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Moosomin tops Holiday Smile Cookie sales in Saskatchewan

Tim Hortons Moosomin has presented part of the proceeds of the Holiday Smile Cookie campaign to the Moosomin Family Resource Centre. Holiday Smile Cookie sales in Moosomin were the highest in Saskatchewan. From left are MFRC Board Chair Crystal Leshchysyn and Program Co-ordinator Sheryl Wilms-Bromm of the Moosomin Family Resource Centre, and Greg Crisanti and Cherrie Caliwag of Tim Hortons.

School division agrees to sell land to Play Fair for \$1:

Daycare looking at site on school grounds

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Play Fair Daycare is looking at developing its new building on the south end of the MacLeod School grounds, and the school division is willing to sell the land to the daycare for \$1.

Two days after both the Southeast Cornerstone School Division and the Play Fair Daycare presented at the November Chamber of Commerce meeting, the two groups met to discuss using part of the school grounds for the new daycare

building. Play Fair has been approved for 90 new spaces.

Daycare president Jalisa Miller said the meeting between the school division and the day care was positive.

"Last week I reached out to Andy Dobson (head of facilities for the school division) and he wanted to meet right away. Terri and I met him. He said he had met with (MacLeod School principal) Tammy Cole because he wanted to make sure that the school administration was okay with what we were proposing—to take part of their land and

build right on the school grounds. They were in favour of it and actually very happy to accommodate. When we met with Andy, he wanted to know what kind of space we were looking at. He said he didn't really need anything else from us at this point, but just once we have a high level design ready to go, they'll okay it and they'll build a fence around it for us, they'll parcel the land out and they'll give it to us for a dollar."

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Kids and families taking pictures with Santa during Santa Day 2022.

Kids and Kinettes gearing up for Santa Day

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

It's a Moosomin tradition going 11 years strong and a day likely circled on several calendars throughout the area. Saturday, Dec. 9 is Santa Day—a chance for kids to take in a holiday movie and meet the most popular elf of them all: Santa Claus himself.

"Everyone's on the nice list," Claus told the World-Spectator when asked about the local Naughty to Nice ratio of his scorecard. He also advised that leaving milk and cookies out before bed time on Christmas Eve is still perfectly acceptable.

"The reindeer also like a reindeer treat, which is oatmeal and some of the candy sprinkles," Claus said, adding that tinsel is a highly sought after item as "you need the magical colour."

Santa Day makes for a busy time for the Moosomin

Kinettes, who not only work for weeks leading up to the event, but also gather the night before to bring those last-minute touches. All that preparation is worth it just to see the children arrive for their chance to meet Santa Claus.

"It's fun to be there, too, because you get your kids that are really happy to be there and then you get your kids who don't want to be within 20 feet of Santa!" said Kinette Kathryn Fouillard, who added there were around 200 families at Santa Day last year. For those youngsters that may be nervous about meeting the North Pole resident, Claus reassured "don't worry, I'm a nice guy!"

When asked about his favourite part of Santa Day, Mr. Claus said, "having the little kids sit on my knee and asking for gifts, and just try and make them happy."

Volunteers and gracious business donations are the glue that binds the successful event together, such as Za-

ylie's Furniture & Appliances, who are doing the photo background this year; and photographer Amanda Selby, who is also donating her time and talent. The Moosomin Chamber of Commerce sponsors the movie and popcorn while Tim Horton's and Borderland Co-op donate to the kids' treat bags.

Saturday night is also the Kinettes' Comedy Night featuring magic and laughs courtesy Double Vision, with a dance to follow. While two committees are separate at the Kinettes level, Fouillard said everyone volunteers to ensure both events are a success for the club.

"We work together and get the hall ready and whatnot as a team and it's just like a really fun-filled, festive day," she explained.

Money raised from Santa Day and the Comedy Night—like all Kinette events—either goes back to the community or to the club in order to host future fundraisers.

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Marguerite Osborne, at left, and Lori Shepherd, at right, with the Moosomin Food Share, accepting a cheque for \$8,500 from Kyle Penner of Harvest of Hope.

Harvest of Hope gives \$8,500 to Food Share

BY JOEY LIGHT

Thanks to a lot of volunteer labor and a lot of donations, Harvest of Hope made \$45,000 this year in net revenue and plan on donating \$8,500 to the Food Share in Moosomin and another \$2,400-\$2,500 to the Rocanville Food Bank, and the remaining balance goes to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, based in Winnipeg, which helps feed the world's most vulnerable people.

Kyle Penner of the Harvest of Hope committee says this is the second year the group has decided to support the local food banks as well as addressing world hunger through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

"We started this (supporting the local food banks) last year. With the pandemic and the pressure and food prices, there was a lot of concern around food security locally, not just away from this community. We wanted to try to make an impact here locally as well as the stuff we're working on with the Foodgrains Bank outside of Moosomin. This is our tenth year and we've generated about \$620,000 total in fundraised money."

Those funds go even further, as donations to the Foodgrains Bank are matched 4:1 by the federal government.

Penner says the donation of inputs and volunteer time are both important to make the growing project a success each year.

"The biggest things for generating good revenue are good awareness, great community support both here and nationally, you have helpers for the project all over Canada—our local farmers have really stepped up over the last few years and have really contributed time personally as well as time with their equipment. Our RME dealers here locally have just been awesome as well."

It takes a lot of people to help this project run, that goes from people seeding, prepping the land, spraying, harvesting and people who do the administrative work and then also the volunteers like the who provide seed, provide lunch for the volunteers. They have around 30-40 people that put some time into the project every year.

Penner says the committee has lots of good volunteers to help with the project each year.

"Pretty much the whole core volunteer group have been involved for ten years. We've lost a few that moved away but have gained a few that have stepped in their stead. It's our 10th anniversary this year."

He says there has been positive response to the decision

to support the local food banks in addition to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

"It's been great and I think people really appreciate the impact that the local investment can have here in our community. Obviously there's people here that are struggling with food security, so to be able to contribute to that and make an impact locally and knowing about the impact that it makes abroad with the 4-1 food leveraging."

Penner says this project and the volunteers help feed people all over the world.

"We live in a pretty blessed part of the world with great ground and governments that are stable. It's one of those issues where if you can make an impact in somebody's life, this is one of the biggest ways you can do it—secure food for them. In terms of impact per time, sure you can volunteer with other things but when you think of the impact for the time you put in versus what they get out of it—projects like this feed a lot of people, not only here, but all over the place."

He says he's proud to see the Moosomin project reach the ten-year mark, and wants to see the total raised pass the million dollar mark.

"It's been pretty amazing that we've gone ten consecutive years and done as well as we have. I'd like to get to a million bucks. That would be a pretty cool milestone to cross."

Some examples of where the Canadian Foodgrains Bank uses funds raised through the Harvest of Hope include:

FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES AND VULNERABLE LEBANESE IN ZAHLE - \$1,019,542

This project aims to increase immediate consumption of food and reduce hunger by providing vulnerable Syrian refugee and Lebanese families with nine monthly food boxes. Each month households will receive one or two boxes (amount depending on household size) of food consisting of rice, spaghetti, bulgur wheat, tuna, sardines, chickpeas, beans, lentils, oil, sugar, tomato paste, salt and flour. The project plans to reach 7,691 people (1,831 households) with this assistance.

IMPROVING AGRICULTURE AND LIVELIHOODS IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO - \$458,946

Many households in this region depend on subsistence agriculture for their livelihoods and face many challenges

that prevent them from producing enough food to cover household food and income needs year-round.

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Arts & Craft Market held on Moonlight Madness

The Moosomin Visual Arts Centre hosted an Arts and Crafts Market on Thursday during Moonlight Madness at the Legion Hall, along with a silent auction. The market was a fundraiser for the new visual arts centre, which will be starting in the new year, and offering a variety of classes for people of all ages.

The market featured 17 vendors, as well as art demonstrations by a number of local artists. It also gave kids a chance to try their hand at alcohol ink art tiles that they could take home free of charge that night.

Clockwise from above: Kids trying alcohol ink; Tracy and Carmelle Boutin selling an assortment of items; Rhose Perante manning the booth of Joan Tse; people shopping at the market; Michael Pearce with some of his artwork.



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Esterhazy preschool victim of fraud

Online auction being held to raise funds

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Reports of financial fraud seem to be increasingly common these days, but when it hits a local non-profit involving kids, the act is especially infuriating. That was just the situation faced by the Growing Tree Preschool Co-operative in Esterhazy recently.

"On Oct. 19, our financial situation tragically changed as we fell victim to bank fraud," read a portion of a request letter that went out to local businesses. "Currently, we have been told that there is very little that can be done other than fundraising to keep our doors open, our teachers employed, and our children in their beloved program. This is our plea to the community to come together to help us keep our amazing program available to our area."

In total, \$57,000 was siphoned from the account, placing the preschool in a very precarious situation and an uncertain future.

"It's just so challenging to be a non-profit preschool, not funded by the government," explained Regan Ignatow, president of the Growing Tree board. "All of our funds come from parent tuition and fundraising. All of those funds were previous parents' efforts to put us into a situation of financial stability, and then to have the carpet ripped out underneath us so that we're scrambling

for this year—and it also puts next year into jeopardy, because the fundraising that the parents would have done this year would have been what secured our position for next year. It's so sad."

