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## Plans underway for 2026 Living Skies fireworks competition

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Plans are underway for the 2026 Living Skies Come Alive fireworks competition at Moosomin Regional Park on the August long weekend.

After a hiatus from 2020 to 2024, the competition was brought back in 2025, and with around 6,000 people through the gates last year, Kyle Jeannot with the Moosomin Regional Park board and fireworks committee says they considered last year's event a success. At its peak the show was bringing in 10,000 people a weekend, and he says 2025 was a good start in getting it back up to the level it once was at.

This year it will be an east vs west competition, with the Alberta fireworks crew from last year competing against a crew from Eastern Canada. Fireworks will be set off over Moosomin Lake on Saturday, August 1 and Sunday, August 2, with two different crews doing the fireworks each night, and judges voting on whose show is best.

"It will be the same thing as last year—fireworks for two days. It will be an East versus West competition and there will be bands and beer gardens on both nights as well," says Jeannot.

Jeannot says there will also be other activities at the lake that weekend, and a market both days, the same as in 2025.

He says he was pleased with how last year's event went.

"I think it went really well honestly, for coming back. Looking at the number of people that went through, it looked like it kind of did years ago when it was maybe three or four years old. It was definitely a good turnout for people and I think people really enjoyed it."

"We had around three thousand a day through the gates. It was a really good turnout. If we were to look back and see the number that came through, it's roughly the same as about three or four years in after it first got started."

Jeannot says the competition is important for the region and for the park.

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**Right:** A photo of the Living Skies fireworks over Moosomin Lake by Caylor Fawcett.

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# Bonk looking forward to next sitting

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
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Souris-Moose Mountain MP Steven Bonk was in Moosomin last week, and sat down with the World-Spectator to talk about the next sitting of the House of Commons which starts on January 26. Bonk was newly elected as an MP in the last federal election.

**What are some of the local issues you plan to deal with in the next session?**

During the Christmas break I found it very useful to talk with the constituents of Souris-Moose Mountain. It seems like the concerns we have here are concerns that are echoed across the country. In terms of tariffs, people are very concerned about the canola tariffs, which hasn't been getting much attention from the Liberal government at all. They're also concerned with the potential of the MOU and pipeline being built in Alberta, and how that could impact the energy sector. They're hoping that that will usher in more changes that will help our energy sector get up and running.

But there's a real sense of pessimism on both of these fronts, where people like some of the messaging the government is putting out, but they're still a little gun-shy because they haven't seen any action from the government. This isn't a new story from the Liberals, and people are wanting to see the Liberals put their money where their mouth is and get some of these projects working.

**What do you see happening on these issues?**

I hate to say it, but I'm fairly pessimistic on the canola front. I don't see any real incentive for China to remove their tariffs at the moment. We're caught in a bit of a proxy war between the U.S. and China at the moment, and Carney has worked himself into a bit of a corner. On one hand he cannot remove the tariffs on the EVs, which the Chinese have demanded as a prerequisite for removing their tariffs, but if Carney removes the tariffs on the EVs he's going to anger Donald Trump. China has no sense of urgency to remove their tariffs because we've been putting no pressure on them at all. Hopefully we can resolve that.

When it comes to energy, the Liberals have been saying some positive things. But like everything the Liberals do, there's a caveat, there's a catch to it. Prime Minister Carney has said in the House of Commons that Alberta needs to meet necessary and sufficient conditions for a pipeline. Basically he's made Alberta commit to the Carbon Tax without the guarantee of a pipeline being built. At the moment it's just a memorandum of understanding, there is no guarantee from the federal government that a project will go ahead. So until people see some shovels in the ground, and some contracts being signed, I think people are right to be a bit pessimistic.

**Why are you pessimistic about the government building a pipeline?**

Carney is trying to be all things to all people. He knows that to appeal to his centre and centre-right, the people who voted for him, and to try to win over the people who are in favour of a pipeline, that he needs to move on this. He needs to show some signs that he's interested in building a pipeline. But if you look at Carney and his ideology, his actual values, that's actually the name of the book he wrote, *Values*, he is firmly in the camp of net zero. He believes that up to 50 per cent of our oil resources have to stay in the ground. He is dead set against extraction and our traditional energy sector.

He's putting out signals that he wants to move on this front knowing that it's going to be a very long timeline. He's hoping that by the time a project may begin, that there will be an election where he can get a majority and cancel these projects. I think at the moment he's trying to play both sides of the fence, and I don't think Canadians are buying it.

**Do you think the recent actions of the United States government in Venezuela will change anything?**

I would hope so, although I'm not sure that it will. Common sense dictates that it should. Venezuela is a producer of heavy oil, Iran is a producer of heavy oil, and both of those regimes are crumbling at the moment. That does nothing but give us a stronger sense of urgency to get pipeline projects built in Canada, because that market is exactly what we're competing for, and at the moment we would have the advantage. These are completely self-inflicted wounds that are being put on the Canadian oil industry. We can either displace the dirty dictator oil, or we can sit on the sidelines and watch them fill the market.



Souris-Moose Mountain MP Steven Bonk on Main Street Moosomin last week.

Now is the time that the government should make some decisive moves.

**What are some things that the Conservatives are going to push for in 2026?**

One of the big things we're going to be putting pressure on the government for is the ongoing, unacceptable affordability crisis, which again is made by government policy. People say policy matters and this is a perfect example of that. Grocery prices are rising 40 per cent faster in Canada than in the United States as an example, due to our policies. I think you'll see the Conservative opposition really pushing government to do something on affordability. Some measures to maybe reverse some of these policies that are causing the price of food to rise so quickly.

Another issue will of course be trade. We have the CUS-MA negotiations coming up soon and in short order. The Carney government has put us in a terribly weak position with no bargaining chips. We're going to be pushing our government to take stronger stances, and hopefully have some better outcomes than what we're projecting.

Another thing that we're going to be pressuring the Liberal government on is Bill C-9, which I think will be important to a lot of the constituents of Souris-Moose Mountain. To be honest it's a censorship bill, where they're going to be trying to remove the religious exemption for freedom of speech. This is something that I've been hearing a lot about, and that I'm quite passionate about. I think you're going to hear a very strong chorus from the Conservatives to make sure that this is litigated and in the public forum so that everyone is aware of what the government is trying to do.

I was listening to Christopher Hitchens the other day, and in one of his speeches, he was quoting an English author and he said something that really stuck with me. "Be wary of giving up your freedoms for security, because soon you'll have neither," and I'm worried that that's what we could be facing here in Canada.

**Is there anything about the next session that will be a surprise to Canadians?**

I hope that Canadians get a very good surprise, and we have an election where we elect a strong Conservative majority, where we can put an end to a lot of the foolishness that we've had to deal with for the last 10 years.

Some other day-to-day issues that we're constantly dealing with would be immigration. We have a lot of people who are trying to hire staff in our area because we have a very low unemployment rate compared to the Canadian average. We're always looking for more labour, and with that comes immigration issues.

We're also having a lot of issues with the CRA, and people having trouble with tax filings, refunds, rebates, and even just getting information from the CRA can be a bit of a nightmare. Those two are both more process issues than policy issues.

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The mobile mammography unit which will be in Estevan, Carnduff, Carlyle, and Moosomin over the next four months.

## Breast screening age lowered to 43

### Mobile Mammography bus in SE Sask next four months, with stops in Estevan, Carnduff, Carlyle, and Moosomin

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Saskatchewan women aged 43-plus are now eligible for screening mammograms without a doctor's referral, as the Saskatchewan government continues to lower the age limit for screening mammograms.

As of January 1, women aged 43 and older in Saskatchewan are eligible for screening mammograms.

The change is meant to support early detection of breast cancer, and is part of a broader plan to gradually lower the screening age to 40 within the next six months.

"By lowering the breast cancer screening age, more Saskatchewan women will be able to receive an earlier diagnosis, leading to more lives saved," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said.

"Our government is putting patients first by supporting these investments ensuring women get the care they need closer to home."

The eligibility change will increase the number of Saskatchewan women who can access early detection breast screening services, further supporting the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency's BreastCheck screening program.

According to the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, approximately 75 per cent of breast cancers diagnosed in the province are detected in the early stages.

"We're proud to again expand BreastCheck screening eligibility," said Karen Efthimiou, Vice President of Population Health, Quality and Research at the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency.

"This initiative emphasizes our commitment to early detection, which leads to more treatment options and improves outcomes. We're excited to invite women aged 43 and up to schedule their first screening mammogram."

"Expanding breast screening eligibility to include women 43 years and older will empower even more women to make proactive, informed decisions about the best ways to protect their health," said Bryan Witt, Vice President of Provincial Clinical and Support Services, Saskatchewan Health Authority.

"The best protection is early detection."

Women can book an appointment without a referral from a health-care provider, as long as they are of the appropriate age at the time of booking and meet eligibility criteria:

- Have no breast symptoms, such as lumps, bloody nipple discharge or skin changes;
- Do not have breast implants;
- Are not in active followup for breast cancer; and
- Have been breast cancer-free for the last five years.

Most women are encouraged to undergo a screening mammogram every two years.

Eligible women can schedule their mammogram at one

of the eight designated screening locations throughout Saskatchewan, or through the Mobile Mammography Unit, which will be at four communities in southeast Saskatchewan over the next four months.

Screening mammograms are routine examinations intended for women with no breast symptoms, while diagnostic mammograms are meant for those experiencing breast symptoms.

Women who have concerns about Breast Cancer or experience symptoms, regardless of their age, should seek medical advice.



#### Mobile unit in southeast Sask

The mobile mammography unit (bus) travels throughout rural and northern Saskatchewan and runs on a two-year cycle.

Appointments for the bus can be made approximately six weeks in advance of mobile visits.

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Call toll-free at 1-855-584-8228 to book your appointment.

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#### Carlyle

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March 9-March 27, 2026

#### Moosomin

Canalta Hotel  
March 30-April 24, 2026

Women can call 1-855-584-8228 to book a screening mammogram appointment or email [ed.coordinators@saskcancer.ca](mailto:ed.coordinators@saskcancer.ca) for more information. Phones are answered between 8 am and 4:30 pm.

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# Rocanville Mayor Ron Reed looks back on 2025 for the town of Rocanville

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE  
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Rocanville mayor Ron Reed talked about what kind of year it has been for the town of Rocanville in 2025, and what he thinks 2026 holds.

**What were some of the main projects the town worked on or got done this past year?**

Our main project in 2025 was obviously getting our pool refurbishment completed and the facility open. This was a huge milestone for the town after a multi-year project.

Some of the other projects completed during the year included the setup and opening of the "new to us" EcoCentre at our transfer station for used oil and filter recycling in the region, as well as the purchase of a backup generator system for our main lift station with installation to be completed next year. This will complement the backup generator that was installed at our water treatment plant in 2024 and ensure our residents have both a steady supply and disposal of water during utility outages in the future.

**What were some of the big challenges in 2025?**

One of the first challenges of 2025 was the introduction of a brand-new council with the last election. Losing some of the history and direction of the past with an entirely new council maybe had some of our decisions take a bit longer, but luckily each and every one of them stepped into their new roles very quickly and are now leading the town towards common future goals.

Some other challenges included trying to balance commitments of the town with regional initiatives while remaining financially responsible. For example, we see the importance of the airport upgrade in Moosomin with its benefit to the local hospital and subsequently the town of Rocanville, we also have aging utility and facility infrastructure that needs to be addressed.

**What were you most proud of?**

I'm most proud of the dedicated volunteers we have in the community. Whether it be sitting on various community boards, of fundraising for specific projects, it's amazing to see the time our residents put in to help the community grow, and provide amenities that the entire region can be proud of.

**What are some of the most common things you hear from your ratepayers?**

One of the common things heard from our ratepayers was the lack of affordable housing options. Our rec director played a pivotal role in progress towards a 55-plus duplex development through the sale of five lots in Cameron Crescent, with two duplexes planned to be open in 2026, with more planned for construction after that.

**What do you want to work on in 2026?**

In 2026, we are looking forward to completing some of the projects we already have started, such as the lift station backup generator, as well as to continue laying the groundwork for short and medium range future planning. We plan to have an overall assessment completed at our water treatment plant to help prioritize short-term repairs, as well as plan for future growth.



Rocanville Mayor Ron Reed

**What do you find most challenging about being a mayor?**

Balancing competing priorities is always challenging. Every decision impacts different groups in different ways, and resources are limited. It's a constant effort to make choices that serve the greater good while being mindful of individual concerns.

**What do you find most rewarding about being a mayor?**

The most rewarding part is seeing tangible improvements in the community and knowing that our work makes a difference in people's lives. Hearing from residents who are happy with the things that

we have changed or upgraded reminds me why this role

matters

**What are the long-term goals of the town?**

One of our short-term goals will help develop our long-term goals. We are looking to develop a community plan in 2026, and from that assessment, prioritize items to achieve those goals. Ultimately, our long-term vision focuses on sustainability, economic growth, and quality of life, ensuring that Rocanville remains a safe, vibrant place for families and businesses. With growth comes the challenge of increased demand for basic utilities, along with a broader demand for recreational or cultural programs. In essence, we want to continue to answer the question "Why Rocanville?"

