomin Leaf Action

## Home Team Live

Mike Schwan Arena livestreams games / events using the services of Home Team Live. If you are interested in purchasing a membership you can do so on line on the Home Team web page. You can find them at <https://www.hometeamlive.com/>

## Disc Golf Clinic

For those looking to get some expertise on playing the game we have more exciting news as Disc Golf Saskatchewan staff will be out to run a one day "How to Play" clinic on Saturday, November 8. Should weather not allow us outside, the clinic will be moved indoors at the Convention Centre.

Thanks to a generous grant by Zone 1 for Sport, Culture and Recreation this clinic will be offered to the public at no cost. There will be a free course, free discs, a free clinic, you can't beat that!

If you would like to sign up please email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or you can phone 435-7578 and I will be glad to add you to the list! We have close to 10 signed up now so it should be a great event.

## Curling Season

If you are interested in entering a team this year, please let me know and I will add you to the list!

Registrations to date include (please note Monday Night Super League is now full):

### Monday Night Super League

- Team Vern Stanhope
- Team Darryl Williamson
- Team Dean Stewart
- Team Ken Stewart
- Team Charles Cuthill
- Team Jay Kinnard
- Team Scott Sully
- Team Barry Lowes
- Team Ken Wagner

### Tuesday Night Red Barn Men's League

- Team Quinn Glasser
- Team Vern Stanhope
- Team Scott Sully
- Team Chad Stewart
- Team Mark Rambold
- Team Kurtis Meredith
- Team Jeff McMullen
- Team Owen Frappe
- Team Corey Turpie

### Wednesday Afternoon Borderland Co-op Farmers and Friends

- Team Bill Thorn
- Team Rod Lee
- Team Jeff McMullen
- Team Corey Turpie

### Thursday Night Celebration Ford Ladies League

- Team Deanna Currie
- Team Shirley Lindsay
- Team Hayley Mannie

### Friday Afternoon Fun league

To enter email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net.

## Moosomin Senior Club 2025 Programs

Moosomin Senior Club meet at the Sportsplex multiple times weekly for a wide range of activities from cards to bowling to shuffleboard and more!

If you would like more information on all their programs and services, please contact Orey at 435-6788.



# Nutrien, Mosaic selected for Sask Technology Fund for emissions reductions

On Friday, the government of Saskatchewan announced nine industry-led projects selected under the second intake of the Saskatchewan Technology Fund, including Nutrien and Mosaic.

"The Tech Fund is a key part of our made-in-Saskatchewan approach to help keep investment, innovation, and jobs in Saskatchewan, while contributing to emissions reductions," Environment Minister Travis Keisig said. "These projects represent the innovation and leadership of Saskatchewan industries in advancing emissions reductions using cutting-edge technology, and our government is committed to supporting their continued success."

The nine approved projects feature a range of technologies and innovations across key sectors of the economy to mitigate, capture or sequester emissions, including carbon capture, fuel switching, energy efficiency and methane reduction measures. Highlights include:

- Nutrien and Mosaic - Nutrien is modernizing ultrafine potash recovery systems to improve efficiency and reduce energy use, while Mosaic is upgrading potash drying operations with high-efficiency burners that significantly cut natural gas consumption and CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions.

- Cenovus Energy - Spruce Lake Solvent-Aided Process oil and gas initiative applying solvent-aided processes to reduce steam use in thermal operations which enhances bitumen recovery while lowering emissions intensity and

water consumption.

- Federated Co-Operatives Limited - Carbon Capture at the Ethanol Complex in Belle Plaine to capture and store biogenic CO<sub>2</sub>, cutting emissions from Saskatchewan's largest ethanol production facility.

- Interpro Pipe and Steel - Carbon Injection Optimization at Regina's steel mill to improve efficiency in steel-making while lowering fossil fuel carbon input and emissions per tonne of steel.

Each project was selected through a competitive application process and reviewed by third-party technical and financial experts based on their potential to reduce greenhouse gas and overall environmental and socio-economic benefits.

"The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) commends the Saskatchewan Technology Fund's award of \$50 million to Saskatchewan-based, industry-led projects that are driving new innovation aimed at reducing emissions across the province," CAPP President and CEO Lisa Baiton said. "This investment exemplifies how CAPP member companies can help reinforce Saskatchewan's competitiveness in both domestic and international energy markets by advancing new technologies. Saskatchewan's oil and natural gas industry is more than a source of energy; it is a cornerstone of the provincial economy. A strong oil and natural gas sector attracts innovation and

investment, which in turn creates jobs and generates additional revenue for the government and municipalities. CAPP remains committed to working collaboratively with the Government of Saskatchewan to support future opportunities for industry-led clean technologies."