After discovering that the funds were missing, the group reached out to their financial institution and the RCMP, plus anyone with access to the bank account, and had their computers scanned for possibly viruses and malware. Investigation into the theft is still ongoing at this point.

"It's been an incredibly challenging and heartbreaking situation to try and work through," Ignatow said. "We're really hoping that insurance will cover our loss, but that process can take months at best. In the meantime, what we're trying to do is raise the funds that we need day-to-day so that we can keep our doors open."

One of the ways Growing Tree is trying to recoup the loss is through an online auction via their Facebook page, slated for Dec. 8-10. Support has already poured in from throughout the region in light of the terrible event.

"We live in probably the most wonderful place on Earth," Ignatow said. "We have had lots of wonderful support from our community members, from our business members, from the MLA of Melville-Saltcoats, Warren Kaeding—we are really blessed and fortunate to be where we are and have the support of our community behind us."

Aside from the online auction, donations can be made to the Growing Tree Preschool by visiting CanadaHelps.org.

"If anybody wanted to make a donation there, they could get a tax receipt instantly for their donation and helps provide the funds to us and it's secure and safe," Ignatow said.

Currently, there are 23 children at the preschool located at PJ Gillen School in Esterhazy receiving their early education from one teacher and three Education Assistants.

"Preschool is the first time that a lot of these kids are spending a significant amount of time away from their parents," Ignatow said. "We're so lucky to be there (PJ Gillen School), the kids get used to being in the actual elementary school, they get used to the teachers who are there, they are allowed to use their gym, we're allowed to use their library, they get to meet the principal and see other kids that they might know. And it does provide them with this really fabulous opportunity to just get comfortable being in the school before actually have to be in the school and formally learning."

Growing Tree Preschool opened in July, 2007 with their first class in September of the same year and has been operating continuously since that time. To find out more about Growing Tree Preschool and how to participate in the online auction, visit growingtreepreschool.ca

Mayor seat filled in Wapella

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

As the only candidate putting their name forward, Gale Matheson has been nominated as the next Mayor of Wapella.

Matheson served on Town Council with one term as Mayor during the early 2000s and decided to return to municipal politics when the recent call for nominations went out.

One of his concerns is that of joining with the RM of Martin, therefore abandoning town status and the percep-

tion that many communities in the same situation hold, being a loss of identity.

"I just want to see us survive and work together and keep it going as best as we can," Matheson said. "We got a couple of projects that are out there, and they're gonna be hard to try to juggle those."

The decision to return to council was common sense for Matheson.

The next meeting of Wapella Town Council is Dec. 19 when one anticipated order of business will be to officially swear Matheson in as mayor.

Premier leads mission to COP28

On Thursday, Premier Scott Moe announced a delegation of Saskatchewan-based businesses that will be departing to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates to participate in the Conference of Parties (COP) 28, the United Nations Climate Change Conference.

"This government is committed to sharing Saskatchewan's story with the world," Moe said. "COP28 provides an excellent opportunity to meet with other industry and government leaders on sustainability, innovations to support environmental stewardship and showcase how Saskatchewan has the food, fuel, fertilizer and critical minerals that our growing world needs. Opportunities like this are how we create jobs for our residents, strengthen our provincial economy and build and protect our communities for generations to come."

Over 55 companies will be involved in 51 events happening at the Saskatchewan pavilion.

COP28 runs for two weeks, with the first week being themed on energy sustainability. The province will host events and sessions on its world-leading uranium, oil and gas, and mining sectors, as well as sustainable technologies.

The second week will focus on sustainable agriculture and food systems. Events will cover Saskatchewan's global leadership in potash, grains, pulse production and how the province can ensure food security for generations to come.

COP28 is an international climate summit held annually in rotating host countries. The conference brings together leaders and stakeholders from around the world to collaborate on issues related to climate change. Currently, 198 countries, plus the EU, participate in the convention.

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Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwan, Recreation Director

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First Ever Indoor Golf Tournament Acknowledged by Sask Golf

Boy oh boy, do we have another "first" on the way. As part of the Pipe Si Cana games on December 15-17 weekend, Moosomin Nutrien Sportsplex will play host to the first ever Indoor Golf Championship to be acknowledged by Sask Golf.

Entry fee will be \$20 per player for Saturday and \$40 per team on Sunday.

Saturday, December 16

Men's Open (32 player max): Tee-time 3 pm

Men's Sr (55): Tee-time 12 pm

Ladies Open: Tee-time 12 pm

Ladies Sr (55): Tee-time 12 pm

(24 spots available at the 12 pm Tee-time)

Sunday, December 17th

Tee-times at 1 pm and 3:30 pm

Divisions

Mens

Ladies

Seniors (this can be all male/all ladies or mixed)

All rounds are 18 holes. Courses will vary per division and will be announced next week. We are presently working with Sask Golf to nail down a few final formal rules for the event.

If you want a hint on some rules...gimmee putts will be four feet so you may want to practice. If you would like to register for this fantastic event please contact the Rec Office at 435-3622 or by email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

2023 Parks and Recreation Awards Date

2023 will see the Parks and Rec Department again join with the Senior Rangers and Moosomin Minor Hockey on the Annual Gala.

Moosomin Parks and Recreation will hold their awards, Moosomin Senior Rangers will hold their Third Annual Hall of Fame Inductions, and Moosomin Minor Hockey will hold their Annual Awards Night.

The award evening will be held Friday, December 22. Look for ticket information to be announced soon.

Parks and Rec Award winners for 2023 include:

Mayor's Award of Distinction – Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation: **Winner: Greg Sweet**
RM Award of Distinction – Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation: **Winner: Ken Turpie**

Mayor's Award of Distinction – Culture/Music and Performing Arts: **Winner: Sandra Poole**

Community Councilor's Achievement Award – Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation: **Winners: Lila Smart and Pansy Taylor**

Corporate Community Builder Award: **Winner: RE/MAX Blue Chip Realty, Rolna Pranke**

Association/Team/Individual of the Year: **Winner: Ava Metzger**

Legends Award: **Winner: 1984 Moosomin Generals**

Youth Award of Excellence: **Winner: Abby Machniak**

Pipe Si Cana Winter Games & Festival!

Moosomin Parks and Recreation are excited as we plan to once again host our Pipe Si Cana Winter Games and Festival. The dates are Friday to Sunday, December 15-17.

Here is a look at what you can expect that weekend:

Mike Schwan Arena: Minor Hockey, Senior Rangers Hockey and Figure Skating

Conexus Convention Centre: Pickle Ball, Basketball and Volleyball

Nutrien Sportsplex: Indoor Golf, Bowling, Shuffleboard, Billiards and Cards

Co-op Community Outdoor Rink: Outdoor Broomball

Other: Cross Country Skiing, Poker Derby and Speed Skating

If any group in town is interested in running an event of interest or as a club fundraiser, please contact Mike at 435-3622 or by email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Provincial Indoor Golf

As part of the 2023 Pipe Si Cana Winter Games we are excited to host our First Annual Provincial Golf Championship (non-sanctioned). Golf will go both Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday will include:

- Open Tournament
- Ladies Tournament
- Men's Champions Tour (55+)
- Ladies Champions Tour (55+)

Sunday will include:

- Four Person Scramble (Enter as teams)
- Mens
- Ladies
- Champions Tour

Registration is \$20 per golfer for each event. Please keep in mind we have limited space. To register or for more information please contact the Recreation Office at 435-3622 or by email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Senior Hockey – Big Six

Senior Rangers take a couple weeks off from home games...then on Friday, December 22 we have a doozy as the defending league champion Redvers Rockets are in town for a holiday bang-up.

Recreation Hockey

Couple games this week in the Recreation Hockey loop including a new franchise, the Co-op Bears making their debut.

Tuesday - Co-op Bears at 9:30 pm puck drop

Thursday - Leafs at 8:30 pm puck drop

Arena season is here!

Another winter season at the MS Arena is here! It is going to be another busy winter at the arena with a ton of tournaments, games and special events. If you would like to inquire about renting ice, please feel free to contact me at 435-3622 or by email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Walking Track

The walking track at the Nutrien Sportsplex is available for use. The track is a 360-foot indoor rubber walking track. For information please contact 435-3622.

Pickle Ball

Pickle Ball continues at the Conexus Convention Centre. The club has dedicated times which include:

Monday	1 pm
Tuesday	6:30 pm
Wednesday	1 pm

Sportsplex Snowbirders Golf

Snow birders golf goes all winter long on Wednesday and Friday afternoons with a 1 pm tee time. This is for both men and ladies of all adult/senior ages. While they do play skins, you are not required to take part in them. Like Thursday night you can just enjoy the golf and company. If you would like to go on their list please email list please contact Dave Towler at dtowler@sasktel.net

Sportsplex Friday Night Fantasy Golf

Our final weekly league goes Friday nights at 6 pm. This is our Fantasy Golf Night as you bet (play money) on who you think will win. Individuals who accumulate the most money over the winter win year end prizes. This night is a scramble so you can enter individually, as a twosome, foursome, whatever! We have a few Fridays left until Christmas Party season kicks in and then in January we kick off four months of fun.