**What do you personally want to see accomplished by the next municipal election?**

Personally, by the next municipal election, I would like to continue working with council to develop a directive for the future of Rocanville. Any election brings unknowns, but by having a well developed plan for the future that would make sense to any future council, it will make any changes to council much easier to overcome.

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## Rocanville Town Council

# Pool busier than expected; Town takes over operation of Nutrien community hall

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As the town of Rocanville kicked off the new year with their first regular council meeting on Wednesday, it was reported that the newly refurbished Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre has been extremely busy. The aquatic centre, the area's only large indoor pool, opened its doors right before Christmas.

In her report to council, Rec Director Andrea Logan said the pool has been extremely popular for private rentals and birthday parties, with one day in December seeing three private rentals that day in between scheduled swimming events. She said the pool is seeing lots of people from surrounding communities such as Moosomin and Rocanville.

Right now plans are being made for swimming lessons

at the pool, and other than some excess frost on the doors, there have been no real issues with the new building.

## Town takes over operation of hall

As of January 1, 2026, the town of Rocanville has taken over operation of the Nutrien Rocanville Hall.

While the town has always been the owner of the hall, since the day it was built, the hall has been run by a board. Town Administrator Tanya Strandlund says the decision was made to have the town take over operations, with hall bookings going through the rec office moving forward. Other than that, she said people will not see any changes.

She said many of the board members had given many years of volunteer time running the hall and fundraising for the building after it was built, and it was determined

the town could take over operation and the board would no longer be needed.

## Board of revision appointed

At their meeting on Wednesday, council appointed Western Municipal Consulting as the town's board of revision for 2026.

## Outdoor rink looking good

It was noted at the meeting that the town's outdoor rink is looking good and there have been lots of kids enjoying it this year.

## Options for wifi in all town facilities

The town will be looking at options for wifi in all of the town facilities so that people who rent the facilities have internet access.

## Sask adds over 15,000 jobs in 2025

Statistics Canada recently released their annual labour force numbers which demonstrate that Saskatchewan's labour market experienced another strong year with continued low unemployment and consistent job growth.

In 2025, Saskatchewan's economy created 15,200 jobs. The province also had the lowest annual unemployment rate among provinces at 5.2 per cent, well below the national average of 6.8 per cent. Saskatchewan was the only province to record a decline in unemployment rate compared to 2024.

"In 2025, Saskatchewan continued to experience strong job growth and low unemployment rates, this is the direct result of the strength of industry and employers, and the increasing opportunities available in Saskatchewan," Immigration and Career Training Minister Eric Schmalz said. "Our government is committed to ensuring this growth continues into 2026 and that Saskatchewan remains the best province in Canada to live, work, and raise a family."

In 2025 Saskatchewan saw all time historical highs with:

- 510,600 people in full-time employment;
- 617,400 people employed; and
- 651,200 people in the labour force.

Saskatchewan had the highest employment rate at 63.9 per cent and the second highest labour force participation amongst provinces at 67.4 per cent. Saskatchewan's two biggest cities also saw growth this year. Compared to 2024, Saskatoon's employment was up 4,000, an increase of 2.0 per cent, and Regina's employment was up 6,500, an increase of 4.5 per cent.

Industries that saw the largest job gains from 2024 were health care and social assistance up 9,000, construction which increased by 5,000, and agriculture increased by 1,600.

The province continues to see economic growth in other areas. In 2025 Saskatchewan ranked first amongst provinces for growth in urban housing starts (January to November) and second in the value of building permits and new motor vehicle sales (January to October).

This economic growth is backed by the Government of Saskatchewan's Building the Workforce for a Growing Economy: The Saskatchewan Labour Market Strategy, a roadmap to build the workforce needed to support Saskatchewan's strong and growing economy, and Securing the Next Decade of Growth: Saskatchewan's Investment Attraction Strategy, a plan to increase investment in the province and to further advancing Saskatchewan's Growth plan goal of \$16 billion in private capital investment annually.

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# Olympic hockey team solid, but hardly perfect

When Team Canada announced last summer its six locked-in player selections for this country's entry in the Olympic Games, one of the choices today stands out as a pretty big mistake.

Why is Brayden Point on the team? And why wouldn't Team Canada have gone instead for a stronger forward, such as Winnipeg's Mark Scheifele?

Hockey fans in Canada can only hope last June's mistake is the end of the errors.

The first six names were selected last June and five of them are of the slam-dunk can't-miss variety: Connor McDavid, Nathan MacKinnon, Sidney Crosby, Sam Reinhart and Cale Makar. Point is the other one and at the time, it looked like a decent choice. He was a two-time Stanley Cup champion, a key figure on the Tampa Bay powerplay and coming off a strong 4 Nations Face Off tournament.

But that was then. This is now. And, unfortunately, Canada is stuck with him. Point is having a horrible season while an obvious omission like Scheifele is enjoying another banner campaign with the Jets, even though his team stunk in the first half of the National Hockey League season.

Was Point named as one of the locked-in six because the coach of Canada's Olympic team is also his coach with the Lightning, Jon Cooper?

Check out the stats: On New Year's Eve, when Canada's 25-man roster was unveiled, Scheifele stood 10th in the NHL scoring race with 45 points in 37 games and had a plus-8 rating on a team that overall, was minus seven in goals for/against. Point was 155th with 21 points in 31 games and had a minus-5 rating on a team that was a plus-25 in for/against.

Something is rotten somewhere, and it could be in Tampa, where two other iffy Team Canada selections—Anthony Cirelli and Brandon Hagel—ply their trade. Cooper obviously went to bat for his three Lightning players when



Bruce Penton

roster discussions were taking place, but it seems the most egregious error happened last June with the Point selection.

It's safe to assume that Cirelli and Hagel were selected for their all-around offensive and defensive play, with their plus-18 and plus-16 figures respectively telling the tale.

So while the likes of Scheifele, Wyatt Johnston of Dallas, Conn Smythe trophy winner Sam Bennett of Florida, Seth Jarvis of Carolina and Connor Bedard of Chicago are players left off the team, Point, with his dismal 2025-26 campaign figure in black and white for all to see, will be proudly wearing Canada's red and white in Milan.

Canada is such a strong hockey nation, however, that having a Scheifele or Bennett in the lineup rather than Point wouldn't make much of a difference. This country has dozens of world-class players who would easily fit the bill.

Because of injuries or sickness between now and when Canada's team leaves for Italy in early February, a number of players who were last-minute exclusions could still wind up skating for Canada.

Hockey fans across the country are just hoping it's the best 25-player combination.

• Vancouver comedy guy Torben Rolfson: "There's all this talk about a retool with the Canucks. It feels like re-run. Haven't we seen this over and over?"

• Another one from Rolfson: "Charlie Woods' dad has been guiding him along his golf career, including trying to

pick up Chuck E. Cheese waitresses."

• Jeff Ritter of SL.com, on Tiger Woods' influence on the PGA Tour: "Woods may not be driving the bus, but his hands are firmly on the wheel."

• Golf writer Gary Van Sickle, wondering whether PGA Tour players would sign up to play in a USGA Parent-Child championship: "Or would it just be more golf for a pro golfer, the equivalent of a mail carrier taking vacation to go hiking?"

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Japanese star slugger Munetaka Murakami has signed with the Chicago White Sox. Well, at least with the switch to MLB from the Nippon Professional League he won't have to deal with immediate playoff pressure."

• Headline at theheon.com: "Travis Kelce Worried Patrick Mahomes' ACL Tear Will Derail 'Harlem Shake' Groomsman Entrance"

• Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail, on Team Canada's regular excellence in international hockey competitions: "It is Canada's strongly held belief that you could walk into a Tim Hortons in Brandon and start pointing—'You, you, you, you and you'—and walk out with a pretty good hockey team."

• Another one from Kelly, whose column discussed his 2025 predictions: "Wrong about everything, but still delusionally positive about future outcomes. I think I'm ready to apply for Toronto Maple Leafs' general manager."

• Vancouver comedy guy Torben Rolfson, after the American military foray into Venezuela: "FIFA is revoking Donald Trump's peace prize."

• Rolfson again: "California and Hawaii met on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately it was college football and not surfing."

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## Ruhland says RM of Rocanville got lots done in 2025

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

RM of Rocanville Reeve Melissa Ruhland said 2025 has been a good year for the RM of Rocanville and the RM wants to continue doing what works best in 2026. Following are her thoughts on the year:

**What were some of the main projects the RM of Rocanville worked on or got done this past year?**

The RM has been fairly ambitious with road building recently. With this year's construction included, we completed just under 12 miles of road construction in three years. This year we built a key mile north of Rocanville that connects Highway 8 and 8A, as well as a couple other smaller projects.

Our admin staff also worked incredibly hard to develop our website, which also went live this year. There is a lot of useful info on there, including the current RM map, tax information, and meeting minutes that go back to 1910 when the RM was founded.

**What were some of the big challenges in 2025?**

Probably the biggest challenge for the RM this year was ending up with some employees on leave. Like many employers in the area, it can be especially challenging to find seasonal and short-term employees. We were fortunate to find some fantastic employees from the area and it truly saved our year!

**What were you most proud of?**

I am very proud of how well our council works together. We don't agree on every decision, but we are good at compromising on topics where there are differing opinions. I'm also incredibly proud of each and every one of our employees—we have some of the best people around working for us.

**What are some of the most common things you hear from your ratepayers?**

Our ratepayers are very grateful for the high level of service they receive in our RM. Because of our dedicated employees who work long hours in the winter, our roads are pushed quickly after a snow; we are also one of the few RMs who don't charge ratepayers for cleaning their lanes. We subsidize dust control and gravel to our ratepayers.

I believe our ratepayers also appreciate the RM's community involvement; we contributed \$300,000 to the pool project and purchased the waterslide for the pool.

**What do you want to work on in 2026?**

We will continue to do the things that are working well for us—custom mowing in the fall, mulching, culvert replacement, road construction and maintenance. We also plan to get our civic addressing signs up next year.

**What do you find most challenging about being a reeve?**

I would say the most challenging thing about being a reeve is that you can't solve every issue and it's impossible to make every ratepayer happy. You want to do everything you can for each ratepayer, but it must be weighed against what is in the best interest of the whole municipality.



RM of Rocanville Reeve Melissa Ruhland

**What do you find most rewarding about being a reeve?**

Being on council or being reeve was never a life goal for me, but I do feel like I have found my calling. I am truly honoured to be representing everyone who lives in the RM of Rocanville. Seeing the difference I can make in my community is very rewarding.

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**What are the long-term goals of the RM?**

In terms of long-term goals, road maintenance and building will always be a priority for a municipality. Retaining employees is another goal because it directly affects how the RM functions on a day-to-day basis. The RM has accomplished a lot of big projects in the past 10 years between bridge building, road construction, and supporting community projects like the pool and the Moosomin airport; it will be a priority for us going forward to make sure we balance capital projects with putting extra money into savings for costly disasters like the flood of 2014.

**What do you personally want to see accomplished by the next municipal election?**

A personal goal of mine would be to work on defining a five-year plan for future road projects and equipment purchases. We do plan our purchases and projects already, but I think there is more work to be done on really creating that roadmap to guide our decision making for budgets and setting the mill rate.

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# Carlyle school plans to be resubmitted to ministry by February 13

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
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South East Cornerstone School Division says revised drawings and specifications for the new Pre-K to Grade 12 school in Carlyle, as well as a cost estimate, will be resubmitted to the Ministry of Education by February 13 for review.

Director of Education Keith Keating with South East Cornerstone School Division says the division went through a value rendering process for the new school in order to bring the project closer to what the ministry and Sask Builds has put forward for the budget.

"We will be looking at submitting revised drawing and specifications to Postma—the company we are working with to come up with a cost estimate—by January 23," Keating said last week.

That cost estimate will come back to the school division by February 13, and Keating says the new drawings and cost estimate will be submitted to the ministry of education by February 16.

"They take six weeks to look at it, and can either say you have to go back and do some re-drawings or we can receive approval to proceed to tender.

"If we get approval, then we can go to tender at that point by April 2. If not, then we have to go back and restart the process again.

"And if we go to tender by April 2, then we could potentially look at construction by the summer. If not, then that puts us back by a few weeks again.

"We are hopeful that we can get some earth turned on the project this year, but it depends on what those cost estimates come back at, and when we submit that to the ministry of education, what their review says.

"So the ministry and Sask Builds will take a look at that and decide whether we can proceed to tender at this point or need to go back and do some more work.

"We have to be within five per cent of the budget, which is pretty tight because it's dollars you are looking at from a couple years ago, and when you put those inflationary pieces in, it's pretty tight to meet that budget, but we are hopeful."

The town of Carlyle has committed \$2.5 million toward the new school, and capital funding for the school has been approved by the provincial government.

The town of Carlyle also received a pleasant surprise when a \$5,000 donation was made toward the new school by Theresa and Kelvin Luedtke just before Christmas.



Above and below: Floor plans for the first and second floor of the new school.

Top of page: An artist's rendering of the new school



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## In our opinion:

### Carney's tax relief falls short for Canadians

Carney says he cut taxes, so why are Canadians paying more?