"We thank the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Technology Fund for the critical support toward our Carbon Capture Project at the Co-op Ethanol Complex (CEC)," Federated Co-operatives Limited Vice-President, Health, Safety and Compliance Meghan Gervais said. "This funding was instrumental in fully equipping CEC with advanced clean carbon technology. With this infrastructure in place, CEC will play a key role in our commitment to reducing emissions and producing low-carbon fuels for Saskatchewan and the Co-operative Retailing System."

The Saskatchewan Technology Fund is a made-in-Saskatchewan program that reduces industrial emissions and drives innovation and sustainable economic growth. To date, the fund has supported 22 industry-driven projects, leveraging \$629.4 million in private sector investment, eliminating over 6 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions and saving 13 million gigajoules of energy. Funding for this intake is drawn from compliance payments made under Saskatchewan's Output-Based Performance Standards Program for the 2021 and 2022 compliance years.

## Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

### Remembrance Day Services

November 11, 2025

You are invited join us for the full Service of Remembrance held in St. Paul's United Church. A collection in support of The Poppy Campaign Fund will be taken during the service. Lunch will be provided by the Town and RM councils. This will be served in the lower sanctuary of the church following the service. You are invited to attend.

Royal Canadian Legion Rocanville Branch No. 020  
10:30 am - Cenotaph Service  
Join us for the Laying of the Wreaths Ceremony and a Time of Remembrance.

10:45 am - Service of Remembrance  
Rocanville St. Paul's United Church Upper Sanctuary  
Poppy Campaign runs October 31 through November 11. Thank you for your support.

### Rocanville Community Book Club

Curl up with a great read this fall! Book Club begins at the end of September, and our lineup includes:  
November 24, 7 pm: My Friends - Fredrik Backman  
Where: Rocanville Recreation Centre  
\$5 per meeting  
2026 dates TBD

### Pancake Breakfast

The first tournament of the year is approaching. Come support the U13 team on November 15 and 16 (Pancake breakfast only on the 15)  
Donated by Cory at P & H!  
Located at the Rocanville Noble Construction Arena  
7 - 10 am on November 15, 2025  
\$10 a person

### Volleyball Tournament

Get ready for some high-energy action as our Senior Girls Volleyball Teams battle it out in this year's volleyball tournament!

November 1, 2025

10 - 8 pm

Home games - 12 - 2 pm // Playoffs - 4:30 pm  
Come cheer on our athletes as they serve, spike, and dive their way to victory! Bring your school spirit, wear your team colours, and help us pack the gym!  
Admission - Adult \$7 // Grade 7-12 \$5

### Noble Construction Skating Rink

Public skate / Shiny schedule  
November 2: Public Skate / 3:15-5:45 pm  
November 3: Shiny / 3:30-5 pm  
November 5: Shiny / 3:30-5 pm  
November 9: Public Skate / 3:15-5:45 pm  
November 10: Shiny / 3:30-5 pm  
November 11: Public Skate / 12:30-2:30 pm and Shiny 2:45-4:45 pm  
November 12: Shiny / 3:30-5 pm  
November 17: Shiny / 3:30-5 pm  
November 19: Shiny / 3:30-5 pm  
November 23: Public Skate / 3:15-5:45 pm  
November 24: Shiny / 3:30-5 pm  
November 26: Shiny / 3:30-5 pm

Season passes can be purchased at the Rec Office and Town Office. Day passes can be paid for in the drop box at the rink. All skaters must pay public skate/shiny fees to skate regardless of whether they are in minor hockey or not.

### The Santa parade is coming to town!

Kick off the holiday season with festive fun at the Annual Santa Parade! Bring your family, friends and holiday cheer to watch some dazzling floats.

Thursday, November 27 at 6 pm  
The theme this year is "Christmas Movies"  
Enjoy music, lights, candy and Christmas magic for all ages!

Bundle up, grab a hot chocolate, and join the celebration as we welcome the holiday season together

### Christmas Late Night Shopping

Bring the whole family downtown and enjoy an evening full of holiday spirit, shopping and fun community events!

- Santa pictures - 6:30-7:30 pm / Hosted by Conexus
- Tree Lighting - 6:30 pm / Come see our new town Christmas tree
- Craft Sale and Bake Sale // Hosted by Rocanville Grad Class
- Rocanville Thrift Store will be open late! In store specials!