In addition to the golf, we have a fantastic group of Friday Night Sponsors that include:

Borderland Co-op, Sharpe's Soil Service, Celebration Ford, Hub Agencies – January, Home Hardware, MNP, Labatt's Breweries, Flatland Plumbing, Nutrien Mine, Rocky Mountain Equipment, Conexus Credit Union, Derek Doyle, Leo Ilustrisimo - GL Apparel, Kim Setrum – Royal LePage, Kari's Kiosket, L.H. Bradley & Son, The Red Barn, Prairie Livestock, Pipestone Hills Golf Club, Tom's Electric, Jeannot Electric, Town of Moosomin – Parks and Recreation, Moosomin Senior Rangers and the Moosomin Moose.

If you would like to join our sponsor list or would like to go on our email list please let Mike know at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Sportsplex Mens/Ladies Night!

Golfers are reminded that Thursday nights are Mens/Ladies Golf Nights all winter long at the Sportsplex. While we do play skins, you are not required to take part in them...you can just enjoy the golf and company.

Tee times go at 4 pm and 6:15 pm. If you would like to go on our email list please let Mike know at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net.

Curling Season

Curling season kicks off this week but we are still happy to take team entries. If you would like to enter a team please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Leagues include:

Monday Night Superleague
Tuesday Night Red Barn Men's League
Wednesday Afternoon Mixed Federated Co-op Farmers League

Thursday Night Celebration Ford Ladies League

Friday Afternoon Mixed Fun League

To register a team or for more information please contact Mike at 435-3622 or by email to msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

2024 National Fireman's Bonspiel

One of the biggest events to come our way in history arrives in March of 2024 when we will host the 2024 National Firefighters Curling Bonspiel. The event will run March 15-24! This is a major event that requires many, many, many volunteers. If you would be willing to help out in some capacity please let us know at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or by phone to 435-3622.

Funds raised at the event are earmarked for four cornerstone projects including:

- Moosomin Fire Department
- Muscular Dystrophy
- CT Scanner
- Multiplex Fund

Curling Schedule

Busy time of year with league curling at the rink. Here is a list of games scheduled for this week:

One note—Ladies Thursday curling is moved to Wednesday (this week only) to accommodate Moonlight Madness.

Monday - Super-league Curling

Red Barn Men's League Curling

Tuesday – 6:30pm

Sheet 1 R Frape vs. O Frape

Sheet 2 Stanhope vs. Meredith

Sheet 3 Turpie vs. Sully

Sheet 4 Grandguillot vs. Stewart

Federated Co-op Farmers and Friends Curling

Wednesday – 1 pm

Sheet 3 Lee vs. Thorn

Sheet 4 McMullen vs. Turpie

Celebration Ford Ladies League Curling

Wednesday – 7pm

Sheet 1 Senkowski vs. Turpie

Sheet 2 MacDonald vs. Nosterud

Sheet 3 Martens vs. Bender

Sheet 4 Hebert vs. Davidson

Borderland Co-op Friday Fun League

Friday - 1:30pm

Sheet 2 McCarthy vs. McCorriston

Sheet 3 Dobson vs. Meredith

Curling Bonspiels

Our Curling Club has now set the date for several of their 2023/2024 Bonspiels.

As part of the 2023 Pipe Si Cana Winter games you can expect a December 16 Bonspiel. Watch for details in the coming weeks!

Man Sask Sliding Stars Junior Bonspiel on Sunday, December 3.

Skins Game/Pipe Si Cana Regional Winter Games on Saturday, December 16.

Annual Ladies Bonspiel on January 12-14

Annual Farmers and Friends on January 31-February 4

National Firefighters Brier on March 15-24

Borderland Co-op Outdoor Arena and Skateway!

As we approach the winter season we are closing in on hockey/figure skating season. With that in mind, Moosomin Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting used equipment for the Outdoor Rink.

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Conexus Convention Centre...busy 2024!

We have a very busy year lining up at the Conexus Convention Centre with major events already booked on a regular basis. If you are looking to book in an event Parks and Rec Strongly encourage you to contact us ASAP.

Here is a list of major events already booked:

Wapella Wildlife Supper - February 3
NHL Hockey Draft - March 9
National Firefighters Brier - March 15-24
Grad Services - May 25
Cenotaph 100th Anniversary - June 8
Wedding - June 29
Wedding - July 20
Wedding - August 3
Ag Fair - August 17
Trade Show - September 28
Provincial Election - October 22-28
Nixon Electric 30th Anniversary - November 9
Municipal Election November 8 (Advance) and 13
Creative Visions Production November 15-25

Communities in Bloom

We had such a successful year with Communities in Bloom. Amazing spirit shown by the Town of Moosomin, Moosomin Regional Park and Pipestone Hills Golf Course. Of course at contest end we were named Provincial Champions!

Coming up at the next Chamber Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, Andrew Exelby (Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association) will be in attendance to award the Provincial Champion Certificates as well as speak about the program and in particular our local submission. Can't wait for our efforts in 2024!

Terry Lynd Basketball Court

Leo, Jeff and all those behind the fundraising for the Terry Lynd Basketball Court have done such an amazing job over the past year. They are getting really close to what is required to cover the project costs. Having said that I know they would be thrilled with further donations or possibly fundraising ideas from the public! If you have any ideas please email Leo at leoilustrisimo15@gmail.com or Jeff at jskulmoski@icloud.com



Work continues on Moosomin's new water treatment plant.

Lots of work behind the scenes on Little Miners Day Care

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
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Whenever a big funding announcement affects a town, it's big news. Such is the case with last month's announcement that Esterhazy will be allocated 60 new child care spaces as part of a new initiative called Little Miners Community Daycare.

To get to the point of a big announcement and board formation, many hours of behind the scenes work was invested, starting with realizing there is a need.

"Businesses and people have said that they are having trouble finding daycares locally, they have been people have been driving out of town and then driving back into town to come to work and then driving out of town to pick up their kids," explained Crystal Szabo, Administrative Assistant with the Town of Esterhazy. "People have said that they haven't been able to go back to work off of their maternity leaves because of daycare."

The want for child care spaces was certainly a detriment to many residents

and the current daycare in Esterhazy simply did not have the physical space to expand to meet the growing needs of the community. After meeting with various entities, the Economic Development Committee distributed a public survey back in May to pinpoint those needs required.

"There was definitely a need," Szabo added. "People were missing out on things. People weren't able to go back to work. They needed not just infant care, but they needed childcare and before and after school programs."

Two public forums were also held to find out what the community could do, which attracted those who were most keen on affecting change.

"People who came to that meeting were the people who were invested in it," Szabo said. While the Town is not in the business of operating childcare spaces, they could gather the like-minded community members that had the ability to form a board, and that was the direct result of the public meetings.

Currently, the Little Miners Community Daycare is meeting to organize the next steps, which include submitting concept plans and a budget to the provincial government before the end of January.

"I think that it's going to be huge for the community," Szabo said. "It's going to impact so many people positively."

Steven Bonk, MLA for Moosomin Constituency

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In our opinion:

Soaring national debt a wake-up call

The Trudeau government is in a debt spiral that threatens both public services and economic stability

Rising interest rates are threatening Canadians who have mortgages on their homes.

The federal government has taken some steps to deal with this situation. It has put forth a Mortgage Charter that makes some marginal changes around remortgaging but still leaves borrowers exposed to higher interest rates.

A recent Manulife survey found that one in three mortgage holders fears that they will be forced to sell their home because of the higher monthly payments caused by the increasing interest rates.

This situation was not supposed to happen. Stress tests, which require mortgage seekers to demonstrate financial capacity not only to handle the mortgage they are taking on but also to continue to manage their current mortgage should interest rates rise, have been introduced. However, many existing mortgages were issued before this requirement came into effect.

Stress tests are not popular. They do limit access to home purchases for some. However, the consequences of not having stress tests can be severe, as demonstrated in the financial debacle in the U.S. in 2007/08.

U.S. homeowners were seen as good, tax-paying citizens. Using backward logic, it was thought that if you could make more people homeowners, they would become middle-class taxpayers. Mortgages were showered on people regardless of their ability to repay.

Consequences were not long in coming. Borrowers in way over their heads reneged on their loans, and the individuals and institutions that had directly or indirectly funded those mortgages were hung out to dry. The impact was felt throughout the economy.

Stress tests safeguard mortgage holders from the dilemma that so many Canadian homeowners are now facing. Instead of allowing low- and middle-income people to acquire mortgage debts that they cannot afford now or in the future, subsidies or other means should be used to increase access to housing. Less expensive construction techniques and more flexible zoning could work.

A stress test limits the borrower's ability to take on more debt than they can handle. The recent federal fiscal update indicates an area other than home mortgage lending where financial stress testing is sorely needed. This is in the federal government.

On-going deficits indicate that the feds have consistently and regularly spent more than their income. The amount of each year's deficit is added to the national debt. This debt is currently greater than 40 percent of Canada's overall annual output and will grow this year by at least the \$40 billion deficit that is now being projected.

Like mortgage holders, the government faces increasing interest payments on its debt. The rising market rates are the primary cause. An additional reason for interest on the national debt to increase is a reduced credit rating caused by the greater risk that a larger debt entails. So far, Canada's credit rating has not fallen, but the rising debt makes this occurrence more probable.