What Prime Minister Mark Carney gives with his left hand, he takes away with his right hand.

Canadians are already overtaxed and need serious tax cuts to make life more affordable and make our economy more competitive. But at best, the new year will bring a mixed bag for Canadian taxpayers.

The federal government is cutting income taxes, but it's hiking payroll taxes. The government cancelled the consumer carbon tax, but it's hammering Canadian businesses with a higher industrial carbon tax.

The federal government cut the lowest income tax bracket from 15 to 14 per cent. That will save the average taxpayer \$190 in 2026, according to the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

But the government is taking more money from Canadians' paycheques through higher payroll taxes, primarily Canada Pension Plan and Employment Insurance contributions.

Workers earning \$85,000 or more will pay \$5,770 in federal payroll taxes in 2026. That's a \$262 payroll tax hike. Their employers will also be forced to pay \$6,219.

So Canadians will save a couple of hundred bucks from the income tax cut in the new year, but many Canadians will pay a couple of hundred bucks more in payroll taxes.

It's the same story with carbon taxes.

After massive backlash from ordinary Canadians, the federal government dropped its consumer carbon tax that cost average families hundreds of dollars every year and increased the price of gas by about 18 cents per litre.

But Carney's first budget shows he wants higher carbon taxes on Canadian businesses. Carney still hasn't provided Canadians a clear answer on how much his business carbon tax will cost. He did, however, provide a hint during a press conference he held after signing a memorandum of understanding with the Alberta government.

"It means more than a six-times increase in the industrial price on carbon," Carney said.

Carney previously said that by "changing the carbon tax ... We are making the large companies pay for everybody."

Carney's problem is that Canadians aren't buying what he's selling on carbon taxes.

Just 12 per cent of Canadians believe Carney that businesses will pay most of the cost of his carbon tax, according to a Léger poll. Nearly 70 per cent of Canadians say businesses will pass most or some of the cost on to consumers.

Canadians understand that it doesn't matter what type of lipstick politicians put on their carbon tax pig, all carbon taxes make life more expensive.

Carney is also continuing his predecessor's tradition of automatically increasing booze taxes.

Ottawa will once again hike taxes on beer, wine and spirits in 2026 through its undemocratic alcohol tax escalator.

First passed in the 2017 federal budget, the alcohol escalator tax automatically increases federal taxes on beer, wine and spirits every year without a vote in Parliament.

Federal alcohol taxes are expected to increase by two per cent on April 1, and cost taxpayers \$41 million in 2026. Since being imposed, the alcohol escalator tax has cost taxpayers about \$1.6 billion, according to industry estimates.

Canadians are overtaxed and need the federal government to seriously lighten the load.

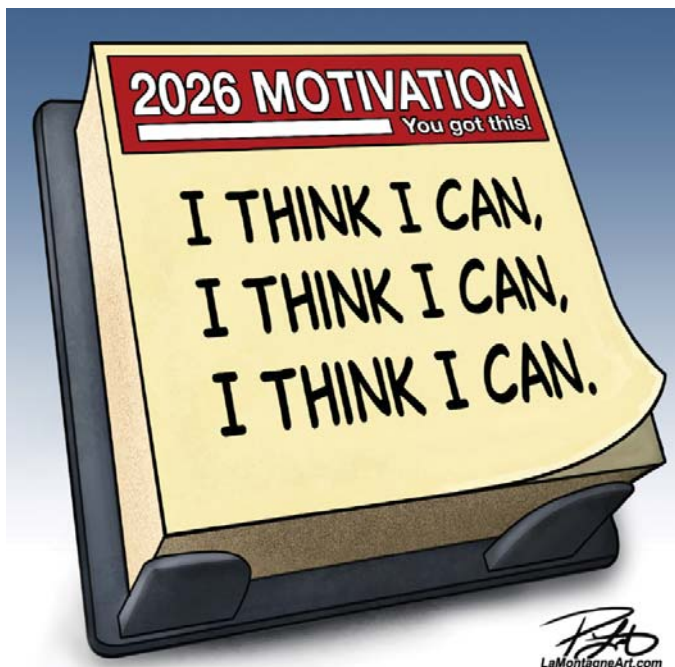
The biggest expense for the average Canadian family isn't the home they live in, the food they eat or the clothes they buy. It's the taxes they pay to all levels of government. More than 40 per cent of the average family's budget goes to paying taxes, according to the Fraser Institute.

Politicians are taking too much money from Canadians. And their high taxes are driving away investment and jobs.

Canada ranks a dismal 27th out of 38 industrialized countries on individual tax competitiveness, according to the Tax Foundation. Canada ranks 22nd on business tax competitiveness. Canada is behind the United States on both measures.

A little bit of tax relief here and there isn't going to cut it. Carney's New Year's resolution needs to be to embark on a massive tax cutting campaign.

*This editorial is written by Franco Terrazzano, the federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.*



### Much of Southeast Sask's growth potential still untapped

Businesses looking to expand would be smart to take a look at Southeast Saskatchewan.

Every single day I am struck by the tremendous potential for economic growth in this region. I have lived here all my life, but have travelled enough to know that, despite much growth over the last few decades, Southeast Saskatchewan is still vastly under-served. It is a part of the world just waiting to explode, but it's still rural enough to fly under the radar for many companies. And for that reason, much of its potential still remains untapped.

It won't stay that way forever. Over the past two decades we've seen tremendous growth in Southeast Saskatchewan. Through the oil boom years, to the expansion at our potash mines, to new businesses opening and new immigrants and people moving to our region to take advantage of new opportunities here, to expansions in the agriculture and manufacturing industries, Southeast Saskatchewan has changed a lot over the years. I grew up in Estevan, and remember a time when not much changed there. But come the oil boom years in the early 2000's, it got so that there was a new store or restaurant that was there every time I went home to visit my parents.

It wasn't just the cities that transformed, but the smaller towns too. Communities like Moosomin and Carlyle, Esterhazy and Indian Head began to see new faces, new businesses, and the growth and expansion of existing businesses.

And I think we are just getting started. Our potash mines aren't going anywhere. And there is a renewed national appetite to ramp up Canada's oil industry. Our manufacturers export around the world and are still growing (just look at JACK north of Moosomin which has just doubled its footprint). And the Sask ag industry has limitless potential. But aside from those big industries, there is still so much more that can be done in our corner of the province. People are looking for



**Kara Kinna**

more—more places to shop, more places to eat, more places to train or get educated right here at home, more places to provide more services, and more places to do business at overall. This by no means is a saturated market. There is room for growth and expansion in Southeast Saskatchewan in just about every kind of business that exists.

Add this to the fact that there is still lots of untapped potential for the growth of the resource industry in our region—from lithium, to helium, to hydrogen, to potash—and you have the perfect recipe for continued economic growth for many, many decades to come.

#### 2026 Living Skies plans coming together

Thank goodness the Living Skies Come Alive fireworks competition relaunched in 2025! It was a great weekend with about 6,000 people through the gates on the August long weekend last year, and organizers are now starting planning on the 2026 competition. You can read about plans for 2026 on the front page of this week's paper and there will be more information on the weekend in coming weeks.

This is a fantastic event for our region. It not only draws people into Moosomin Regional Park, but it puts our area on the map.

This year's fireworks event will be an east versus west competition, and I'm confident it will be even bigger than last year's event. Previous to Covid, there were 10,000 people coming through the park gates for the show, and I have no doubt it will get back to that level!





### Travis Dolter performs in Moosomin

Country musician Travis Dolter performed in Moosomin on Thursday. Dolter and his four-piece band brought his "Livin' Life" show to the Moosomin Community Theatre, performing a blend of original music to music from the '50s to current day cover songs.

Local student Kane Dodd opened for Dolter before the show. The show was brought in by the Moosomin & District Arts Council.

Olha Volokh photos

## Plans underway for 2026 Living Skies fireworks competition

*Continued from front*

"People missed it, and it's just huge for the park itself. It's a fundraiser and it brings people into the park, and it's huge for the community. The amount of people that are coming and staying in hotels, and going to the liquor or grocery store to buy drinks and food, and uptown shopping or at the restaurants. There is so much of a spin off from it that I think everybody capitalizes on it."

The event takes a lot of work, and planning for it starts months in advance.

"It takes about six months of planning," says Jeannot. "Right now we're having meetings and getting everything booked. Since last year we kind of have a good format for how everything went. So, basically it's just look back, having your schedule of what you need when and where, and just starting to book vendors and stuff like that and getting everything ready to go."

A separate committee has been formed to plan the event.

"We have three or four of us from the park board on an entertainment committee,

and then we do have other volunteers that help with the fireworks, which is great because they help pick up some pieces where they can."

"Come March or April, we will start advertising for volunteers. Before we always used to get volunteers for our parking, but this year we are actually going to hire a company to do our parking. It's super hard to find volunteers for that, it's a longer shift and nobody wants to be standing out in the sun parking cars, and at the end of the day it's just easier to hire that out and get somebody in where they know that is their job for the day and that's what they are doing."

Jeannot says, aside from the competitors not much will be changing from 2025. "Everything seemed to go pretty smooth last year and everybody seemed to enjoy it. So, I think that's our goal, try and keep the same kind of format. Everybody was happy last year. People were coming out to see if it was going to be like it was before (2020) or if it was just a half fireworks show that was being put on. People were very impressed."



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## Legion donates \$1,000 to Food Share

The Moosomin Legion made a donation of \$1,000 to the Moosomin Food Share on December 23. Above is Jack Thompson with the Legion presenting the donation to Samantha Campbell with the Food Share.



# Moosomin/Broadview RCMP Report

BY S/SGT. DALLYN HOLMSTROM

## 90 calls for service

There were 90 calls for service in the Broadview/Moosomin Detachment area from January 1-7, with 16 traffic fines issued. The highest speeder of the week was travelling 116 km/hr in a Volkswagen Golf on Highway 1 near Whitewood in the 80 km/hr zone. The speedy driver received a fine for \$538. Also, several people this week received \$580 fines for having unregistered vehicles. Please take the time to make sure your vehicle is registered as \$580 is a very expensive reminder.

## Intoxicated man banging at 90-year-old woman's front door

On January 1, RCMP received a call from a 90-year-old woman who advised that someone was banging on the door of her house, and she didn't know who it was. She believed the person was intoxicated and they had vomited on her doorstep. RCMP attended and arrested an intoxicated 18-year-old who did not know where they were. The intoxicated male was arrested and had the privilege of being the first occupant of the bed and breakfast in 2026.

## Intoxicated youth causing trouble at residence

On January 1, RCMP were called to a 16-year-old causing problems at her residence on Kahkewistahaw First Nations. The female came home intoxicated and started to cause problems and was trying to fight members of the family, including her mom. RCMP attended and had to place the female under arrest. The female spent the first day of 2026 sobering up at the RCMP bed and breakfast and then she was welcomed back home.

## Wapella store shed broken into

On January 3, RCMP received a report of a break and enter to the Wapella store shed. There were only a few items stolen from the shed as not very many items were kept there. A total of \$297 worth of Kleenex and toilet paper was stolen, and the lock was broken. RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this break and enter to contact the Broadview RCMP by calling 306-696-5200. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).



Wapella Store Shed and broken door

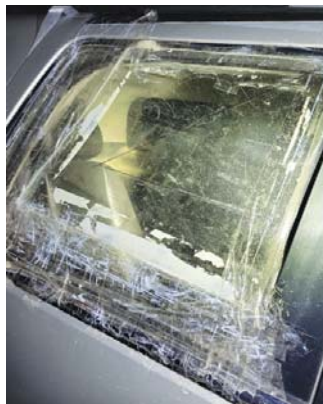


## Cow trouble

On January 3, "the cows" were up to more moos-chief on Highway 47 near Grenfell. Steaks were high as the "the cows" were caught playing dangerously on the road. We try and tell the cows to stay in their fields, but everything we say seems to go in one ear and out the udder.

## Man breaks car window, punches woman in eye

On January 4, RCMP received a call of an assault and mischief on Cowessess First Nation. A male broke a female's vehicle window and punched her in the eye. RCMP located the male and have charged him accordingly. The male was taken and provided a room at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast.



Broken car window

## Parked vehicle at Zagame Anishinabek Care Home hit and damaged

On January 4, RCMP received a call that a grey Mazda CX9 was hit and damaged while parked at the Zagame Anishinabek Care Home on Main Street in Broadview. RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this collision to contact the Broadview RCMP by calling 306-696-5200. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).

## Assaulted and forcibly confined in the basement

On January 6, RCMP received a complaint from a male who was assaulted and forcibly confined in the basement of a home by being threatened with a baseball bat. The male victim was not hurt during the altercation. The suspect male had fled the area prior to RCMP arriving. RCMP made patrols but were unable to locate the male. A warrant has been issued for the male's arrest, and he will hopefully be located soon.

## Intoxicated man charged with uttering threats

On January 6, RCMP were called to a residence in Whitewood where it was reported a male was intoxicated while on conditions not to drink. Members attended the

residence and confirmed the male was intoxicated by alcohol. When he was arrested, he then threatened to kill the members which resulted in him being charged for uttering threats as well as failing to comply with his conditions. The male was taken to the RCMP Bed and Breakfast and held for court.