More details to come!  
Come celebrate the season, support local, and experience the magic of Christmas in Rocanville!

### Rocanville Library

Explore everything the library has to offer, from books and digital resources to hands-on programs for all ages!

Calling all library enthusiasts! We are looking for new board members! If you are interested, please contact Jeri at the library! The next board meeting will be on October 17, 2025, at 12 pm

Open Hours:

- Wednesday: 9 am - 12 & 1:30 - 5:30 pm
- Thursday & Friday: 1:30 - 5:30 pm

Programming Highlights:  
• LEGO Makerspace Kit - Month of November  
• Remembrance Day Tea - November 12 @ 2 - 4 pm  
• Kids Crafts - Come on out with your kiddo to make a craft! - November 19 @ 10-11:30 am  
• Board Game Night - Come on out for an evening of fun board games and great company! - November 21 @ 7 pm  
• KidsFirst Art Pop Up - Bring your kiddos to the library for an afternoon of art! - November 27 @ 1:30-4:30 pm

Did you know? We have a variety of board games available to borrow!

Do you have a hobby/skill you would like to share with the community? If so, reach out to Jeri to set up a program at the library!

### Rocanville Community Centre

Start Your Day with Coffee & Conversation

Start your morning the Rocanville way from 8-9:30 am with a hot cup of coffee and even warmer company!

Drop in to the Community Centre for a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where good chats and great people make the perfect blend!

### Cards & Games

Thursday afternoons

Looking for a little mid-week fun? Join us every Thursday from 1-3 pm for an afternoon of cards and games. Enjoy some friendly competition, share a few laughs, and make your Thursdays a little livelier!

### Senior Supper

Community Potluck

Last Monday of every month. Bring your favourite dish to share and enjoy a warm, homemade meal with friendly faces. Everyone is welcome around the table!

### Rocanville Rec Centre

Play group

A way for little ones to play and parents to connect, Mondays & Wednesdays from 10 am - 12 pm

### Group Walking

Everyone is welcome to drop in and get your steps in on Mondays & Wednesdays from 9 am - 3 pm and Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1 - 3 pm for group walk.

### Puzzle Swap

Our puzzle shelf could use a little love! Have any puzzles you're ready to part with? Donate them to our puzzle swap! We would greatly appreciate it. The Rec Centre is open Monday - Thursday from 8:00-3:00 for puzzles to be dropped off/swapped out.

### Pickle Ball

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Above: Murray Gray doing the elimination draw. Below: The crowd at the Sportsplex



Shrine Club president Leo Ilustrisimo thanking everyone for their support



Above and below: Travel voucher winner Levi Jamieson being congratulated by Julie Gaudet and Murray Gray.



### Sportsplex packed for Shrine Club Wings and Winners fundraiser

The Moosomin Shrine Club held a Wings and Winners fundraiser on October 14. The event featured an elimination raffle with only 100 tickets sold for the raffle. There were 12 prizes worth \$15,000 with the top prize being an \$8,500 travel voucher from WestJet. There was also a silent auction, 50/50 draw, and all you can eat wings. At the end of the night, Levi Jamieson was the winner of the WestJet voucher.

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The pallets of eggs being unloaded at the Moosomin Food Share on Tuesday.

## Food Share receives 25,200 dozen eggs

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Last Tuesday, the Moosomin Food Share received a major donation, as a shipment of eggs arrived from Second Harvest, a national food rescue organization that works to prevent food waste.

The delivery included 28 pallets of eggs, totalling 25,200 dozen, all of which were made available to the community free of charge, with donations accepted.

Samantha Campbell with the Moosomin Food Share said the organization quickly

began reaching out to local schools, care facilities, and community groups to make sure the eggs were distributed across the region.

"We contacted McNaughton High School, MacLeod Elementary, Cobblestone House, the nursing homes, Retirement Villas, Wapella School, Wapella Daycare, Rocanville School, Rocanville Daycare, Rocanville Food Bank, Whitewood School, Whitewood Daycare, Wawota, Birtle, St. Lazare, and the Carlyle Food Bank," Campbell said.

"We focus on the non-profits and orga-

nizations first. As soon as I got the heads-up that we were getting this large amount of eggs, I contacted the schools."

Campbell said the large delivery provided a new opportunity for the food share to give back to the community in a unique way.

"It feels good to give back to a community in a different way other than collect-

ing food bank donations," she said.

"This way, this is something we can do ourselves without having to depend on the community."

The eggs were distributed throughout the area over the week, ensuring that local families, schools, and organizations could benefit from the donation while helping reduce food waste.

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