And the debt will continue to rise. Nowhere in any of its economic or fiscal statements does the government make any mention of actions to pay down the debt or even to stop it from increasing.

There is much talk about fiscal restraint, which, unfortunately, is not about moving to a balanced budget to control the debt. Rather, it is merely to try to control the growth of the annual deficits, and even this limited measure is predicted to last only for the next two years.

Another anticipated measure of fiscal restraint is the expectation that the increasing debt will constitute a smaller proportion of our national GDP. Projected reductions fall within the range of one to two percentage points. However, achieving even this modest goal appears doubtful, as it hinges on a more robust rate of economic growth than what many experts are currently predicting.

Some argue that government borrowing and, consequently, spending cannot be constrained by stress tests or other measures, as it supports the provision of essential public goods and services such as healthcare.

At present and in the foreseeable future, it is the government's debt that hinders and will continue to constrain its capacity to deliver essential services. In the fiscal year 2025/26, the federal government will allocate \$53 billion of taxpayers' dollars to service the national debt, a figure likely to increase in tandem with the growing debt load.

Canada's current and anticipated fiscal state starkly illustrates the compelling need for the government to subject its own borrowing to the same stringent restrictions it imposes on the rest of its citizens.

This editorial was written by Dr. Roslyn Kunin, a public speaker, consulting economist and senior fellow of the Canada West Foundation.



SE Cornerstone School Division deserves credit for working with day care board

It is great to see the Southeast Cornerstone School Division working with the Play Fair Daycare board to make a new daycare a reality in Moosomin.

The school division and the day care were both represented at the last Chamber meeting, and the idea was brought up of building the daycare on the south portion of the MacLeod School grounds. The director of education, the person in charge of facilities for the school division, the regional superintendent, Jeff St. Onge, and the local trustee, Devona Putland, were all there, and the idea received a positive response.

Two days later the division met with the daycare and it looks like the proposal can move forward.

I know that bureaucracies can move slowly in some cases, and it's great to see the school division moving forward quickly on this file.

Good to see school division seeking community input

I'm going to say two nice things about the Southeast Cornerstone School Division in one column, which must be some kind of record.

It was great to hear Director of Education Keith Keating say at the November Chamber meeting that the division will hold a community consultation in Moosomin to get feedback on local priorities for capital spending. Concerns have been raised about the lack of air conditioning in local schools on local issues, and I give the school division full credit for planning a community meeting for the new year to seek local input—that's a great way forward!

MVAC Arts and Crafts sale was a preview of new centre

It was great to see the crowds out for Moonlight Madness on Thursday in Moosomin.

I got this note Friday from one of our local business owners, Kari at Kari's Kiosket:

"Kevin, I think this was the best Moonlight Madness for traffic and sales in years! Well done on your advertising and promoting the event. And to our town, the compliments received from our customers were that Moosomin looks like a Hallmark Christmas movie!"

That Christmas movie look was thanks to a combination of the wonderfully warm weather, the snowflakes that came gently drifting down from precisely 5 pm to 9 pm to coincide with Moonlight Madness by some strange chance, and the fresh



Kevin Weedmark

greenery the town crew put out along the streets and in wreaths on the lightposts. The town and the Chamber of Commerce share the costs of the fresh greenery for Christmas.

It was great to see families out, walking store to store and enjoying themselves, unlike some years where they have to bundle up and warm up in the car before hitting the next store.

It was a great night all around, and a quick look over the cash cards shows that people came from a wide area to Moosomin for the night.

One new attraction this year was the MVAC Arts and Crafts sale at the Legion Hall.

The Moosomin Visual Arts Centre is a group that is working to set up a centre where arts classes can be offered, where members can drop in to use studio space and equipment, a space where art can be shared and enjoyed.

The feeling in the Legion Hall Thursday was a taste of what the arts centre will be like. There were artists giving demonstrations, people could try their hand at creating art, there was art and crafts for sale, there was a silent auction, and most importantly there were people coming together, learning, laughing, and having fun.

It was a brilliant idea the arts centre board had to hold their first fundraiser during Moonlight Madness, and it was great to see the event unfold, because Thursday night was just a glimpse of what the Visual Arts Centre will bring to Moosomin.

A few of the silent auction items are still up for bid on the Chamber of Commerce facebook page. Some went for good prices on the night of the fundraiser. Chris Davidson—who made the motion at town council to provide \$150,000 to the arts centre over the first three years to help get them started—was the high bidder on an amazing painting donated by Jacqui Harrison—bidding \$1,000.

Congratulations to the Visual Arts Centre Board for a very successful fundraiser, not only successful in bringing in some cash, but for creating a sense of what the visual arts centre will be.



The Sparkle of Life Tree Lighting Ceremony last year in front of the South East Integrated Care Centre. There were bonfires, hot chocolate, a raffle table, and the lighting of the trees. The event was a fundraiser for the Moosomin Long Term Care and Health Care Foundation.

Kim Poole photos



Tree lighting being held at SEICC Dec. 14

On Thursday, December 14, the South East Integrated Care Centre Long Term Care and The Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation will be hosting the Sparkle of Life Tree Lighting Ceremony in the parking lot of the South East Integrated Care Centre at 6 pm.

The ceremony is a chance for people to place a star, in memory of a loved one, on display at the integrated site.

"The Sparkle of Life campaign is a time to remember people who were important to us throughout our lives," said Sara Gustafson, Recreation Coordinator at SEICC Long Term Care Home. "This time of year can be very hard when we are missing family and friends who we can no longer share

seasonal celebrations and festivities with. How long one is left to mourn is unique to every individual and the depth of the relationship you shared. The community will come together for one reason, honoring and remembering."

Last year, Gustafson, many members of the team at SEICC and the Health Care Foundation reintroduced the campaign since the previous tree lighting held in 2011.

"Last year's lighting was a great success" said Gustafson. "With the help of time and donations from Tim Hortons, RBC Bank, SEICC staff, Trent and Jody Schmidt, Coleen Webb, Dawn Wilson and Shirley Lindsay and Choir, it was a won-

derful ceremony only made more magical by amounts of snow falling that evening."

The ceremony entailed a bonfire, hot chocolate, donation area to purchase a star, carols and speeches. This year Gustafson, with the help of others, plan to do the same thing. Last year there was \$868 raised towards end of life care at SEICC. Besides purchasing the lights for the tree, items that have been purchased with the funds raised include open back nightgowns, supplies for family while visiting, sheepskins, mattresses, angels for family when a loved one passes, large sleeper chairs for family to stay close to a loved one who may be palliative, and much more.

To purchase a memory star or make a donation at any time, the SEICC front desk, the Long Term Care Recreation Department and the Moosomin IDA will have

them available in the afternoons of December 5 and December 12.

A special display of the stars with memories will be displayed at the hospital and Long Term Care main halls along with the tree lighting ceremony.

"Still today, at SEICC, there is a volunteer palliative sitting committee for those who desire it. Not only for the resident or patient's end of life process, but to offer support for families as well," said Gustafson.

"As staff at SEICC, we are also trained and have a process for end of life care that we continue to improve through education, opportunities and support of fundraisers such as this."

Donations can be made during any time of the year for palliative care through the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation.

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Senior Hockey Roundup

Big 6 Hockey League

Rangers dominating Big 6

BY KARA KINNA

The Moosomin Senior Rangers have started the Big Six Hockey League season with a bang. With five games under their belt as of last week, the Rangers are dominating the league on all three fronts—in points, scoring, and goaltending.

As of last week, the Rangers were undefeated with a record of 5-0, leading the league with 10 points over the second place (8 points) Redvers Rockets, who are the league defending champions, and the third place (7 points) Carlyle Cougars.

The top three scorers in the league are all Rangers players. Bud Holloway topped the standings with 22 points, followed by Brock Trotter with 21 points, and Carter Sawchuk with 15 points. Redvers' Presten Kopeck and Carlyle's Koby Morrisseau were tied for fourth and fifth in the league with 14 points apiece.

In goaltending, both Rangers goalies—Levi Horn and Kyler Beckett—led the league. Horn is at the top of the league with a GAA of 1.50 followed by Beckett with a



GAA of 1.67. Carlyle's Landon Audet was in third with a 2.69 GAA, followed by Cody Matthewson from Redvers and Mason Plews from Carnduff both with a 3.00 GAA. The league defending Redvers Rockets were 4-1 last

week, losing their one and only game so far to the Carnduff Red Devils.

The Rangers and Rockets have not met for a game yet, and go head to head for the first time this season on December 22 in Moosomin.

Two other local teams—the Wawota Flyers and Kipling Windthorst Oil Kings—aren't having such a lucky season. The Flyers were sitting in 7th place in the standings last week with a record of 1-2, and the KW Oil Kings were last in the league in ninth place with no wins and four losses.

HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF DEC. 1, 2023

BIG SIX HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Moosomin Rangers	5	5	0	0	10
Redvers Rockets	5	4	1	0	8
Carlyle Cougars	4	3	0	1	7
Bienfait Coalers	6	3	3	0	6
Oxbow Huskies	4	2	2	0	4
Carnduff Red Devils	4	2	2	0	4
Wawota Flyers	3	1	2	0	2
Midale Mustangs	5	0	4	1	1
KW Oil Kings	4	0	4	0	0

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Bud Holloway	Moosomin Rangers	5	13	9	22
Brock Trotter	Moosomin Rangers	5	4	17	21
Carter Sawchuk	Moosomin Rangers	5	6	9	15
Presten Kopeck	Redvers Rockets	5	8	6	14
Koby Morrisseau	Carlyle Cougars	4	6	8	14
Taysen Holt	Bienfait Coalers	6	5	8	13
Jordan Miller	Carnduff Red Devils	5	5	7	12
Brayden Nabholz	Moosomin Rangers	5	6	5	11
Ryker Cole	Moosomin Rangers	5	5	6	11
Kaelen Holt	Bienfait Coalers	5	5	6	11

TOP GOALIES	TEAM	W-L-OT	GAA
Levi Horn	Moosomin Rangers	2-0-0	1.50
Kyler Beckett	Moosomin Rangers	3-0-0	1.67
Landon Audet	Carlyle Cougars	3-0-0	2.69
Cody Matthewson	Redvers Rockets	1-0-0	3.00
Mason Plews	Carnduff Red Devils	1-0-0	3.00



SASK EAST HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

NORTH STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Swan Valley Axemen	3	3	0	0	6
Cote Selects	4	2	2	0	4
Theodore Buffalos	2	1	1	0	2
Canora Cobras	2	1	1	0	2
Preeceville Pats	4	0	4	0	0

SOUTH STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Rocanville Tigers	4	4	0	0	8
Wapella Blackhawks	2	2	0	0	4
Langenburg Warriors	2	0	2	0	0
Ituna Avalanche	2	0	2	0	0
Churchbridge Imperials	1	0	1	0	0

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Taylor Thompson	Rocanville Tigers	4	11	6	17
Carter Cockburn	SV Axemen	3	6	8	14
Massen Ziola	Rocanville Tigers	4	4	8	12
Jamie Valentino	SV Axemen	3	3	9	12
Ryan Regel	Rocanville Tigers	4	9	2	11
Josh Tripp	SV Axemen	2	4	7	11
Ashley Howie	Rocanville Tigers	4	1	10	11
Brandon Pelletier	Cote Selects	4	7	3	10
Brennan Watson	Cote Selects	4	6	4	10
Kaeden Taphorn	Theodore Buffalos	2	4	5	9

GOALIE	TEAM	GP	W	L	GAA
Kevin Kryger	Wapella Blackhawks	1	1	0	0.00
Rylan Palchewich	Canora Cobras	1	1	0	0.00
Rodney Serhan	Preeceville Pats	1	0	1	0.00
Drew Denischuk	SV Axemen	1	1	0	1.00
Matt D'Orazio	Wapella Blackhawks	1	1	0	2.00

Sask East Hockey League

Tigers dominating SEHL

BY KARA KINNA

So far this season, the Rocanville Tigers are the dominant team in the Sask East Hockey League, with a record of 4-0 last week, and 8 points, making them the top team in both the South Division and in the league overall.

Two points behind in the North Division, with a 3-0 record and 6 points, were the Swan Valley Axemen.

So far this season, the Tigers have skated to wins over the Cote Selects, the Langenburg Warriors, the Theodore Buffalos, and the Ituna Avalanche, winning with large point



spreads in all but one of their games against the Buffs, which saw the Ti-

gers win by a single goal.

Three of the top five scorers in the league belong to the Tigers—Taylor Thompson with 17 points in first place, Massen Ziola with 12 points in third spot, and Ryan Regel with 11 points in fifth spot.

The Wapella Blackhawks were also off to a strong start with a 2-0 record last week. The Blackhawks recorded a 7-2 win over Churchbridge and a 3-0 win over Preeceville, and were sitting at second place in the south division with 4 points last week, tied with the Cote Selects for second place in the North Division as well.

Tiger Hills Hockey League

C-Hawks start strong

BY KARA KINNA

The Miniota-Elkhorn C-Hawks always ice a strong team, and 2023-24 is proving to be no exception.

Last week the C-Hawks were sitting in second place in the Tiger Hills Hockey League Western Division Standings, with a 5-1 record and 10 points, tied for third place in the league overall.

Leading the league are the Killarney Shamrocks with a 7-1 record and 14 points, followed by Rivers with a 6-1 record and 12 points. The C-Hawks were tied for with the Minnedosa Bombers for third.



The C-Hawks' only loss so far this season has come from Killarney, who walloped the C-Hawks 10-5 on November 24.

The C-Hawks Brad Bowles was in fifth place for scoring in the league, with 17 points last week, and C-Hawks goalie Cody Rookes was the league-leading goalie with GAA of 0.00. However Rookes and second place goalie Danny Hall with Gladstone had only seen 60 minutes of play. C-Hawks goalie Cory Gardham was sitting in third place with 211 minutes of play and a GAA of 0.932.

TIGER HILLS HOCKEY LEAGUE

As Of December 1 st, 2023

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
EAST DIVISION					
Killarney	8	7	1	0	14
Minnedosa	7	5	2	0	10
Gladstone	6	4	2	0	8
MacGregor	5	3	2	0	6
Neepawa	6	3	3	0	6
Carberry	7	2	5	0	4
Wawanesa	7	1	6	0	2
Pilot Mound	6	1	5	0	2
WEST DIVISION					
Rivers	7	6	1	0	12
Miniota/Elkhorn	6	5	1	0	10
Virden	7	4	2	1	9
Boissevain	6	4	2	0	8
Deloraine	8	4	4	0	8
Hartney	7	3	4	0	6
Melita	5	1	4	0	2
Souris	8	0	8	0	0

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS					
PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Ty Lewis	Virden	5	5	15	20
Jaxon Heeney	Rivers	7	9	9	18
Jordan Robertson	Killarney	7	8	10	18
Devon LeBlanc	Virden	6	10	7	17
Brad Bowles	Miniota/Elkhorn	6	6	11	17
Brock Paddock	Rivers	7	9	7	16
Matt Saler	Minnedosa	7	7	9	16
Shane Jury	Minnedosa	7	10	5	15
Riley Shamray	Rivers	7	7	8	15
Jason Bowles	Miniota/Elkhorn	6	7	8	15
GOALIE					
TEAM	W-L-OT	MIN	GA	GAA	
Cody Rookes	Miniota/Elkhorn 1-0-0-0	60	0	1.00	
Danny Hall	Gladstone 1-0-0-0	60	1	0.96	
Cory Gardham	Miniota/Elkhorn 3-0-0-0	211	5	0.93	
Devon Fordyce	Minnedosa 3-1-0-0	240	9	0.94	
Dez Ramsey	Melita 1-2-0-0	179	7	0.93	



Food Share donations

Joey Light photo

Students at McNaughton High School held a food drive for the Moosomin Food Share. On Friday, November 24, the students loaded all the food into a truck to take to the food share.

Pipe-Si-Cana golf tourney historic event

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

With the Pipe Si Cana Games drawing ever closer, golfers have a chance to be part of history. Indoor golf will be one of the sports featured during the Dec. 16-17 winter games and will have the honour of being the first indoor golf tournament recognized by Golf Saskatchewan.

"We've been at this for a couple of years," said Town of Moosomin Parks & Recreation Director Mike Schwan, who added planning such an event had actually begun just prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We have four simulators with over 100 courses on them around the world," he said. "We haven't picked the course yet, we'll do that in the next week or so."

It will be a busy two days at those simulators with Saturday events including the Open Tournament, the Ladies, plus the Mens and Ladies Champions Tours (55+). Sunday will see the Four-Person Scramble, Mens, Ladies,

and Champions Tour.

"For Saturday, it's individual so we have Men's Open, Men Seniors, Ladies Open, Ladies Seniors, so we'll gear the men's course a little longer, a little tougher course and then we'll shorten it up a bit for the seniors and ladies as well," Schwan explained.

Spaces for the weekend of warm indoor golf are sure to fill up quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

"We have limited spots," Schwan said. "For Saturday, we have 32 spots open for the Men's and we have 24 spots open for the Seniors Ladies Open and Seniors. There's room for 56 on Saturday and then room for 16 teams on Sunday."

In addition to the golf action, pickleball will take place on Saturday, volleyball on Sunday and hockey throughout the weekend. While events involving snow were originally anticipated, the oddly warm conditions (so far this winter) have put those plans on pause.

Thank You

We would like to express our deepest appreciation for the support received on the passing of our beloved son and brother, Matthew. The kindness and generosity of family, friends, and community has been overwhelming. We are touched by the expressions of sympathy, donations to blood cancer and cancer care charities, and the outpouring of compassion.

Thank you to all for your prayers, words of encouragement, and numerous offers of assistance, as Matthew received leukemia treatments in Calgary over the past six months.

Also thank you to all involved in the benefit event held on November 3 for our family – to the guys in Shifty Morgan (and spouses) for hosting, to all performers, to all who organized the silent auction, to all donors to the silent auction, and to our friends and families for organizing the hall, preparing food, and helping in any way. And thank you to all who attended the event – we are forever grateful for your support.

~Vern, Tammy and Alyssa Nixon

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In December 2019, the new Line 3 replacement pipeline (L3RP) came into commercial service in Canada.