## Unwanted female at a residence in Moosomin

On January 6, RCMP received a call on an intoxicated unwanted female at a residence in Moosomin. RCMP attended and the female was arrested for causing a disturbance. The female spent the night at the RCMP Bed and Breakfast and was released when she was sober.

## Report of sextortion scam

On January 4, RCMP received another "sextortion" complaint. This occurred when a male sent a couple photos of his privates to a person on TikTok. The scammer then threatened to share the explicit content online and to his friends and family if the male refused to pay money. In this instance the young male victim did the right thing and deleted his account immediately. No money was ever sent to the fraudster.

Sextortion seems to be becoming increasingly 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 the 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.

## 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 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 9-8-8 Counselling Connect Saskatchewan Canadian Mental Health Association 1-306-384-9333.

## Police Joke

A police officer stopped a motorist for driving the wrong way down a one-way highway

"Just where do you think you're going?" The officer asked.

"I don't know" he answered, "but I must be late. Everyone else is already coming back!"



# Firefighter Jason Roe receives Lifetime Achievement Award

BY DONNA BEUTLER

Longtime firefighter and former Moosomin resident Jason Roe—now of Invermere, B.C.—has been honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

"Nominations from peers or officials are required," Roe told the World-Spectator in a recent interview about the process that takes place in order to be nominated for such a prestigious award. In fact, nominations must show a demonstration of over 20 years of exemplary service, with key criteria including dedication, involvement in risk, and significant contributions to the community. Roe explained that very detailed forms have to be submitted to provide proof of these achievements.

Roe is currently the Fire Chief at Invermere Fire and Rescue. He began his career as a volunteer firefighter 30 years ago. During those years of volunteering with Fire and Rescue, he also ran a couple of businesses. In 2012 Roe accepted a full-time position as Deputy Fire Chief and then in 2017 he was promoted to Chief.

"For an exhilarating three decades," Roe said, "I've devoted my entire firefighting career to serving the vibrant community of Invermere."

Roe spoke of the night when he received his award on November 8, saying that during their annual Firefighters Ball which serves as both a fundraiser and an awards night for his team, he was surprised when a representative from the Volunteer Fire Service Association took the stage to present him with an award.

What is incredibly special about this award is that only one is given out each year in Canada and Jason Roe was the 2025 recipient.

"I was incredibly honored to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award," Roe said. "Knowing that only one is given out each year in Canada made it an even more significant and humbling recognition of my dedication and service."

Roe thinks back to some 30 years ago when he was first inspired to become a firefighter. He could see the excitement and passion his friends had for the job. Whenever he was hanging out with friends and they received a call, he felt "their enthusiasm and dedication were contagious."

"About a year and a half after moving to Invermere," Roe explained, "a couple of new friends invited me to visit the fire department on a practice night. Just the weekend before, I had watched them conduct a live training exercise on an old house a few doors down from where I lived."

And that's really where it all began for Roe—he was welcomed in to observe and was immediately captivated by the idea of becoming a volunteer firefighter.

Firefighting is not for the faint of heart. Roe says the initial training typically lasts about three to six months and involves recruit training classes. According to Roe, this period provides the fundamental skills needed to operate safely and effectively under supervision in emergency situations.

Once the initial training is complete, there are ongoing training sessions. Roe explained that these sessions are usually scheduled during evenings and weekends to work around the typical workweek and can last anywhere from one to two years. It is during this phase that trainees enhance their skills and knowledge in preparation for more independent roles.

Roe says there are also specialized training opportunities that include learning the techniques required for auto extrication, confined space rescues, embankment rescues, and so on. Such specialties, says Roe, are crucial for handling specific types of emergencies that firefighters often encounter.

Roe feels that what keeps him most inspired is the fact that no two days are the same. He thrives on the challenge of responding to different kinds of calls, whether it's an accident, a fire, or even investigating a gas odor or electrical issue.

"It's all about problem-solving and working collaboratively with my team to devise the best solutions," Roe said. "When we aren't responding to calls, we're tackling internal challenges like securing funding for new equipment, keeping our firefighters motivated and engaged, and finding ways to attract new members."

Roe went on to talk about the importance of working as a team on the fire department. In fact, it is one of the main reasons he is so passionate about his job.

"It's impossible to do this work alone," Roe said. "It requires tremendous teamwork to achieve the best outcomes in every situation. After difficult calls, we rely on each other for support through tough times and the bond we share is like no other, as we witness one another's highest and lowest moments."

Roe also acknowledges the support system that he has that enables him to do the job he does, saying that his family has undoubtedly been his greatest support system.

"My wife has always been my biggest supporter, handling everything when I had to leave at a moment's notice or returned home late," he said. "She has never once questioned my need to go. My two kids grew up knowing me as a firefighter and never complained when I missed important or everyday events in their lives."

One of Roe's most memorable firefighting incidences was when fire struck at an old local restaurant and pub.

"This was one of my first major fires where I arrived on the first fire truck," Roe remembers. "The fire had spread across two floors, but we managed to knock it down



Jason Roe, left, and his Lifetime Achievement Award, right.

quickly and save many irreplaceable historical items in the building."

Roe is deeply passionate about a couple of things in his life—his family, and helping people. He said his family is his anchor, providing love, support, and inspiration every day.

"Additionally," Roe added, "I find immense fulfillment in helping others, whether through my work as a firefighter or by simply being a supportive presence in my community. These passions drive me and give my life purpose and meaning."

Roe has some words of wisdom for anyone considering a career in firefighting: "it's an incredibly rewarding path if you're passionate about helping others and enjoy being part of a dedicated team. This profession offers the opportunity to make a real difference in people's lives while working alongside colleagues who share your commitment to service and community. If you thrive in challenging, dynamic environments and have a strong sense of duty, firefighting could be the perfect fit for you."

This career choice doesn't come without challenges and Roe says the biggest challenge in becoming a firefighter is the unwavering commitment required but the rewards, he feels are well worth it.

"It's not just about responding to calls at any hour, in

any weather—whether it's 35 degrees above or below—but also dedicating oneself to rigorous training and ensuring all certifications are completed and maintained," Roe said. "On the other hand, the greatest reward is the profound sense of fulfillment when you return home after a call, knowing that you and your team have made a positive impact on someone's life during their toughest moments."

Roe lived in Moosomin for 18 years before moving to Invermere, B.C. and says growing up in Moosomin played a significant role in shaping who he is today.

"Playing hockey taught me the importance of teamwork, discipline, and perseverance, while the unwavering support from friends and family provided the foundation and encouragement I needed to pursue my passions and career," Roe said. "Together, these experiences and relationships have been instrumental in my personal and professional development."

Roe still maintains a connection to the community with yearly visits back home to see his dad, Keith and his partner, Betty who live just outside of Moosomin as well as his sister, Tanis, her husband, Randy, and their children and families who reside in Rocanville. These visits back to Saskatchewan allow him to reconnect with not only family but with friends as well.

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## Bulls & Broncs donates \$4,000 to Wapella Fire Department

Moosomin Bulls & Broncs presented a cheque for \$4,000 to the Wapella Fire Department for their help at last year's event.

The presentation was made on December 23, 2025.

At right is Adam Knutson with the Wapella fire department accepting the cheque from Mike Sidoryk, the president of the Bulls & Broncs committee.



# Bonk looking forward to next sitting

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**What kind of immigration issues are you seeing?**

The issues I'm talking about are mostly for people who have a job waiting for them who are having trouble getting paperwork or getting answers from Immigration. In our office we have very good staff who are handling these issues, and who are making a real difference for the employers and the immigrants who are coming here.

**What do you think needs to happen to improve the immigration process?**

We've had unbridled immigration for the past 10 years, where we've taken in many more immigrants than we can absorb properly, and it's caused real issues in Canada. In our area in particular we haven't had those issues as bad, so we haven't dealt with them as much. So there has been a real need to reform immigration. Areas like ours, we rely on temporary foreign labour. I think what you're going to see from the Conservative Party is a more nuanced approach where we've called for an end to the Temporary Foreign Workers Program, and I hope with nuance we'll make provisions for areas with unemployment rates below a certain percent-

age. Our approach will be more targeted and based on the needs of your labour market. Basically we want to go back to the system that was the envy of the world prior to 2015.

**What are you looking forward to in the new year?**

I'm really looking forward to getting back to Ottawa and holding this government to account. I think people are realizing Carney is not what was advertised, and that he sold us a bill of goods that he is not delivering on, and I'm looking forward to putting the pressure on him. Hopefully this year we can force an election and come away with a majority government.

**How are you enjoying being an MP?**

I'm really enjoying it. I've got about a year under my belt now, and it's been really good. It's a different issue set from provincial politics, and maybe it suits my wheelhouse a bit better when it comes to international trade and agriculture policy. Those tend to be a bit more international in nature, and I've been really enjoying that. I'm still on the Ag Committee, and at the moment I'm an alternate on the International Trade Committee, so they'll bring

me in to help out there sometimes as well.

Like I've said, since the first day I got into politics, I've been very focused on international trade, because that means so much to our area. We have potash, we

have agriculture, we have manufacturing, oil and gas. We export almost everything we produce here. I'm looking forward to continuing to beat that drum and be a voice for this riding.

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# Senior Hockey heading into the home stretch

BY DONNIE MATICHUK

The senior hockey season is into the home stretch as teams in the local leagues jockey for playoff spots in the final weeks of league play.

## Big Six Hockey League

There has been lots of action in the southeast so far in the 2025/26 Season of the Big Six Hockey League, with the standings seeing some shake-ups from this time last season.

The Redvers Rockets lead the league with a record of 9 wins and 1 loss as of January 6th. The Rockets have been dominant for the majority of the season, led by the team's leading scorers; Kenton Miller with 30 points, Preston Kopeck with 21, and Jordan Miller with 18. Redvers has also displayed their depth this season by having 12 players over a point per game so far. The Rockets look to continue their strong play into the new year and repeat as Big Six Champions.

Next are the Moosomin Rangers, who remain a close second in the standings with a 9-2 record. The Rangers have had a great season so far in terms of offence, leading the league in goals for per game and overall goals for. Bud Holloway is at the top of the league point race with 45, followed by Carter Sawchuk with 40, and Josh Elmes with 28. Moosomin is also the most penalized team in the Big Six, with 359 penalty minutes in only 11 games.

At third place in the league are the Oxbow Huskies at 7 wins and 3 losses. The Huskies' top scorers this season have been Jayden Davis with 18 points, Brycen Odgers with 10, and Cody Davis with 9. Oxbow has relied on their strong defense and goaltending to win close games this year, with goalie Cody Levesque having a 1.25 goals against average. Oxbow has the second best overall goals against so far, and it has helped them maintain their third place spot at the midway point of the season.

Next are the fourth-place Carlyle Cougars with a record of 7 wins, 3 losses, and 1 defaulted game. The Cougars have been in the middle of the pack for the majority of the season so far, and are looking to climb in the standings before playoffs begin. Riley Niven leads the team with 21 points, with Ben Johnstone and Tanner Froese contributing 19 and 17 points.

In fifth place are the Wawota Flyers, who seem to have turned their season around after going winless last year. Wawota started the year 1-5-1, and have since gone on a four game win streak to get back to .500 and climb in the standings. The Flyers' leading point scorers are Riley Riddell with 18, Brent Struble with 13, and Chase Robertson with 9.

The Carnduff Red Devils' 3-7 record gives them sixth place in the Big Six. After a 3-3 start to the season, Carnduff has lost four games in a row and are looking to bounce back in the new year. Ty Stovin leads the team with 8 points, with Casey Thompson and Matthew Plews picking up 7 points each.

Next in seventh place are the Kipling-Windthorst Oil Kings with a record of 2-7-1. Leading the team in scoring are Austin Fleck with 12 points, Taylor Hoedel with 9, and Trae DeDecker with 8. The Oil Kings have had many close games so far that could have gone either way, including a game against Wawota that saw them blow a two-goal lead late in the game and lose in overtime.

Finally at the bottom of the league are the Midale Mustangs, who remain winless at 0-11. The Mustangs continue to have a tough season, giving up an average of 9 goals per game, and scoring just 1.5 per game. The team's point leaders are Dallas Kickle and Jordan Marcotte each with 10 points, Reagan Martin with 6, and Lucas Campbell with 2.

The Big Six Hockey League continues in 2026, with the final regular season games in late January and playoffs set to begin in February.

## Sask East Hockey League

The Sask East has one month of play left before the start of the playoffs, and all 11 teams are still battling for the Emile Balogh Trophy in February.

Starting in the very tightly contested North with the division leading Swan Valley Axemen, who have a 7-2-2 record as of January 6th. The Axemen have had a strong showing on offence, having the second most goals for in the league so far. Swan Valley's leading scorers have been Carter Cockburn with 39 points, Josh Tripp with 26, and Trey Sauder with 25.

The Theodore Buffaloes are in second in the division, after starting the year 6-1, they now sit at 7-5. The Buffs have been led by the 22 points of Brett Peppier in only 6 games, with Dylan Johnson and Reid Arnold also contributing 20 and 18 points in 12 games.

Third place in the North are the 6-3-1 Canora Cobras. Canora has been very consistent defensively and have given up the least goals in the division, with goalie Ross Hawryluk posting a 2.87 goals against average. The leading scorers for the Cobras are Damian Bentz at 24 points, Carter Dereniwsky at 22, and Logan Foster at 18.

The Cote Selects own the fourth spot in the division with a 6-5-1 record. The Selects have had the best offence in the entire league so far, with 92 goals in 12 games, but have also given up the second most goals as well. Dakota Macintosh leads the SEHL in scoring with 41 points in 11 games, with Tristan Keshane and Brandon Pelletier both putting up 22 points.

In fifth place in the division and the bottom of the league are the 0-10 Preeceville Pats. They have given up 102 goals in 10 games, with the next closest in the SEHL

being Cote with 84 goals against. The Pats' leading scorers are Cody Hort with 8 points, Kyle Yaremchuk with 6, and Dylan Wiwcharuk with 5.

Moving on to the South Division, the Langenburg Warriors lead both the division and the league with their 9-1 record. The Warriors are tied for the top defence in the league and have the third best offence so far. Langenburg's top point scorers are Taylor Thompson with 33 points, Rylee Zimmer with 32, and Jaymes Knee with 29. All three of those guys are in the top 5 in SEHL points.

Second place in the South belongs to the 6-3-1 Esterhazy Flyers, who are lead by Derrick Budz's 27 points, along with 20 points from Chase Schaber and 19 from Taylor Sanheim. The Flyers' last game was an overtime heartbreaker that saw them lose after rallying from behind and tying the game with only 18 seconds left in the third.

The Rocanville Tigers 5-3 record gives them third in the division while being tied with Langenburg for the top defence in the league, allowing only 33 goals so far. The Tigers' top point-scorers so far this year have been

Jordan Robertson with 15 points, Ashley Howie with 13, and Jacob Tibbatts with 11.

With a 4-6 record, the Churchbridge Imperials are in fourth place in the South. The Imperials have had the least producing offence in the division this season, scoring 38 goals in 10 games. Leading the team in points are Keegan Milligan with 19 points, Eamon Milligan with 16, and Jordan Kazmyra with 11.

Fifth place in the South division are the Wapella Blackhawks. The Hawks have a 3-6 record, and are the most penalized team in the division. Keigan Callander leads the team in scoring with 12 points, with Burke Lewis and Rory Poole having 10 points apiece.

Finally, at the bottom of the South, the Russell Rams sit with a 3-7 record. They have had the worst defence in the division so far this season, but have managed to beat a top team in the league when they defeated Swan Valley in overtime after a 3-1 comeback.

The SEHL heads into 2026 as a closely contested league, with playoffs set to begin in February.

## HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF JANUARY 8, 2026

### BIG SIX HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Redvers Rockets	10	9	1	0	18
Moosomin Rangers	11	9	2	0	18
Oxbow Huskies	10	7	3	0	14
Carlyle Cougars	11	7	3	1	14
Wawota Flyers	11	5	5	0	11
Carnduff Red Devils	10	3	7	0	6
KW Oil Kings	10	2	7	0	5
Midale Mustangs	11	0	11	0	0

### LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Bud Holloway	Moosomin Rangers	11	18	27	45
Carter Sawchuk	Moosomin Rangers	10	16	24	40
Kenton Miller	Redvers Rockets	10	19	11	30
Josh Elmes (IM)	Moosomin Rangers	11	8	20	28
Rykr Cole	Moosomin Rangers	10	18	6	24
Presten Kopeck	Redvers Rockets	10	7	14	21
Riley Niven	Carlyle Cougars	11	6	15	21
Ben Johnstone	Carlyle Cougars	11	9	10	19
Jayden Davis	Oxbow Huskies	9	8	10	18
Jordan Miller	Redvers Rockets	7	6	12	18

TOP GOALIES	TEAM	GP-W-L-OTL	GAA
Levi Horn	Moosomin Rangers	5 - 5 - 0 - 0	0.80
Cody Levesque	Oxbow Huskies	4 - 4 - 0 - 0	1.25
Kyler Beckett	Moosomin Rangers	6 - 4 - 2 - 0	2.50
Landon Audet	Carlyle Cougars	7 - 6 - 1 - 0	2.96
Zack Miller	Oxbow Huskies	6 - 3 - 3 - 0	3.00

### SEHL SASK EAST HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

NORTH STANDINGS					
TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Swan Valley Axemen	11	7	2	2	16
Theodore Buffaloes	12	7	5	0	14
Canora Cobras	10	6	3	1	13
Cote Selects	12	6	5	1	13
Preeceville Pats	10	0	10	0	0

SOUTH STANDINGS					
TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Langenburg Warriors	10	9	1	0	18
Esterhazy Flyers	10	6	3	1	13
Rocanville Tigers	8	5	3	0	10
Churchbridge Imperials	10	4	6	0	8
Wapella Blackhawks	9	3	6	0	6

### LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Dakota Macintosh	Cote Selects	11	27	14	41
Carter Cockburn	SV Axemen	10	19	20	39
Taylor Thompson	Langenburg Warriors	9	17	16	33
Rylee Zimmer	Langenburg Warriors	10	9	23	32
Jaymes Knee	Langenburg Warriors	10	10	19	29
Derrick Budz	Esterhazy Flyers	9	7	20	27
Josh Tripp	SV Axemen	7	13	13	26
Trey Sauder	SV Axemen	9	8	17	25
Damian Bentz	Canora Cobras	10	10	14	24
Brett Peppier	Theodore Buffaloes	6	14	8	22

GOALIE	TEAM	GP-W-L-OTL	GAA
Cole Denesowych	Canora Cobras	2 - 1 - 0 - 0	0.94
Ross Hawryluk	Canora Cobras	7 - 5 - 2 - 0	2.87
Brenden Birch Hayden	Langenburg Warriors	6 - 5 - 1 - 0	3.62
Ben Fouillard	Rocanville Tigers	3 - 2 - 1 - 0	3.67
Theo Toma	Langenburg Warriors	4 - 3 - 3 - 0	4.11

## PRAIRIE JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF JANUARY 8, 2026

### BILL JOHNSTON DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals	27	21	4	2	44
Fort Knox	27	18	9	0	36
Richardson Pioneer Southern Rebels	29	13	14	2	28
Pilot Butte Storm	26	9	15	2	20
Moosomin Steelhawks	27	5	20	2	12
Regina Silver Foxes	27	0	27	0	0

### LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Dylan Schoenroth	Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals	27	28	29	57
Kian Knoll	Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals	25	18	28	46
Shaden Duliak	Fort Knox	27	21	21	42
Lukas Borne	Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals	27	17	21	38
Jack Bechard	Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals	13	17	15	32
Evhan Allan	Richardson Pioneer Southern Rebels	29	14	16	30
Zach Svenson	Richardson Pioneer Southern Rebels	29	13	16	29
Deagan Reister	Moosomin Steelhawks	24	21	5	26
Tate Olson	Pilot Butte Storm	22	18	8	26
Josh Heistad	Fort Knox	27	12	14	26

TOP GOALIES	TEAM	W-L-OTL	GAA
Anton Merzliakov (RO)	Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals	12-1-1	2.17
Drew Pereyma	Fort Knox	11-4-0	2.49
Keane Reid (RO)	Richardson Pioneer Southern Rebels	9-7-2	2.87
Kale Gorski (RO)	Fort Knox	7-4-0	2.92
Kaden Perron (RO)	Pilot Butte Storm	4-4-0	3.52

### BOB DYBVG DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Saskatoon Westleys	29	21	6	2	44
Saskatoon Royals	29	21	6	2	44
Saskatoon Quakers	28	20	5	3	43
Martensville Chiefs	27	18	7	2	38
Prince Albert Timberjacks	28	10	15	3	23
Carrot River Outback Thunder	28	10	17	1	21

### LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Jesse Borschneck	Martensville Chiefs	27	28	18	46
Spencer Chestolowski	Saskatoon Royals	26	12	33	45
Connor Gabriel	Saskatoon Westleys	28	17	27	44
Carter Walter	Saskatoon Westleys	29	25	18	43
Ethan Thompson (RO)	Saskatoon Quakers	26	21	21	42
Dylan Prince	Martensville Chiefs	27	18	24	42
Beckett Hozman (RO)	Saskatoon Quakers	28	16	26	42
Tayden Cousins	Saskatoon Westleys	28	15	27	42
Cole German	Saskatoon Royals	27	13	23	36
Luc Fortier	Martensville Chiefs	27	15	19	34

TOP GOALIES	TEAM	W-L-OTL	GAA
Nicholas Grunerud (RO)	Martensville Chiefs	5-1-1	2.42
Luke Hampton	Saskatoon Westleys	9-3-1	2.62
Luke Brunen	Saskatoon Quakers	12-3-1	2.64
Riley Deck	Saskatoon Quakers	15-3-1	2.83
Rhett Harkot	Martensville Chiefs	11-7-0	2.83





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# Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwan, Recreation Director

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## Sportsplex 2026

### Regular Hours of Operation

We are back to regular hours at the Nuriert Sportsplex. Listing includes:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	3 to 9 pm
Thursday	3 to 9 pm
Friday	10 am to 9 pm
Saturday	10 am to 9 pm
Sunday	12 nn to 8 pm

### Junior Golf League

All new for 2026 Junior Golf League! Runs Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm.

To enter or for information please contact Angela at a.thorntownofmoosomin@sasktel.net.

### Sportsplex Men's and Ladies Golf Night - Thursdays

Our 2026 Thursday Night Golf League has started for the season. These are Skin Nights however you are not required to go into skins.

We have two tee times—4 pm and 6:15 pm. If you would like more information, please contact the Recreation Office at 435-3622.

### Royal LePage King Pin Bowling - Thursdays

Thursday Night Royal LePage Bowling League is back and a ton of fun. We are so grateful to Kim Setrum for restarting the league and keeping things rolling on the Thursday nights. Feel free to contact Kim at 434-8733.

### Sportsplex Senior Fitness Classes

We are 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.

For further information please contact Devona direct at 435-9046.

### Mike Schwan Arena New Video Monitors

Those arriving at the MS Arena in 2026 will find three new indoor monitors/boards. One is located in the atrium and two by the tickets booth.

One of the two by the ticket booth will run the dressing room allocation. The second was purchased by the Senior Rangers and will run sponsor ads and upcoming games.

The board in the atrium will run upcoming events at both the MCC and the MS Arena.

### Mike Schwan Arena New Kids Area

We would like to thank Councilor Andi Hodgson and our own staff member Angela Thorn for putting together the kid's area in the rink lobby. It has already been made good use of!

Also, thanks to a few generous donations that allowed us to purchase many of the items in the room!

### 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 crazy busy January/February coming up.

### Provincial Playoffs Local Picture

We are expecting a full complement of local teams in the Provincial Playdowns. Senior Rangers, U18, U15 and U13 along with the U15 Female Badgers and the U13 Female Badgers.

Generally, Hockey Sask Executive meet the first weekend in January where draws are approved and then sent out the following weeks so teams should know who they match up against. I would think sometime this week. I will do my best to keep you posted on all the local entries.

### Open Ice at the Mike Schwan Arena

We have an absolute ton of things going on

this spring. As a result, not a lot of open ice coming up in the next three months. Here is a list of what was open for the last 11 weeks of the season as of last week:

Saturday, Jan. 17 at 5 to 7 pm  
Sunday, Feb. 8 at 5:15 pm to Close  
Saturday, Feb. 21 at 9:15 am to 12:45 pm  
Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 pm to Close  
Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8 pm to Close  
Sunday, Mar. 1 at 5:15 pm to Close  
Saturday, Mar. 7 at 9:15 am to 4:45 pm  
Saturday, Mar. 7 at 7:45 pm to Close  
Sunday, Mar. 8 at 10 am to Close  
Saturday, Mar. 14 at 9 to 10:45 am  
Saturday, Mar. 14 at 1:15 pm to Close  
Sunday, Mar. 15 at 5 pm to Close  
Friday, Mar. 20 at 7:15 pm to Close  
Saturday, Mar. 21 at 9:15 am to Close  
Sunday, Mar. 22 at 8 am to Close  
Saturday, Mar. 28 at 7 pm to Close  
Sunday, Mar. 29 at 8 am to Close  
Ice Plant will go off the evening of Sunday, March 29.

### Parents and Tots

We had a few calls regarding information on Parents and Tots and if it were a pay to participate program. The answer is no! We offer Parents and Tots as a free public skate time where parents can bring little ones out to team skating skills without concerns of sticks and pucks and older kids whizzing around. The program runs most weekdays from 10 am to 12 noon. Just head on down to the rink, get geared up and enjoy the time with the tots!

### Public Skating/Shinny for this week

**Monday, January 12** Parents and Tots at 10 am - 12 nn  
Noon Hour Shinny at 12 nn - 1 pm  
Public Skating at 1 - 2 pm  
**Tuesday, January 6** Parents and Tots at 10 am - 12 nn  
Shinny at 12 - 1 pm  
Public Skating at 1 - 2 pm  
**Thursday, January 8** Parents and Tots at 10 am - 12 nn  
Shinny at 12 - 1 pm  
Public Skating at 1 - 3:30 pm  
**Friday, January 9** Parents and Tots at 10 am - 12 nn  
Shinny at 12 - 1 pm  
Public Skating at 1 - 3:30 pm  
Please note schedule is subject to change on short notice. Please call ahead to confirm times.