Since then, Enbridge has been making good on our promise to continuously monitor and operate the new pipeline to the highest safety standards and to return the land as it was, or better than it was, prior to construction.

We have now completed all above-ground, project-related field work associated with the L3RP, turning over ongoing maintenance of the pipeline right-of-way to our Prairie Region operations team.

So once again, Enbridge would like to take this opportunity to recognize the support and patience of municipalities, residents and communities across the Prairies both during and after construction of this essential pipeline maintenance project.

Our thanks to all of you, for helping us to make a safe pipeline even safer and ensuring a reliable, cost-effective supply of energy well into the future – to support our everyday lives, heat our homes, drive our vehicles and power industry.



Grade 12 students selling baking last year during Rocanville's late night shopping.

Busy Christmas season in Rocanville

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

It's going to be a busy month in Rocanville—especially Thursday nights, kicking off this week. Santa Night is Dec. 7 with participating local businesses open until 8 pm, and a special visit with Santa Claus over at Conexus Credit Union.

"Conexus always does our Santa pictures and they do a really great job," said Andrea Logan, Recreation Director with the Town of Rocanville. "They do a nice display up for the kids, and our graduating class this year will be hosting a barbecue in front of the Co-op."

Next Thursday, Dec. 14 will see participating businesses open late again, plus a weiner roast hosted by the Rocanville Fire

Department, hayrides courtesy the Rocanville & District Museum, and a special tree lighting event at 7 pm.

On the following Thursday—the last one before Christmas—the annual Santa Parade will wind its way through Rocanville streets, starting at 7 pm.

"Goodman Steel is doing perishable food item collections this year," said Kelsey Selby. "Along the parade route, they're going to have a float and you can actually leave your items outside on your driveway or stand at your driveway and they'll pick them up along the parade route."

The annual food drive is in partnership with Borderland Co-op, who have a campaign leading up to the parade where donations can put participants into a draw for a Yeti gift package.

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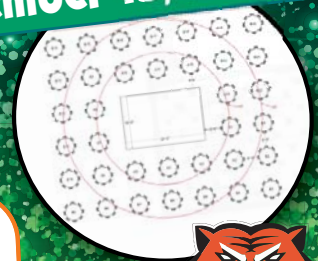
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December 7:

Santa Night

6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Hosted by Conexus Credit Union

BBQ

Hosted by the Graduating class of 2024

In-store Specials

Stores open until 8:00 pm

December 14:

Weiner Roast

hosted by the Rocanville Fire Department

Hayrides

hosted by the Rocanville and District Museum

Tree Lighting at 7:00 pm

In-store Specials

Stores open until 8:00 pm

December 21:

Santa Parade

Stores open
regular hours



Broadview RCMP Report

BY S/SGT. DALLYN HOLMSTROM

26 traffic tickets issued

There were 21 traffic tickets issued in the Broadview Detachment area. The highest ticket of the week award went to a male driving an Audi Q5, who was travelling a whopping 171 km/hr on Highway 1 near Broadview with a speed limit of 110 km/hr. The male won a \$921 prize. The second highest speeder of the week was issued to a male driving a Volkswagen Atlas that was travelling 154 km/hr on Highway 1 near Broadview and received a \$731 fine. Please slow down and drive safe.

Female says her mom was kidnapped just to get a ride

On November 14, RCMP attended a residence on Cowessess First Nations, where a female was reporting that her mother had been kidnapped and needed police immediately. RCMP attended the residence and found that no kidnapping occurred and that the female just wanted RCMP to come quick and give her a ride to North Battleford. Yes, you read that right, she made up a story about her mom being kidnapped to try and get the RCMP to give her a ride to North Battleford. The RCMP did not give the female a ride and ended up charging her with public mischief for making up the false complaint.

Scam of the week

On November 14, RCMP received another "sextortion" complaint from a very concerned married male who had sent nude photos and apple gift cards to a female on Facebook. The female scammer threatened to share the explicit content online and to his friends and family if the male refused to pay money. The male did not send any more money to the female online and had deactivated his Facebook. This investigation is still under investigation as RCMP are going to see if they can track the apple gift cards that were sent.

Sextortion is becoming more and more common with today's social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat). Scammers create fake profiles on social media accounts and dating websites. They use these profiles to lure victims into a sexual relationship and coerce them into performing sexual acts on camera. Often these scammers will have very attractive women or men on the other side of the video performing sexual acts to add credibility. The scammer records these video and photo sessions and threatens to send the images or videos to all your friends and family unless you pay them or provide more sexual content.

I have dealt with these scams where victims have sent money and then once the money is sent and received they demand more money. Whether you send money to the scammer or not, the scammer can still send the video to your friends and family members on social media. The victims of these crimes usually feel immense pressure to pay the scammer as they do not want the embarrassment of their spouses, family or children seeing the photos or videos. Please be safe online.

Break and enter on Cowessess

On November 14, RCMP responded to a break and enter on Cowessess First Nations. Someone broke into a residence and trashed the house. Nothing was stolen from the residence but they made a huge mess. RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this incident to contact the Broadview RCMP by calling 306-696-5200. Please help us identify the person responsible. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com

Couple extremely intoxicated

On November 15, RCMP received a 911 call from a male and female who were 10/10 intoxicated that called to report they were so intoxicated they could no longer walk to their hotel room in Grenfell and that they needed an ambulance to drive them there. RCMP attended and determined that the male and female had made it safely to their hotel room and there was no longer a medical emergency. RCMP cancelled the ambulance. An hour later the RCMP received a second 911 call from the male and female. They were now reporting that the floor was moving in their hotel room. RCMP attended and gave the couple an ultimatum to go to sleep or be arrested and explain to the court why the floor was moving. Luckily, the couple decided to go to sleep. As my buddy Ferrel Horn would say "Man those guys are fried."

Male bleeding from his head

On November 15, RCMP were dispatched to a 20-year-old male who was staggering on the street in Broadview with blood coming from his head. It was reported that the male may be violent due to the blood coming from his head. RCMP attended and determined that the male had fallen down on the ice and hit his head. The male was sober and was staggering due to his head injury. The male was taken to the hospital to be assessed and treated for his head wound.

Semi jack-knifed across lanes

On November 16, RCMP were dispatched to a semi that had jack-knifed across the highway near Broadview. The semi was blocking both west bound lanes and the highway was closed until tow trucks could attend and get the

semi straightened out again. No one was hurt during the incident.



Male crashes doing donuts

On November 16, RCMP were dispatched to a youth male who was driving a white Ford truck doing donuts in the school playground field. RCMP attended and the male fled from police and crashed through a fence. The youth male was taken into custody and charged for his actions. RCMP also towed and impounded the truck.

Intoxicated and problematic

On November 16, RCMP attended a residence on Ochapowace First Nations where several intoxicated adults were causing a disturbance and becoming violent. RCMP attended and arrested two adult females and an adult male who were intoxicated and causing problems. The three intoxicated adults were lodged at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast and released once they could recite the alphabet.

Intoxicated male arrested

On November 18, RCMP attended a residence on Ochapowace First Nations where an intoxicated male had assaulted another male at the residence. The male was not injured during the assault. RCMP attended and arrested the intoxicated male for assault. RCMP then lodged the male at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast until he was sober.



Vehicle rollover on Highway 9

On November 18, RCMP attended a vehicle rollover on Highway 9 near Kennedy. The female adult driver of the vehicle was transported to hospital for her injuries. RCMP attended and ensured the white Jeep Grand Cherokee was towed from the scene.



Theft of tires on Kahkewistahaw

On November 18, RCMP were dispatched to a theft of two tires off the driver side of a white car on Kahkewistahaw First Nations. There are currently no suspects who stole the tires. RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this incident to contact the Broadview RCMP by calling 306-696-5200. Please help us identify the person responsible. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com. Just imagine coming out of your house to jump in your car, you walk around to the driver side and see this... (photo above)

No valid license since 2013

On November 19, RCMP received a report of a vehicle rollover from the night before. The rollover involved an adult female and a GMC Envoy. However, it was determined that the vehicle driver did not have a valid driver's licence since 2013. Very luckily, no one was injured in the rollover. The vehicle was towed from the scene and the driver received fines for failing to report a collision to police and driving without a valid driver's licence.

Coming off a bender

On November 20, RCMP were called to a residence on Cowessess First Nations where it was reported that a male had been on a drug and alcohol bender for several days and was now becoming violent and full of rage. RCMP attended the scene and placed the male under arrest. The male was then lodged at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast so he could sober up. The male also received several charges due to breaching court ordered conditions he was on to abstain from possessing or consuming drugs or alcohol.

Threatened to kill an officer

On November 21, RCMP were called to an assault at a residence in Whitewood. RCMP attended and arrested an intoxicated adult male for assault. Once the male was placed under arrest he then threatened to strangle and kill the arresting officer. The male spent the night at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast and then appeared in court where he was remanded in custody to a later court date.

Semi tires stolen from Grenfell

On November 21, RCMP received a complaint of a break and enter from a vehicle compound in Grenfell. Locks were cut on the compound and semi tires were stolen. RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this incident to contact the Broadview RCMP by calling 306-696-5200. Please help us identify the person responsible. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com

Male stabbed several times

On November 22, RCMP received a complaint from a business in Grenfell where an altercation took place between two males. One male was stabbed with a knife several times. The adult male suspect and another adult female had left the business prior to EMS and RCMP arriving. The injured male was transported to Regina hospital via STARS to receive treatment for his very serious injuries. The male and female suspects were both arrested the following day and have remained in custody to answer for their charges. At this time, the injured male is recovering from his serious injuries but is expected to be released from hospital this week.