### Moosomin Skating Club

Moosomin Skating Club has a busy, busy year at the MS Arena. If you would like to register a child for one of their many programs you can go to moosominskatingclub.uplifterinc.com or any problems you can email the club at moosominsc@gmail.com. Registration remains open for all programs year round!

### Skating Club Weekly Activities

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

### Minor Hockey

#### U7 Rangers Tournament

This upcoming weekend is annual U7 Rangers Hockey Tournament. Always a fun tournament with a ton of excited kids! Competing teams include:

Moosomin Pharmasave Rangers  
Moosomin Sports Excellence Rangers  
Moosomin Hebert Grain Ventures Rangers  
Elkhorn Canadians  
Wapella Blackhawks  
Yorkton Double Double  
Redvers Rockets

### Minor Hockey Games this week

Here is a listing of games 15 games scheduled for this week at the Mike Schwan Arena!

**Saturday 9:30 am** U7 Sports Excellence vs Elkhorn Canadians  
U7 Pharmasave vs Wapella Blackhawks  
10:45 am U7 HGV vs Yorkton Double Double

U7 Sports Excellence vs Redvers Rockets  
12 nn U7 HGV vs Elkhorn Canadians  
U7 Pharmasave vs Wapella Blackhawks  
1:15 pm U7 Sports Excellence vs Yorkton Double Double  
U7 Pharmasave vs Redvers Rockets  
2:30 pm U7 HGV vs Redvers Rockets  
U7 Elkhorn Canadians vs Wapella Blackhawks  
5 pm Ochapowace @ U9 Poelzer Trucking (not confirmed)  
Sunday, 10 am Melville Mills @ U9 RME  
Langenburg @ U9 Poelzer Trucking  
12 nn U11 GL Apparel Reseeded Hockey Gametime  
2 pm Wawota @ U7 HGV Rangers  
4 pm Whitewood @ U9 Poelzer Trucking

### Steelhawks upcoming home games

Steelhawks have a couple games scheduled for this week. With the holidays in the rear view mirror this will be a great opportunity to back into the playoff picture!

Southern Rebels @ Moosomin Steelhawks  
Friday, January 16 at 8 pm  
Southern Rebels @ Moosomin Steelhawks  
Saturday, January 17 at 8 pm.

### Senior Rangers

The Rangers have not played a game at the MS Arena in almost a month. Last game was December 20. That changes as they host a rare Sunday evening game this weekend.

Two remaining home games in the regular season include:

Sun, Jan. 18 Wawota Flyers @ Sr Rangers 7 pm  
Sat, Jan. 31 Carlyle Cougars @ Sr Rangers 8 pm

### Rec Hockey this week

Tuesday Untouchables 9:30 pm. Touch-ups enter as 4/1 favorites  
Thursday Leaf's 9:30 pm. Leaf's are calling it guarantee win night.

### Mike Schwan Arena special events for 2026

Always busy in the winter with lots of special events. I know our hotel and restaurant business community plan around these weekends so here is a list of the remaining special events for this winter:

January 17: U7 Rangers Tournament  
Jan 31-Feb 1: U9 Rangers Tournament  
February 13-15: Moosomin Skating Club Regional Competition  
March 15: Skating Club Carnival  
March 27-28: Iron Man Tournament 2026

### Iron Man 2026

Iron Man 2026 goes March 26, 27 and 28. Lots of plans for 2026 including the regulars like Hockey, Golf, Whiffle Ball, Billiards, Bowling, Shuffleboard and darts. New for 2026 include Bucket Golf, two on two Pickleball and, depending on weather, one of either outdoor broomball or Snow Pitch.

Entries are already filling up, entered teams include:

Moosomin Leafs  
Moosomin Untouchables  
Moosomin Mustangs  
Moosomin SP  
Moosomin U18

We have limited space so if you would like to enter a team please email the Rec Office at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net.

### Curling Special Events

Several special events scheduled for the Curling Rink over the winter...here is a listing with contact information:

Ladies Bonselp January 16-17. Contact Hayley Mannle at hay.senk@gmail.com  
Farmers Bonselp January 28 - February 1. Contact Hayley Mannle at hay.senk@gmail.com  
Minnetoba Curling Club Bonselp February 14-15. Contact Angela Thorn at a.thorntownofmoosomin@sasktel.net

### Moosomin Senior Club 2026 Programs

Moosomin Senior Club meet at the Sportsplex Multi 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.

### Conexus Convention Centre this week

If you are looking to book the MCC for an event this week you are somewhat limited in options however the weekend is open.

Monday 1 - 3 pm	Pickleball
6 - 10 pm	Cadets
Tuesday 8:30 - 9:30 am	Tara Billings
1 - 3 pm	Pickleball
3:30 - 8:30 pm	Gymnastics
Wednesday	3:30 - 8:30 pm Gymnastics
Thursday	1 - 3 pm Pickleball
7 - 9 pm	Pickleball
Friday	Open
Saturday	Open
Sunday	Open

### Moosomin Library

Mon, Jan. 12 Embroidery 101 at 3:30pm  
Tue, Jan. 13 Kids Kollege at 9:20 am  
Embroidery 101 at 3:30 pm  
Wed, Jan. 14 Kids Kollege at 9:20 am  
Books and Brews Mt (Skout Beer) 7 pm  
Thu, Jan. 15 Embroidery for mending 1:30 pm  
Family Financial Literacy at 6:30 pm  
Friday Jan. 16 Grade 3 at 1:15 pm  
Embroidery 101 at 1:15pm  
Tue, Jan. 20 Embroidery 101 at 3:30 pm  
Wed, Jan. 21 Genealogy Society 2 pm  
Thu, Jan. 22 Read and Create Book Club

at 6 pm  
Fri, Jan. 23 Grade 3 at 1:15 pm  
Tue, Jan. 27 Tech Time at 6:30 pm  
Fri, Jan. 30 Pancake Story Time at 10 am  
Prime Timers Book club at 10:45 am

### Bradley Park - Outdoor Winter Activities

FREE of Charge  
For those looking for winter activities without breaking the bank we have multiple options for you at Bradley Park (all free of charge) including:

Outdoor Arena  
Bradley Park Skateway  
Disc Golf  
Quarter Mile Dog Walk Track  
Cross Country Ski Trails (pending snow)  
As well we have the sports lending shed open with tons of winter equipment. There is no charge to use...we just ask you return it as you found it.

### Lending Sports Library

Parks and Recreation - Facility Manual  
Moosomin Parks and Recreation have just completed a wonderful facility manual complete with histories of our various facilities. Manuals will be located around town and be uploaded to our Parks and Recreation Web site.

### 2026 Communities in Bloom

Super excited to join forces with the Moosomin Regional Park, Moosomin Pipestone Hills Golf Course and the RM of Moosomin on our 2026 National Entry. You can expect news and details to start coming out in late January.

The 2026 theme for Communities in Bloom is "Therapeutic Gardening". The theme emphasizes the restorative power of green space and aims to foster connection, resilience, and well-being through community gardens and sensory landscapes. Additionally, a new rose called "Always Together" will be introduced, symbolizing community compassion and hope.

### Moosomin Visual Arts Centre

We offer programming for all ages and skills! Have a look at our upcoming classes and book through the link: <https://www.moosominvac.com/events-2-2>.

If you don't see a class listed in available classes, it is either full or the registration hasn't opened yet.

### Moosomin Parks and Rec

You can find us at:  
Land Line 435-3622  
Cell 435-7578  
P.O. Box 430, Moosomin, SK S0G 3N0  
We are also on the web, Facebook and Instagram but we like to meet in person. You will find us waiting for you at 701 Main Street!

# Rocanville Rec Report

Hannah Soroka, Recreation Assistant

## Rocanville Dance Club Princess Ball Fundraiser

Princesses and superheroes unite for character meet and greets, dancing, and food and drink fit for a queen or king.

Dress Code: Princess or Prince attire or superhero!

When: January 25, 2026

Where: Rocanville Nutrien Hall

Time: 2 - 4 pm

Entry fees: Dance Kids: \$2; Kids over 3: \$5; Adult Ticket: \$10; Family ticket: \$30

## Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre Schedule

Please note schedule is subject to change, please visit [www.rocانville.ca](http://www.rocانville.ca) for the most up to date schedule or check us out on Facebook and Instagram for updates at "Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre"

### January 12

Lane Swim 7:30 - 8:30 am  
AquaFit 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Open Fitness Swim 12 - 1 pm  
Family Swim 1:30 - 3:00 pm  
Public Swim 4 - 6:30 pm  
Lane Swim 6:30 - 8 pm

### January 13

Lane Swim 7:30 - 8:30 am  
AquaFit 9:30 - 10:30 pm  
Open Fitness Swim 12 - 1 pm  
Family Swim 1:20 - 3 pm  
Public Swim 4 - 6:30 pm  
Lane Swim 6:30 - 8 pm

### January 14

Early Bird AquaFit 6:30 - 7:15 am  
Lane Swim 7:30 - 9 am  
AquaFit 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Senior Swim 11 am - 12 pm  
Family Swim 1:30 - 3 pm  
Public Swim 3:30 - 6:30 pm  
Lane Swim 6:30 - 8 pm

### January 15

Lane Swim 6:30 - 8:30 am  
Family Swim 9 - 10:30 am  
Senior AquaFlex 11 am - 12 pm  
Parent and Tot AquaFit 1:30 - 2:30 pm  
Public Swim 4 - 7 pm  
AquaFit 7 - 8 pm

### January 16

Early Bird AquaFit 6:30 - 7:30 am  
Lane Swim 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Open Fitness Swim 12 - 1 pm

Family Swim 1:30 - 3 pm

Public Swim 3:30 - 6:30 pm

### January 17

Public Swim 9 - 10:30 pm

Lane Swim 1 - 2 pm

Evening Swim 6 - 9 pm

### January 18

Lane Swim 9 - 10 am

Family Swim 10 am - 12 pm

Public Swim 1 - 6 pm

## TeleMiracle Fundraiser

Join us for an afternoon of skating, music, and fun—all for a great cause!

Where: Noble Construction Arena Rocanville

When: Sunday, January 18

Time: 12-4 pm

Sponsored by: Bud & Kendra Fafard

Music provided by All in Event DJ Series

Open to all ages and levels of skaters!

Want to help raise more for TeleMiracle? Sign up as a Skate-A-Thon skater and collect pledges—or just come out, skate, and join the fun. Rink kitchen will be open.

Same rules apply as public skating (helmets, mitts, and long sleeves encouraged).

Admission: \$5 per skater

Come support TeleMiracle, enjoy great music, and spend a fun afternoon on the ice with family and friends!

## Noble Construction Skating Rink

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/shinny fees to skate, regardless of whether they are in minor hockey or not.

The public skate/shinny schedule is subject to change. Please visit [www.rocانville.ca](http://www.rocانville.ca) for the most up to date schedule.

January 12: Shinny 3:30 - 5 pm

January 14: Preschool/Adult Skate at 1 - 3:30 pm

Shinny 3:30 - 5 pm

January 15: Parent and Tot Lessons at 5 - 5:30 pm

Youth Skating Lessons at 5:30 - 6:15 pm

January 16: Preschool/Adult Skate at 1 - 3:30 pm

January 18: TeleMiracle Skate at 12 - 4 pm

## Hockey Games

January 17: U7 VS Langenburg 9 - 10:30 am

January 23: Sr Tigers VS Esterhazy 7 - 10 pm

January 24: U7 VS Whitewood 9 - 10:30 am

January 30: Sr Tigers VS Canora 8:30 - 11:30 pm

January 31: U13 VS Indian Head 5 - 7 pm

## Rocanville Library

Your local library has more to offer than you might expect! Explore a variety of materials, including books, digital content, and interactive programs designed for all ages. We're also inviting community members to get involved—new board members are welcome. If you're interested in helping support your library, please reach out to the library directly.

• Lego Makerspace Kit – Month of January

• Hide and seek with Zelda – come and find Zelda! She will be moved on a weekly basis, and you can earn prizes weekly, monthly and through the year!

• Kids Crafts: January 21 @ 2 - 3:30 pm – come on out with your kiddo to make a craft!

• Stich 'n' Chat: January 22 @ 2 - 5 pm – come out with a creative project you are working on, and enjoy an afternoon of stitching and great company!

• Bandits of Croaker's Cave TTRPG Gaming Night: January 29 at 6 - 9 pm – if you like D&D style gaming, this game night is for you! Registration is not mandatory but requested. Please email @ semisinistegm@gmail.com to register. Walk ins welcome on a first come first served basis.

Did you know? You can take home more than just books! We also have puzzles, games, and even technology kits available to borrow!

Have a program idea or something you'd love to see at the library? Let us know – we're always happy to explore new possibilities.

## Bandits at Croaker's Cave TTRPG Gaming Night

Here is a little more information on the TTRPG gaming night at the library for those interested:

The Rocanville Public Library Branch hosts a one-shot D&D style dungeon adventure gaming night, using the Draw Steel Tabletop Roll Playing Game System! This new system is tactical, heroic, cinematic, and fantasy based.

When: January 29 at 6 - 9 pm

Recommended to bring: Pencil and eraser, notebook/scrap paper, water bottle, polyhedral dice set or dice rolling app (2d10 and 1d3)

If you do not have the items that you are recommended to bring, aside from water bottles, they can be provided.

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Wait for them  
to pull over.



Pass with your  
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## The right call beats a close call.

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# Grant Jackson reflects on his first year in federal politics

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The World-Spectator reached out to Brandon-Souris MP Grant Jackson for his take on 2025, and his thoughts on what 2026 may hold. Following are his comments.

## What were some of the highlights of 2025 for you?

2025 was a pretty big year, being my first federal election, getting elected, and certainly the level of support I got from the folks of Westman was amazing. It's been humbling, and a pretty profound responsibility. That was a pretty big highlight for 2025, it's hard to top that.

I think we've done some important work as the official opposition since we've been here. Since the election we've got a number of private member's bills on the floor that certainly aren't through the legislative process yet, but I'm glad we're taking them forward. It's standing up for our region, the Prairies. Too often I find they are forgotten about in the halls of Ottawa and Toronto, so it's important that we continue to raise our voices here in Canada. It's been a big year.

## What surprised you the most about moving from provincial to federal politics?

I guess the scale of the needs in this country for government to work better, and to solve problems. Every week there's dozens of groups and organizations that have challenges with some faction of the federal government, some department, or existing law that must be changed because it is impacting something not in a positive way. That has certainly been one of the main things, the scale of the task ahead of us. That just makes you get up earlier the next morning and work a little bit harder.

## What are some things you've accomplished in 2025?

I'm working through a couple of PMB ideas that aren't all the way through the consultation process, those likely have no hope of passing because of the low number I drew in the order. However, it's also an opportunity to raise awareness for an issue so that perhaps may be picked up in the future by somebody else, or at least you can create public awareness or get information on the issue.

I think some of the big accomplishments we've had as a team is holding the Carney government to account. People thought his honeymoon was going to be long and I see that coming to an end very quickly. He is certainly being faced with some of the comments he made previously where he raised the expectations of Canadians and he is failing to deliver on those. I think we've done a great job as a team in making sure that he is held to account. When you make commitments to Canadians, you have to deliver on them, and he is not doing that. These are some of the things I've been working on. "Accomplished" isn't something I really think about often. I think there's just so much to do, and there's no shortage of what needs to be worked on further.

## What were some disappointing things in 2025 for you?

Of course the national election results for one, but we had a very strong showing in the proportional vote. Some disappointments maybe were that Carney had deviated significantly from what he had committed to in the campaign. He billed himself as the guy who was going to get a deal with the Americans, and we all want a deal with the Americans. The uncertainty of the situation as it currently exists is not sustainable. It's terrible for business, it's terrible for job creation, so that's a huge disappointment, that he has been unable to achieve a deal as he promised.

On the spending side too, the whole line we heard from him is that he was going to spend less to invest more. I don't know how a \$78 billion deficit is spending less, and I don't think most Canadians do either. That's been a big disappointment because that's going on the backs of younger Canadians who are going to have to pay this back someday, or continue to have their tax money go towards interest payments when it should be being going towards healthcare, roads, job creation, defence, and many other things.

## What were some of the things that happened in 2025 that had the most effect on your constituents?

Inflation continues to be a problem, I think affordability whether it's home building, rent rates, putting food on the table, those numbers aren't coming down. Canada is a very wealthy country, there is no reason that well educated people coming out of our school systems with good jobs should be choosing between their hydro bill and their grocery bill. It's unacceptable in a G7 country, and it's getting worse. I would say that's the single biggest thing but there's lots of things.

There's canola tariffs, the oil and gas situation for our region, there's lots of things that are affecting my constituents, like crime and safety, but I think affordability is the biggest one.



Brandon-Souris MP Grant Jackson

What's one of the most common things you hear from your constituents?

The affordability, as well as the crime and safety piece for sure. There's just no question that people are totally fed up with how our court system is working in this country. It's totally unacceptable, and they've had enough. We introduced a bill at one point, then the Liberals introduced one about a month later that was a watered-down version of ours, slowly making its way through the legislative process. We don't think it goes far enough, we don't think that it's going to have the impact that people are calling for.

## Looking ahead to the new year, what would you like to see worked on in 2026?

For starters we need a couple of trade deals, we need a recess for our canola growers and our pulse growers with China and India. That last one continues to be a big challenge and in my work, on the Procedure and House Affairs Committee, we deal with elections and foreign interference in our elections and we know China is mucking around in that too. We need to deal with the Chinese not just for agricultural products, but for respecting Canadian democracy. I would like to see a reset in the relationship between those two countries and obviously the United States as well.

We know that CUSMA expires in 2026, and it's up for

renewal, so we need a deal. Free trade should remain in this continent. It's been the single most profound economic growth creator in world history, and I strongly agree with free trade. The Americans need to be reminded about how much they benefit from free trade as well. Those are my top couple of things that I really want to see addressed in 2026.

## What will be some challenges for your party in 2026?

We're not in government obviously, so there's always a challenge there. You get frustrated because you're not able to implement government spending changes, or public policy discussion. I think the party needs to continue to engage with the grass roots. We've got a convention in January that will kick 2026 off in a good way, and we need to keep that level of engagement up and continue to reach out to broaden our voter

coalition.

We need to broaden that further and we need to undertake that work. That's a lot of travel, it's a lot of engaging with people on their doorsteps, meeting people face-to-face at events, but that is by far the most effective way to do it.

I know as a team we all have to take on some of that work, the leader can't do it alone, it has to be a team approach. It's a challenge but it's an opportunity as well.

## What do you want to see accomplished by the next election?

We have established the narrative that on certain measures that the Liberals have put in place over the last 10 years that have hurt this country by hurting affordability. The Carbon Tax, the emissions cap on the oil and gas sector, the badly bungled international relationship with major trading partners. If we can continue to keep those issues at the forefront, maybe we can get the Liberals to admit they've made some mistakes and even reverse course on some of these things.

I think those are important things that we can accomplish, and I think we have to remind all Canadians that the only reason change happened on those fronts is because the Conservative Party was standing up for them, and their values and beliefs.

## What is most challenging about being an MP?

Certainly the travel, which has been a lot to get used to, especially with the flight situation in this country. Just trying to make that time productive when you're in transit can be tough.

But I think making sure you're being accessible as possible to everyone you can is both an opportunity and a challenge, because it's such a large area with thousands of people. I feel that I want to be at so many things, but it's impossible to be in 10 places at once. We're trying our best to be as present and engaged as possible while also doing the job that I was elected to do here.

## What is the most rewarding thing about being an MP?

The individual case work is actually some of the most rewarding. Some people have these big, grand visions of what you do as an MP on the floor of the House of Commons, but I think the most rewarding thing is when you help someone with an issue. Whether it's in immigration, whether it's in veterans' benefits, old-age security, or disability, and for some reason, some sections of government were not giving them what they were owed and what they needed to get by.

The impact an MP can make with help from their office team, I'll give them a lot of credit, they are on the front line there, but some of the emotional letters, cards, or phone calls I get thanking me or whatever it might be, I think that is certainly the most rewarding part.

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Visit [www.swna.com](http://www.swna.com) for further information and nomination forms  
**Nominations close March 31, 2026**

**The World-Spectator's  
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# Wagantall reflects on what kind of year 2025 has been for the Conservatives

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The World-Spectator asked Yorkton-Melville MP Cathay Wagantall for her take on 2025, and her thoughts on what 2026 may hold. Following are here comments.

## What were some of the highlights of 2025?

It was the highest honour to earn the trust of the good people of Yorkton-Melville for a fourth term as their Member of Parliament. Speaking up for their hopes and concerns in Ottawa has continued to be my first priority.

Since April's election, some good work has been done on their behalf. As His Majesty's Loyal Opposition, Conservatives have been effective in amending, splitting and, when necessary, delaying elements of the Liberal Party agenda. A great example of this was on bill C-5—the Liberals' "One Canadian Economy Act" and "Building Canada Act." Conservative pressure forced some amendments that removed some of the most obvious overreach of the original bill—such as bypassing the Indian Act—and inserted some provincial consultation safeguards. We were also able to make it clear that the final decision on a pipeline as a national project that crosses provincial boundaries is the Prime Minister's.

It was through Conservative pressure that the consumer carbon tax was set to '0' (though not yet completely abolished, and the industrial carbon tax remains in place).

We were able to stop the planned capital gains tax increase on workers, home builders, doctors, farmers, and small businesses.

And, although the Liberal government's actions have yet to match their words, Conservatives can be credited with shaping a more resource-friendly energy posture across the country. Unfortunately, for a Prime Minister that promised to 'build now' and move at 'unimaginable speeds,' Canadians have seen nothing but paper shuffling and press conferences after eight months.

It will be our continued duty to hold the Liberals to account. Overall, we still have a federal government that remains hostile to the economic aspirations of our province and has burdened Saskatchewan's workers and families with high taxes, record crime rates, and a cost-of-living crisis with no end in sight.

## What were some of the things you accomplished?

The health and wellbeing of Canada's veterans remain a key focus of my work in Ottawa and at home. For the past several years, I have been working closely with veterans, experts, and local partners to establish and develop the work of the Yorkton Veterans Foundation (YVF). YVF has been incorporated and is now moving toward receiving charitable status with an ultimate goal of creating transitional housing and a wraparound wellness centre for homeless and struggling veterans in Saskatchewan.

I also continue to support veterans struggling with the adverse effects of the anti-malarial drug, mefloquine, and champion Audeamus Service Dogs as a local, provincial, and national source for veterans' service dogs.

## What were some of the disappointments in 2025?

It is disappointing to see that Justin Trudeau's disastrous ethical record has continued under Mark Carney. He entered office with massive, undisclosed financial entanglements tied to his past work with Brookfield and global finance. He delayed revealing his assets and then relied on a so-called "blind trust" and an internal conflict-of-interest screen that provided no real independence or accountability. These weak safeguards left Canadians exposed to the very real possibility that Carney's policy decisions could enrich his former employers or even himself. This behavior undermines public trust and exploits loopholes that no prime minister should be allowed to hide behind. That's why Conservatives are fighting for stronger disclosure rules, mandatory divestment, and genuinely independent oversight to ensure Canadians' trust is not betrayed.

I have also been particularly dismayed with the devaluation of Canadian citizenship in recent years. Canada once had an immigration system admired the world over, but a decade of Liberal incompetence has led to a loss of control and broken trust.

Last year, over half of the people who became Canadian citizens did so by clicking a box online, a practice begun under this Liberal government. Justice Minister Sean Fraser even defended virtual ceremonies, saying the practice could be easier for bureaucrats to manage.

Conservatives believe that in-person citizenship ceremonies are the essential, unifying bedrock of Canada's civic life for new Canadians. Swearing the oath of citizenship in front of an official should be upheld as an integral part of committing to the responsibilities that come with being Canadian. We will continue to demand a return to in-person citizenship ceremonies to restore the value of Canadian citizenship.

The Carney Liberals are blocking an Alberta-to-Pacific pipeline with empty announcements instead of confirming a pipeline construction date. The recent memorandum of understanding does not promise a pipeline will be built; just that, seven months from now, a proposal will be referred to a federal office for two more years of study, and the Prime Minister continues to insist no matter what, B.C.'s NDP premier will still have a veto. A Conservative government would approve a pipeline to the Pacific without a carbon tax, without delay, and without excuses.

Just before the House rose through an amendment to Bill C-9—the Liberal government's so-called "Combating Hate



Yorkton-Melville MP Cathay Wagantall.

Act"—the Bloc Québécois has agreed to support the bill in exchange for removing the long-standing defence that protects good-faith religious opinion or speech rooted in religious texts. At the Justice Committee, Conservatives have brought forward two amendments to lessen the blow to religious freedom and free speech. I spoke to this terrible infringement on Canadians' charter right to the "good faith" defence.

On all these fronts, I hope to see positive developments in 2026.

## What happened in 2025 that had the most effect on your constituents?

The cost-of-living crisis has had a devastating effect on individuals and families. Liberal inflation has driven food prices 27 per cent higher than they were just five years ago and November prices grew at the fastest pace in nearly two years. Families could expect to pay \$17,572 in grocery costs alone next year—up an additional \$1,000 from this year. This is not sustainable.

Perhaps more devastating is that a whole generation has been locked out of the housing market. After a decade of Liberals in power, housing prices have doubled and the dream of owning a home has never been more out of reach. Carney's budget broke his promise to halve municipal home building taxes while his increasingly expensive Industrial Carbon Tax raises the cost of key housing inputs like cement, steel, and glass.

The 'Ottawa knows best' approach is what got Canada into the housing crisis. I'm proud to be part of a team that will deliver homes, jobs and hope with solutions that restore the promise of home ownership by axing taxes on home building, requiring municipalities to issue more permits, and letting builders build homes where young people can start families.