Male assaults female

On November 25, RCMP responded to an assault on Ochapowace First Nations where a male used a "hand grip strengthener" to assault a female at the residence. RCMP attended and placed the male under arrest. Initially, the male fled from police on foot but was quickly caught by a young speedy police officer and lodged at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast. The male has remained in custody to answer for his charges.

Intoxicated female causes issues

On November 25, RCMP members were dispatched to a residence on Kahkewistahaw First Nations where a female was "major" intoxicated and causing problems at the residence. RCMP attended and placed the female under arrest and lodged her in the RCMP Bed and breakfast until she was sober.

Déjà vu intoxication call

A short time later, on November 25, RCMP members experienced Déjà vu when they were dispatched to Cowessess First Nations, this time where a female was "major" intoxicated and causing problems at the residence. RCMP attended and placed the female under arrest and lodged her in the RCMP Bed and breakfast until she was sober.

It's okay not to be okay!

I want to ensure that if someone needs help the Suicide Prevention line is always available in the paper for them. We want to encourage everyone to reach out for help and talk to someone if they can. No matter how bad things may seem, remember that they can always get better. Life can be very difficult to say the least.

Please reach out and check in with friends, co-workers, and family to see how they are doing. It's a perfectly normal question to ask people how they are doing. Don't let people suffer in silence.

If you see someone that you believe needs some help but won't accept help from you, please let the police or their family know. In Saskatchewan you can call/text the mental health crisis line at 2-1-1 Counselling Connect Saskatchewan Canadian Mental Health Association 1-306-384-9333.

Police joke

What do you call it when a prisoner takes his own mug shot?

A cell-fie

Have a great week and stay safe!

Alouettes put stop to 'dynasty' talk in Winnipeg

Dynasty? What's all this talk about a Canadian Football League dynasty?

The 'D' word was bandied about in Winnipeg and area, because the Blue Bombers were appearing in their fourth consecutive Grey Cup game, and were aiming to win their third Cup in four years.

Instead, after falling 28-24 to Montreal Alouettes in the 2023 game in Hamilton, the Blue Bombers have now lost back-to-back Grey Cup games and any talk of a 'dynasty' has been put on the back burner.

Toronto Argonauts got in the way of the Bombers winning three Cups in a row last year, with a 24-23 victory, but when the Eastern Division's best regular-season team, the Argos, were hammered 38-17 by Montreal in this year's East final, many Bomber fans presumed the road to Cup glory would be even easier with the Argos out of the way.

But the Als were having none of that. On a roll going into the Grey Cup game after winning seven consecutive games dating back to Sept. 22, when the streak started, Montreal overcame a 10-0 deficit and outscored Winnipeg 21-7 in the second half to win their first Grey Cup since the Anthony Calvillo-led 2010 team.

The victory was especially sweet for Als' quarterback Cody Fajardo and head coach Jason Maas, both of whom were dumped by Saskatchewan Roughriders after the 2022 season. Maas, the Riders' offensive co-ordinator, believed in Fajardo, but that belief was not shared by Riders' head coach Craig Dickenson, who benched his QB for the final two games of the season, and then fired Maas at the conclusion of the 2022 campaign. Maas was subsequently hired by the Alouettes to be their head coach, and free agent Fajardo was quick to join Maas in Montreal.

The rest is history. Montreal stumbled along to a 6-7 record by mid-September before winning out. With Maas calling the shots and Fajardo playing like an all-star, the Als won their last five games in the regular-season,



Bruce Penton

dumped Hamilton in the East semi-final and then stunned the Argos in the East final. And the roll continued against the Bombers.

"No one expected us to be here—no one expected us to make the playoffs, no one expected us to beat a 16-2 Argo team and no one sure as hell expected us to beat a Winnipeg team we didn't play well all year," Fajardo told reporters after the game. Indeed, the Bombers had no trouble with Montreal during the regular season, winning 17-3 and 47-17. That Bomber domination appeared to continue during the first half of the Grey Cup game before Fajardo and the Als took over in the final 30 minutes.

Eight straight wins did it for Montreal. And the 'dynasty' talk in Winnipeg has been silenced.

• Kansas City Chiefs' coach Andy Reid, quoted in Peter King's Football Morning in America: "I've always said if we could figure out how to get all the countries to play (football), we wouldn't have wars. We'd just go play football. It'd be a great place."

• Headline at theonline.com: "Motivated Kawhi Leonard Circles Date Of National TV Matchup On Calendar To Sit Out"

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Worst days in Cleveland history: (3) When LeBron left for Miami. (2) When the Cuyahoga River caught on fire. (1) When the Browns signed Deshaun Watson!"

• Steve Simmons of Sunmedia in Toronto: "Oakland has hit for the cycle now that the A's are moving to Las Vegas. Oakland has lost teams in MLB, NBA, NFL and NHL"

• Super 70s Sports, on X, on how NFL teams often misjudge quarterbacks on draft day: "The Panthers are looking at their Bryce Young receipt and still on hold with customer service."

• Pete Paczko, on X, prior to the Grey Cup game in which former Roughriders Kevin Maas, the coach, and QB Cody Fajardo were to play central roles: "What time is the torch and pitchfork gang heading to Mosaic Stadium if Fajardo and Maas win this?"

• Jay Ormait on TSN's Sportscentre, promoting a story about offensive co-ordinator Matt Canada being fired by the Steelers: "When things go badly in Pittsburgh, the Steelers blame Canada."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha: "Today Denion Sanders said he thought the 'four heads'—known to most of us as Mount Rushmore—was in Southern California."

• Dickson again: "In Hell the only sports channel is the Peacock Network."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Nothing is certain but death, taxes, and the Detroit Lions, even in their best year, playing a turkey game on Thanksgiving."

• Jack Finarelli on his sportscurmudgeon.com website, previewing the Panthers-Titans game on U.S. Thanksgiving weekend: "Give thanks if you are in a part of the country where this game will not be shown in your viewing area."

• Headline at fark.com: "UConn's Azzi Fudd out for season after serious injury to anterior cruciate ligament."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

Rocanville Dance Club
Rocanville Dance Club presents our 2nd Annual Christmas Showcase.

Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop Christmas Ensembles
December 12, 2023
at the Nutrien Hall
Doors open at 6 pm
Show starts at 7 pm
Silver Collection at the door.

Rocanville School
The Rocanville School has started preparing for Christmas.

On December 11 at 6:30 pm is the School Band Concert.

On December 19 at 6:30 pm is the K-4 Christmas Concert.

Rocanville Minor Hockey presents Dueling Pianos Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

Friday, December 15, 2023
Nutrien Community Hall
\$25/person
\$180/table of 8
Doors open at 8:30 pm
Pizza Late Night Lunch
Call or text Owen to reserve your table at 306-435-9596.

Community Christmas Dainty Share

Pat Miskiman will be collecting dainties again this year to make goody trays for our local Food-bank.

Can you spare a few cookies or a small square to make someone else's Christmas a bit more special. The recipients are always so very grateful. Please send Pat a private message if you can help out 306-435-8215.

Pat will be packaging on Dec. 20 for delivery on Dec. 21. If a few people could help her package

up, she'll bring the coffee. Thank you for any support you can provide.

Rocanville's Economic Development Santa Parade

On December 21, 2023 at 7 pm. Floats meet at 6:30 pm in the rink parking lot.

Get in the holiday spirit and give back by donating a nonperishable food item during this year's Santa Parade! A Goodman Steel employee will be collecting donations along the parade route.

ROCANVILLE NOBLE CONSTRUCTION ARENA

Ice schedule
Monday: Shinny 3:30-4:45

Tuesday: Preschool/Adult Skate 1-3 pm

Wednesday: Shinny 3:30-4:30 pm

Thursday: Preschool/Adult Skate - 1-3 pm

Friday: Public Skate 3:30-5:30 pm

Sunday: Shinny 12-2 pm and Public Skate at 2-3:45 pm

Minor Hockey Games:
U7

December 16 vs. Wapella 9 am

U9

December 23 U9 White vs. Black at 10:45 am

U11

December 16 vs. 4 Nations at 2:30 pm

U13

December 16 vs. Indian Head at 4:45 pm

December 23 vs. Grenfell at 12:30 at 2:30 pm

SR. TIGERS HOME GAMES

December 22 vs. Wapella at 8 pm

ROCANVILLE LIBRARY
Wednesday 9 am-12 pm and 1:30 - 5:30 pm

Thursday 1:30 - 5:30 pm

Friday 1:30 - 5:30 pm

DIAL-A-VAN

Free rides in November for seniors (50+) living in the Town of Rocanville.

Dial-A-Van Services:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9 am - 4 pm

Moosomin trips for medical appointments: Please pre-book. \$45/trip

Prescriptions: Call the drug store to make arrangements for us to deliver and for the payment of delivery (\$3) and the van will do the work.

Cost to ride the van:
Round trip paid by cash is \$3

Round trip using pass is \$2.

10-trip pass can be purchased from the driver for \$25.

Charitable donations can be made at the Town Office.

Call 306-434-6644 between 8 am and noon on operating days to book your ride.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A new edition of the Rocanville Community Calendar is printed each month. If you wish to advertise in the Community Calendar, please contact the Rec office at 645-2164 or email your ad to rocanville-recsasktel.net

ROCANVILLE REC CENTRE

The Rec Centre is available for rent for birthdays, reunions, Christmas, windups, and everything in between. Contact 306-645-2164 or rocanville-recsasktel.net to book.

Rocanville Kids Group

For ages infant to school age.

Mondays and Wednesdays: 9-11 am

For more information please follow the Rocanville Kids group on Facebook.

Walking
Everyone welcome.

Mondays and Wednesdays: 1-3 pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9 am - 3 pm

Pickle Ball
Tuesdays: 7-9 pm

Puzzle and Book Swap
Monday to Thursday: 9 am - 3 pm

ROCANVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

219 Ellice Street, Rocanville. We are open for rentals with the following rates: Four-hour rental or less \$50, daily rental \$100. For bookings contact:

Mel Strong at 306-645-4412 or text 306-434-5511

Linda Bock at 306-645-4287 or text 306-434-7587.

The Centre is open for cards on Thursday afternoons from 1-3:30 pm.

ROCANVILLE FOOD SHARE

Please keep in mind the needs of those less fortunate and give them to your local Food Bank. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted. Cheques made payable to the Town of Rocanville and can be mailed to Box 265, Rocanville, SK S0A 3L0. An income tax receipt can be provided for donations of \$20 or more.

If you know anyone in the area in need of food, please contact:

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Jarrod Slugoski as the mountie Hamilton X. Effing and Sean Brooks, Hal Garrett and Darby Yakiwchuk as gangster Alfonse (Noodles) Feghetti, rum runner Mickey McCall, and gangster Shirley.



Brianna Browman as Honey Bubbalowe gets a salmon moose in the face by Devin Nosterud as chef Frank Plunkett.

'Too Many Cooks' gets big laughs

Mooseberry Acting Company performed the comedy *Too Many Cooks* on November 24, 25, and 26 at the Moosomin Community Theatre. The play got plenty of belly laughs as the Mooseberries hammed up the comedy about a restaurant owner expecting a famous singing French chef to come work at his restaurant, but who unexpectedly found himself in the middle of a rum running gangster shootout with a pesky mountie and government of Canada immigration worker getting in the middle of things. The play was directed by Sheilagh Garrett and Phil Hamm, and featured actors Todd Volk, Sean Brooks, Darby Yakiwchuk, Brianna Browman, Devin Nosterud, Jarrod Slugoski, Bobbie McLaughlin, and Hal Garrett.

Kara Kinna & Kevin Weedmark photos



Todd Volk as restaurant owner Irving Bubbalowe and Devin Nosterud as chef Frank Plunkett.



Bobbie McLaughlin as Veronica Snook and Jarrod Slugoski as Hamilton X. Effing getting into the heavily spiked punch.



Brianna Browman as Honey Bubbalowe and Jarrod Slugoski as a drunk and beat up Hamilton X. Effing.



Devin Nosterud as chef Frank Plunkett and Brianna Browman as Honey Bubbalowe, trying to hid her identity.



Dean Loberg, Vice President Academic, Teaching and Learning at Southeast College, spoke of the importance of collaboration at a recent presentation to the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce.



Dr. Vicky Roy, Southeast College CEO (left) and Jody Holzmiller, Vice President Professional Training and Continuing Studies at Southeast College, fielded questions from the floor during the Nov. 21 Chamber meeting.



Dr. Vicky Roy, Southeast College CEO

Southeast College shares strategic plan

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The oft-quoted Benjamin Franklin once said, "if you fail to plan, you plan to fail." In that vein, the Southeast College shared their five-year strategic plan with the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 21.

Dr. Vicky Roy, Southeast College CEO, started her presentation with how a big part of the college's plan is reaching out to different demographics.

"We are in this together," she said. "Internally, we want to provide access to education to different demographics, if we're talking about continuing studies, if we're talking about corporate training, or adult basic education, or university programming, or diplomas programming."

Another major focus is that of sustainability on several levels, with Roy posing the question of what opportunities would work in the area.

"I think the biggest priorities that we have as a region, and Moosomin, we need to figure out what we're going to do here," Roy said. "Something that will be sustainable. If we have a new program, the delivery of the programs, the mode of the program, how we're going to do it, if we're going to keep paying a big amount per month or per year, then probably if we find a partnership to redirect that money and training. That's the type of questions we will ask ourselves."

Roy stated the plan is only about six weeks old with those gathered at the Chamber meeting being the first to hear about it. She also pointed to some of the challenges faced by Southeast College, one being the fact that they are restricted by the programming offered.

"One of the things that you need to understand in Saskatchewan is the colleges are in the brokerage system," she explained. "So we cannot develop our own programs, only continuing studies and corporate training, then they are not credited programs or more industry programs."

One point the college has recognized—outlined as a priority in their presentation—is advanced strategic collaboration. Connections on various levels are important with the key goal of promoting not only student success, but extending past graduation and into the economic sector.

"We really are limited in what programs we can develop ourselves outside of Con Ed, corporate safety training and those kind of things," said Dean Loberg, Vice President Academic, Teaching and Learning. "So what programming is available to us? What innovative programming do the universities have? How can we change our universities' offerings to allow students to stay in the region, but yet maybe a whole four-year degree in engineering, nursing, agribusiness, something like that, within Moosomin. So really looking at what we offer, how we can allow students to stay in the region and get their full education."

Timothy Spielman, Vice President of Finance and Administration with Southeast College, also spoke on the importance of collaboration, but also of strengthening community capability.

"We need to serve the needs of business," he said. "If we're not serving the needs of business, we're not building capability. We have to take a very regional perspective to how we deliver the program in order to be sustainable. Understanding what the students want to do as well as what industry wants and matching the two of those together so we can help grow the capability or capacity in our region is really key."

One question from the floor spoke directly to that expressed need of partnership and collaboration, citing previous attempts to work with Southeast College to provide training for nearby businesses like Nutrien and Väderstad.

Roy explained a simple lack of communication via staff turnover resulted in the message not being relayed.

"We need to work on the culture, and the communication is a big part of the culture," Roy noted.

Southeast College operates six campuses based in Moosomin, Whitewood, Assiniboia, Estevan, Indian Head

and Weyburn. They offer programs related to Industry and Safety Training, Adult Education and English as a Second Language training. Post-Secondary programming

includes Business, Health, Trades and University-level. There are also Continuing Education courses and training available.



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Robert and Rebecca Johnson, owners of RJ Game Farm, who ranch approximately 1,800 bison south of Fairlight, entered some of their animals at Agribition. They won first place in the 2022 Single Heifer category and third place in the 2022 Pen of Two Heifers category. They also won Reserve Grand Champion Female with their single entry.

Moosomin 4-H Multi

BY OLIVIA BROOKS, CLUB REPORTER

At 10:04 am on November 25, 2023, the Moosomin 4-H Multi Club had their second General Meeting at the St. Mary's Catholic Church.

There the members had many discussions about the upcoming events, the club budget/expenses, where the events will be held, and what they will be about.

Some of the events discussed were: Achievement Day, 4-H Judging, 4-H Speeches, Record Books, and our Christmas Party.

The club's Parent General Leader, Nick Billings, gave a better understanding and explanation about the different activities.

At about 10:52 am the meeting was adjourned.

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HOCKEY

Friday, 15th

ADULT RECREATION HOCKEY

- GOLD MEDAL GAME
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Saturday, 16th

MINOR HOCKEY

- GOLD MEDAL GAME - U11 - 10am
Langenburg Warriors @ NAPA Rangers
- GOLD MEDAL GAME - U13 - 12 noon
Celebration Ford Rangers @ Tridaron Rangers
- GOLD MEDAL GAME U11 - 2pm
Esterhazy Flyers @ Bulls and Broncs Rangers
- GOLD MEDAL GAME - U11 Tier1 - 4pm
Northeast Wolfpack @ U11 Badgers
- GOLD MEDAL GAME - U18 - 7:30pm
Yorkton Terriers @ U18 Right at Home Decor

Sunday, 17th

- MINOR HOCKEY - 9am
Gold Medal Game - U9
- MINOR HOCKEY - 9 am
Gold Medal Game - U7

SHUFFLE-BOARD

Saturday, 16th

- MEN'S
- LADIES
- DOUBLES

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FIGURE SKATING

Friday, 15th

5:15pm - 7:15pm

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CURLING

Saturday, 16th

- SKINS GAME
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Saturday, 16th

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- LADIES OPEN
 - CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR (55+)

Sunday, 17th - \$20 per team

4 person Scramble

- Divisions: • MEN'S OPEN
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Saturday, 16th

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- LADIES OPEN DOUBLES
- MIXED DOUBLES

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VOLLEYBALL

Sunday, 17th

DIVISIONS:

- CO-ED VOLLEYBALL
TOURNAMENT

Team makeup may vary
Minimum of 2 females on the court
Ages 15+
Round Robin / Playoffs / Tournament
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