Our Saskatchewan Caucus posted a letter to the Prime Minister as President Trump threatened Canadian fertilizer producers with severe tariffs. During the election, Mark Carney framed the trade war with the U.S. as an existential threat to Canada. Last month, he said, "who cares?" to a reporter trying to get an update on where talks were between him and the U.S. president.

I can assure the Prime Minister that tens of thousands of Canadians on the fertilizer industry payroll do care. They need to know that their PM will fight for them and keep markets open, free of tariffs. If he is truly focused on "building Canada strong," protecting an industry with \$42 billion in annual economic output would be a good start. I rose in the House to challenge him to act now as he has the power to immediately remove the industrial carbon tax, cancel mandatory labelling changes, and scrap his 30 per cent by 2030 emissions target.

## What are some of the most common things you hear from your constituents?

I consistently hear from constituents about the unaffordable cost of living, and it's no wonder why. According to numbers from Food Banks Canada, more than a quarter of Canadians are now experiencing food insecurity. Among those making below \$75,000, 57.3 per cent of their income is now being spent just on the essentials like groceries, utilities and transportation.

I will continue to hold the Prime Minister accountable for his own commitments and the need to restore the Canadian promise with stronger take-home pay, affordable food and homes our young people can afford.

## What do you want to see accomplished in 2026?

It remains my hope that our communities throughout Yorkton-Melville and all of Saskatchewan will benefit from a federal government that comes to understand the vital importance of our people and our industries to Canada's present and future. We have the solutions the rest of the world is seeking when it comes to sustainability, innovation, and resiliency in the face of government overreach.

I hope the Liberal government comes to understand the importance of listening to rural Canadians and the challenges they are facing. In 2026, I want to see meaningful action on affordability, investment in critical infrastructure, and a greater commitment to agriculture, energy, and small business so that families, producers, and entrepreneurs can thrive.

## What will be some of the biggest challenges for your party in 2026?

Our goal for the coming year will remain what it has been since the Liberals took office. We will stand up for an affordable life with good-paying jobs and demand a real plan to restore safe streets and strong borders.

I am also looking forward to our party's January convention where, I have no doubt, Pierre Poilievre will receive a strong vote of confidence from party members. He remains the leader Canada needs and the only leader that will put Canada first.

## What do you want to see accomplished by the next election?

Our country desperately needs a federal government with the political will to champion all the nation-building projects Canada desperately needs, support a pipeline, and unblock billions of dollars in private sector investment that should have been championed, not shuttered, over the last decade. I know I join millions of Canadians in wanting to see shovels in the ground that will make our country strong, self-reliant and sovereign. Now is the Prime Minister's chance to show he agrees with his own election commitment to build Canada strong and actually get out of the way.

## What are some of the most challenging things about being an MP?

The greatest challenge of serving as a Member of Parliament in His Majesty's Loyal Opposition is the continual responsibility to draw attention to the shortcomings and, at times, the overreach of government legislation and regulatory changes that are not in the best interests of Canada's sovereignty, productivity, or quality of life.

It is difficult to hear, day after day, the concerns of rural communities, municipalities, industries, small businesses, first responders, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, and people of all ages and backgrounds who live, work, and raise families in the riding of Yorkton-Melville—knowing that so much of what they face can, and should, be better.

I am confident that the Conservative Party of Canada has thoughtful, practical plans and decisive actions ready to be implemented when we are entrusted with the privilege of serving in government. In the meantime, witnessing the disarray and the growing loss of opportunity and the struggles expressed by those who reach out to me, I always try to share the reasons we have to hope for a renewed future for our children and grandchildren.

That said, I have developed a deep respect for the essential role of a principled and effective opposition in a healthy democracy, regardless of which party holds power.

## What are some of the most rewarding things about being an MP?

Standing in the House of Commons—speaking to government bills and our supply day motions, asking questions, and serving on the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs—is a privilege I take seriously. I enjoy meeting with stakeholders to better understand their needs and priorities.

On weekends and during constituency weeks, I travel throughout the riding to listen and speak to concerns, and to celebrate alongside the people and communities of Yorkton-Melville. I see firsthand the relief and gratitude of those who receive assistance from my dedicated Hill and constituency staff, and I am humbled by the notes and words of appreciation from constituents who feel their voices are finally being heard and represented.

I value the positive relationships I share with local media outlets, which play an important role in sharing accurate information so constituents can understand—and respond to—what is happening in Ottawa and how it affects their daily lives.

Joining parliamentary special caucuses and friendship groups is a wonderful opportunity to build relationships across party lines and with ambassadors and representatives of other countries and focus groups, such as the All-Party Parliamentary Group to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.

I am also deeply grateful for my Saskatchewan colleagues and the entire Conservative caucus. We benefit from a strong sense of collaboration and mutual respect that allows us to work together effectively while advocating for the unique needs of our regions and for Canada as a whole.

And finally—one of the greatest joys of this role is the opportunity to speak into the lives of students of all ages and to see their interest and engagement in our democratic process.





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## Working for my constituents

I spent some time in my constituency office this week meeting with several constituents and local organizations. I'm happy to work for my constituents to try to get problems solved. Sometimes a constituent has an issue with a policy that simply can't be resolved, other times an issue raised by a constituent results in a policy change to make things more fair, and sometimes it's a matter of communication, and getting the right information to the right people helps resolve the issue.

### School playground grants

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The new program launched in fall 2025 to help parents build new play facilities for their children on school grounds.

Since the program launched, more than \$2.3 million in funding has already been approved to reinforce the incredible work done by school community councils and parent groups.

Projects can receive up to \$50,000, matching what has been raised by parents and volunteer school councils through fundraisers and other efforts. Funds can be used to build a new playground. They can also go towards adding or replacing equipment on an existing school playground.

The program is open to all parent and community groups affiliated with publicly funded schools for projects built on school grounds.

The Playground Equipment Grant is part of the Government of Saskatchewan's broader commitment to building strong, vibrant communities while supporting opportunities for children and families to thrive.

The current application period runs until February 25, 2026, on a first-come, first served basis. The province will invest \$3.75 million annually over the next four years in the program.

Full guidelines along with the online grant application are available on the SPRA website.



### Saskatchewan exports double national average

Saskatchewan is an export-based economy, and nowhere is that more evident than in Moosomin-Montmartre, where our potash, oil, agricultural products and manufactured goods are exported far and wide.

According to data from the Ministry of Trade and Export Development and the Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership, the province exported more per person than almost any other province in the nation last year. Canada's exports averaged \$18.8 thousand per person, while Saskatchewan's exports were nearly twice as high at \$36.2 thousand per capita, creating more employment, higher wages for workers and opportunities for entrepreneurs looking to start their own businesses.

In 2024, Saskatchewan goods reached over 160 countries, with the province emerging as the world's leading exporter of dry peas, lentils, durum, canola oil, canola meal, canary seed, mustard seed and oats.

Despite uncertainties around the current trade environment, the province reached an all-time high of \$83.6 billion this year, one of the highest GDP growth rates in the country.

Exports also continue to soar. In 2007, the value of Saskatchewan exports was \$19.8 billion, which climbed to over \$45 billion in 2024, the third-highest year on record.

Growth continues in many commodities in 2025, with increases in exports of chickpeas, canola seed, wheat and potash.

Saskatchewan remains focused on strengthening international engagement efforts to support resolution of tariffs, diversify markets, and promote food and energy security across the globe. This work is supported by nine trade and investment offices in China, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam, which are proving invaluable as global trade challenges continue.

### Record crop production in 2025

Saskatchewan's crop production reached a record 41.9 million metric tonnes (MMT) in 2025, a 13.7 per cent increase over 2024 and 24.1 per cent above the five-year average.

"Despite challenges faced by many producers this growing season, overall Saskatchewan production was up this year thanks to the resilience and innovation of producers," Agriculture Minister David Maritz said. "This record production puts us within reach of the growth plan goal of 45 MMT by 2030."

The major crops by production volume were spring wheat at 12.7 MMT, canola at a record high of 12.2 MMT, durum at 5.4 MMT, barley at 3.5 MMT, lentils at a record high of 2.9 MMT, dry peas at 1.8 MMT and oats at 1.8 MMT.

Saskatchewan experienced significant production growth in key crops in 2025, with lentils up 37.0 per cent, canola up 16.7 per cent, barley up 16.0 per cent, durum up 8.5 per cent and spring wheat up 5.3 per cent.

Statistics Canada's Saskatchewan estimates are based on a post-harvest survey of 7,198 farmers conducted from October 3 to November 6, 2025.

### Reach out

I'm here for you, and my constituency office is your first point of contact if you have an issue. If you need to contact us call 306-435-4005, email [office@kevinweedmark.ca](mailto:office@kevinweedmark.ca), or drop into the office at 622 Main Street in Moosomin.

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### GARBAGE/RECYCLING CALENDAR

**ROUTE A:**  
Homes West of  
Main Street:  
JAN 13 - GARBAGE  
JAN 20 - RECYCLE

**ROUTE B:**  
Homes East of  
Main Street:  
JAN 19 - RECYCLE  
JAN 26 - GARBAGE

### LANDFILL HOURS

**JANUARY 1 -  
APRIL 30**  
TUES. - SAT.  
12 Noon -  
3:45 p.m.

SUN. & MON.  
CLOSED

**MAY 1 - MAY 30**  
TUES. - SAT.  
12 Noon -  
6:45 p.m.

SUN.  
12 Noon - 5 p.m.  
MON. CLOSED

**JUNE 1 -  
SEPTEMBER 30**  
TUES. - SAT.  
12 Noon -  
6:45 p.m.

SUN. & MON.  
CLOSED

**OCTOBER 1 -  
OCTOBER 31**  
TUES. - SAT.  
12 Noon -  
6:45 p.m.

SUN.  
12 Noon - 5 p.m.  
MON. CLOSED

**NOVEMBER 1 -  
DECEMBER 31**  
TUES. - SAT.  
12 Noon -  
3:45 p.m.

SUN. & MON.  
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### MOOSOMIN LIBRARY OPEN HOURS:

MONDAY: 9 AM - 12 PM, 1 PM - 5 PM  
TUESDAY: 9 AM - 12 PM, 1 PM - 5 PM

WEDNESDAY: 9 AM - 12 PM, 1 PM - 5 PM  
THURSDAY: 12 PM - 4 PM, 5 PM - 8 PM

FRIDAY: 9 AM - 12 PM, 1 PM - 5 PM  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: CLOSED

## Mike Schwean Arena Special Events for 2026

Always busy in the winter with lots of special events. I know our hotel & restaurant business community plan around these weekends so here is a list of the remaining special events for this winter:

**January 17** ..... **U7 Rangers Tournament**  
**January 31- February 1** ... **U9 Rangers Tournament**  
**February 13-15** ..... **Moosomin Skating Club  
Regional Competition**  
**March 15** ..... **Skating Club Carnival**  
**March 27-28** ..... **Iron Man Tournament**

## Nutrien SPORTSPLEX

### 2026 HOURS OF OPERATION

We're back to regular hours at the Nutrien Sportsplex:

<b>Monday</b> .....	<b>Closed</b>	available for private bookings
<b>Tuesday</b> .....	<b>Closed</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b> .....	<b>3pm to 9pm</b>	
<b>Thursday</b> .....	<b>3pm to 9pm</b>	
<b>Friday</b> .....	<b>10am to 9pm</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> .....	<b>10am to 9pm</b>	
<b>Sunday</b> .....	<b>12nn to 8pm</b>	



## Sr Rangers 2026

Rangers are back in town this week for the first time in almost a month!

**Sunday, January 18th  
at 7 pm**  
**Wawota Flyers at Sr Rangers**

## Bradley Park - Outdoor Winter Activities - Free of Charge

For those looking for winter activities without breaking the bank, we have multiple options for you at Bradley's Park (all free of charge), including:

- **Outdoor Arena**
- **Bradley Park Skateway**
- **Disk Golf**
- **1/4 Mile Dog Walk Track**
- **Cross Country Ski Trails**  
(pending snow)



As well we have the sports lending shed open with tons of winter equipment. There is no charge to use - we just ask you return it as you found it.

## Mike Schwean Arena 2026

If you are interested in booking ice you can call 306-435-7578 or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

I would advise you to call sooner than later as we will have a crazy busy January / February coming up.



## Curling Special Events

Several special events scheduled for the Curling Rink over the winter. Here is a listing with contact information:

### Ladies Bonspiel January 16-17th

Contact Hayley Mannle  
hay.senk@gmail.com

### Farmers Bonspiel January 28 - February 1

Contact Hayley Mannle  
hay.senk@gmail.com



## Royal LePage King Pin Bowling Thursdays

Thursday Night Royal LePage Bowling League returns this Thursday.

For more information feel free to contact Kim at 306-434-8733



## Sportsplex Men's/Ladies Golf Night

**T Times  
4pm and 6:15pm**

To play please  
email Dave at  
dtowler@sasktel.net



## Iron Man 2026

**Iron Man 2026 goes  
March 26th - 28th**

Hockey, Golf, Whiffle Ball, Billiards, Bowling, Shuffleboard and Darts along with Bucket Golf, 2 on 2 Pickleball and depending on weather - one of either outdoor Broomball or Snow Pitch.

If you would like to enter a team, please email the Rec Office at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net